



**MINUTES OF**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 28, 2021**  
**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 6:24 p.m. on the above date.

His Worship Mayor Frank Campion in the Chair.

**Members Present:**

Councillors J. Chiochio, T. DiMarco, B. Fokkens, B. Green, M.A. Grimaldi, J. Larouche, D. McLeod, J. Mastroianni, A. Moote, G. Speck (5:11 p.m.), and L. Van Vliet (until 6:50 p.m.).

**Members of Staff and Others Present:**

CAO/Director Corporate Services, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, S. Zorbas  
City Clerk, T. Stephens  
Fire Chief & Community Emergency Management Coordinator, A. Eckhart  
Director of Infrastructure Services, SM. Millar  
Director of Planning and Development Services, G. Munday  
Director of Community Services, R. Axiak  
Manager of Economic Development, L. DeChellis (until 6:24 p.m.)  
Manager of Human Resources, A. Daisley  
Facilities Maintenance Supervisor, F. Pearson (6:24 p.m.)

**2021 - 246****21-25**

Moved by McLeod 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:

- Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;
  - *Aqueduct - Legal Update.*
- Proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;
  - *Proposal to declare surplus city owned property at 33 Hellems Avenue and 35 Hellems Avenue.*
- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; and
  - *Citizens appointment to the following Committee:*
    - *Arts and Culture Advisory Committee.*
    - *Welland Hydro System Corp. Update.*
    - *Director of Finance/CFO.*

**CARRIED****2021 - 247****21-25**

Moved by Larouche and Moote

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND arise from its closed Committee-of-the-Whole meeting at 6:24 p.m. with report.

**CARRIED****2021 - 248****02-160**

Moved by Fokkens and Green

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND waives the rules to add the Notice of Motions from the September 21, 2021 Council Meeting.

**YEAS:** Councillors Larouche, Green, Speck, Chiochio, DiMarco and Fokkens.

**NAYS:** Councillors McLeod, Grimaldi, Mastroianni, Moote, Van Vliet and Mayor Campion.

**LOST  
2/3 MAJORITY****2021 - 249****20-97**

Moved by Fokkens and McLeod

1. THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves the application for Brownfield Incentive Programs for the properties known municipally as 475, 555 & 635 Canal Bank Street for the Brownfield Tax Assistance Program (BTAP) in the estimated amount of \$166,132.44.00 (City and Region) and the Brownfield Tax Increment Grant Program (BTAP) in the amount of \$18,000,000 (\$10,000,000 City and \$8,000,000 Region); and
2. THAT Welland City Council supports in principle a By-law to cancel City property taxes for a maximum of 3 years and directs staff to provide for this funding in the 2023 ,2024 and 2025 Tax supported budgets; and
3. That the said By-law and this Report be circulated to the Niagara Region to request the Region's participation in the Tax Assistance Program for cancellation of the increase in the Regional portion of property taxes and in the Tax Increment Grant Program; and
4. THAT Welland City Council directs Staff to prepare the required By-law(s) and Agreement(s); and further
5. THAT Welland City Council authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to execute any documentation required to satisfy conditions related to participation in the Brownfield Incentive Programs for this property.

**CARRIED**

**2021 - 250****21-14**

Moved by DiMarco and

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information Report CLK-2021-22: Economic Adjustment – Council Remuneration; and

THAT Welland City Council approves the increase of 2.5% to the council remuneration retroactive to January 1, 2021; and further

THAT the adjustment in council remuneration adjustment be funded through the Corporate Contingency account; and further

THAT Welland City Council approves the amendment to By-law 1998-11325: Being a By-law to provide for paying remuneration to the members of council and extended medical benefits to the Mayor.

**NOT PUT****2021 - 251****21-19**

Moved by Green and McLeod

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves the award to Paul S. Leskew & Associates Inc. for the provision and installation of one (1) new video scoreboard for the Quaker Road Baseball Facility in the amount of \$193,763.00 plus applicable taxes; and

THAT Welland City Council approves additional funding from the Canada Games 2022, Welland Jackfish and if required, the Capital Surplus Reserve Fund, to cover the additional required funds; and further

THAT Welland City Council directs the City Clerk to prepare all necessary and appropriate By-laws to enter into a contract with Paul S. Leskew & Associates Inc.

**CARRIED****BUSINESS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE****2021 - 252****05-141**

Moved by Larouche and McLeod (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND appoints Holly Treddenick to the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee for the term September 28, 2021 to June 30, 2023.

**CARRIED****2021 - 253****21-114**

Moved by Larouche and McLeod (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND declares surplus to the City's needs 33 Hellems Avenue and 35 Hellems Avenue.

**CARRIED****BY-LAWS**

Moved by Mastroianni and Moote

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.

**21-19**

BYL 2021 - 154

A By-law to authorize entering into contract with Duomax Developments Limited for the provision of design and construction for the Maple Park Enhancement Project.

**21-24**

BYL 2021 - 155

A By-law to authorize the appointment of Steven Fairweather as Director of Finance/CFO/Treasurer of the Corporation of the City of Welland.

**YEAS:** Councillors Larouche, McLeod, Grimaldi, Mastroianni, Moote and Mayor Campion.

**NAYS:** Councillors Green, Speck, Chiochio and Fokkens.

**CARRIED**

Moved by Larouche and Mastroianni

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.

**21-1**

BYL 2021 - 156

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 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.

**CARRIED**

Council adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

These Minutes to be approved and adopted by Motion of Council this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.

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**MAYOR**

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**CITY CLERK**