



**CITY OF  
Welland**

**MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

**APRIL 28, 2026**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CIVIC SQUARE**

**Meeting Number G.C. 2026 – 03**

**\*AS AMENDED**

**Members Present** Chair G. Speck, Vice Mayor

F. Campion

J. Lee

J. Chiocchio

D. McLeod

T. DiMarco (virtual)

A. Moote

B. Fokkens

C. Richard

B. Green

S. Setaram

M.A. Grimaldi

\* L. Van Vliet (until 9:31 p.m.)

**Members of the Staff Present:**

Acting Chief Administrative Officer, G. Munday

Director of Legislative Services/City Clerk, T. Stephens

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

Director of Community Services, J. McPetrie

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

Acting Fire Chief, M. Richardson

Director of Strategic Initiatives and Economic Development, L. DeChellis

City Treasurer, M. Steele (until 8:31 p.m.)

Manager of Economic Development, L. Allen (until 8:10 p.m.)

Economic Development Officer, J. Ciolfi (until 8:10 p.m.)

Manager of Development Planning, T. Meadows

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Manager of Policy Planning, N. Aiello

Manager of Transportation, A. Khan (until 8:58 p.m.)

Social Services Advisor, V. McCrae (until 9:22 p.m.)

1. **VICE MAYOR SPECK CALLED THE GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:29 P.M.**
2. **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST: NIL**
3. **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA: NIL**
4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF March 24, 2026.**

Moved by Richard that the minutes of the General Committee meeting of March 24, 2026, be hereby approved and adopted.

**CARRIED**

### 5. **PRESENTATIONS**

Dr. Lesley Rigg, President and Vice Chancellor and Daniel Grubb, Government and Community Relations, Brock University regarding The History of Brock University and Strategic Plan. Ref. No. 26-28

#### **Moved by Setaram**

THAT the General Committee receives for information the presentation regarding the History of Brock University and Strategic Plan.

**CARRIED**

Christian Wulff, Chief Executive Officer and Ben McDermott, General Manager, Health Fitness and Aquatics, YMCA regarding YMCA annual update. Ref. No. 26-28

#### **Moved by Chiocchio**

THAT the General Committee receives for information the presentation regarding the YMCA Annual Update.

**CARRIED**

Lina DeChellis, Director of Economic Development & Strategic Initiatives, Lisa Allen, Manager of Economic Development and Julia Cioffi, Economic Development Officer regarding Economic Development Update. Ref. No. 07-144

#### **Moved by Chiocchio**

THAT the General Committee receive for information Report EDO - 2026 - 01 and the annual update presentation from the Economic Development Office on 2025 accomplishments.

**CARRIED**

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**6. STAFF REPORTS**

**FIN-2026-13**: 2025 Investment Report & Investment Policy. Ref. No. 26-4

**Moved by Moote**

THAT the General Committee receives Report FIN-2026-13, 2025 Investment Report & Investment Policy, for information.

**CARRIED**

**ENG-2026-02**: Traffic Calming Policy Update. Ref. No. 26-22

**Moved by Setaram**

THAT the General Committee receives for information Report ENG-2026-02: Traffic Calming Policy Update.

**CARRIED**

**CS-2026-01**: Response to Notice of Motion: Homelessness, Mental Health and Addictions. Ref. No. 21-30

**Moved by Chiocchio**

THAT the General Committee receives this report for information as a response to the referred Notice of Motion 2025-144 (Ref. 21-30).

**CARRIED**

**PB-2026-08**: Response to Notice of Motion – Update on LIV Communities Development. Ref. No. 25-19

**Moved by Green**

THAT the General Committee receives for information Report P&B-2026-8 – Response to Notice of Motion - Update on LIV Communities Development.

**CARRIED**

**PB-2026-03**: City of Welland Proposed Updated Official Plan. Ref. No. 07-88

**Moved by Richard**

THAT the General Committee adopts the proposed City of Welland Official Plan Update, as attached in Appendix I; and further  
THAT the General Committee revokes the Niagara Regional Official Plan, as it pertains to the City of Welland; and further  
THAT the General Committee directs staff to forward the newly adopted Official Plan to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; and further  
THAT the General Committee deems that the minor modifications made to the proposed Official Plan following the public meeting do not require a further public meeting.

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**Moved by Fokkens**

THAT a vote was taken for a 5-minute recess.

**CARRIED**

Mayor Champion took over the Chair, as Vice Mayor Speck will be speaking to this item.

**Moved by Lee**

THAT the General Committee refers Report PB:2026-03: City of Welland Proposed Updated Official Plan back to staff, until the Provincial Template has been approved.

**YEAS:** Chiocchio, Fokkens, Grimaldi, Lee, Moote, and Richard.

**NAYS:** Champion, Green, McLeod, Setaram and Speck.

**CARRIED**

The General Committee Meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.