



**MINUTES OF**  
**COUNCIL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 16, 2014**  
**CIVIC SQUARE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**60 EAST MAIN STREET**

Council met in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 6:29 p.m. and in open session at 7:04 p.m. on the above date.

His Worship Mayor Barry Sharpe in the Chair.

**Members Present:**

Councillors M. Belcastro, F. Campion, M. Carl (6:38 p.m.), P. Chiocchio, T. DiMarco, P. Grenier, M.A. Grimaldi, J. Larouche (6:42 p.m.), R. Letourneau (until 10:32 p.m.), D. McLeod, M. Petrachenko (6:35 p.m.) and B. Wright.

**Members of Staff and Others Present:**

City Manager, C. Stirtzinger  
City Clerk, C. Raby  
Deputy Clerk, L. Bubanko (7:04 p.m.)  
Chief, Fire & Emergency Services, D. Prevost  
General Manager, Infrastructure Services/City Engineer, S. Iannello  
Manager of Budgets & Financial Reporting/Deputy Treasurer, E. Pankoff (until 10:19 p.m.)  
General Manager, Human Resources, R. Mantesso  
General Manager, Integrated Services, J. Loveys Smith  
Manager, Economic Development, D. Degazio (until 6:43 p.m.)

**14-25** Moved by McLeod and Wright

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND meet, with the Mayor as Chair, in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 6:43 p.m. to consider:

- a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.

**CARRIED**

**14-25** Moved by Grenier and Carl

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND arise from its closed Committee-of-the-Whole meeting at 6:43 p.m. with report.

**CARRIED**

**PUBLIC MEETING PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 357/358 OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001 - TAX WRITE-OFFS**

- No one was present to speak.

There being no submissions, the public meeting was concluded.

**DELEGATIONS:**

**14-28** Vic Kerschl, Board Member, Alzheimer Society Niagara Foundation addressed Council regarding the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Coffee Break Campaign.

**99-43** Mr. Bruce Secord, resident addressed Council regarding the infected Emerald Ash Borers trees petition.

**AGENCIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES REPORTS**

**06-84** Arnold Steed, Chair, Welland Community Wellness Complex Advisory Committee addressed Council regarding its annual report.

**05-141** George Doros, Chair, Arts & Culture Advisory Committee addressed Council regarding an update on its activities.

**14-19** Bunny Alexander, Chair, Market Square Advisory Committee addressed Council regarding an update on its activities.

**14-4** Councillor Grenier, Chair, Budget Review Committee provided a verbal update on the Budget Review Committee meeting of September 9, 2014.

**14-1** Moved by Chiocchio and Petrachenko

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND hereby approves and adopts the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of August 11, 2014, as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**99-43** Moved by Letourneau and McLeod  
THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the presentation by Bruce Secord, resident, regarding the petition related to Ash trees infected by the Emerald Ash Borer in the City of Welland.

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**99-43** Moved by Campion and Grimaldi  
THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND amends the motion regarding Ash trees infected by the Emerald Ash Borer by also referring the presentation and petition to staff for review and consideration during the 2015 Budget process.

**CARRIED**

**FOLLOWING THE VOTE ON THE AMENDING MOTION, THE MAIN MOTION  
WAS PUT AS AMENDED AND ..... CARRIED**

**99-43** Moved by Belcastro and Chiocchio  
THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the correspondence from the Welland Hydro Electric System Corp. dated August 12, 2014 regarding Welland Tribune Article: "Pain in the Ash" (July 10, 2014).

**CARRIED**

**99-99** Moved by McLeod and Wright  
THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves the processing of the Welland Canal Second Aqueduct, located on the east side of the Welland Recreational Waterway (former Welland Canal) along the Boardwalk and directly west of the present Civic Square at 60 East Main Street, for heritage designation pursuant to the provisions of Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

**CARRIED**

**05-141** Moved by Larouche and McLeod  
THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the presentation by George Doros, Chair, Arts & Culture Advisory Committee regarding an update on its activities.

**CARRIED**

**06-84** Moved by McLeod and Carl  
THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the presentation by Arnold Steed, Chair, Welland Community Wellness Complex Advisory Committee regarding its annual report.

**CARRIED**

**10-130** Moved by Carl and Grenier  
THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the correspondence from Niagara Regional Housing (NRH) received September 5, 2014 regarding the NRH 2014 2nd Quarter Report.

**CARRIED**

**13-73** Moved by Carl and Grenier  
THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves a By-law to remove the Holding (H) Symbol on lands located on the west side of South Pelham Road, south of Balsam Street, more particularly described as Part of Lot 1, Concession 11, former Township of Pelham, now in the City of Welland; and further  
THAT Welland City Council directs staff to prepare any necessary By-law.

**CARRIED**

**13-100** Moved by DiMarco and Campion

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves and accepts the proposal from GM BluePlan Engineering of Toronto, Ontario as per Report ENG-2014-34 for the preparation of a Comprehensive Asset Management Plan Consulting Services at the quoted price of \$87,700 plus applicable taxes; and further

THAT Welland City Council directs the City Clerk to prepare all necessary and appropriate By-laws to enter into contract for Engineering Services with GM Blue Plan Engineering.

**CARRIED****14-4** Moved by Grenier and McLeod

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the verbal report by Councillor Grenier, Chair, Budget Review Committee, regarding its meeting of September 9, 2014.

**CARRIED****14-4** Moved by Grenier and Campion

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves the write-off of taxes in the amount of \$413,243.36 as contained in Report FIN-2014-18 for the reduction or cancellation of taxes, pursuant to Sections 357 and 358 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

**CARRIED****14-9** Moved by Carl and Petrachenko

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND commits to funding of additional monies as required to cover 50% of the costs of providing LED lighting for the Main Street Bridge as per Report ENG-2014-35.

**YEAS:** Councillors Larouche, Petrachenko, Carl, Grenier, McLeod, Wright, Belcastro and Mayor Sharpe.

**NAYS:** Councillors DiMarco, Letourneau, Chiochio, Campion and Grimaldi.

**CARRIED****14-19** Moved by Petrachenko and Grenier

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the presentation by Bunny Alexander, Chair, Market Square Advisory Committee regarding an update on its activities.

**CARRIED****14-19** Moved by Grenier and Belcastro

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves and accepts the tender of Touchstone Site Contractors Inc. at the tendered price of \$213,900.00 plus applicable taxes for the supply and installation of play equipment and site improvements for Gaiser Park as detailed in Report ENG-2014-33; and further THAT Welland City Council directs the City Clerk to prepare all necessary and appropriate By-laws to enter into contract with Touchstone Site Contractors Inc. to execute the construction.

**CARRIED****14-19** Moved by Carl and Grenier

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves the naming of the Sculpture Park, located adjacent to the Welland Community Wellness Complex to the Rod Dowling Sculpture Park; and further THAT Welland City Council authorizes staff to advertise the proposed naming of the Rod Dowling Sculpture Park on the City of Welland website and Civic Corner for a period of 30 days in accordance with the City's Municipal Naming/Renaming Policy SER-008-0006.

**CARRIED**

**14-19** Moved by Wright and Larouche

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the "2014 Survey of Residents in Support of Constructing a Splash Pad in Glenwood Park" from the Dain City Recreation Group and refers same to staff for inclusion in the 2015 Budget process for consideration by Council.

**CARRIED****14-28** Moved by Chiocchio and Campion

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the presentation by Vic Kerschl, Board Member, Alzheimer Society Niagara Foundation regarding the 19th Annual Coffee Break Campaign and encourages staff and the public to participate in the September 18, 2014 Coffee Break Fundraiser at Civic Square.

**CARRIED****14-46** Moved by Carl and Grenier

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives Report ENG-2014-31 and approves the purchase of one (1) new 12' wide finish cut mower from Nexgen Municipal Inc. being the lowest tender submitted who met the specifications at a tendered price of \$71,000.00 plus applicable taxes, as funded through the 2014 Enterprise Fleet Budget Report; and further

THAT Welland City Council directs the City Clerk to prepare all necessary and appropriate By-laws to enter into contract with Nexgen Municipal Inc. to execute the sale.

