



**MINUTES OF THE
JANUARY 31, 2023 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
CIVIC SQUARE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
60 EAST MAIN STREET**

Council met in open session at 7:02 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 (virtual), J. Lee, D. McLeod, A. Moote, C. Richard (virtual), S. Setaram, G. Speck, and L. Van Vliet.

Members of Staff and Others Present:

Chief Administrative Officer, S. Zorbas

Deputy City Clerk, L. Bubanko

Director of Finance/CFO/Treasurer, S. Fairweather

Fire Chief & Community Emergency Management Coordinator, A. Eckhart (virtual)

Director of Infrastructure Services, SM. Millar (virtual)

Director of Planning and Development Services, G. Munday

Director of Community Services, R. Axiak (virtual)

Manager of Economic Development, L. DeChellis

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS DELETED:

22-152 Leilani Lee-Yates, Director, Watershed Management, Niagara Peninsula Conservation re: Report No. FA-56-22: Status Update RE: CA Programs and Services Further to Royal Assent of Bill 23.

02-160 Report CLK-2022-05: Suggested Recommendations to Procedural By-law 2017-6. (Referred from the March 1, 2022 Council Agenda).

2023 - 17

98-82 Moved by McLeod and Grimaldi
 THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves the final design of Civic Square presented in Report CS-2022-03 and related Appendix A, and to authorize staff to proceed with detailed design, costing, and the subsequent issuance of a tender.

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Council recessed at 7:59 p.m. and reconvened at 8:10 p.m.

98-82 Moved by Van Vliet and Fokkens
 THAT Report CS-2022-03 regarding the final design of Civic Square be referred back to staff for report to Council at the March 7, 2023 Council Meeting.

CARRIED

2023 - 18

99-43 Moved by Lee and Chiochio
 THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND appoints Councillor Chiochio to the Welland Hydro-Electric Holding Corporation Board for the term of January 31, 2023 to November 14, 2026.

CARRIED

2023 - 19

99-90 Moved by McLeod and Van Vliet (in block)
 THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND appoints Councillor Speck and Councillor Setaram to the Welland Downtown Business Improvement Area Board for the term of January 31, 2023 to November 14, 2026.

(Councillor McLeod disclosed an interest in this matter, and did not take part in the consideration and discussion of same, and refrained from voting thereon, as he pays a levy to the Welland Downtown Business Improvement Area Board).

CARRIED

2023 - 20

99-90 Moved by McLeod and Van Vliet (in block)
 THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information and approves the Slate of Officers and Directors for term of 2022-2026, as requested in the correspondence from the Welland Downtown Business Improvement Area dated December 5, 2022.

(Councillor McLeod disclosed an interest in this matter, and did not take part in the consideration and discussion of same, and refrained from voting thereon, as he pays a levy to the Welland Downtown Business Improvement Area Board).

CARRIED

2023 - 21**02-52**

Moved by Moote and McLeod

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND appoints Councillor Fokkens to the Humberstone Landfill Site Public Liaison Committee for the term of January 31, 2023 to November 14, 2026.

CARRIED**2023 – 22****02-160****21-30**

Moved by Moote and DiMarco

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND suspends the rules of order to allow Report CS-2023-03: Emergency Homeless Shelter Update to be added to the agenda for discussion.

YEAS: McLeod, DiMarco, Grimaldi, Moote and Mayor Campion.

NAYS: Lee, Green, Chiocchio, Richard, Setaram, Fokkens and Van Vliet.

(Councillor Speck disclosed an interest in this matter, and did not take part in the consideration and discussion of same, and refrained from voting thereon, as his company supplies apparel to the Hope Centre).

**LOST
(2/3 MAJORITY REQUIRED)**

2023 – 23**02-160****21-30**

Moved by Moote and McLeod

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND suspends the rules of order to allow reconsideration of a motion regarding the Emergency Homeless Shelter Update without notice.

YEAS: McLeod, DiMarco, Grimaldi, Moote and Mayor Campion.

NAYS: Lee, Green, Chiocchio, Richard, Setaram, Fokkens and Van Vliet.

(Councillor Speck disclosed an interest in this matter, and did not take part in the consideration and discussion of same, and refrained from voting thereon, as his company supplies apparel to the Hope Centre).

**LOST
(2/3 MAJORITY REQUIRED)**

2023 – 24**02-160****21-30**

Moved by Moote and McLeod

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND suspends the rules of order to allow delegations regarding the Emergency Homeless Shelter.

YEAS: McLeod, DiMarco, Richard, Grimaldi, Fokkens, Moote and Mayor Campion.

NAYS: Lee, Green, Chiocchio, Setaram, and Van Vliet.

(Councillor Speck disclosed an interest in this matter, and did not take part in the consideration and discussion of same, and refrained from voting thereon, as his company supplies apparel to the Hope Centre).

**LOST
(2/3 MAJORITY REQUIRED)**

2023 - 25

04-47 Moved by Lee and Moote

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND appoints Councillor Lee to the Welland Public Library Board for the term of January 31, 2023 to November 14, 2026.

CARRIED

2023 - 26

04-47 Moved by Van Vliet and Chiocchio

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND appoints Tim Wright, Deanna Villella, Lindsay Bryan, Melissa McGlashan, Kathryn Jung, Andrew McChesney, Kieran Scott and Alyssa Payne to the Welland Public Library Board for the term of January 31, 2023 to November 16, 2026.

CARRIED

2023 - 27

05-141 Moved by McLeod and Van Vliet (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND appoints Councillor Setaram to the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee for the term of January 31, 2023 to November 14, 2026.

CARRIED

2023 - 28

06-84 Moved by McLeod and Van Vliet (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND appoints Councillor Van Vliet to the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee for the term of January 31, 2023 to November 14, 2026.

CARRIED

2023 - 29

07-144 Moved by Green and McLeod

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves the dissolution of the Welland Development Commission (WDC); and further
THAT Welland City Council directs staff to prepare all the necessary documentation to dissolve the WDC; and further
THAT the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute all the necessary documents relative to the dissolution of the WDC.

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07-144 Moved by Green and McLeod

THAT the dissolution of the Welland Development Commission (WDC) is referred back to staff for further information.

YEAS: Lee, Green, Speck, Chiocchio, Richard, Setaram, and Fokkens,

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

CARRIED

2023 - 30

08-95 Moved by McLeod and Van Vliet (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND appoints Councillor Green and Councillor McLeod to the North Welland Business Improvement Area Board for the term of January 31, 2023 to November 14, 2026.

CARRIED

2023 - 31

09-152 Moved by McLeod and Van Vliet (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND appoints Councillor Moote and Councillor Green to the Town & Gown Advisory Committee for the term of January 31, 2023 to November 14, 2026.

CARRIED

2023 - 32**13-117** Moved by McLeod and Lee

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND amend the Terms of Reference for the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee to change the composition from two (2) Councillor representatives to three (3).

LOST**2023 - 33****13-117** Moved by McLeod and Fokkens

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND appoints Councillors Van Vliet and Moote to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee for the term of January 31, 2023 to November 14, 2026.

CARRIED**2023 - 34****21-28** Moved by McLeod and Fokkens

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND appoints Councillor Speck to the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee for the term of January 31, 2023 to November 14, 2026.

CARRIED**2023- 35****22-112** Moved by McLeod and Speck

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND amend the Terms of Reference for the Green Advisory Committee to change the composition from one (1) Councillor representative to two (2).

CARRIED**2023 - 36****22-112** Moved by McLeod and Speck

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND appoints Councillors Fokkens and McLeod to the Green Advisory Committee for the term of January 31, 2023 to November 14, 2026.

CARRIED**2023 - 37****22-149** Moved by McLeod and Van Vliet (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the correspondence from Niagara Peninsula Conservation dated December 16, 2022 regarding Report No. FA-51-22: Enhanced Watershed Restoration and Stewardship Program.

(Councillor Chiochio disclosed an interest in this matter, and did not take part in the consideration and discussion of same, and refrained from voting thereon, as he supplies marketing services to the NPCA for a fee.)

CARRIED**2023 – 38****23-6** Moved by McLeod and Van Vliet (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND declares the month of September 2023 as "Childhood Cancer Awareness Month" in the City of Welland.

CARRIED**2023 – 39****23-14** Moved by Chiochio and McLeod

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information and approves the updates to the Travel and Corporate Expense Policy Update - FIN-001-011.

CARRIED

2023 – 40**23-19**

Moved by Van Vliet and Lee

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND appoints Councillor Richard to the Welland Arenas Advisory Committee for the term of January 31, 2023 to November 14, 2026.

CARRIED**2023 – 41****23-27**

Moved by McLeod and Van Vliet (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND appoints Councillor Richard to the Welland Rose Festival Inc. Board for the term of January 31, 2023 to November 14, 2026.

CARRIED**2023 – 42****23-34**

Moved by Setaram and Fokkens

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information Report CLK-2023-01: Councillors Expense Policy; and further

THAT Welland City Council approves the Councillors Expense Policy attached as Appendix I of this report.

CARRIED**BYLAWS**

Moved by Van Vliet and Lee

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.

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BYL 2023 - 7

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 31st day of January, 2023.

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

CARRIED

Council adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

These Minutes to be approved and adopted by Motion of Council this 21st day of February, 2023.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK