



CITY OF Welland

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 3, 2025, 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 (virtual - removed from the meeting at 9:20 p.m. due to inappropriate comments made during the meeting), T. DiMarco, B. Fokkens (virtual), B. Green, M.A. Grimaldi, J. Lee, D. McLeod, A. Moote, C. Richard (virtual), S. Setaram (5:20 p.m.), G. Speck (until 10:16 p.m.), and L. Van Vliet.

Members of Staff and Others Present:

Acting Chief Administrative Officer, J. Ruddell

Director of Legislative Services/City Clerk, T. Stephens

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

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

Acting Fire Chief, M. Richardson

Director of Infrastructure Services, SM. Millar

Director of Planning and Development Services, G. Munday

Director of Strategic Initiatives and Economic Development, L. DeChellis

Chief Communications & Public Engagement Manager, M. MacDonald

Chief Human Resources Officer, A. Daisley

City Treasurer, M. Steele

Manager of Budgets & Financial Services/Deputy Treasurer, A. Vuksan Scott

Manager of Capital Engineering, L. McEachern

Manager of Parks, Forestry and Cemeteries, D. Steven

Infrastructure & Asset Manager, M. Main

Manager of Public Works, R. Chamberlain

Executive Assistant Financial Services, M. Stadnik-Misener

Manager of Business and Community Services, A. Degazio

Manager of Facility, Operations & Development, F. Pearson (until 8:12 p.m.)

2025 - 198

22-112 Moved by McLeod and Setaram

THAT Council receives for information the report from the Green Advisory Committee and recommends that it fund \$30,000 towards planting approximately 2,400 trees on three identified sites to bolster the city's green canopy.

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

NAYS: Speck and DiMarco.

CARRIED

2025 - 199

25-4 Moved by Moote and McLeod

THAT Council add the Community Development Systems Analyst position to the 2026 proposed operating budget in the amount of \$150,503 and that this be funded by Building Provision Reserve Fund.

CARRIED

2025 - 200

25-4 Moved by McLeod and Moote

THAT Council add the position of Special Projects Engineer to the 2026 proposed Operating budget in the amount of \$180,075 and that this be funded by the property tax levy.

YEAS: DiMarco, McLeod, Moote, Setaram and Van Vliet.

NAYS: Mayor Campion, Chiochio, Fokkens, Green, Grimaldi, Lee, Richard, and Speck.

LOST

2025 - 201**25-4**

Moved by McLeod and Van Vliet

THAT Council add the position of Fire Prevention Officer to the 2026 proposed Operating budget in the amount of \$160,054 and that this be funded \$12,500 from annual penalty revenue and \$153,554 by the property tax levy.

YEAS: Mayor Campion, Chiocchio, DiMarco, McLeod, Moote, Setaram, and Van Vliet.

NAYS: Fokkens, Green, Grimaldi, Lee, Richard and Speck.

CARRIED**2025 - 202****25-4**

Moved by McLeod and

THAT Council add the position of By-law Enforcement Officer to the 2026 proposed Operating budget in the amount of \$113,492 and that this be funded by \$60,000 from Other Fines and \$53,492 from the property tax levy.

NOT PUT**2025 - 203****25-4**

Moved by McLeod and Moote

THAT Council add the position of Parks Working Foreperson to the 2026 proposed Operating budget in the amount of \$219,905 and that this be funded from the property tax levy.

LOST**2025 - 204****25-4**

Moved by McLeod and Moote

THAT Council add dedicated capital infrastructure funding (1% of the levy) to the 2026 proposed Operating budget in the amount of \$526,400 and that this be funded from the property tax levy.

.....

25-4

Moved by Green and McLeod

THAT Council amends that \$526,000 come from the levy.

LOST

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

YEAS: McLeod, Moote and Van Vliet.

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

LOST

2025 - 205**25-4**

Moved by Lee and Moote

THAT COUNCIL add the Welland Museum – Educational Programmer to the 2026 proposed Operating budget in the amount of \$48,400 and that this be funded by Property tax levy.

(Councillor Speck disclosed an interest in a matter and did not take part in the consideration and discussion of same, as his company provides apparel to the Welland Historical Museum).

CARRIED**2025 - 206****25-4**

Moved by Moote and McLeod

THAT Council add the Communication Specialist from the 2026 proposed Operating budget in the amount of \$127,853 and that this be funded by Property tax levy.

LOST**2025 - 207****25-4**

Moved by McLeod and Lee

THAT Council add a dedicated Tree Canopy Planting Investment to the 2026 proposed capital budget in the amount of \$30,000 and that this be funded entirely by the 2026 tax levy.

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

NAYS: Chiocchio, DiMarco, Fokkens, Grimaldi, Richard and Speck.

