



**CITY OF
Welland**

MINUTES OF THE

APRIL 8, 2025 COUNCIL MEETING

**CIVIC SQUARE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
60 EAST MAIN STREET**

Council met in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 6:31 p.m. and in open session at 7:02 p.m. on the above date.

His Worship Mayor Frank Campion in the Chair.

Members Present:

Councillors J. Chiocchio, T. DiMarco (virtual and was removed from the meeting at 10:49 p.m.), B. Fokkens (virtual), B. Green, J. Lee, D. McLeod, A. Moote, S. Setaram, G. Speck, and L. Van Vliet.

Members of Staff and Others Present:

Chief Administrative Officer, R. Axiak

Director of Legislative Services/City Clerk, T. Stephens

General Manager of Corporate & Enterprise Services/CFO, S. Nagel

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

Director of Community Services, J. Ruddell (until 10:12 p.m.)

Director of Infrastructure Services, SM. Millar (virtual)

Director of Planning and Development Services, G. Munday

Information Systems Manager/Network Administrator, S. Barnes (until 7:27 p.m.)

Supervisor of Parking & By-Law Enforcement, J. Cronshaw (7:02 p.m.)

Manager of Facility Operations & Development, F. Pearson (7:02 p.m. - 10:12 p.m.)

Manager of Transportation, A. Khan (9:30 p.m. - 10:35 p.m.)

2025 - 73**25-25** Moved by Van Vliet and Moote

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND meet, with the Mayor as Chair, in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 6:32 p.m. to consider:

- Security of the property of the municipality or local board:
 - IT Strategic Plan.

CARRIED**2025 - 74****25-25** Moved by McLeod and Moote

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND arise from its closed Committee-of-the-Whole meeting at 6:42 p.m. without report.

CARRIED**THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS ADDED:**

99-99 Report ENG-2025-07: Additional Funding Request - Rotary Park Parking Lot and Sand Area Design.

25-19 Report CS-2025-17: Arena Feasibility – Repair vs. New – recommendation was updated to the following: THAT Welland City Council chooses proceeding with repairing existing facilities or building a new facility.

PRESENTATIONS

24-60 Ian Shelly, Partner and Abdel Al-Sharif, Engagement Manager, Blackline Consulting addressed Council regarding the IT Strategic Plan.

25-28 Lynn Guerriero, President and Chief Executive Officer and Harpreet Bassi, Executive Vice President, Niagara Health System addressed Council regarding Investing in the future of healthcare.

2025 - 75**25-1** Moved by McLeod and Setaram

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND hereby approves and adopts the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of March 18, 2025, as circulated.

CARRIED**2025 - 76****99-49** Moved by Chiocchio and McLeod

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND, as sole Shareholder of Welland Hydro-Electric Holding Corp., requests and accepts excess funds of \$1,000,000 by way of a dividend from Welland Hydro-Electric Holding Corp.

CARRIED

2025 - 77

99-99 Moved by Chiocchio and Setaram

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND authorizes additional funding for the detailed design of the Rotary Park Parking Lot and Sand Area as described herein.

CARRIED

2025 - 78

03-59

25-22 Moved by Lee and Green

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves Report TRAF-2025-02: Updates to the Clean Yards By-law and the Traffic & Parking By-law: Administrative Penalties and Municipal Parking Lots; and further

THAT Welland City Council directs the City Clerk to amend By-law 2019-135 and By-law 89-2000 as provided in APPENDIX I.

CARRIED

2025 - 79

08-95 Moved by Moote and Lee (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves the appointment of the following directors of the North Welland Business Improvement Area Board of Management as selected by a vote of the membership of the improvement area: John Clark, Alanna Galeota, Cheryl Girard-Blais, Chad Scully, Justin Dayboll, Jeff Reuter, Dennis Rogers and Ryan Harrison.

CARRIED

2025 - 80

08-95

25-4 Moved by Moote and Lee (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves the 2025 budget from the North Welland Downtown Business Improvement Area Board as presented on April 8, 2025 in the amount of \$59,180 and a \$2,320 levy to Seaway Mall; and further

THAT Welland City Council authorizes the General Manager of Corporate and Enterprise Services/CFO to make arrangements to levy an amount of \$59,180 against the business operations within the defined area and bill Seaway Mall by way of a special charge in the amount of \$2,320 on condition that the required financial statements are submitted to the satisfaction of the General Manager of Corporate and Enterprise Services/CFO.

CARRIED

2025 - 81

21-28 Moved by Fokkens and McLeod

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves the request from the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee for a table at the Niagara Unity Awards (approximately \$400) from the 2025 Advisory Committee Activity Account.

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21-28 Moved by Fokkens and
THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves the request from the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee for a table at the Niagara Unity Awards (approximately \$400) from the 2025 Advisory Committee Activity Account to only pay for members of the committee approximately.

