



## MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CIVIC SQUARE

Meeting Number G.C. 2019 – 1

**Members Present:** Vice Mayor L. Van Vliet

F. Champion	D. McLeod
J. Chiochio	A. Moote
T. DiMarco	C. Richard
B. Fokkens	G. Speck
B. Green	L. Spinosa
J. Larouche	

**Members of the Staff Present:**

Chief Administrative Officer, G. Long

City Clerk, T. Stephens

Chief, Fire & Emergency Services, B. Kennedy

General Manager, Infrastructure and Planning Services/City Engineer, E. Nickel

Vice Mayor L. Van Vliet called the General Committee Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.



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1. **ADDITION/DELETIONS TO AGENDA: Nil**
2. **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST: Nil**
3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF December 11, 2018**

Moved by McLeod that the Minutes of the General Committee Meeting of December 11, 2018 be and the same are hereby approved and adopted.

**CARRIED**

4. **PRESENTATIONS : Nil**
5. **DELEGATIONS**

**19-28** Roger Ali, President & CAO and Mike Grocholsky, Member of Board of Directors, Niagara Health Foundation re: Niagara Health Foundation Update

General Committee received a presentation from Roger Ali, President & CAO and Mike Grocholsky, Member of Board of Directors, Niagara Health Foundation. The presentation provided an overview funds raised and upcoming events for the foundation.

**Moved by Larouche**

THAT GENERAL COMMITTEE receives for information the presentation by Roger Ali, President & CAO and Mike Grocholsky, Member of Board of Directors, Niagara Health Foundation regarding Niagara Health Foundation Update.

**CARRIED**

6. **AGENCIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORT(S): Nil**
7. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES, PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND OTHER ITEMS REFERRED FROM COUNCIL FOR DISCUSSION: Nil**
8. **STAFF REPORTS:**

**INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES – L. Van Vliet, Chair**

**Traffic/Parking/By-laws Division**

**ENG-2019-01** Gen. Mgr., Infrastructure and Development Services/City Engineer, E. Nickel  
– Retail Cannabis: opt-in or opt-out decision. Ref. No.18-87

Staff provided an overview of information received regarding retail cannabis. General Committee was advised that the default if a decision is not made is to opt in. If the decision is to opt-in, then a decision to opt-out cannot be considered. A municipality that opts-out, can opt-in at any time. General Committee discussed enforcement concerns, municipality authority and abilities for regulation, emergency services, hours of operation, and the purpose of delegating ability to the CAO with respect to providing comment in relation to any store license application that does not meet the public interest.



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**Moved by Larouche**

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information Report ENG-2019-01 regarding the decision of allowing retail cannabis stores to be located in the Municipality; and further

THAT Welland City Council Opt-in to allow Cannabis Retail Stores in Welland; and further

THAT Welland City Council direct the Clerk to advise the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) of Council's decision before January 22, 2019 and that if Council decides to OPT IN, powers be delegated to City's CAO or his designate to provide comments to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario, on behalf of the City Council, with respect to any store licence application that does not meet the public interest of the City of Welland.

**YEAS:** Councillors Spinosa, Moote, Mayor Campion, Van Vliet, Larouche, Green, Speck, Chiochio and McLeod.

**NAYS:** Councillors Richard, Fokkens and DiMarco.

**CARRIED**

9. **NEW BUSINESS : Nil**

10. **The General Committee Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.**