CARRIED**2025 - 208****25-4**

Moved by Speck and Green

THAT Council removes civic square project 10-439- 26460 from the 2026 proposed Capital budget in the amount of \$1.3 million.

.....

25-4

Moved by Chiocchio and

THAT Council add Bald, Maple & Catherine Infrastructure Renewals Project outlined in business case B2 to 2026 capital budget in the amount of \$1,424,800 to be funded by debenture.

NOT PUT

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

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

NAYS: Mayor Campion, Grimaldi, McLeod, Moote, Setaram and Van Vliet.

CARRIED

2025 - 209**25-4**

Moved by Speck and Lee

THAT Council removes Ridge Road Archaeological Assessment project #10-825-26653 from the 2026 capital budget in the amount of \$700,000.

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

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

LOST**2025 - 210****25-4**

Moved by Green and McLeod

THAT Council adds the Pavement Rejuvenation Program outlined in business case B4 to the 2026 capital budget in the amount of \$2,465,400 and that this project be funded from the infrastructure renewal reserve.

.....

25-4

Moved by McLeod and Moote

THAT Council amends to have refunds \$526,000 of the program to be funded by the levy.

.....

2025 - 211**02-160**

Moved by Speck and Green

THAT Council challenges the Chair regarding a ruling on an amendment.

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

NAYS: Green, Speck, DiMarco and Fokkens.

CARRIED

FOLLOWING THE VOTE TO CHALLENGE THE CHAIR, THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND

YEAS: Chiocchio, McLeod, Moote and Van Vliet.

NAYS: Lee, Green, Speck, DiMarco, Richard, Grimaldi, Setaram, Fokkens, and Mayor Campion.

LOST

FOLLOWING THE LOST TO THE AMENDMENT, THE MAIN WAS PUT IN ITS ORIGINAL FORM AND

YEAS: Lee, Green, DiMarco, Richard, Grimaldi, Setaram and Fokkens.

NAYS: Speck, McLeod, Moote, Van Vliet and Mayor Campion.

CARRIED

2025 - 212

25-4

Moved by Green and Moote

THAT Council adds Bald, Maple & Catherine Infrastructure Renewals Project outlined in business case B2 to the 2026 capital budget in the amount of \$1,424,800 to be funded by debenture; and further

THAT Council adds Bald, Maple & Catherine Infrastructure Renewals Project outlined in business case R2 to the 2026 capital budget in the amount of \$1,098,800 for the water program and \$287,800 for the wastewater program and the project be funded by debenture.

.....

25-4

Moved by McLeod and Moote

THAT Council amends to have \$500,000 of the project to be funded by the levy.

NAYS: McLeod and Moote.

YEAS: Lee, Green, Speck, DiMarco, Richard, Grimaldi, Setaram, Fokkens, Van Vliet and Mayor Campion.

LOST

25-4

Moved by Fokkens and Setaram

THAT Council adds project design component of \$170,000 and remove capital budget in the amount of \$1,424,900.

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

NAYS: Speck.

CARRIED

FOLLOWING THE VOTES ON THE AMENDMENTS, THE MAIN MOTION WAS PUT AS AMENDED AND.....

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

NAYS: Speck.

CARRIED

2025 - 213**25-4**

Moved by McLeod and Moote

THAT Council adds dedicated capital infrastructure funding (1% of the rate - \$151,713 Waterworks Budget and \$246,168 Wastewater Budget) to the 2026 proposed Operating budget in the amount of \$397,881 and that this be funded from the water and wastewater rates.

YEAS: Green, McLeod, Moote and Van Vliet.

NAYS: Lee, Speck, DiMarco, Richard, Grimaldi, Setaram, Fokkens and Mayor Campion.

LOST**2025 - 214****25-4**

Moved by Speck and Green

THAT Council removes the waterworks design component from the Surface Treatment Program project (#10-910-26153) in the 2026 capital budget in the amount of \$160,000.

YEAS: None.

NAYS: Lee, Green, Speck, McLeod, DiMarco, Richard, Grimaldi, Setaram, Fokkens, Moote, Van Vliet and Mayor Campion.

LOST**2025 - 215****25-4**

Moved by DiMarco and Fokkens

THAT Council removes the Welland Stadium Sports Field Lighting - \$659,000.

YEAS: DiMarco.

NAYS: Lee, Green, McLeod, Richard, Grimaldi, Setaram, Fokkens, Moote, Van Viet and Mayor Campion.

LOST**2025 - 216****25-4**

Moved by DiMarco and

THAT Council removes Trail Improvements.

NOT PUT

BY-LAWS

Moved by Van Vliet and McLeod

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.

25-1

BYL 2025 - 106

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 December 2025.

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

NAYS: None.

CARRIED

Council adjourned at 10:23 p.m.

These Minutes to be approved and adopted by Motion of Council this 16th day of December 2025.