



CITY OF Welland

MINUTES OF THE JULY 28, 2026, SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING CIVIC SQUARE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS 60 EAST MAIN STREET

Council met in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 6:50 p.m. and in open session at 8:47 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, M.A. Grimaldi, J. Lee, D. McLeod (virtual), A. Moote, C. Richard, S. Setaram, G. Speck, and L. Van Vliet.

Members of Staff and Others Present:

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 (until 7:00 p.m.)

Director of Infrastructure Services, SM. Millar

Director of Planning and Development Services, G. Munday

Director of Strategic Initiatives and Economic Development, L. DeChellis (until 8:28 p.m.)

Chief Human Resources Officer, A. Daisley (until 7:00 p.m.)

Manager of Economic Development, L. Allen (until 8:30 p.m.)

Manager of Parks, Forestry and Cemeteries, D. Steven (until 8:28 p.m.)

Senior Project Manager, S. Kizlan (until 8:47 p.m.)

2026 - 148

26-25 Moved by Richard and Grimaldi

THAT Council meet, with the Mayor as Chair, in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 6:50 p.m. to consider:

- labour relations or employee negotiations;
 - Employee Negotiations.
- proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;
 - Property Matter.
 - Expropriation 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;
 - Renewal of Existing Land Use Agreement.

CARRIED

2026 - 149

26-25 Moved by Van Vliet and Moote

THAT Council arise from its closed Committee-of-the-Whole meeting at 8:36 p.m. with report.

CARRIED

2026 - 150

02-160 Moved by Green and Chiocchio

THAT Council waive the rules to present a time sensitive motion for Council consideration related to Merritt Island Park.

**CARRIED
2/3 MAJORITY**

2026 - 151

99-99 Moved by Green and Chiocchio

WHEREAS, the construction at Merritt Island Park has temporarily eliminated the use of the parking lot and resulted in temporary trails being installed until June 2027, and WHEREAS, this has created access challenges to a key section of the recreational waterway trail system and with a primary access point for the northern part of the city, and WHEREAS, another section of the recreational waterway trail system is closed at Merritt Street.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND directs staff to bring a report forward with methods of execution to complete the installation of a stoned temporary path around the construction area and a method to allow temporary free 3 hour parking in the lower courthouse lot until the new parking lot is open, and further

THAT this report be included on the August 11 council meeting.

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

NAYS: Van Vliet.

CARRIED

2026 - 152

26-22 Moved by Moote and Setaram

THAT Council approves Report BYL-2026-07: Update to Traffic and Parking By-law 89-2000 – Definitions, Designated Fire Routes and Private Property; and further THAT Council approves the recommendations as outlined in Appendix I.

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(Council requested the final motion be separated for voting).

2026 - 153

26-22 Moved by Moote and Setaram

THAT Council approves Report BYL-2026-07: Update to Traffic and Parking By-law 89-2000 – Definitions, Designated Fire Routes and Private Property.

CARRIED

2026 - 154

26-22 Moved by Moote and Setaram

THAT Council approves the recommendations as outlined in Appendix I regarding the definition of temporary highway.

CARRIED

2026 - 155

26-22 Moved by Moote and Setaram

THAT Council approves the recommendations as outlined in Appendix I regarding 570 River Road fire route.

CARRIED

2026 - 156

26-22 Moved by Moote and Setaram

THAT Council approves the recommendations as outlined in Appendix I regarding 695 Niagara Street and 699 Niagara Street.

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

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

LOST

2026 - 157

26-62 Moved by Speck and Fokkens

THAT Council accepts the tender from Peters Environmental Inc. in the amount of \$5,700,000.00 (plus HST) being the lowest bid received for the Ontario Road Sanitary Trunk Sewer - Phase II.

CARRIED

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

2026 - 158

24-47

Moved by Chiocchio and Moote

THAT Council declares the lands located at 432 & 476 Ridge Road to be surplus.

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

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

LOST

BY-LAWS

Moved by Moote and Grimaldi

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.

26-22

BYL 2026 - 28

A By-law to amend By-law 89-2000, being a By-law to Regulate Traffic and Parking in the City of Welland (Definitions in Section 1.1 and Schedules I and VI).

CARRIED

Moved by Richard and Setaram

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 - 29

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 28th day of July 2026.

CARRIED

Council adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

These Minutes to be approved and adopted by Motion of Council this 11th day of August 2026.