



CITY OF Welland

MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

OCTOBER 28, 2025

COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CIVIC SQUARE

Meeting Number G.C. 2025 – 09

Members Present Chair S. Setaram

F. Campion

J. Chiocchio (until 9:58 p.m.)

T. DiMarco (virtual until 10:15 p.m.)

B. Fokkens (virtual)

B. Green

M.A. Grimaldi

J. Lee

D. McLeod

A. Moote

C. Richard

G. Speck (virtual at 7:18 p.m.)

L. Van Vliet

Members of the Staff Present:

Acting Chief Administrative Officer, J. Ruddell

Director of Legislative Services/City Clerk, T. Stephens

Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy City Clerk, S. Conidi

Acting Fire Chief, M. Richardson

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

Director of Planning and Development Services, G. Munday

Chief Communications & Public Engagement Officer, M. MacDonald

City Treasurer, M. Steele

Infrastructure and Asset Manager, M. Main

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Chair Setaram called the General Committee Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. **OPEN GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING AT 7:00 P.M.**
2. **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST: NIL**
3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF September 26, 2025.**

Moved by McLeod that the minutes of the General Committee meeting of September 16, 2025, be hereby approved and adopted, as amended.

CARRIED

4. **LEGISLATED PUBLIC HEARINGS PURSUANT TO THE PLANNING ACT**

25-114 Application for Zoning By-law Amendment for lands municipally known as 398 Schisler Road.

Taylor Meadows confirmed that the statutory requirements for public hearing had been met, summarized the purpose of the hearing and reviewed the Planning Division Report.

Callum Gomez, Development Coordinator and Joe Tomaino, Senior Planner, Upper Canada Consultant, 30 Hannover Drive, St. Catharines, ON L2W 1A3 presented on behalf of the applicant.

In support of the application:

- No one spoke in support of the application.

There being no persons present to speak in support of the application, the Chair asked for those opposing the application.

In opposition of the application:

- No one spoke in support of the application.

There being no other persons present to speak in opposition to the application, the hearing was concluded.

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PB-2025-41 Application for Zoning By-law Amendment for lands municipally known as 398 Schisler Road. Ref. No. 25-114

Moved by Mayor Campion

THAT the General Committee receives for information Report P&B 2025-41 regarding application for Zoning By-law Amendment (2025-06) for lands municipally known as 398 Schisler Road (see Appendix I).

CARRIED

5. PRESENTATIONS:

Chief of Police Bill Fordy and Deputy Chief Mario Lagrotteria, Niagara Regional Police Service re: Update on the Police Service and Open-Air Illicit Drug Use to Enhance Community Safety. Ref. No. 25-28

Moved by Grimaldi

THAT Council receives for information the presentation by Chief of Police Bill Fordy and Deputy Chief Mario Lagrotteria, Niagara Regional Police Services regarding update on the Police Service and Open-Air Illicit Drug Use to Enhance Community Safety.

CARRIED

6. DELEGATIONS:

Steven Soos, Ashley Wilcox, Alicia Googoo, Melissa Googoo, and Lizz Emerson, residents re: Public Sex Offender Registries. Ref. No. 21-30

Moved by Richard

THAT the General Committee receives for information the presentation by Steven Soos, Ashley Wilcox, Alicia Googoo, Melissa Googoo, and Lizz Emerson, residents regarding Public Sex Offender Registries.

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Moved by Fokkens

And further that the General Committee recommends to Council formally requests that the Government of Ontario amend Christopher's Law (Sex Offender Registry), 2000, to permit public access to the Ontario Sex Offender Registry, and the national registry; and further That a copy of this resolution BE CIRCULATED to the Premier of Ontario, the Attorney General of Ontario, the Solicitor General of Ontario, all regional Members of Provincial Parliament, and Niagara region municipalities, FCM and AMO.

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Moved by Moote

THAT the General Committee refers back to staff (for consultation and how best to move this forward).

CARRIED

7. AGENCIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES REPORT(S)

Olivia Hope and James Takeo, Members, Arts and Culture Committee regarding Municipal Arts Policy. Ref. No. 05-141

Moved by Grimaldi

THAT the General Committee receives for information the presentation by Olivia Pope and James Takeo, Members, Arts and Culture Committee regarding Municipal Arts Policy.

CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS:

CLK-2025-10: Advisory Committee Comprehensive Review - Introduction to Alternative Modes (Interim Report). Ref. No. 25-115

Moved by Moote

THAT the General Committee receives this interim report for information regarding emerging models for advisory bodies; and further
THAT the General Committee directs staff to proceed with Option 2.

CARRIED

COMMS-2025-02: Budget Communications and Engagement.
Ref. No. 25-4

Moved by Grimaldi

THAT the General Committee receives for information Report COMMS-2025-02: Budget Communications and Engagement.

CARRIED

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FIN-2025-25: Debt Strategy Update. Ref. No. 25-04

Moved by McLeod

THAT the General Committee receives Report FIN-2025-25: Debt Strategy Update for information; and further
THAT the General Committee directs staff to proceed with development of a debt policy for Council's consideration.

CARRIED

The General Committee Meeting adjourned at 10:39 p.m.