



**MINUTES OF THE
NOVEMBER 23, 2021 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
CIVIC SQUARE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
60 EAST MAIN STREET**

Council met in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 5:07 p.m. and in open session at 5:48 p.m. on the above date.

His Worship Mayor Frank Campion in the Chair.

Members Present:

Councillors J. Chiochio, T. DiMarco, B. Fokkens, M.A. Grimaldi, J. Larouche, J. Mastroianni, D. McLeod, A. Moote (5:13 p.m.), C. Richard, G. Speck, and L. Van Vliet.

Members of Staff and Others Present:

Chief Administrative Officer, S. Zorbas
City Clerk, T. Stephens
Director of Finance/CFO/Treasurer, S. Fairweather
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 5:48 p.m.)
Manager of Budgets & Financial Reporting/Deputy Treasurer, E. Pankoff
Transit Manager, E. Zahra (until 6:00 p.m.)
Manager of Fleet, Equipment and Purchasing, A. Beres
Supervisor of Festivals and Events, E. Carl (5:48 p.m.)

2021 - 359**21-25** Moved by Mastroianni 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 5:07 p.m. to consider:

- Proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; and
 - *Seeley Street.*
 - *Sale of south east corner of Lewis & Classic Avenue.*
- 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;
 - *11 Kingsway Transfer of Lands Agreement.*
 - *Auditors Report.*

2021 - 360**21-25** Moved by Larouche and Mastroianni

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND arise from its closed Committee-of-the-Whole meeting at 5:46 p.m. with report.

CARRIED**THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS DELETED:****21-13** TRANS-2021-18: Chief Administrative Officer, S. Zorbas - Proposed Reduced Service Plan.**THE FOLLOWING WAS REVISED:****21-12** A By-law to amend By-law 2019-138, being a By-law to appoint certain Members of Council as Vice Mayor for the period from December 1, 2021 to November 14, 2022. Ref. No. 21-12**PRESENTATION****05-51** Adam Beres, Manager of Fleet, Equipment and Purchasing addressed Council regarding By-law and the Purchasing Policy update.**AGENCIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES REPORTS****21-4** Councillor McLeod, Chair, Budget Review Committee provided a verbal report on the Budget Review Committee meeting of November 15, 2021.**2021 - 361****02-98** Moved by Moved by Fokkens and Richard (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves and recommends to Council for approval that effective January 1, 2022, the water haulage consumption rate be increased to \$1.467/m³, the water haulage administration fee be increased to \$140/month, and that water haulage accounts continue to be billed monthly as recommended by the Budget Review Committee at its meeting of November 15, 2021.

CARRIED

2021 - 362**05-51**

Moved by McLeod and Moote

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the presentation by Adam Beres, Manager of Fleet, Equipment and Purchasing regarding By-law and the Purchasing Policy update.

CARRIED**2021 - 363****05-51**

Moved by Moote and Grimaldi

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves and supports staff recommendations to amend the Requisition and Purchasing Methods and Approval Authority (Schedule B) of the current Purchasing Policy as outlined in Appendix I.

THAT Welland City Council directs the City Clerk to update appropriate By-laws to support the updated Purchasing Policy.

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05-51

Moved by DiMarco and Chiocchio

THAT Welland City Council update to the "Summary and Conclusion" section of the report to state "and adopt the purchasing policy, similar to neighboring communities such as Niagara Falls and St. Catharines, and staff present a report outlining such procedure in 2022".

YEAS: Councillors Speck, Chiocchio, DiMarco, Mastroianni and Mayor Campion.

NAYS: Councillors Larouche, McLeod, Richard, Grimaldi, Fokkens, Moote and Van Vliet.

LOST**05-51**

Moved by Richard and McLeod

THAT Welland City Council refers back to staff Report FIN-2021-36: Amendments to the City of Welland Purchasing Policy.

CARRIED**2021 - 364****05-114**

Moved by DiMarco and Chiocchio

1. THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND enters into an agreement with the Niagara Region to operate the Hunter's Pointe Water Booster Pumping Station; and further
2. THAT Council directs staff to prepare the necessary By-law and documents to execute the operating agreement; and further
3. THAT Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute all necessary documents to execute the operating agreement.

CARRIED**2021 - 365****21-4**

Moved by McLeod and Larouche

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the verbal report by Councillor McLeod, Chair, Budget Review Committee regarding its meetings of November 15, 2021.

YEAS: Councillors Larouche, Speck, Chiocchio, McLeod, Richard, Grimaldi, Mastroianni, Fokkens, Moote, Van Vliet and Mayor Campion.

NAYS: Councillor DiMarco.

CARRIED

2021 - 366**21-4**

Moved by Fokkens and Richard (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND authorizes the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer to borrow, on an interim basis, up to \$9,000,000 to meet current and capital expenditures for the year while awaiting permanent funding by way of taxation, water, and sewer billings, provincial/federal grants, and regional debentures; and further

THAT Welland City Council directs the City Clerk to prepare the necessary By-law.

CARRIED**2021 - 367****21-4**

Moved by Fokkens and Richard (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND appoints Grant Thornton LLP as the City auditors for 2021, 2022, and 2023; and further

THAT Welland City Council authorizes the Clerk to prepare the necessary By-law to enter into an agreement with Grant Thornton LLP; and further

THAT Welland City Council authorizes the Treasurer to enter discussions with the City auditor at the expiry of their term for a five-year extension on mutual agreeable terms and report back to Council for approval.

CARRIED**2021 - 368****21-13**

Moved by Fokkens and Richard (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND awards Hamilton Paving Inc. the contract to complete the project as the successful tender; and further

THAT Welland City Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute all necessary By-laws and agreements.

CARRIED**2021 - 369****21-148**

Moved by Fokkens and Richard (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND recommends to Council for approval the issuance of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a third-party vendor to operate the Empire Sportsplex canteen and authorize the execution of all related agreements through the City Clerk and Mayor as recommended by the Budget Review Committee at its meeting of November 15, 2021.

CARRIED**BY-LAWS**

Moved by Fokkens and Richard (in block)

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.

21-4

BYL 2021 - 192

A By-law authorizing the Temporary Borrowing of up to \$9,000,000 to meet current and capital expenditures for the year.

21-4

BYL 2021 - 193

A By-law appoint Grant Thornton LLP to provide External Audit Services to the Corporation of the City of Welland and its local boards.

21-13

BYL 2021 - 194

A By-law to authorize entering into contract with Hamilton Paving Inc. for paving of the Transit Operations Facility.

21-12

BYL 2021 - 195

A By-law to amend By-law 2019-138, being a By-law to appoint certain Members of Council as Vice Mayor for the period from December 1, 2021 to November 14, 2022.

21-146

BYL 2021 - 196

A By-law to authorize entering into a transfer of lands agreement with the registered owner of 11 Kingsway for the transfer of a daylight triangle.

CARRIED

Moved by Larouche and Grimaldi

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.

05-114

BYL 2021 - 197

A By-law to authorize entering into an agreement with the Regional Municipality of Niagara for the operation of the Hunter's Pointe Water Booster Pumping Station.

CARRIED

Moved by Mastroianni and Grimaldi

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.

06-84

BYL 2021 - 198

A By-law to authorize into a Reciprocal Agreement with 439 King Welland Inc. operating as the Grand Canal Retirement Residence for membership, program utilization and space allocation.

(Councillor Speck asked to be recorded as opposed to this By-law)

CARRIED

Moved by Mastroianni 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.

21-1

BYL 2021 - 199

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 23rd day of November, 2021.

CARRIED

Council adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

These Minutes to be approved and adopted by Motion of Council this 21st day of December, 2021.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK