



**MINUTES OF**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING, MAY 19, 2020**  
**CIVIC SQUARE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**60 EAST MAIN STREET**

Council met in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 5:05 p.m. and in open session at 6:09 p.m. on the above date.

His Worship Mayor Frank Campion in the Chair.

**Members Present Electronically:**

Councillors J. Chiochio, T. DiMarco, B. Fokkens, B. Green, M.A. Grimaldi, J. Larouche, D. McLeod, A. Moote, G. Speck, L. Spinosa, C. Richard and L. Van Vliet.

**Members of Staff and Others Present:**

Chief Administrative Officer, G. Long

City Clerk, T. Stephens

Chief, Fire & Emergency Services, B. Kennedy (electronically)

General Manager, Corporate Services, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, S. Zorbas

General Manager, Infrastructure and Development Services, T. Fitzpatrick

General Manager, Economic Development & Recreation & Culture, D. Degazio

Manager of Human Resources, A. Daisley (until 6:08 p.m.) (electronically)

Deputy Fire Chief, A. Eckhart (until 6:08 p.m.) (electronically)

**2020 - 146****20-25**

Moved by Richard and Van Vliet

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND meet, with the Mayor as Chair, in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 5:05 p.m. to consider:

- proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;
  - *Sale of city owned land.*
- litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;
  - *Froude lands.*
- Labour relations or employee negotiations;
  - *Fire Negotiations.*

**CARRIED****2020 - 147****20-25**

Moved by McLeod and Spinosa

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND arise from its closed Committee-of-the-Whole meeting at 6:08 p.m. without report.

**CARRIED****THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE DELETED:**

**02-160** Integrity Commissioner recommendation regarding reprimand in relation to the May 5 report re: Councillor DiMarco.

**02-160** Report CLK-2020-14: Amendment to the Code of Conduct for Members of Council (HUM-001-003).

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

**09-104** Councillor Chiocchio, Chair, Audit Review Committee addressed Council regarding the meeting of May 5, 2020.

**2020 - 148****20-1**

Moved by Speck and Moote

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND hereby approves and adopts the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of May 5, 2020, as circulated.

**CARRIED****2020 - 149****09-104**

Moved by Chiocchio and Van Vliet

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the verbal report by Councillor Chiocchio, Chair, Audit Review Committee, regarding its meeting of May 5, 2020.

**CARRIED****2020 - 150****20-4**

Moved by Larouche and Richard (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the 2019 Year-End Report, up to and including December 31, 2019 (FIN-2020-10); and further

THAT Welland City Council approves that the 2019 Tax Supported Budget forecasted surplus (to be \$1,097,568 drafted and unaudited) be allocated to the Capital Surplus Reserve Fund as recommended by the Audit Review Committee at its meeting of May 5, 2020.

**CARRIED**

**2020 - 151****20-4**

Moved by Speck and DiMarco

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND authorizes the due dates for the 2020 Final Municipal Tax Levy as follows:

Third Installment due: July 2, 2020

Fourth Installment due: September 1, 2020

Final Installment for all non-residential properties: October 1, 2020, and further;

THAT Welland City Council approves the Tax Rates and Tax Ratios for the 2020 taxation year attached as Appendix I to Report FIN-2020-12.

**CARRIED****2020 - 152****20-6**

Moved by Larouche and Richard (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND declare May 19, 2020 as "World IBD Day" in the City of Welland.

**CARRIED****2020 - 153****20-13**

Moved by Larouche and Richard (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves the signing of the 2019/2020 Letter of Agreement between the City of Welland and the Province of Ontario related to the conditions for eligible expenditures, which can be applied against the Provincial funding provided under the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program; and further

THAT Welland City Council authorizes that the Mayor and Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer are hereby authorized to execute the 2019/2020 Letter of Agreement substantially in the same format as attached hereto, and all subsequent years' agreements or amendments in respect of the Dedicated Gas Tax Program with the Minister of Transportation; and further

THAT Welland City Council directs the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer to set up a Dedicated Gas Tax Fund Reserve Account to receive the provincial gas tax funding for 2019/2020, and subsequent years, and these funds be specifically directed to the continuance and expansion of local public transportation service as required by the Province.

**CARRIED****2020 - 154****20-48**

Moved by Larouche and Richard (in block)

1. THAT COUNCIL accepts the tender of Vic Vatr Contracting Ltd. in the amount of \$1,139,548.60 (plus HST) being the lowest of seven (7) tenders received for the Watermain Replacement 2020 tender; and
2. THAT Council directs staff to prepare the necessary by-law and documents to execute the project; and further
3. THAT Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute all necessary documents to execute the project.

**CARRIED****2020 - 155****20-64**

Moved by Fokkens and Green

1. THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receive for information Report FIN-2020-11, COVID-19 Financial Impact Report #2, from the General Manager Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer dated May 19, 2020; and further
2. THAT Welland City Council extend the waiver of application of penalties charged on non-payment of current 2020 Realty tax arrears (excluding prior year arrears) from March 13 – July 31, 2020; and further
3. THAT Welland City Council extend the deferral of 2020 water/wastewater increases from July 1, 2020 until October 1, 2020, provided that Niagara Region also defer its 2020 wholesale rate increases to that time period; and further

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**2020 - 155****20-64...cont'd.**

4. THAT Welland City Council extend waiving the charge back of NSF charges for all tax, water/wastewater, accounts receivable and miscellaneous accounts from March 13 – July 31, 2020; and further
5. THAT Welland City Council extend not charging customers for removing themselves from the Pre-Authorized Payment Program (PAP) for both Tax and Water/Sewer accounts.

**(Councillor DiMarco asked to be recorded as opposed to this Resolution).**

**CARRIED**

**2020 - 156****20-68**

Moved by Larouche and Richard (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND endorses the following reports from Vance Badawey, Member of Parliament, Niagara Centre: Report 2020-01: Single Sport Betting, Report 2020-02: Re-Branding the Gas Tax Fund, Building Communities Partnership Fund, Federal-Municipal Partnership Program, Report 2020-03: Great Lakes, Report 2020-04: Niagara-Hamilton Trade Corridor - Phase 1 and Report 2020-05: Skilled Trades.

**CARRIED**

**2020 - 157****20-74**

Moved by Larouche and Richard (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information and supports the Town of Fort Erie dated May 5, 2020 regarding Niagara Parks Commission Development of Miller's Creek Marina.

**CARRIED**

### **BY-LAWS**

Moved by Larouche and Richard (in block)

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.

**20-48**

BYL 2020 - 51

A By-law to authorize entering into contract with Vic Vatrt Contracting Limited for the Watermain Replacement Plan 2020.

**CARRIED**

Moved by Moote and Van Vliet

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.

**20-1**

BYL 2020 - 52

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 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

**CARRIED**

Council adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

These Minutes to be approved and adopted by Motion of Council this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2020.

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**MAYOR**

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**CITY CLERK**



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**COUNCIL MEETING, MAY 19, 2020**  
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His Worship Mayor Frank Campion in the Chair.

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General Manager, Corporate Services, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, S. Zorbas (until 8:08 p.m.)

General Manager, Infrastructure and Development Services, T. Fitzpatrick

General Manager, Economic Development & Recreation & Culture, D. Degazio (until 8:23 p.m.)

**2020 - 158****99-90****20-10**

Moved by Fokkens and DiMarco

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND appoints Councillor Chiocchio to the Welland Downtown Business Improvement Area for the term May 19, 2020 to November 14, 2020 or until another successor has been appointed.

**CARRIED****2020 - 159****18-87**

Moved by McLeod and Green

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information and supports the City of Hamilton dated April 22, 2020 regarding enforcing odour and lighting nuisances related to the cultivation of cannabis plants.

**CARRIED****2020 - 160****20-4**

Moved by Fokkens and DiMarco

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information from the Region of Niagara dated May 7, 2020 regarding Report CSD 23-2020: 2020 Property Tax Policy, Ratios and Rates - Minute Item 9.1.2 CL 6-2020, April 23, 2020.

**CARRIED****2020 - 161****20-13**

Moved by Green and DiMarco

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND directs staff to create a report detailing the staffing and cost savings realized by the above mentioned temporary transit service reductions; and further THAT this report be included in the Council Meeting scheduled for June 2, 2020.

**CARRIED****2020 - 162****20-64**

Moved by McLeod and Spinosa

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information from the Region of Niagara dated April 24, 2020 regarding Report CSD 30-2020: COVID-19 Preliminary Overview of Financial Impacts, Minute Item 9.1.1 CL 6-2020, April 23, 2020.

**CARRIED****2020 - 163****20-64**

Moved by Green and McLeod

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information from the Region of Niagara dated May 4, 2020, regarding Memorandum CHR 2-2020 COVID-19: Government Relations Strategy, Minute Item 5.1 CL 6-2020, April 23, 2020.

**CARRIED****2020 - 164****20-64**

Moved by Fokkens and DiMarco

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information and supports the Town of Fort Erie dated May 5, 2020 regarding Canada/US Border Crossings - Essential Traffic Only - COVID 19.

**CARRIED**

**BY-LAWS**

Moved by Spinosa and Moote

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.

**20-4**

BYL 2020 - 53

A By-law to establish tax ratios and tax rates and to levy taxes for the year 2020.

**CARRIED**

Moved by Larouche and Van Vliet

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.

**20-1**

BYL 2020 - 54

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 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

**CARRIED**

Council adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

These Minutes to be approved and adopted by Motion of Council this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2020.

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**MAYOR**

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**CITY CLERK**