



CITY OF Welland

MINUTES OF THE

May 12, 2026, COUNCIL MEETING

**CIVIC SQUARE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
60 EAST MAIN STREET**

Council met in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 5:43 p.m. and in open session at 7:08 p.m. on the above date.

His Worship Mayor Frank Campion in the Chair.

Members Present:

Councillors J. Chiochio, T. DiMarco, B. Fokkens (virtual), B. Green, M.A. Grimaldi, J. Lee, D. McLeod (virtual), A. Moote, C. Richard, S. Setaram, G. Speck, and L. Van Vliet.

Members of Staff and Others Present:

Chief Administrative Officer, J. Ruddell

Director of Legislative Services/City Clerk, T. Stephens

Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy City Clerk, S. Conidi

Director of Community Services, J. McPetrie

General Manager of Corporate & Enterprise Services/CFO, S. Nagel

Director of Infrastructure Services, SM. Millar

Director of Planning and Development Services, G. Munday

Director of Strategic Initiatives and Economic Development, L. DeChellis

Chief Communications & Public Engagement Manager, M. MacDonald

City Treasurer, M. Steele

Manager of Facility Operations & Development, F. Pearson (until 6:45 p.m.)

Manager of Transportation, A. Khan

Manager of Budgets & Financial Services/Deputy Treasurer, A. Vuksan Scott

2026 - 84

26-25 Moved by Grimaldi and Moote

THAT Council meet, with the Mayor as Chair, in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 5:43 p.m. to consider:

- a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization:
 - Waterway User Agreement.
- proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board and negotiations "a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board: and
 - Welland Historical Museum Agreement.
- security of the property of the municipality or local board:
 - Grant Funding.
- educational or training session:
 - 2025 Year End Results.

CARRIED

2026 - 85

26-25 Moved by Lee and Chiochio

THAT Council arise from its closed Committee-of-the-Whole meeting at 7:03 p.m. without report.

CARRIED

AGENCIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

26-28 Corey Dutcher, Chair, and Lindsay Avard, Member of the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee addressed Council regarding update on their activities and request to purchase a table at the Niagara Unity Awards.

PRESENTATIONS

26-19 Megan Turnock, Principal and Amanda Gebhardt, Practice Lead, LEES & Associates addressed Council regarding the Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan Mid-Term Check-in and Update.

26-4 Melanie Dugard, Principal, Grant Thornton addressed Council regarding the 2025 Consolidated Financial Statements.

2026 - 86

26-1 Moved by Green and Moote

THAT Council hereby approves and adopts the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 14, 2026, and Special Council Meeting of April 28, 2026, as circulated.

CARRIED

2026 - 87

98-90 Moved by McLeod and Setaram

THAT Council approves Report ENG-2026-08: Extension of the Niagara Region Courts Inter-Municipal Agreement - Third Amendment; and further

THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the Extension of the Niagara Region Courts Inter-Municipal Agreement - Third Amendment to continue the Red Light Camera (RLC) program; and further

THAT Council approves replacing \$95,722 in Vision Zero funding for existing capital projects with funds from the capital surplus reserve.

CARRIED

2026 - 88

02-160 Moved by Speck and McLeod

THAT Council approves the updated Code of Conduct for Members of Council, including the amendment to Section 4.1, as set out in Appendix I to this report.

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02-160 Moved by Speck and Green

THAT Council 4.1 (d) – A member’s ability to express their individuals’ views and opinions or positions shall not be limited” be added to appendix 1.

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02-160 Moved by Moote and McLeod

THAT Council refers back to staff for the Integrity Commissioner provide input.

YEAS: Mayor Campion, Fokkens, Grimaldi, Lee, McLeod, Moote, Richard, Setaram and Van Vliet.

NAYS: Chiocchio, DiMarco, Green and Speck.

CARRIED

2026 - 89

02-160 Moved by DiMarco and Chiocchio

THAT Council requests an In-Camera Meeting be held to discuss personnel matters about an identifiable individual, and only the Mayor, Council and City Clerk to be present at the meeting.

YEAS: Chiocchio, DiMarco, Fokkens, Green, Lee, Moote, Richard, Speck and Van Vliet.

NAYS: Mayor Campion, Grimaldi, McLeod and Richard.

CARRIED

2026 - 90

05-51 Moved by Richard and Moote (in block)

THAT Council receives for information competitive purchase results as per the Procurement Policy & By-Law 2025-110.

CARRIED

2026 - 91

17-84 Moved by Fokkens and Lee

THAT Council approves an extension to Draft Plan Approval for the Dain City East Plan of Subdivision (File: 26T-14-06002), for an additional three (3) years to September 6, 2029; and further

THAT Council approves a policy amendment to allow for the Dain City Subdivision to be provided with an Extension to Draft Plan of Subdivision Approval for three (3) years which exceeds the one (1) year extension provided through Policy SER-012-0014.

CARRIED

2026 - 92

25-28 Moved by Grimaldi and Setaram

THAT Council receives for the information the presentation from the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee; and further

THAT Council approves the request from the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee to purchase a table at the Niagara Unity Awards from the 2026 Advisory Committee Activity Account.

CARRIED

2026 - 93

26-4 Moved by Moote and Van Vliet

THAT Council receives for information the presentation by Melanie Dugard, Principal, Grant Thornton regarding the 2025 Consolidated Financial Statements.

CARRIED

2026 - 94

26-4 Moved by Moote and Grimaldi

THAT Council approves the Consolidated Financial Statements for The Corporation of the City of Welland (the "Municipality") and the Trust Fund Financial Statement for the year ended December 31, 2025, attached in Appendix I and II; and further

THAT Council receives for information the audit findings report pertaining to the audited consolidated financial statements of The Corporation of the City of Welland for the year ended December 31, 2025, attached in Appendix III.

CARRIED

2026 - 95

26-4 Moved by Richard and Moote (in block)

THAT Council approves the updated Investment Policy # FIN-001-005, attached as Appendix I to Report FIN-2026-16.

CARRIED

2026 - 96**26-4** Moved by Green and Lee

THAT Council receives for information the Capital Project Close-out report #1 listed in Appendix I, and Capital Progress Report as of March 31, 2026, listed in Appendix II, as attached to Report FIN-2026-14; and further

THAT Council approves the recommended transfers to/(from) the following reserves in accordance with the capital projects being closed as outlined in Appendix I:

- Water/Wastewater Surplus Reserve of \$1,072,018
- Capital Surplus Reserve of \$1,364,734
- Economic Development Reserve of (\$68,715).

CARRIED**2026 - 97****26-6** Moved by Richard and Mootie

THAT Council declares May 6, 2026, as "Hope Air Day" in the City of Welland.

CARRIED**2026 - 98****26-19** Moved by Green and Grimaldi

THAT Council receives for information the presentation by Megan Turnock, Principal and Amanda Gebhardt, Practice Lead, LEES & Associates regarding the Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan Mid-Term Check-in and Update.

CARRIED**2026 - 99****26-19** Moved by Lee and Richard

THAT Council endorses the Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan (2019) Mid-Term Check-In, dated March 2026, to guide future planning, decision-making, and prioritization within the Parks, Recreation and Culture Division.

CARRIED**2026 - 100****26-19** Moved by Chiocchio and DiMarco

WHEREAS, the residents of 119 and 123 Lincoln Street have voiced their position with staff regarding the small washroom entering Rotary Park and across from the Skateboard Park; and

WHEREAS, presently modifications are being conducted with respect to Rotary Park; and

WHEREAS, the concerns regarding the washroom are inhibiting the enjoyment of the residents' daily life at 119 and 123 Lincoln Street, which include fights and loud disagreements at the washroom, inappropriate conduct, and overall unsightly behaviour. In addition, questions arose regarding the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act; and further

WHEREAS, the residents are asking for staff to find a more suitable area in the park and to not to disrupt their daily life.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to remove the washroom and relocate it in a more appropriate area of Rotary Park and for the motion to come back at next council meeting.

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26-19 Moved by Chiocchio and Speck
THAT Council call the question to the motion.

YEAS: Mayor Campion, Chiocchio, DiMarco, Green, Lee, Richard, Speck
and Van Vliet.

NAYS: Fokkens, Grimaldi, McLoed, Moote and Setaram.

CARRIED

**FOLLOWING THE VOTE TO CALL THE QUESTION, THE MAIN MOTION
WAS PUT IN ITS ORIGINAL FORM AND..... CARRIED**

Action Items/Direction to Staff:

- **Costing to the identified.**
- **Environmental impacts.**
- **EDO compliance.**

2026 - 101

26-45 Moved by Setaram and Moote
THAT the Council for the City of Welland nominates Sharmila Setaram, City Councillor
for the position of director on the Small Urban Caucus on the AMO Board of Directors
for the 2026-2028 term.
NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT if the Councillor is elected to the
AMO Board of Directors travel and accommodation expenses to participate in the board
meetings will be covered by the City of Welland.

YEAS: Mayor Campion, Fokkens, Green, Grimaldi, Lee, McLeod, Moote,
Richard, Setaram, Speck and Van Vliet.

NAYS: Chiocchio and DiMarco.

CARRIED

BY-LAWS

Moved by Richard and Moote (in block)
THAT Council having given due consideration to the following By-laws, as reproduced in
this evening's Council Agenda, now read a first, second and third time and pass same,
and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign and seal same.

26-22

BYL 2026 - 18
A By-law to appointment Traffic Enforcement Officers of the Corporation of the City of
Welland to enforce the provision of Traffic and Parking Bylaw 89-2000 at Seaway Mall
and to repeal By-law 2023-84.

CARRIED

Moved by Richard and Grimaldi

THAT Council having given due consideration to the following By-law, as reproduced in this evening's Council Agenda, now read a first, second and third time and pass same, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign and seal same.

26-1

BYL 2026 - 19

A By-law to adopt, ratify and confirm proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the City of Welland at its meeting held on the 12th day of May 2026.

CARRIED

Council adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

These Minutes to be approved and adopted by Motion of Council this 16th day of June 2026.