



**MINUTES OF THE
JANUARY 17, 2023 COUNCIL MEETING
CIVIC SQUARE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
60 EAST MAIN STREET**

Council in open session at 7:37 p.m. and met in Committee-of-the-Whole closed to the public at 7:42 p.m. on the above date.

His Worship Mayor Frank Campion in the Chair.

Members Present:

Councillors J. Chiochio, T. DiMarco (virtual), B. Fokkens, B. Green, J. Lee, D. McLeod, A. Moote, C. Richard, S. Setaram, G. Speck, and L. Van Vliet.

Members of Staff and Others Present:

Chief Administrative Officer, S. Zorbas
City Clerk, T. Stephens
Director of Finance/CFO/Treasurer, S. Fairweather
Fire Chief & Community Emergency Management Coordinator, A. Eckhart
Director of Infrastructure Services, SM. Millar
Director of Planning and Development Services, G. Munday
Director of Community Services, R. Axiak
Manager of Economic Development, L. DeChellis
Economic Development Officer, L. Allen (until 11:00 p.m.)

2023 - 1**23-25**

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 7:42 p.m. to consider:

- personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
 - Citizens appointments to the Welland Public Library Board Committee.
 - Appointments to the Welland Downtown Business Improvement Area
- litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board
 - Update on Cannabis Facility
- proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;
 - YMCA Update.
 - Division and Cross Streets Update.
 - South Niagara Rowing Club Agreement Update.

CARRIED**2023 - 2****23-25**

Moved by Fokkens and Green

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND arise from its closed Committee-of-the-Whole meeting at 10:58 p.m. with report.

CARRIED**2023 - 3****02-160**

Moved by Fokkens and Lee

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND extend curfew to 11:30 p.m.

(2/3 MAJORITY) CARRIED**2023 - 4****02-160**

Moved by Fokkens and Lee

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves the motion to waive the rules to allow a notice of motion to be presented regarding a pilot project in Welland.

YEAS: Councillors Lee, Green, Speck, Chiocchio, McLeod, DiMarco, Richard, Setaram. Fokkens, Moote, Van Vliet and Mayor Campion.

NAYS: None.

CARRIED**2023 - 5****21-30**

Moved by Fokkens and Lee

WHEREAS, the increase of homelessness in Welland and the severe weather changes have forced some residents to sleep in areas without shelter and

WHEREAS, the number of available emergency beds in Welland do not adequately provide for the residents of Welland that are living on the streets and

WHEREAS, the homeless in Welland are adverse to being transported to St Catharines shelters

WHEREAS, the City of Welland subscribes to be a passionate and responsible public body to the residents and

WHEREAS, Holy Trinity Church, the Hope Center and Beyond the Streets have provided letters of support for volunteers and the NRPS CORE Team has agreed that this would be beneficial for the City of Welland for both Welland residents and the NRPS and

WHEREAS, the Hope Center has agreed to seek the hiring of a professional Social Worker for the period of February and March 2023

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND, as a pilot project, will offer the Welland Tennis Club as a temporary overnight emergency shelter for Welland residents on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturday nights 7pm to 7am for the period of February and March 2023 - contingent on it being staffed overnight by a Social Worker; and further

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THAT the Council of the City of Welland will provide funding of \$9,000 to the Hope Center for the hiring of a professional social worker to be funded by the Capital Reserve fund; and further THAT this pilot project will be reviewed in April 2023 and staff will present a report to Council for opening an overnight emergency shelter for the 2023/2024 winter.

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(Councillor Speck did not take part in the consideration and discussion of the same, and refrained from voting thereon, as his company provides services to the Hope Centre).

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Moved by Green and Lee

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND amends the motion to be funded by the Corporate Contingency Fund.

YEAS: Councillors Lee, Green, Speck, Chiochio, DiMarco, Richard, Setaram. Fokkens, Moote, Van Vliet and Mayor Campion.

NAYS: Councillor McLeod.

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Moved by Moote and Fokkens

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND accepts the offer to purchase the city owned property located at 18 Rose Avenue; and further

THAT Welland City Council directs staff to prepare all the necessary documentation and by-laws relative to the transfer; and further

THAT the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute all the necessary documents relative to the transfer; and further

THAT Welland City Council directs staff to deposit the revenues from the sale of this property into the Affordable/Attainable Housing Reserve Fund.

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Suspended conversation due to curfew. To be brought to a future meeting.

BY-LAWS

Moved by Moote and Fokkens

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.

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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 17th day of January, 2023.

CARRIED

Council adjourned at 11:29 p.m.

These Minutes to be approved and adopted by Motion of Council this 7th day of February, 2023.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK