



CITY OF Welland

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

Council met in open session at 5:01 p.m. on the above date.

His Worship Mayor Frank Campion in the Chair.

Members Present:

Councillors J. Chiocchio, T. DiMarco (virtual at 5:34 p.m.- 6:45 p.m.), B. Fokkens, B. Green, M.A. Grimaldi (virtual at 5:07 p.m.), D. McLeod (virtual), A. Moote, S. Setaram (5:37 p.m.), G. Speck and L. Van Vliet.

Members of Staff and Others Present:

Chief Administrative Officer, R. Axiak

City Clerk, T. Stephens

Interim Director of Finance/Chief Finance Officer/Treasurer, E. Pankoff

Fire Chief & Community Emergency Management Coordinator, A. Eckhart

Director of Infrastructure Services, SM. Millar

Director of Planning and Development Services, G. Munday

Manager of Economic Development, L. DeChellis

Interim Director of Community Services, A. Degazio

Acting Manager of Budgets and Financial Reporting/Deputy Treasurer, A. Vuksan Scott

Executive Assistant Finance Services, M. Stadnik-Misener

Revenue Service Manager, M. Lostracco

Corporate Communications Manager, M. MacDonald

Manager of Fleet, Equipment & Purchasing, A. Beres

Manager of Facility Operations & Development, F. Pearson (until 8:00 p.m.)

Information Systems Manager/Network administrator, S. Barnes

Manager of Engineering, L. McEachern

Manager of Human Resources, A. Daisley

Infrastructure & Asset Manager, M. Main

Manager of Public Works, J. Sticca

Chief Building Official, J. Tosta (until 8:00 p.m.)

Manager of Parks, Forestry, Cemeteries, Operations and Development, D. Steven

Manager, Traffic/Parking/By-law. A. Khan (5:34 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.)

(Councillor Speck disclosed an interest and did not take part in any consideration or discussions related to the Welland Historical Museum, Welland JackFish, The Hope Centre, Faith Welland Outreach, Welland FloatFest and Pathstone Foundation as his company provides apparel to these organizations).

2023 - 504

23-4 Moved by Speck and Fokkens

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information Report COMM-2023-01 as a summary of the communications tactics for the 2024 budget.

CARRIED

2023 - 505

23-4 Moved by Green and Moote

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information Report FIN-2023-32: 2024 Budget Amendment Resolution Form Process.

CARRIED

23-4 Moved by McLeod and Van Vliet

THAT Welland City Council moves to amend as strictly conditional approved that a Tax supported decision unit be proposed for \$500,000 incremental capital backlog spending.

YEAS: McLeod, Moote and Van Vliet.

NAYS: Green, Speck, Chiocchio, Grimaldi, Setaram, Fokkens and Mayor Campion.

LOST

23-4 Moved by Setaram and Moote

THAT Welland City Council moves to amend as strictly conditional the 2024 budget to include the Supervisor of Traffic, Parking, and By-law Enforcement in the 2024 budget for a total of \$28,348.

LOST

23-4 Moved by Setaram and Fokkens

THAT Welland City Council moves to amend as strictly conditional to add upwards of \$2,000.00 to increase the wattage of the existing outdoor facility lighting of the Museum (city-owned building) in order to improve community/pedestrian safety in front of the building.

CARRIED

23-4 Moved by Fokkens and Setaram

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves as strictly conditional "A Tree Give Away Project" for Spring 2024 in conjunction with the Green Advisory Committee and the parks Division, for planting on private property, to promote residential awareness to improve air quality, fight climate change and increase property values. Estimated cost (per D. Steven) \$4,000, to be funded through the Operating Reserve Fund.

CARRIED

23-4 Moved by Fokkens and Speck
 THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves as strictly conditional the reduce Capital Budget Project Submission 10-430-24451 by \$30,000 – page 103 Graffiti & Vandalism repairs are included in Parks (410) and By-laws (525) exp 520690 of \$30,000, savings \$30,000 from operating.

LOST

23-4 Moved by Fokkens and Chiocchio
 THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves as strictly conditional to remove from the Capital Budget Project Submission 10-438-24463 – Rosie Smith Pool Heater a decrease in the Transfer from Capital \$225,000.

YEAS: Green, Speck, Chiocchio, Grimaldi and Fokkens.

NAYS: McLeod, Setaram, Moote and Mayor Campion.

CARRIED

23-4 Moved by Fokkens and Green
 THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves as strictly conditional to remove from the Capital Budget Project Submission 10-430-24452 not an immediate required expenditure. This is for Public Works and there are no new hires for this department. Savings of \$75,000 from Operating.

YEAS: Green, Speck, Chiocchio, Grimaldi, Setaram and Fokkens.

NAYS: McLeod, Moote and Mayor Campion.

CARRIED

23-4 Moved by Fokkens and Van Vliet
 THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves as strictly conditional to reduce the Capital Budget Project Submission 10-430-24453 – Dog Park Improvements – page 160 to remove increasing the size of the park.

CARRIED

23-4 Moved by Fokkens and Van Vliet
 THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves as strictly conditional to amend from Capital Budget Project Submission 10-432-24477 – Future Arena Needs & Feasibility Study page 114, that the full amount of \$150,000 is funded through Development Charges: Savings of \$112,000 from operation.

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23-4 Moved by Fokkens and Speck
 THAT Welland City Council approves to amend approves as strictly conditional from Capital Budget Project Submission 10-432-24477 – Future Arena Needs & Feasibility Study page 114, that the full amount of \$112,000 be transferred from operating.

LOST

FOLLOWING THE LOST VOTE TO THE AMENDMENT, THE MAIN MOTION WAS PUT AND

LOST

23-4 Moved by Fokkens and Speck
 THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves to amend as strictly conditional from Capital Budget Project Submission 10-323-24300 – Fleet page 134 – 2 Wakeless Vessels at \$36,659 each to - \$36,659 to purchase 1 boat or repair 2. Reduction of debenture funding of \$36,659.

LOST

23-4 Moved by Speck and Green
 THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves as strictly conditional to remove Civic Square Plaza Revitalization 10-439-24460 from the budget.

LOST

23-4 Moved by Speck and Green
 THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves to amend as strictly conditional to include a Supervisor of Plans Examination/Deputy Chief Building Official.

CARRIED

23-4 Moved by Moote by Setaram
 THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves to amend as strictly conditional the budget to include a Senior Building Inspector.

CARRIED

23-4 Moved by Moote by Setaram
 THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves to amend as strictly conditional the budget to include a Senior Plans Examiner.

LOST

23-4 Moved by McLeod and Van Vliet
 THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves to amend as strictly conditional to include a Probationary Firefighters (7).

CARRIED

23-4 Moved by McLeod and Green
 THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves to amend as strictly conditional to include Safety Equipment for (7) Probationary Firefighters (Funded by Capital Surplus).

CARRIED

23-4 Moved by McLeod and
 THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves to amend as strictly conditional Water/Wastewater budget to move to a 41% fixed cost portion, which is the provincial average.

NOT PUT

23-4 Moved by McLeod and
 THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves to amend as strictly conditional - Water/Wastewater budget to include 34% fixed cost portion (Provincial average = 41%).

NOT PUT

23-4 Moved by McLeod and
 THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves to amend as strictly conditional that a Water/Wastewater decision unit be proposed for \$250,000 incremental increase in capital Water/Wastewater backlog funding.

NOT PUT

23-4 Moved by Grimaldi and Setaram
 THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves to amend as strictly conditional to increase capital contribution from operating budget from \$200,000 to \$400,000. The same as in the 2023 Budget for Water Meter Replacement.

LOST

23-4 Moved by Grimaldi and Fokkens
 THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves to amend as strictly conditional to increase the City's rate supported self-imposed deb limit from 11% to 12% commencing in budget year 2025 Capital Project for cast iron watermain replacement and not for water meter replacement.

LOST

23-4 Moved by Speck and Chiochio
 THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves to amend as strictly conditional not to pre-approve option 2 (increasing debt limit and 34%) and not pre-approve option 3 (increasing debt and 35%).

CARRIED

BY-LAWS

Moved by McLeod 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.

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BYL 2023 - 162

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 November, 2023.

CARRIED

Council adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

These Minutes to be approved and adopted by Motion of Council this 19th day of December, 2023.