



CITY OF Welland

MINUTES OF THE JULY 8, 2025 COUNCIL MEETING CIVIC SQUARE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS 60 EAST MAIN STREET

Council met in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 5:35 p.m. and in open session at 7:00 p.m. on the above date.

His Worship Mayor Frank Campion in the Chair.

Members Present:

Councillors J. Chiocchio (was virtual at beginning and then in person), T. DiMarco (virtual), B. Fokkens, B. Green, J. Lee, D. McLeod, C. Richard, 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

Director of Community Services, J. Ruddell (6:15 p.m.)

Director of Infrastructure Services, SM. Millar (6:15 p.m.)

Director of Planning and Development Services, G. Munday (6:15 p.m.)

Chief Human Resources Officer, A. Daisley (until 6:15 p.m.)

Manager of Budgets & Financial Services/Deputy Treasurer, A. Vuksan Scott (7:00 p.m.)

City Treasurer, M. Steele (7:00 p.m.)

Deputy Fire Chief, M. Richardson (6:15 p.m.)

Manager of Development Planning, T. Meadows (6:15 p.m.- 6:39 p.m.)

Manager of Facility Operations & Development, F. Pearson (7:00 p.m.)

Manager of Traffic, Parking and By-laws, A. Khan (7:00 p.m. - 10:40 p.m.)

2025 - 79**25-25** Moved by Van Vliet and Lee

THAT Council meet, with the Mayor as Chair, in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 5:35 p.m. to consider:

- personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
 - Human Resources Matter.
- receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
 - Legal Advice - Re: Hunters Pointe Redevelopment Subdivision - Request to Remove Condition (No. 92) of Draft Plan Approval for an Overpass.

CARRIED**2025 - 80****25-25** Moved by Richard and McLeod

THAT Council arise from its closed Committee-of-the-Whole meeting at 6:39 p.m. without report.

CARRIED**THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS CORRECTED:**

Item 5.5 – Civic Square Revitalization Detailed Design RFP –On the 2nd page of the report, paragraph 2 – the report states council approved the final concept design, however it was not approved.

DELEGATIONS

21-30 Jon Braithwaite, CEO, The Hope Centre, Shelly Mousseau, Program Director, Gateway and Jeffrey Sinclair, Manager of Homeless Services, Niagara Region addressed Council regarding Ontario Road Shelter/Homelessness system.

2025 - 81**25-1** Moved by Richard and McLeod

THAT Council hereby approves and adopts the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of June 17, 2025, as circulated.

CARRIED

2025 - 82**99-99**

Moved by Setaram and McLeod

THAT Council receives Report CS-2025-26 for information; and further
 THAT Council awards to The MBTW Group Inc. for the provision of the Design, Consulting, Tendering and Contract Administrations Services for the Civic Square Plaza Revitalization.

YEAS: Mayor Campion, Green, Lee, McLeod and Setaram.

NAYS: Chiocchio, Fokkens, Richard, Speck and Van Vliet.

LOST**2025 - 83****21-30**

Moved by McLeod and Van Vliet

THAT Council receives for information the presentation by Jon Braithwaite, CEO, The Hope Centre, Shelly Mousseau, Program Director, Gateway and Jeffrey Sinclair, Manager of Homeless Services, Niagara Region regarding Ontario Road Shelter/Homelessness system.

CARRIED**2025 - 84****25-4**

Moved by Fokkens and McLeod

THAT Council receives for information the 2024 Year-End Operating Budget Variance Report and the 2024 Capital Progress report up to and including December 31, 2024; and further

THAT Council approves the 2024 Tax Supported Operating Budget surplus of \$1,541,460 to be allocated to the Operating Surplus Reserve Fund; and further
 THAT Council approves the 2024 Water/Wastewater (Rate) Supported Operating Budget Surplus of \$1,834,044 to be allocated to the Water/Wastewater Reserve Fund.

CARRIED**2025 - 85****25-4**

Moved by Green and McLeod

THAT Council receives for information the Capital Project Close-out report listed in Appendix I as attached to Report FIN-2025-17; and further

THAT Council approves the recommended transfers to the following reserves in accordance with the capital projects being closed as outlined in Appendix I:

- Economic Development Reserve of \$29,850.23
- Water/Wastewater Surplus Reserve of \$362,458.69
- Capital Surplus Reserve of \$900,652.29.

CARRIED**2025 - 86****25-22**

Moved by McLeod and Setaram

THAT Council approves Report ENG-2025-19: Update to Traffic By-law 89-2000 Schedule "XXVII"; and further

THAT Council directs the City Clerk to amend By-law 89-2000 Schedule "XXVII" as outlined in Appendix B.

CARRIED

2025 - 87**25-75**

Moved by Green and Lee

THAT Council denies the request by 2599587 Ontario Ltd. ("259") to amend the draft plan conditions of approval for the Hunters Pointe Subdivision by deleting Condition #92, which requires the construction of an overpass.

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

NAYS: Van Vliet.

CARRIED**2025 - 88****02-160**

Moved by Speck and Lee

THAT Council extends curfew until 11:30 p.m.

LOST
(2/3 MAJORITY IS REQUIRED)

BY-LAWS

Moved by Richard and Lee (in block)

THAT Council 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.

25-22**25-23**

BYL 2025 - 76

A By-law to amend appointment By-laws 2018-48, 2018-49 and 2018-50.

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BYL 2025 - 77

A By-law to provide for the appointment of Deputy Fire Chief(s) to act as Fire Chief during the absence of the Fire Chief for the City of Welland Fire and Emergency Services; and to repeal By-law 2021-70 and By-law 2022-19.

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BYL 2025 - 78

A By-law to authorize signing authority on behalf of the City of Welland; and to repeal By-laws 2013-82 and 2016-178.

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BYL 2025 - 79

A By-law to exempt certain lands from Part-Lot Control - Block 7, Plan 59M-528, Parts 1 to 8 (inclusive), 59R-18367, (953, 957, 961, 967 Clare Avenue), City of Welland.

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BYL 2025 - 80

A By-law to exempt certain lands from Part-Lot Control - Block 14, Plan 59M-528, Parts 1 to 3 (inclusive), 59R-18335, (79, 83, Harvest Oak Drive), City of Welland.

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BYL 2025 - 81

A By-law to exempt certain lands from Part-Lot Control - Block 15, Plan 59M-528, Parts 1 to 4 (inclusive), 59R-18337, (67, 75 Harvest Oak Drive), City of Welland.

CARRIED

Moved by Lee and Fokkens

THAT Council 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 - 82

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 July 2025.

CARRIED

Council adjourned at 10:59 p.m.

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