



MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

February 2, 2021

COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CIVIC SQUARE

Meeting Number G.C. 2021 – 02

Members Present: Chair B. Fokkens

F. Campion	D. McLeod
J. Chiocchio	A. Moote
T. DiMarco	G. Speck
B. Green (5:03 p.m.)	L. Spinosa
M.A. Grimaldi	C. Richard
J. Larouche (5:08 p.m.)	L. Van Vliet

Members of the Staff Present:

Interim CAO/General Manager, Corporate Services, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, S. Zorbas
City Clerk, T. Stephens
Deputy City Clerk, L. Bubanko
General Manager, Infrastructure and Development Services, T. Fitzpatrick
General Manager, Economic Development & Recreation & Culture, D. Degazio
Fire Chief & Community Emergency Management Coordinator, A. Eckhart
Interim Director of Engineering and Public Works, SM. Millar
Interim Director of Development and Building Services, G. Munday
Economic Development Officer, L. DeChellis
Transit Manager, D. Stuart (5:38 p.m.)



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Chair B. Fokkens called the General Committee Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

1. **ADDITION/DELETIONS TO AGENDA: Nil**
2. **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST: Nil**
3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING: Nil**
4. **PRESENTATIONS:**

20-82 Steve Zorbas, Interim CAO, Gen. Mgr., Corporate Services, Chief Financial Services/Treasurer, Travers Fitzpatrick, Gen. Mgr., Infrastructure and Development Services, Dan Degazio, General Manager, Economic Development, Recreation and Culture, Grant Munday, Interim Director, Development and Building Services and Lina DeChellis, Economic Development Officer re: Expropriation update.

Moved by McLeod

THAT GENERAL COMMITTEE receives for information the presentation by Steve Zorbas, Interim CAO, Gen. Mgr., Corporate Services, Chief Financial Services/Treasurer, Travers Fitzpatrick, Gen. Mgr., Infrastructure and Development Services, Dan Degazio, General Manager, Economic Development, Recreation and Culture, Grant Munday, Interim Director, Development and Building Services and Lina DeChellis, Economic Development Officer regarding an expropriation update.

(Councillors Chiochio and Speck asked to be recorded as opposed to the Resolution).

CARRIED

5. **DELEGATIONS:**

20-82 Marsha Rempel, resident re: Expropriation of 349 Ridge Road.

Moved by Larouche

THAT GENERAL COMMITTEE receives for information the presentation by Marsha Rempel, resident regarding expropriation of 349 Ridge Road.

CARRIED

6. **AGENCIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORT(S): Nil**
7. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES, PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND OTHER ITEMS REFERRED FROM COUNCIL FOR DISCUSSION: Nil**



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8. STAFF REPORTS

INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES – Van Vliet, Chair

Development and Building Services

P&B-2021-08 Interim Director, Development and Building Services, G. Munday - Expropriation of 349 Ridge Road and 712 Reaker Road, Part of Lot 16, Concession 7 designated as Part 1 to 4, Plan 59R-3342 City of Welland. Ref. No. 20-82

Moved by McLeod

THAT Welland City Council receive the update Report P&B - 2021-08 concerning the Application for Approval to Expropriate Land for lands described as Part of Lot 16 Concession 7 former Township of Crowland now City of Welland, designated as Parts 1 to 4 inclusive Plan 59R 3342 and Part of Road Allowance between Lots 17 and 17 Crowland designated as Part 1 Plan 59R 6954, known municipally as 349 Ridge Road and 712 Reaker Road.

9. The General Committee Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.



MINUTES OF
COUNCIL MEETING, FEBRUARY 2, 2021
CIVIC SQUARE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
60 EAST MAIN STREET

Council met in open session at 7:23 p.m. and in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 10:18 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. Larouche, D. McLeod, A. Moote, G. Speck, L. Spinosa, C. Richard and L. Van Vliet.

Members of Staff and Others Present:

Interim CAO/General Manager, Corporate Services, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, S. Zorbas
City Clerk, T. Stephens
Deputy City Clerk, L. Bubanko
General Manager, Infrastructure and Development Services, T. Fitzpatrick
General Manager, Economic Development & Recreation & Culture, D. Degazio
Fire Chief & Community Emergency Management Coordinator, A. Eckhart
Interim Director of Engineering and Public Works, SM. Millar
Interim Director of Development and Building Services, G. Munday
Manager of Fleet, Equipment and Purchasing, A. Beres
Transit Manager, D. Stuart

PRESENTATIONS

12-96 Robert Swayze, Interim Integrity Commissioner addressed Council regarding a Report to Council.

Sandy Graham, President and Vic Kerschl, President-Elect, Rotary Club of Welland presented a cheque to Council.

DELEGATIONS

21-15 Nora Reid, President and Claire Masswohl, Vice President, Central Station Education Initiative addressed Council regarding an update on its activities and its 100th Anniversary Celebration.

2021 - 23

21-1 Moved by McLeod and Richard

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND hereby approves and adopts the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 19, 2021, as circulated.

CARRIED

2021 - 24

02-160

20-82 Moved by Green and Speck

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND waive the rules to move up the Notice of Motion regarding expropriation By-law.

YEAS: Councillors Larouche, Green, Speck, Chiocchio, DiMarco, Richard and Fokkens.

NAYS: Councillors McLeod, Grimaldi, Spinosa, Moote, Van Vliet and Mayor Champion.

**LOST
(2/3 majority required)**

2021 - 25

99-99 Moved by Larouche and Grimaldi (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the presentation by Vince Beaudoin, Manager of Public Works and Adam Beres, Manager of Fleet, Equipment and Purchasing regarding Supply, Delivery and Installation of Unique Waterfront Swimming Feature.

CARRIED

2021 - 26

99-99 Moved by Chiocchio and Green

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information Report FIN-2021-05 which provides a procurement process status update for the Inflatable Water Park; and further THAT Welland City Council directs an additional competitive process through Purchasing in the winter of 2022.

CARRIED

2021 - 27

10-78 Moved by Richard and Moote

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves the exemption request by 867962 Ontario Limited, for its Application for Condominium Approval for 50 condominium units located at 574 King Street in accordance with Section 9 (7) of the Condominium Act, Chapter 4, 1998, as amended; and further That staff be authorized to prepare any necessary By-laws.

CARRIED

2021 - 28**12-96**

Moved by Grimaldi and Van Vliet

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the presentation by Robert Swayze, Interim Integrity Commissioner regarding a Report to Council; and further THAT Welland City Council accepts the recommendation by the Interim Integrity Commission that the compensation paid to Councillor Speck as a member of Council be suspended for a period of 30 days commencing with the next pay period.

YEAS: Councillors Larouche, Green, McLeod, Richard, Grimaldi, Spinosa, Fokkens, Moote, Van Vliet and Mayor Campion.

NAYS: Councillors Chiocchio and DiMarco.

CARRIED**2021 - 29****19-85**

Moved by Speck and McLeod

1. THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information Report HR-2021-01: Hiring Policy, and further
2. THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves the Hiring Policy.

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19-85

Moved by Speck and DiMarco

THAT Welland City Council refers Report HR-2021-01: Hiring Policy back to staff.

YEAS: Councillors Larouche, McLeod, Grimaldi, Spinosa, Moote, Van Vliet and Mayor Campion.

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

CARRIED**2021 - 30****20-64**

Moved by Speck and DiMarco

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND revoke By-law 2020-34, as amended, to delegate powers and duties to the Chief Financial Officer during the COVID 19 Pandemic.

YEAS: Councillors Green, Speck, DiMarco and Richard.

NAYS: Councillors Larouche, Chiocchio, McLeod, Grimaldi, Spinosa, Fokkens, Moote, Van Vliet and Mayor Campion.

LOST**2021 - 31****20-82**

Moved by Fokkens and McLeod

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the petition from the residents regarding the expropriation of Lot 16 Concession 7 known as 349 Ridge Road.

(Councillor Moote asked to be recorded as opposed to this Resolution).

CARRIED

2021 - 32**20-82**

Moved by Fokkens and Chiochio

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND waive the rules to introduce By-law: 2020-144: A By-law to authorize expropriation of land by the Corporation of the City of Welland.

YEAS: Councillors Larouche, Green, Speck, Chiochio, DiMarco, Richard and Fokkens.

NAYS: Councillors McLeod, Grimaldi, Spinosa, Moote, Van Vliet and Mayor Campion.

**LOST
(2/3 majority required)**

2021 - 33**21-4**

Moved by Larouche and Grimaldi (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the correspondence from the Region of Niagara dated January 22 2021 regarding Report CSD 2-2021: Approval of 2021 Interim Levy Dates and Amounts.

CARRIED

2021 - 34**21-13**

Moved by McLeod and Spinosa

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves the award of purchase of one (1) Specialized Mobility Van to be operated by Welland Transit; and further THAT Welland City Council directs the City Clerk to prepare all necessary and appropriate By-laws to enter into a purchase agreement with Move Mobility Inc.

CARRIED

2021 - 35**21-13**

Moved by Van Vliet and Spinosa

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information Report TRANS-2021-02: Transit Evening Service Level Proposal; and further THAT Welland City Council approve the evening service level proposal as outlined within this report.

YEAS: Councillors McLeod, Grimaldi and Mayor Campion.

NAYS: Councillors Larouche, Green, Speck, Chiochio, DiMarco, Richard, Spinosa, Fokkens, Moote and Van Vliet.

LOST

2021 - 36**21-15**

Moved by Chiochio and Larouche

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the presentation by Nora Reid, President and Claire Masswohl, Vice President, Central Station Education Initiative regarding an update on its activities and its 100th Anniversary Celebration.

(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, as his business has financial interest with a competitor).

CARRIED

2021 - 37**21-15** Moved by Larouche and Grimaldi (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives Report F&ES-2021-01 as information regarding the potential for a consolidated regional dispatch centre; and further

THAT Welland City Council authorizes the Fire Chief to investigate potential options for continued dispatch services utilizing our current analog infrastructure once the existing Fire Dispatch Services Agreement between the City of St. Catharines and City of Welland expires on December 31, 2022; and further

THAT Welland City Council directs the Fire Chief to report back on the available options with the associated costs, and provide an implementation plan.

CARRIED**2021 - 38****21-15** Moved by Larouche and Richard

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives Report F&ES-2021-02: Cost Recovery and Fees for Services update for information; and further

That Welland City Council directs the Fire Chief to proceed with increased cost recovery through the applicable fees for Service and ensure Fire Code compliance through enforcement efforts.

CARRIED**2021 - 39****21-19** Moved by Chiocchio and McLeod

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the presentation by Lee Battams, President, Aqua Plans Aquatic Consultants Inc. regarding Asset Condition Assessment Report - Municipal Pools.

CARRIED**2021 - 40****21-19** Moved by Chiocchio and McLeod

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information Report R&C-2021-01: Outdoor Pool Condition Report.

CARRIED

Council recessed at 9:04 p.m. and reconvened at 9:08 p.m.

2021 - 41**21-22** Moved by Chiocchio and McLeod

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives Report P&B-2021-06: Regulation of Short-term Rentals for information.

CARRIED**2021 - 42****21-22** Moved by Larouche and Grimaldi (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves Report TRAF-2021-05: Update to Traffic and Parking By-law 89-2000; and further

THAT Welland City Council directs the City Clerk to amend Traffic and Parking By-law 89-2000 as follows:

ADD the following to Schedule "I" – MUNICIPAL/ PRIVATE PROPERTY:

SKETCH No.	LOCATION	COMMON NAME
No Sketch	134 Dorothy Street	Briar Rose Co-operative Homes
No Sketch	33-35 Park Street	Briar Rose Co-operative Homes
No Sketch	91-93 Plymouth Road	Briar Rose Co-operative Homes
No Sketch	26 McCabe Avenue	Briar Rose Co-operative Homes
No Sketch	575 Southworth Street	Briar Rose Co-operative Homes

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2021 - 42**21-22...cont'd.**

DELETE the following from Schedule "XVII" – PARKING LOTS

Lot #	Lot Name	Control	Rate	Time of Day	Maximum Stay
7	Division Street Parking Lot		Lease	Monday to Sunday	24 Hours

ADD the following to Schedule "XVII" – PARKING LOTS

Lot #	Lot Name	Control	Rate	Time of Day	Maximum Stay
7	Division Street Parking Lot	Monthly Permit	\$35.00	Monday to Sunday	24 Hours

CARRIED**2021 - 43****21-48**

Moved by Larouche and Grimaldi (in block)

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the correspondence from the Region of Niagara dated January 7, 2021 regarding the T. Roy Adams Humanitarian of the Year Award 2021.

CARRIED**BY-LAWS**

Moved by McLeod and Grimaldi

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.

21-13

BYL 2021 - 11

A By-law to authorize purchase of one mobility van for Welland Transit Fleet.

CARRIED

Moved by DiMarco 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.

21-13

BYL 2021 - 12

A By-law to authorize entering into a Letter of Agreement with the Ministry of Transportation to provide for the transfer of dedicated gas tax funds for public transportation program (2020-2021).

CARRIED

Moved by Larouche and Grimaldi (in block)

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, now read a first, second and third time and pass same, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign and seal same.

21-22

BYL 2021 - 13

A By-law to amend By-law 89-2000, being a By-law regulating Traffic and Parking within the City of Welland (Schedule "I" - Municipal/Private Property and Schedule "XVII" - Parking Lots).

21-42

BYL 2021 - 14

A By-law to exempt certain lands from Part-Lot Control - Parts 1 and 2 on Plan 59R-1680 (32 Anne Street), City of Welland.

21-24

BYL 2021 - 15

A By-law to authorize the appointment of Laura Bubanko as Deputy Clerk of The Corporation of the City of Welland and to repeal By-law 2020-116.

CARRIED

Moved by Van Vliet and McLeod

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.

21-1

BYL 2021 - 16

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 2nd day of February, 2021.

CARRIED**2021 - 44****21-25**

Moved by Larouche and Moote

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND meet, with the Mayor as Chair, in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 10:18 p.m. to consider:

- Proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board:
 - *Sale of City Owned Land.*
- Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board: and
 - *Legal Proceedings - Fire Code Enforcement.*

CARRIED**2021 - 45****21-25**

Moved by Spinosa and Moote

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND arise from its closed Committee-of-the-Whole meeting at 10:32 p.m. without report.

CARRIED

Council adjourned at 10:33 p.m.

These Minutes to be approved and adopted by Motion of Council this 23rd day of February, 2021.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK