



NOTICE

THE MAYOR HAS CALLED

A SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

AT 5:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2020

**IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CIVIC SQUARE
TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING:**

- **PERSONAL MATTERS ABOUT AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL BOARD EMPLOYEES:**
 - *Personnel Matter.*

AND

**IN OPEN SESSION
IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CIVIC SQUARE**

TO CONSIDER ANY CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, AND BY-LAWS


**Tara Stephens,
City Clerk**



SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, April 1, 2020
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CIVIC SQUARE

1. **COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE (IN-CAMERA) (5:00 P.M.)**
(See yellow tab)
 - Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
- *Personnel Matter.*

2. **ARISE FROM COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE (IN-CAMERA)**

3. **OPEN SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING FOLLOWING COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE (IN-CAMERA).**
 - 3.1 **CALL UPON THE CITY CLERK TO REVIEW COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE ITEMS (IN-CAMERA) TO BE ADDED TO BLOCK**

 - 3.2 **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA**

 - 3.3 **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

 - 3.4 **COUNCILLORS TO DETERMINE AGENDA ITEMS AND BY-LAWS TO BE REMOVED FROM BLOCK FOR DISCUSSION IN COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE (OPEN) (See pink tab)**

4. **COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE (OPEN)**
(to discuss items removed from Agenda Block)

5. **CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

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 1st day of April, 2020.
Ref. No. 20-1

6. **ADJOURNMENT**



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AGENDA BLOCK

1. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES, PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND OTHER ITEMS REFERRED FROM COUNCIL FOR DISCUSSION - Nil**
2. **COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS**
 1. **Business Arising from Committee-of-the-Whole (closed) - Nil**
 2. **Staff Reports**
- 1 - 3 **FIN-2020-06** Gen. Mgr., Corporate Services, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, S. Zorbas - Request for 2020 Permissive Grant Funds to be Returned. Ref. No. 20-5
3. **NEW BUSINESS**
- 4 1. Memorandum from Transit Manager, Dave Stuart, re: Welland Transit Update. Ref. No. 20-13/20-64

RECOMMENDATION:


THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves the levels of service as follows:

- Introduce our 'Community Bus' level of service – seven days per week.
- This Community Bus service will operate from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. with two buses operating on 45 minute headways.
- These two routes cover the majority of the area the standard routes cover, but in some cases the walk to the bus stop may not be as convenient.
- There would be two Bus Operators providing our municipal service and one Operator providing our WellTrans service to assist those with mobility challenges attend dialysis and medical appointments; and further

THAT this level of service would be in effect Monday, April 6th, 2020 until further notice.

4. **BY-LAWS - Nil**

SPECIAL COUNCIL
CORPORATE SERVICES
FINANCE DIVISION

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GENERAL MANAGER	
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20-5

REPORT FIN-2020-06
APRIL 1, 2020

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR 2020 PERMISSIVE GRANT FUNDS TO BE RETURNED

AUTHOR and APPROVING G.M.: STEVE ZORBAS, CPA, CMA, B.Comm, DPA, GENERAL MANAGER, CORPORATE SERVICES, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER / TREASURER

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND directs staff to request that all Permissive Grant monies paid to both Welland Rose Festival and Float Fest be returned to the City due to 2020 event cancellations; and further

THAT Welland City Council directs the Chief Financial Officer to request 100% of grant cheques be returned to the City of Welland for any further 2020 events that are cancelled for which the organizers received 2020 Permissive Grant Funds; and further

THAT Welland City Council directs staff to consider all applications for 2021 events as part of the 2021 Budget process.

ORIGIN AND BACKGROUND:

During the 2020 Budget process Council approved \$342,870 in permissive grants as summarized in Appendix I.

City staff have processed and mailed all Council approved 2020 Permissive Grants and have recently been advised that two (2) events, Welland Rose Festival and Float Fest, have been cancelled.

COMMENTS AND ANALYSIS:

N/A

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

City Council directs the Chief Financial Officer to request 100% of grant cheques be returned to the City of Welland for any further 2020 events that are cancelled for which the organizers received 2020 Permissive Grant Funds, and directs staff to consider all applications for 2021 events as part of the 2021 Budget process.

OTHER DEPARTMENT IMPLICATIONS:

N/A

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:

City staff are seeking Council direction on requesting that all 2020 Permissive Grant Funds be returned to the City for 2020 events that have been cancelled.

ATTACHMENTS:

Appendix I – Summary of 2020 Grant Applications

Summary of 2020 Grant Applications			
	Organization	2020 Grant Amount Requested	Council approved Feb 4, 2020
1	Dain City Recreation Committee	\$3,000	\$3,000
2	Faith Welland Outreach	\$27,000	\$27,000
3	On Board	\$1,000	\$1,000
4	Feast of the Assumption	\$2,310	\$2,310
5	Zombie Walk - Welland	\$2,500	\$2,500
6	Welland Pickleball Club	\$3,500	\$3,500
7	Rose City Kids Ministry	\$20,000	\$20,000
8	Paroisse Sacre Coeur	\$4,000	\$4,000
9	Visual Artists of Welland	\$7,000	\$7,000
10	Pathstone Foundation	\$20,000	\$20,000
11	Welland Floatfest Festival	\$15,000	\$15,000
12	Welland Rose Festival	\$100,000	\$100,000
13	Niagara Safety Village	\$6,000	\$6,000
14	Open Arms Mission	\$31,050	\$31,050
15	La Boite a Soleil	\$5,000	\$5,000
16	The Hope Centre	\$65,000	\$65,000
17	Welland Heritage Council & Multicultural Centre	\$8,775	\$8,775
18	Royal Canadian Legion Br. 4	\$500	\$500
19	City of Welland Heritage Advisory Committee	\$13,235	\$13,235
20	Femmes du Feu Creations	\$5,000	\$5,000
21	South Niagara Rowing Club	\$3,000	\$3,000
	Total	\$342,870	\$342,870
	Council Approved 2020 Budget		\$276,142
	Difference (As per Council motion, difference is to be funded by Corporate Contingency account)		\$66,728



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Members of Council

FROM: Dave Stuart, MBA
Manager, Welland Transit

DATE: April 1, 2020

SUBJECT: Welland Transit Update

Ridership

The daily ridership continues to fall. Over the last three weeks (March 8th, 15th, and 22nd) the average daily ridership (over 7 days) realized was; 1,660, 660, and 355 respectively. Although early into the week of March 29th, the daily ridership is approximately 290 trips per day.

To responsibly manage and address this downward trend in ridership, staff have continued to revise the service levels to ensure residents have public transportation options to access essential services.

Service Levels (see attachment)

Based on the continuing reduction in ridership, as well as concern for Bus Operator safety, staff recommend implementing the following;

- Introduce our 'Community Bus' level of service – seven days per week.
- This Community Bus service will operate from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. with two buses operating on 45 minute headways.
- These two routes cover the majority of the area the standard routes cover, but in some cases the walk to the bus stop may not be as convenient.
- There would be two Bus Operators providing our municipal service and one Operator providing our WellTrans service to assist those with mobility challenges attend dialysis and medical appointments.

This level of service would be in effect **Monday, April 6th, 2020 until further notice.**

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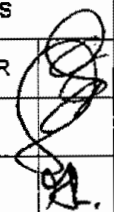


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Time of Day	Downtown Terminal	Wal-Mart	Seaway Mall	Niagara College	South Pelham Market Plaza	Downtown Terminal
MONDAY TO SATURDAY						
AM	8:00	8:10	8:16	8:24	8:35	8:42
	8:45	8:55	9:01	9:09	9:20	9:27
	9:30	9:40	9:46	9:54	10:05	10:12
	10:15	10:25	10:31	10:39	10:50	10:57
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511		EAST COMMUNITY				
Time of Day	Downtown Terminal	Oakland Av. & Lincoln St.	Broadway & Clifford Av.	Welland County General Hospital	Lincoln Plaza	Downtown Terminal
MONDAY TO SATURDAY						
AM	8:00	8:08	8:15	8:20	8:30	8:42
	8:45	8:53	9:00	9:05	9:15	9:27
	9:30	9:38	9:45	9:50	10:00	10:12
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REPORT FIN-2020-07
APRIL 1, 2020

SUBJECT: WATER SEWER DEFERRAL OF RETAIL RATES INCREASE FROM APRIL 1 TO JULY 1

AUTHOR and APPROVING G.M.: STEVE ZORBAS, CPA, CMA, B.Comm, DPA, GENERAL MANAGER, CORPORATE SERVICES, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER / TREASURER

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approve that the Water Sewer Budget 2020 and related pricing increase normally scheduled for the April, May and June billing be deferred to the billing cycle starting July 1, 2020; and further

THAT Welland City Council directs staff that should it be required due to COVID-19 pandemic ramifications to revisit the deferral date that a further report be prepared for Council; and further

THAT Niagara Region be requested to defer collection of the Water and Sewer monthly invoices until June 30; and further

THAT Niagara Region be requested to defer their 2020 price increase, and bill at the 2019 rates, for the period up to June 30.

ORIGIN AND BACKGROUND:

The City normally increases our Water and Sewer rates effective with the April billing.

For 2020, the overall Water/Wastewater budget impact is an increase of 4.89%, largely due to increases in Regional treatment costs.

Given the state of the economy, due to COVID-19, staff would respectfully recommend that the water and sewer rates be maintained at their present 2019 levels, and that the increase required for 2020 be deferred to July 1, 2020 to provide additional relief to our residents and businesses.

Further reports can be prepared for Council consideration, should the pandemic impacts continue beyond this period.

Additional relief provisions have already been enacted for Water Sewer billing, ie. Deferral of penalty; No NSF Fees; No Shut off of Water Service for Non Payment; to May 31, 2020.

Niagara Region

Staff would respectfully recommend that the Region be also requested to defer their increases in treatment costs billed to the City until June 30, 2020, and that they defer the payment of their monthly invoices for Water and Wastewater until June 30, 2020.

COMMENTS AND ANALYSIS:

N/A

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

The proposed three month delay would impact our budgets by a \$341,000 loss, assuming the Region defers their increase to July 1, 2020, which would require funding from the Water and Sewer Reserves.

OTHER DEPARTMENT IMPLICATIONS:

N/A

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

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