



CITY OF Welland

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 16, 2026, COUNCIL MEETING CIVIC SQUARE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS 60 EAST MAIN STREET

Council met in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 5:48 p.m. and in open session at 7:17 p.m. on the above date.

His Worship Mayor Frank Campion in the Chair.

Members Present:

Councillors J. Chiocchio, T. DiMarco, B. Fokkens, B. Green (virtual at 6:58 p.m.), M.A. Grimaldi, J. Lee, D. McLeod (until 10:33 p.m.), A. Moote (until 10:30 p.m.), C. Richard, S. Setaram (virtual at 5:34 p.m. until 7:10 p.m.), G. Speck, and L. Van Vliet (until 10:33 p.m.).

Members of Staff and Others Present:

Chief Administrative Officer, J. Ruddell (until 10:24 p.m.)
Director of Legislative Services/City Clerk, T. Stephens
Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy City Clerk, S. Conidi (until 10:24 p.m.)
Director of Community Services, J. McPetrie (until 10:24 p.m.)
General Manager of Corporate & Enterprise Services/CFO, S. Nagel (until 10:24 p.m.)
Acting Fire Chief, M. Richardson (until 10:24 p.m.)
Director of Infrastructure Services, SM. Millar (until 10:24 p.m.)
Director of Planning and Development Services, G. Munday (until 10:24 p.m.)
Director of Strategic Initiatives and Economic Development, L. DeChellis (until 10:24 p.m.)

Chief Communications & Public Engagement Manager, M. MacDonald (until 10:24 p.m.)

Manager of Parks, Forestry and Cemeteries, D. Steven (until 6:45 p.m.)

City Treasurer, M. Steele (until 10:24 p.m.)

Manager of Capital Engineering, K. Walsh (until 9:30 p.m.)

Manager of Transportation, A. Khan (8:10 p.m. - 10:24 p.m.)

(Abbey Sinclair, WierFoulds LPP, was present during Committee-of-the-Whole discussion on a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board).

2026 - 115

26-25 Moved by Van Vliet and McLeod

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND meet, with the Mayor as Chair, in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 5:48 p.m. to consider:

- Proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;
 - Acquisition of City-Owned Lands.
- A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which , if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons or organization;
 - Request for Approval: Partnership Agreement.
- Receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client and privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose
 - Building Faster Fund Update.
- Under the Business Corporations Act - Welland Hydro Electric Holding Corporation; and
 - Welland Hydro-Electric Holding Corporation Annual General Meeting - Election and Confirmation of Directors and to discuss the Board of Director nominating process.
- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employee;
 - Notice of Motion - In-camera time to discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual.

CARRIED

2026 - 116

26-25 Moved by Van Vliet and Richard

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND arise from its closed Committee-of-the-Whole meeting at 7:12 p.m. with report.

CARRIED

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WERE DELETED:

26-16 In-Camera – Contract Negotiations.

05-50 Report P&B-2026-10: Response to Heritage Advisory Committee Motion - Heritage Designated Property Tax Rebate.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS UPDATED:

26-43 Report CLK-2026-08: Request for Approval - (Lame Duck By-Law) - the By-law attached has been updated.

PRESENTATIONS

Plaque presentation by Mayor to express appreciation and recognize the Niagara Regional Police Services Officers for their bravery in the involvement in the incident at 114 Second Street, Welland, on December 19, 2025.

99-43 Kevin Carver, President and CEO and Tim Clutterbuck, Chair of Holding Corp., Welland Hydro-Electric Holding Corporation addressed Council regarding its Annual General Meeting.

PUBLIC MEETING PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 357/358 OF THE *MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001* - TAX WRITE-OFFS

- No one spoke.

There being no speakers, the public meeting was concluded.

2026 - 117

26-4 Moved by Moote and McLeod

THAT Council approves the write-off of taxes in the amount of \$6,346.79 as contained in Report FIN-2026-20 for the cancellation, reduction or refund of taxes, pursuant to sections 357 and 358 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25.

CARRIED

2026 - 118

99-43 Moved by Grimaldi and Chiocchio

THAT Council receives for information the presentation by Kevin Carver, President and CEO and Tim Clutterbuck, Chair of Holding Corp., Welland Hydro-Electric Holding Corporation regarding its annual general meeting.

CARRIED

2026 - 119

05-51 Moved by Speck and Moote

THAT Council receives for information competitive purchase results as per the Procurement Policy & By-Law 2025-110.

CARRIED

2026 - 120**08-61** Moved by Richard and Grimaldi

WHEREAS, the City of Welland's Municipal Naming and Renaming Policy (SER-008-0006) requires periodic review; and

WHEREAS, the policy has not been updated since 2008, approximately 18 years ago; and further

WHEREAS, such policies are intended to be reviewed at least every five years. NOW

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND directs staff to review and update the Municipal Naming and Renaming Policy (SER-008-0006), and to report back with any recommended amendments for Council's consideration.

CARRIED**2026 - 121****24-55** Moved by Lee and McLeod

THAT Council directs staff and the City's solicitor to make an offer to settle the Ontario Land Tribunal Appeal filed by the Applicant by accepting Staff's recommendations respecting the proposed rezoning of the subject lands from Single-Detached Dwelling – First Density Zone (R1) in Zoning By-law 2667 to Residential High Density – RH in Comprehensive Zoning By-law 2017-117, as amended.

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24-55 Moved by Speck and Chiocchio

THAT Council refers Report PB-2026-03: Application for Zoning By-Law Amendment for 694 and 698 Niagara Street back to staff to include legal opinion that was received near the end of the day.

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

NAYS: Mayor Campion, Fokkens, Grimaldi, McLeod and Van Vliet.

LOST

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

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

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

LOST**2026 - 122****25-120** Moved by Van Vliet and Fokkens

THAT no more payments of any kind be paid to eScribe until all ongoing problems have been resolved.

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25-120 Moved by McLeod and Lee

THAT Council refers eScribe ongoing problems back to staff for a report at the next Council Meeting.

- Issues with the agenda disappearing on the app.
- Pages and issues with confirming pages when individuals are using different items.
- Password issues.
- Attachments – making them separate and their own appendix.
- Printing the agenda from the app.

CARRIED**2026 - 123****26-4** Moved by Moote and McLeod

THAT Council approves the write-off of taxes in the amount of \$6,346.79 as contained in Report FIN-2026-20 for the cancellation, reduction or refund of taxes, pursuant to sections 357 and 358 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25.

CARRIED**2026 - 124****26-19** Moved by McLeod and Grimaldi

THAT Council approves staff to apply for funding through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Green Municipal Fund – Growing Canada's Community Canopies program, as outlined in Report CS-2026-20; and further

THAT Welland City Council approves the City's required matching contribution of up to \$80,000, to be funded from the 2026 General Parkland Renewal and Restoration Capital Account (10-410-26405), should the application be successful.

CARRIED**2026 - 125****26-22** Moved by McLeod and Fokkens

THAT Council approves Report BYL-2026-06: Updates to Traffic and Parking By-law 89-2000 – Parking Prohibitions and Loading Zones; and further

THAT Council approves the recommendations as outlined in Appendix I.

CARRIED**2026 - 126****26-22** Moved by Chiocchio and McLeod

THAT Council approves the updated Traffic Calming Policy, attached as Appendix I to Report ENG-2026-10.

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26-22 Moved by McLeod and Moote

THAT Council amends the policy to reduce the traffic calming from 2 years to 1 year, and eliminate the requirement length of 150 meters.

YEAS: Fokkens, McLeod, Moote and Van Vliet.

NAYS: Mayor Campion, Chiocchio, DiMarco, Green, Grimaldi and Speck.

LOST

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

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

NAYS: McLeod.

CARRIED

2026 - 127

26-43 Moved by Moote and McLeod (in block)

THAT Council approves the By-law attached as Appendix I, delegating limited authority to the Chief Administrative Officer and Chief Financial Officer in the event that Council becomes subject to the Lamé Duck provisions as outlined in the *Municipal Act, 2001*; and THAT the By-law come into force only if it is determined that Council is in a Lamé Duck position in accordance with Section 275 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* and shall expire upon the commencement of the inaugural meeting of the next Council; and further THAT any use of delegated authority under the bylaw be reported to Council following the election.

CARRIED

2026 - 128

26-52 Moved by McLeod and Van Vliet

THAT Council accepts the tender from Circle P. Paving Inc. in the amount of \$731,606 (plus HST) being the lowest bid received for the 2026 Surface Treatment Program – Rural Roads project.

CARRIED

Action Items/Direction to Staff:

- To come back regarding the \$200,000.
- To pursue adding the southern section to Matthews Road.

2026 - 129

26-60 Moved by Green and Moote

THAT Council authorizes staff to submit an application to the Ontario Development Charges Reduction Program (DCRP), as outlined in report P&B -2026-14; and further THAT Council authorizes staff to propose a 50% reduction in City resident development charges and include eligible capital projects which would offset this reduction; and further THAT Council directs staff to report back on the financial implications to the City if the City's application is approved and seek Council direction to accept or reject the funding at that time.

(Councillor McLeod disclosed an interest in this matter and did not take part in the consideration and discussion of same, and refrained from voting thereon, as his employer could benefit from the Ontario Development Charges Reduction Program).

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE (IN-CAMERA)

2026 - 130

99-43 Moved by Moote and McLeod (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves the election and confirmation of board directors.

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves the appointment of the auditors.

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves the receipt of the Corporation's audited financial statements.

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND as recommended by Welland Hydro-Electric Holding Corp. elects David Smelsky as Director to the Board of Directors of each of Welland Hydro-Electric Holding Corp., Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. and Welland Hydro Energy Services Corp. for a three (3) year term.

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND as recommended by Welland Hydro-Electric Holding Corp. elects Peter Inman and Ruth Uy as Independent Directors to the board of directors of Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp., for a three (3) year term.

CARRIED

BY-LAWS

Moved by Grimaldi and Lee

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.

26-22

BYL 2026 - 21

A By-law to amend By-law 89-2000, being a By-law Regulating Traffic and Parking with the City of Welland (Schedules V and XV).

CARRIED

Moved by Moote and McLeod (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.

26-43

BYL 2026 - 22

A By-law to delegate certain authority to the Chief Administrative Officer and Chief Financial Officer during the lame duck period.

22-95

BYL 2026 - 23

A By-law to repeal By-law 2023-137 being a By-law to authorize the transfer of lands from Lionel Gerald et al to the City of Welland, located on the west of Moyer Road, described as Lots 18 & 19, Plan NP964, for nominal consideration.

CARRIED**2026 - 131****26-25** Moved by Richard and Lee

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND meet, with the Mayor as Chair, in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 10:24 p.m. to consider:

- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employee;
 - Notice of Motion - In-camera time to discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual.

CARRIED**2026 - 132****26-25** Moved by Grimaldi and Richard

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND arise from its closed Committee-of-the-Whole meeting at 10:48 p.m. without report.

CARRIED

Moved by Lee and DiMarco

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.

26-1**BYL 2026 - 24**

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 16th day of June 2026.

CARRIED

Council adjourned at 10:48 p.m.

These Minutes to be approved and adopted by Motion of Council this 14th day of July, 2026.