



**MINUTES OF**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING, APRIL 1, 2020**  
**CIVIC SQUARE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**60 EAST MAIN STREET**

Council met in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 5:44 p.m. and in open session at 6:00 p.m. on the above date.

His Worship Mayor Frank Campion in the Chair.

**Members Present:**

Councillors J. Chiochio (teleconference), T. DiMarco (teleconference), B. Fokkens, B. Green (electronically), M.A. Grimaldi (electronically), J. Larouche (teleconference), D. McLeod (electronically), A. Moote (electronically), G. Speck (teleconference), L. Spinosa (electronically), C. Richard and L. Van Vliet (teleconference).

**Members of Staff and Others Present:**

Chief Administrative Officer, G. Long  
City Clerk, T. Stephens  
General Manager, Corporate Services, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, S. Zorbas  
General Manager, Infrastructure and Development Services, T. Fitzpatrick

**2020 - 43**

**20-25** Moved by Fokkens and Richard

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND meet, with the Mayor as Chair, in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 5:44 p.m. to consider:

- personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
  - *Personnel matter.*

**CARRIED**

**2020 - 44**

**20-25** Moved by Fokkens and Richard

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND arise from its closed Committee-of-the-Whole meeting at 5:56 p.m. without report.

**CARRIED**

**THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS ADDED:**

**2020-37** Report FIN-2020-07: Water Sewer Deferral of Retail Rates Increase from April 1 to July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**2020 - 45**

**20-5** Moved by Speck and DiMarco

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.

**(Councillor Spinosa disclosed an interest in this matter, and did not take part in the consideration and discussion of same and refrained from voting thereon, due to catering and sponsorships through his business).**

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**20-5** Moved by Speck and Fokkens

THAT Welland City Council removes the third paragraph from the motion.

**CARRIED**

**20-5** Moved by Fokkens and Green

THAT Welland City Council directs the Chief Financial Officer to request the uncommitted portion of the 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 Review process.

**YEAS:** Councillors Green, Speck, DiMarco and Fokkens.

**NAYS:** Councillors Larouche, Chiocchio, McLeod, Richard, Grimaldi, Moote, Van Vliet and Mayor Campion.

**LOST**

**FOLLOWING THE VOTE ON THE AMENDING MOTION, THE MAIN MOTION WAS PUT AN AMENDED AND .....**

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

**NAYS:** Councillors Larouche, Green, Chiocchio, DiMarco, Richard and Fokkens.

**LOST**

**2020 - 46**

**20-13**

**20-64**

Moved by Green and Fokkens

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.

**CARRIED**

**2020 - 47**

**20-37**

Moved by McLeod and Spinosa

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves 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.

**CARRIED**

**BY-LAWS**

Moved by Van Vliet and Larouche

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.

**20-1**

BYL 2020 - 39

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 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2020.

**CARRIED**

Council adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

These Minutes to be approved and adopted by Motion of Council this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2020.

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**MAYOR**

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**CITY CLERK**