



CITY OF Welland

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 3, 2025 COUNCIL MEETING CIVIC SQUARE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS 60 EAST MAIN STREET

Council met in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 5:47 p.m. and in open session at 7:04 p.m. on the above date.

His Worship Vice Mayor David McLeod in the Chair.

Members Present:

Councillors J. Chiocchio, T. DiMarco (virtual at 7:04 p.m.), B. Fokkens (virtual), B. Green, M.A. Grimaldi (virtual at 6:04 p.m.), J. Lee, A. Moote, C. Richard, S. Setaram, G. Speck, and L. Van Vliet.

Members of Staff and Others Present:

Chief Administrative Officer/ Director of Community Services, J. Ruddell
Director of Legislative Services/City Clerk, T. Stephens
General Manager of Corporate & Enterprise Services/CFO, S. Nagel
Director of Infrastructure Services, SM. Millar
Director of Planning and Development Services, G. Munday
Chief Human Resources Officer, A. Daisley (until 6:35 p.m.)
Infrastructure and Asset Manager, M. Main (7:04 p.m. - 8:26 p.m.)
Manager of Capital Engineering, L. McEachern (7:04 p.m. - 8:26 p.m.)
Manager of Facility Operations & Development, F. Pearson (6:37 p.m.)
Manager of Transportation, A. Khan (7:04 p.m.)
Supervisor of Parking - By-law Enforcement, J. Croshaw (7:04 p.m.)

2025 - 133**25-25** Moved by Richard and Setaram

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND meet, with the Mayor as Chair, in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 5:47 p.m. to consider:

- personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; and
 - Citizen appointment to the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee.
 - Treasurer Appointment By-law.
- Security of the property of the municipality or local board;
 - Corporate Security Audit – Final Report.

CARRIED**2025 - 134****25-25** Moved by Lee and Moote

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND arise from its closed Committee-of-the-Whole meeting at 6:58 p.m. with report.

CARRIED**THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS ADDED:**

21-30 Steven Soos addressed Council regarding the state of emergency on homelessness and forming an Ad Hoc Committee.

PRESENTATIONS

19-36 Jenn Gross, GEI Consultants Inc. addressed Council regarding the 2025 Asset Management Plan.

AGENCIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES REPORTS

04-47 Julianne Brunet, Chief Executive Officer and Lindsay Bryan, Board Chair, Welland Public Library Board addressed Council regarding an update on its activities.

2025 - 135**25-1** Moved by Richard and Van Vliet

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND hereby approves and adopts the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of May 20, 2025, as circulated.

CARRIED**2025 - 136****21-30** Moved by DiMarco and Chiocchio

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND waives the rules to permit a delegation at this evenings meeting.

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CARRIED**

2025 - 137**21-30**

Moved by DiMarco and Lee

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND permits Mr. Steven Soos to make a presentation regarding mental health crisis and homelessness.

CARRIED**2025 -138****99-99**

Moved by Chiocchio and Lee

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND enters into a cost share agreement with the Regional Municipality of Niagara in the amount of \$2,646,438.00 (excluding HST) for the Welland Water Treatment Plant New Welland Canal Transmission Watermain and Merritt Street Reconstruction project; and further

That Welland City Council approves the reallocation of \$62,000.00 from the Cast Iron Waterman Replacements account to cover the funding shortfall; and further

That Welland City Council approves the transfer of a new easement, as described herein, in favour of the Regional Municipality of Niagara.

CARRIED**2025 - 139****99-99**

Moved by Green and Lee

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND awards to Quartek Group Inc. for the provision of the Design, Consulting Services for the Merritt Island Facility and Park Replacement.

(Councillor Moote disclosed an interest in the matter and did not take part in the consideration and discussion of same, as he offers subcontractor work to the company.)

CARRIED**2025 - 140****02-160**

Moved by Moote and Richard

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the presentation by Sabine Matheson and Olivia Lahaie, StrategyCorp. regarding Welland Ward Boundary Review - Interim Report and Update.

CARRIED**2025 - 141****04-47**

Moved by Lee and Chiocchio

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the presentation by Julianne Brunet, Chief Executive Officer and Lindsay Bryan, Board Chair, Welland Public Library Board regarding an update on its activities.

CARRIED**2025 - 142****08-48**

Moved by Richard and Lee

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves Report BYL-2025-01: Response to Council Notice of Motion - Nuisance Lighting; and further

THAT Welland City Council directs the City Clerk to amend By-law 2009-108 as set out in APPENDIX I.

CARRIED

2025 - 143**19-36**

Moved by Moote and Setaram

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the presentation by Jenn Gross, GEI Consultants Inc. regarding the 2025 Asset Management Plan.

CARRIED**2025 -144****19-36**

Moved by Richard and Green

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND adopts the 2025 Asset Management Plan.

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19-36

Moved by Fokkens and Richard

THAT Welland City Council removes the portion after “duties define above” and replace with “and provide direction that demonstrates commitment to the success of the continued improvement of asset management practices and documentation”, under the CAO section.

YEAS: Chiocchio, DiMarco, Fokkens, Green, Richard and Speck.

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

LOST

FOLLOWING THE LOST VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT, THE MAIN MOTION WAS PUT IN ITS ORIGINAL FORM AND CARRIED

2025 - 145**21-30**

Moved by Lee and Green

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the presentation Steven Soos regarding the state of emergency on homelessness and forming an Ad Hoc Committee.

CARRIED**2025 - 146****25-22**

Moved by Moote and Setaram

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information Report ENG-2025-11: Response to Council Notice of Motion - Pedestrian Crossing at Trails.

CARRIED

2025 - 147**25-73** Moved by DiMarco and Chiocchio

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information Report CS-2025-07: Security Audit Report; and further

THAT Welland City Council considers funding of security recommendations, advised by GardaWorld, in future years as part of the annual budget process; and further

THAT Welland City Council approves a strategic partnership between the City of Welland and the Niagara Regional Police Service (NRPS) to share Welland surveillance data with the Real Time Operations Centre (RTOC); and further

THAT Welland City Council directs staff to work with NRPS to develop and implement a data-sharing agreement, and operational protocols, to enhance public safety.

CARRIED**2025 - 148****25-78** Moved by Setaram and Lee

WHEREAS, the City of Welland is composed of diverse neighbourhoods, each with its unique history, character, and cultural significance; and

WHEREAS, preserving the identity and heritage of existing and future neighbourhoods contributes to community pride, cultural continuity, and the overall vibrancy of the city.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND requests staff to:

1. Identify the existing and emerging neighbourhoods within the City of Welland; and
2. Explore how other municipalities preserve and promote neighbourhood identity and heritage, including but not limited to neighbourhood-specific signage and other relevant strategies; and
3. Provide a report to Council outlining potential recommendations for Welland.

YEAS: Grimaldi, Lee, McLeod, Moote and Setaram.

NAYS: Chiocchio, DiMarco, Fokkens, Green, Richard, Speck and Van Viet.

LOST**BUSINESS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE (IN-CAMERA)****2025 - 149****25-28** Moved by Chiocchio and Lee (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND appoints Chloe Fortier to the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee for the term June 3, 2025 to November 14, 2026.

CARRIED

BY- LAWS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE (IN-CAMERA)

Moved by Fokkens 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.

25-24

Byl 2025 - 70

A By-law to appoint a Treasurer for the City of Welland.

YEAS: Chiocchio, DiMarco, Fokkens, Green, Grimaldi, Lee, McLeod, Moote, Richard, Setaram and Van Vliet.

NAYS: Speck.

CARRIED

BY-LAWS

Moved by Moote and Richard

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.

08-48

BYL 2025 - 71

A By-law to amend By-law 2009-108 being a By-law prescribing standards for the maintenance and occupancy of property.

CARRIED

Moved by Chiocchio and Lee (in block)

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.

25-80

BYL 2025 - 72

A By-law to exempt certain lands from Part-Lot Control - Block 29, Plan 59M-429, Parts 1-3 (inclusive), Plan 59R-18365 - 44 Huron Street, City of Welland.

CARRIED

Moved by Moote 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 2025 - 73

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 3rd day of June 2025.

CARRIED

Council adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

These Minutes to be approved and adopted by Motion of Council this 17th day of June 2025.