**CARRIED****14-90** Moved by Larouche and Grimaldi

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves the renaming of the St. George Swimming Pool the Rosie Smith Memorial Swimming Pool; and further

THAT Welland City Council authorizes staff to prepare the appropriate By-law.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****14-105** Moved by Campion and Chiocchio

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information Report ENG-2014-32 with respect to Infrastructure Funding Applications for the upcoming Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) and Small Communities Fund (SCF) intakes; and further

THAT Welland City Council directs staff to proceed with expression of interest submissions for River Road Sewer Separation and Watermain Replacement and Edgar/Elgin Area Sewer Separation and Watermain Replacement, respectively, for the upcoming OCIF and SCF funding intake and authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to sign and seal any documents necessary to secure Funding under the programs; and further

THAT Welland City Council declares that the information in the Expressions of Interest for both the OCIF and SCF programs are factually accurate; and further

THAT Welland City Council declares that the City of Welland will have a comprehensive asset management plan that includes all of the information and analysis described in Building Together: Guide for Municipal Asset Management Plans by December 2014; and further

THAT Welland City Council declares that the comprehensive asset management plan will be publicly available, including on the City of Welland website - [www.welland.ca](http://www.welland.ca) - by December 31, 2015; and further

THAT Welland City Council declares that the project put forward in the OCIF expression of interest application will be completed by December 31, 2016.

**CARRIED**

## **BY-LAWS**

Moved by Larouche and McLeod

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND 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.

### **14-19**

BYL 2014 - 124

A By-law to authorize acceptance of tender from Touchstone Site Contractors Inc. for the supply and installation of play equipment for Gaiser Park.

### **13-100**

BYL 2014 - 125

A By-law to authorize retention of GM Blueplan Engineering Limited to provide consulting services for a Comprehensive Asset Management Plan.

**(Councillor Grimaldi asked to be recorded as opposed to this By-law).**

### **14-90**

BYL 2014 - 126

A By-law to rename St. George Swimming Pool to the Rosie Smith Memorial Swimming Pool.

**CARRIED**

Moved by Carl and Grenier

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

### **14-46**

BYL 2014 - 123

A By-law to authorize purchase of one new 12 foot wide finish cut mower from Nexgen Municipal Inc.

### **13-73**

BYL 2014 - 127

A By-law to amend Zoning By-law 2667 upon the application of Vinmar Developments Ltd. to remove the Holding Symbol "H" from certain lands on the west side of South Pelham Road, south of Balsam Street known municipally as 755 South Pelham Road (Forest Creek Estates Subdivision) (File 2013-02).

### **14-22**

BYL 2014 - 128

A By-law to appoint Traffic Enforcement Officers of the Corporation of the City of Welland to enforce the provisions of Traffic and Parking By-law 89-2000 at Seaway Mall and to repeal By-law 2014-80.

### **01-46**

BYL 2014 – 129

A By-law to authorize acceptance of an offer from 2433814 Ontario Inc. for the sale of vacant land in the Enterprise Subdivision being Lot 4, Plan 59M-342.

**CARRIED**

Moved by McLeod and Larouche

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND 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.

**14-1**

BYL 2014 - 130

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 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014.

**CARRIED**

Mayor Sharpe gave Notice of Motion to the following issue to be presented to Council at the October 7, 2014 Regular Council Meeting:

**14-22** THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND allows staff to extend the current 2 hour free parking at all on-street parking meters within the downtown core until December 31, 2014 as a pilot project; and further

THAT WELLAND CITY COUNCIL directs staff to meet with the Downtown Welland Business Improvement Area and review the impact of this initiative on business activity in the area and report back to Council.

Councillor Campion gave Notice of Motion to the following issues to be presented to Council at the October 7, 2014 Regular Council Meeting:

**02-160** THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND advises the Provincial Government, through our local MPP Cindy Forster, that Welland City Council supports Bill 8, the Accountability and Transparency Act, a bill increasing the Ombudsman's authority to investigate municipal matters on behalf of Ontario citizens.

**14-22** THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND directs staff to investigate creating a By-law limiting the amount any publicly owned facility offering parking to the public, such as the Welland Hospital Site, to not more than the maximum parking fees charged by the City of Welland.

Councillor DiMarco gave Notice of Motion to the following issue to be presented to Council at the October 7, 2014 Regular Council Meeting:

**12-89** THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND reviews Policy Number FIN-001-0013 titled Sports and Culture Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund Policy.

Council adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

These Minutes approved and adopted by Motion of Council this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014.

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**MAYOR**

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**CITY CLERK**