NOT PUT

FOLLOWING THE ATTEMPT TO AMEND THE MOTION, THE MAIN MOTION WAS PUT IN ITS ORIGINAL FORM AND

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

NAYS: Fokkens and Van Vliet.

(Councillor DiMarco did not vote on this item).

CARRIED

2025 - 82

21-30 Moved by Moote and Lee (in block)
THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the correspondence from the City of Thorold dated February 27, 2025 regarding Actions to Address Mental Health, Addiction and Homelessness.

CARRIED

2025 - 83

24-60 Moved by Lee and Moote
THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the presentation by Ian Shelly, Partner and Abdel AISHarif, Engagement Manager, Blackline Consulting regarding the IT Strategic Plan.

CARRIED

2025 - 84

24-60 Moved by McLeod and Setaram
THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves the City's Information Technology (IT) Strategic Plan; and further
THAT Welland City Council approves hiring a Project Administrator as recommended in the plan to be funded through the Operating Surplus Reserve for the remainder of 2025.

CARRIED

2025 - 85

25-4 Moved by Green and Lee

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND authorizes the Manager of Budgets and Financial Services/ Deputy Treasurer to request the Regional Municipality of Niagara to issue debentures in the amount of \$9,874,000 in accordance with the terms of the various authorizing By-laws outlined in Appendix I; and further

That Council directs the Manager of Budgets and Financial Services/ Deputy Treasurer to make available certified copies of all applicable By-laws and Ministry of Environment Certificates, if applicable and all other information required in connection thereto to ensure the authorization of the issuance of the debentures in the amount of \$9,874,000 for the projects outlined in Appendix I; and further

THAT Council directs the City Clerk to prepare all the necessary and appropriate By-laws for debenture financing arrangements.

CARRIED

2025 - 86

25-6 Moved by Moote and Lee (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND proclaims May as "Leave a Legacy Month" in the City of Welland.

CARRIED

2025 - 87

25-15 Moved by Moote and Lee (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves the amendment to By-law 2006-193 to reflect the updated fees and charges; and further

THAT Welland City Council approves the amendment to By-law 2021-188 to reflect the updated fees and charges.

CARRIED

2025 - 88

25-19 Moved by Green and Moote

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information Report CS-2025-17: Arena Feasibility – Repair vs. New; and further

THAT Welland City Council chooses building a new facility.

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25-19 Moved by Fokkens and Chiocchio

THAT Welland City Council refers back to staff Report CS-2025-17: Arena Feasibility – Repair vs. New.

YEAS: Chiocchio, DiMarco, Fokkens and Speck.

NAYS: Green, Lee, McLeod, Moote, Setaram and Van Vliet.

LOST

FOLLOWING THE LOST VOTE TO REFER, THE MAIN MOTION WAS PUT AS AMENDED WITH OPTION 2 AND

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

NAYS: Chiochio, DiMarco, Fokkens and Speck.

CARRIED

2025 - 89

25-28 Moved by Setaram and McLeod
THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the presentation by Lynn Guerriero, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Harpreet Bassi, Executive Vice President, Niagara Health regarding investing in the future of healthcare; and further
THAT Welland City Council directs staff to bring forward financing options for Council's consideration at a future meeting.

YEAS: Mayor Campion, Chiochio, DiMarco, Fokkens, Green, Lee, McLeod, Moote, Setaram and Van Vliet.

NAYS: Speck.

CARRIED

2025 - 90

25-66 Moved by McLeod and Lee
THAT COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves spending \$23,000.00 from the Building Permit Reserve Fund to install two additional level 2 electric vehicle (EV) charging stations (4 charging heads), three e-bike/scooter charging stations, three park benches and three bike racks behind City Hall.

CARRIED

2025 - 91

25-68 Moved by Green and Setaram
THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND requests a staff report on a Pavement Rejuvenation Program for budget years 2025 and 2026 with no impact to the tax levy.

CARRIED

BY-LAWS

Moved by Lee 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.

03-59**25-22**

BYL 2025 - 26

A By-law to amend By-law 2019-135, being a By-law to provide regulations for maintaining land in a clean and clear condition (Clean Yards By-law).

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BYL 2025 - 27

A By-law to amend By-law 89-2000, being a By-law regulating Traffic and Parking with the City of Welland.

CARRIED

Moved by Moote and Lee (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.

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BYL 2025 - 28

A By-law to authorize application to the Regional Municipality of Niagara for the issue of debentures for the year 2025.

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BYL 2025 - 29

A By-law to levy and collect property taxes and other amounts for the year 2025.

CARRIED

Moved by McLeod and Van Vliet

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.

25-1

BYL 2025 - 30

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 8th day of April 2025.

CARRIED

Council adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

These Minutes to be approved and adopted by Motion of Council this 22nd day of April 2025.