



MINUTES OF
COUNCIL MEETING, DECEMBER 16, 2014
CIVIC SQUARE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
60 EAST MAIN STREET

Council met in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 6:10 p.m. and in open session at 7:01 p.m. on the above date.

His Worship Mayor Frank Campion in the Chair.

Members Present:

Councillors J. Chiochio, P. Chiochio, T. DiMarco, B. Fokkens, M.A. Grimaldi, J. Larouche,
R. Letourneau, D. McLeod, M. Petrachenko and L. Van Vliet.

Members of Staff and Others Present:

Acting City Manager, R. Mantesso
City Clerk, C. Raby
Deputy Clerk, L. Bubanko (7:01 p.m.)
Chief, Fire & Emergency Services, D. Prevost
General Manager, Infrastructure Services/City Engineer, S. Iannello
General Manager, Corporate Services/Treasurer, S. Zorbas
General Manager, Integrated Services, J. Loveys Smith

(Bruce Smith, City Solicitor was present during Committee-of-the-Whole discussions on proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; and receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose).

14-25 Moved by Letourneau and Van Vliet

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND meet, with the Mayor as Chair, in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 6:10 p.m. to consider:

- proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;
- litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; and
- the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

CARRIED

14-25 Moved by Petrachenko and P. Chiochio

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND arise from its closed Committee-of-the-Whole meeting at 6:51 p.m. with report.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS:

13-100 Dave Watt, GM BluePlan, and Dan Wilson, Watson and Associates Economists Ltd., regarding the City's new Comprehensive Asset Management Plan.

DELEGATIONS:

14-28 Martha Barnes, Ph.D, Recreation and Leisure Studies, Brock University and Steve Nagy, Vice Chair, Coyle Creek Association re: A Community Partnership and Consultation Results.

14-22 Nick Albano re: 140 Thorold Road and the request for the City to assume a portion of the property.

AGENCIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES REPORTS

99-90 Dolores Bujold Wright, Chair, Welland Downtown Business Improvement Area re: Changes to the composition of the Board.

14-47 Councillor P. Chiochio, Chair, Nominating Committee - meeting of December 16, 2014.

09-104 Councillor P. Chiochio, Chair, Audit Review Committee - meeting of December 9, 2014.

14-1 Moved by P. Chiochio and J. Chiochio

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND hereby approves and adopts the minutes of the Inaugural Council Meeting of December 1, 2014 and the Special Council Meeting of December 9, 2014, as circulated; and the Regular Council Meeting of December 2, 2014, as amended.

CARRIED

99-90 Moved by J. Chiochio and Fokkens

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the presentation by Dolores Bujold Wright, Chair, Welland Downtown Business Improvement Area regarding changes to the composition of the Board.

CARRIED

99-90 Moved by Larouche and Van Vliet
 THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves the request from the Welland Downtown Business Improvement Area Board of Management to increase the current number of members on the Board from eleven (11) to thirteen (13), 2 of which shall be members of Council.

CARRIED

99-90 Moved by Grimaldi and Petrachenko
 THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves the appointment of the following directors of the Welland Downtown Business Improvement Area Board of Management as selected by a vote of the membership of the Improvement area: Dolores Bujold Wright, Steve Yochim, Steve Canjar, Douglas R. Thomas, Ellie Hodder, Graham Walker, Lucas Spinosa, Julie Barker, Jacquie Eisen, Gerald Gervais and Heather Hudson.

CARRIED

99-90
14-10 Moved by Larouche and Van Vliet
 THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves the request from the Welland Downtown Business Improvement Area to appoint Robert Coruzzi to replace Jennifer Dionne as a Director on the Board of Management effective July 7, 2014.

CARRIED

02-160 Moved by Grimaldi and Fokkens
 THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information Report CLK-2014-10, regarding the implementation of the recommendations contained in the November 2014 Ombudsman's Report.

CARRIED

03-55 Moved by Larouche and Van Vliet
 THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves a By-law to remove the Holding (H) Symbol on lands located on the south side of Brookhaven Court, east of Trillium Avenue, more particularly described as Part of Lot 1, Concession 11, former Township of Pelham, now in the City of Welland; and further
 THAT Welland City Council authorizes staff to prepare the necessary By-law(s) to lay out, establish and name the 0.3 metre reserves described as Blocks 25 and 27, Plan 59M-355 (Brookhaven Estates) as Brookhaven Court.

CARRIED

07-81 Moved by Larouche and Van Vliet
 THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND authorizes staff to prepare the necessary By-law(s) to lay out, establish and name the 0.3 metre reserve described as Block 17, Plan 59M-242 (Meadows Extension Subdivision) as Calista Drive.

CARRIED

09-104 Moved by Petrachenko and Grimaldi
 THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the presentation by Councillor P. Chiochio, Chair, Audit Review Committee regarding the meeting of December 9, 2014.

CARRIED

13-100 Moved by McLeod and Fokkens

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the presentation by Dave Watt, GM BluePlan and Dan Wilson, Watson and Associates Economists Ltd., regarding the City's new Comprehensive Asset Management Plan.

CARRIED

13-100 Moved by McLeod and P. Chiocchio

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information Report ENG-2014-42 regarding the Comprehensive Asset Management Plan; and further
THAT Welland City Council approves the Comprehensive Asset Management Plan.

CARRIED

14-4 Moved by P. Chiocchio and J. Chiocchio

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND supports the position of the City of Port Colborne as outlined in its correspondence dated December 1, 2014 regarding property tax relief for seniors.

CARRIED

14-19 Moved by McLeod and Van Vliet

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND directs staff to present a business plan to Council to position the Welland Arena competitively and minimize the revenue-expense gap.

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14-19 Moved by Fokkens and Grimaldi

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND amends the motion regarding a business plan for the Welland Arena by adding that such business plan be created for five (5) years and also include, as major revenue asset bases of the City, the Welland Community Wellness Complex, the Youngs Sportsplex, the Baseball Stadium and the Welland International Flatwater Centre, and provide a sustainable approach including the impact on the City to fund future maintenance and rehabilitation costs.

(Councillor Van Vliet asked to be recorded as opposed to this motion).

CARRIED

14-19 Moved by McLeod and Van Vliet

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND amends the motion regarding a business plan for the Welland Arena by including the provision that the Welland Arena business plan be completed first.

CARRIED

FOLLOWING THE VOTES ON THE AMENDING MOTIONS, THE MAIN MOTION WAS PUT AS AMENDED, AS FOLLOWS:

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND directs staff to present a five (5) year business plan to Council for the major revenue asset bases of the City being the Welland Arena, the Welland Community Wellness Complex, the Youngs Sportsplex, the Baseball Stadium, and the Welland International Flatwater Centre, to position the facilities competitively and minimize the revenue-expense gap, and to provide a sustainable approach including the impact on the City to fund future maintenance and rehabilitation costs; and further

THAT Welland City Council directs staff to complete the business plan for the Welland Arena first.

CARRIED

14-22 Moved by P. Chiocchio and DiMarco
THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND directs staff to bring forward to the next Council meeting, a full report with respect to the road right-of-way between 140 and 144 Thorold Road that speaks to annual maintenance costs, safety concerns, number of By-law reports and any other relevant information.

CARRIED

14-22 Moved by DiMarco and Letourneau
THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the presentation by Nick Albano regarding 140 Thorold Road and the request for the City to assume a portion of the property.

CARRIED

14-28 Moved by J. Chiocchio and Petrachenko
THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the presentation by Martha Barnes, Ph.D, Recreation and Leisure Studies, Brock University and Steve Nagy, Vice Chair, Coyle Creek Association regarding a Community Partnership and Consultation Results.

CARRIED

14-45 Moved by McLeod and Grimaldi
THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information report CLK-2014-09, regarding the City's 2015 Insurance Program; and further
THAT Welland City Council authorizes the Clerk to execute the required Insurance Program acceptance documents from Jardine Lloyd Thompson Canada Inc. covering the period January 1, 2015 to January 1, 2016, for the premium amount of \$725,596 plus applicable taxes; and further
THAT Welland City Council authorizes the Clerk to issue a Request for Quotation for the City's Insurance Program for 2016.

CARRIED

14-47 Moved by McLeod and Grimaldi
THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND recommends Councillor Letourneau as the member of Welland City Council to fill the officer position of Assistant-Secretary on the Welland Hydro-Electric Systems Corporation, as recommended by the Nominating Committee.

CARRIED

14-94 Moved by Larouche and Van Vliet
THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves and accepts the tender from V. Gibbons Contracting Ltd. of Stevensville, Ontario, as detailed in Report ENG-2014-41 for Clare Avenue Extension - Stage 1 - Earthworks, Culvert Structures and Underground Servicing; and further
THAT Welland City Council directs the City Clerk to prepare all necessary and appropriate By-laws to enter into contract with V. Gibbons Contracting Ltd. to execute the construction.

CARRIED

14-112 Moved by Grimaldi and Petrachenko
 THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND supports the position of the County of Huron as outlined in its correspondence dated November 25, 2014 regarding reconsideration of Canada Post's decision to eliminate home to home postal delivery.

(Councillor DiMarco 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 wife is employed by Canada Post).

YEAS: Councillors Larouche, Petrachenko, J. Chiocchio, Letourneau, P. Chiocchio, M.A. Grimaldi, Fokkens, and Mayor Campion.

NAYS: Councillors McLeod and Van Vliet.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE

14-108 Moved by Larouche and Van Vliet
 THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND declares surplus to the City's needs approximately 19 hectares (46 acres) of land located north of Broadway and east of Riverside Drive; and further THAT Welland City Council transfers the subject lands to the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority for a nominal fee of \$1.00 for each parcel with the Authority being responsible for all costs related to the transaction (i.e. preparation of Reference Plan, legal fees); and further THAT Welland City Council authorizes staff to prepare the necessary By-law and documentation.

CARRIED

BY-LAWS

Moved by Larouche and Van Vliet
 THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND having given due consideration to the following By-laws, as reproduced in this evening's Council Agenda, as amended, now read a first, second and third time and pass same, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign and seal same.

03-55

BYL 2014 - 160

A By-law to amend Zoning By-law 2667 upon the application of U. Lucchetta Construction Limited to remove the Holding Symbol "H" from certain lands on the south side of Brookhaven Court, east of Trillium Avenue (File 2006-01).

03-55

BYL 2014 - 161

A By-law to Lay Out, Establish and Name Blocks 25 and 27, Plan 59M-355 being a 0.3 metre reserve for the City of Welland as part of Brookhaven Court.

07-81

BYL 2014 - 162

A By-law to Lay Out, Establish and Name Block 17, Plan 59M-242 being a 0.3 metre reserve for the City of Welland as part of Calista Drive.

14-94

BYL 2014 - 163

A By-law to authorize entering into contract with V. Gibbons Contracting Ltd. for the Clare Avenue Extension - Stage 1- Earthworks, Culvert Structures and Underground Servicing.

14-19

BYL 2014 - 164

A By-law to authorize entering into an amending agreement with the Welland Minor Hockey Association and to amend By-law 2011-155.

14-108

BYL 2014 - 165

A By-law to authorize conveyance of vacant land located north of Broadway, east of Riverside Drive to Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority.

CARRIED

Moved by Larouche and Van Vliet

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND 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.

14-1

BYL 2014 - 166

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 December, 2014.

CARRIED**NOTICE OF MOTION**

Councillor Letourneau gave Notice of Motion to the following issue to be presented to Council at the January 20, 2015 Regular Council Meeting:

98-82**06-84****14-19**

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND directs staff to install at City Hall, the Wellness Complex and the Welland Arenas, fully bilingual signs to further demonstrate our bilingual status in the Province of Ontario; and further THAT Welland City Council directs staff to investigate possible funding from the Province and/or Federal Government for this project.

Council adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

These Minutes approved and adopted by Motion of Council this 20th day of January, 2015.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK