



**MINUTES OF THE
MARCH 27, 2023 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
CIVIC SQUARE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
60 EAST MAIN STREET**

Council met in Committee-of-the-Whole in open session at 7:03 p.m. on the above date.

His Worship Mayor Frank Campion in the Chair.

Members Present:

Councillors J. Chiochio (virtual), T. DiMarco (virtual 7:35 p.m.), B. Fokkens (virtual),
B. Green (virtual), M.A. Grimaldi (virtual), J. Lee, D. McLeod, A. Moote (virtual),
C. Richard (virtual), S. Setaram (7:06 p.m.), G. Speck (virtual), and L. Van Vliet.

Members of Staff and Others Present:

Acting Chief Administrative Officer/Director of Planning and Development Services, G. Munday
City Clerk, T. Stephens
Director of Finance/CFO/Treasurer, S. Fairweather
Fire Chief & Community Emergency Management Coordinator, A. Eckhart
Director of Infrastructure Services, SM. Millar
Director of Community Services, R. Axiak

2023 - 203**02-160**

Moved by McLeod and Van Vliet

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information Report CLK-2023-10 - Outstanding Council Resolutions List.

CARRIED**2023 - 204****02-160**

Moved by Chiocchio and DiMarco

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND staff prepare a report regarding having Council representation or staff on the following Committees: Committee of Adjustment, Grants and Programs and Property Standards Committee.

CARRIED**2023 - 205****02-160****12-96**

Moved by Van Vliet and McLeod

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND directs staff to prepare a report that outlines the total cost of the Integrity Commissioner and associated costs from November 2018 through to November 2022; and further

THAT this report be presented to at a Council Meeting in March, 2023.

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02-160**12-96**

Moved by Van Vliet and McLeod

THAT this report be presented to at a Council Meeting in April/May, 2023.

YEAS: Lee, Green, McLeod, Grimaldi, Setaram, Moote, Van Vliet and Mayor Campion.

NAYS: Speck, Chiocchio, DiMarco, Richard and Fokkens.

CARRIED**2023 - 206****05-141**

Moved by Green and Richard

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND that a comprehensive inventory of public art be assembled to include art located on both private and public lands in conjunction with the Arts & Culture Committee and the Heritage committee; and THAT a public art creation, preservation, restoration and maintenance policy be created in conjunction with the Arts & Culture committee and the Heritage committee; and further THAT policy contain a funding model for the 10 year capital budget.

CARRIED**2023 - 207****21-30**

Moved by Fokkens and Setaram

WHEREAS, the homeless crisis is taking a devastating toll on families and communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario; and

WHEREAS, the homelessness crisis is the result of the underinvestment and poor policy choices of successive provincial governments; and

WHEREAS, homelessness requires a range of housing, social service and health solutions from government; and

WHEREAS, homelessness is felt most at the level of local government and the residents that they serve; and

WHEREAS, municipalities and District Social Administration Boards are doing their part, but do not have the resources, capacity or tools to address this complex challenge; and further

WHEREAS, leadership and urgent action is needed from the provincial government on an emergency basis to develop, resource, and implement a comprehensive plan to prevent, reduce and ultimately end homelessness in Ontario.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND calls on the Provincial Government to urgently:

- a. Acknowledge that homelessness in Ontario is a social, economic, and health crisis; and
- b. Commit to ending homelessness in Ontario; and
- c. Work with AMO and a broad range of community, health, Indigenous and economic partners to develop, resource, and implement an action plan to achieve this goal; and further

THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services; the Minister of Health; and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

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21-30 Moved by McLeod and Setaram

THAT Welland City Council "requires leadership from the provincial government in both investment and policy".

CARRIED

FOLLOWING THE VOTE ON THE AMENDING MOTION, THE MAIN MOTION WAS PUT AS AMENDED AND

CARRIED

2023 - 208

22-97

Moved by Van Vliet and Richard

WHEREAS, The City of Welland has been known historically for their world class manufacturing expertise. This resulted in the highest quality production of steel, graphite products, hydraulic components, and agricultural equipment; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Welland residents have been employed in these facilities; and

WHEREAS generations of Welland residents have participated in the production of world class products; and further

WHEREAS, the Province of Ontario has enacted Resource Recovery and Circular Economy legislation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND recognizes the efforts of generations of Welland Residents employed in these industries and supports all efforts to recover all such items that may be repurposed. These efforts will increase the economic growth of Welland, employment opportunities, and aid in the environmental cleanup of such lands currently deemed brownfields.

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22-97 Moved by McLeod and

THAT Welland City Council "efforts to recover items that may be repurposed".

NOT PUT

FOLLOWING THE RECOMMENDED AMENDMENT, THE MAIN MOTION WAS PUT AND

CARRIED

2023 - 209

22-152

Moved by Moote and Lee

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND directs staff, specifically Planning and Communications to develop content for residents, simplifying and explaining the process to provide a better understanding for interested parties; and further to freely provide these resources to members of the public by posting online on the City website.

CARRIED

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23-22

Moved by Van Vliet and McLeod

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND directs staff to conduct a study in the area of First Avenue, Linrose Avenue and Thorold Road, and further THAT staff report back to Council on the results of the study in relation to a 4 way stop sign being placed at either First Avenue and Laughlin Avenue or at First Avenue and Parkway.

CARRIED

2023 - 211**23-22**

Moved by Van Vliet and McLeod

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the request from Stephanie Elia, Resident to install a four way stop at the intersection of Laughlin and First Avenue.

CARRIED**2023 - 212****23-32**

Moved by Setaram and Grimaldi

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND directs staff to begin a pilot program in 2023 providing free menstrual products in select women's, men's and universal washrooms and changerooms in city operated facilities; and THAT staff aim to launch a pilot program in celebration of Menstrual Hygiene Day on May 28, 2023; and further THAT an evaluation of the pilot program includes impact of the program, distribution methods, products distributed, and projected program costs in a report to Council by the end of 2023 for consideration of a permanent program.

YEAS: Lee, Green, Speck, Chiocchio, McLeod, Richard, Grimaldi, Setaram, Fokkens, Moote and Mayor Campion.

NAYS: Van Vliet.

CARRIED**BY-LAWS**

Moved by Setaram 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 - 46

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 27th day of March, 2023.

CARRIED

Council adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

These Minutes to be approved and adopted by Motion of Council this 4th day of April, 2023.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK