



**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING, MARCH 5, 2007**

**TO CONSIDER THE ITEMS AS OUTLINED IN THE SPECIAL COUNCIL AGENDA**

**CIVIC SQUARE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
60 EAST MAIN STREET**

Council met in open session at 8:00 p.m. on the above date.

His Worship Mayor Damian Goulbourne in the Chair.

**Members Present:**

Councillors R. Alakas, D. Alexander, M. Belcastro, F. Campion (8:20 p.m.), M. Dzugan, T. Eybel, P. Grenier, S. O'Dell, B. Sharpe and L. Van Vliet.

**Members of the Staff and Others Present:**

City Manager, P. Simmons

General Manager, Communications, Council & Legislative Services/City, Clerk C. Stirtzinger

Deputy Clerk, B. Gallaccio

General Manager, Engineering, Public Works & Transportation Services/City Engineer, D. Shantz

General Manager, Financial & Corporate Services/Treasurer, B. Silvestri

Revenue Services Co-ordinator, L. Keca

**DELEGATIONS:**

**07-4** The following people addressed Council in opposition to the proposed 2007 Water/Sewer Budget.

- John Irvine, 151 Dover Rd., Welland
- Ron Hlywka, 9 North Crescent Dr., Welland
- Joseph Sommers, 17 Lyon Ave., Welland
- Jeff Ward, 296 Hellems Ave., Welland
- Dan Fortier, 83 Colbeck Dr., Welland

**THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE WAS READ:**

**07-4** Memorandum from the City Manager – Water and Sewer Budget 2007 supplementary information.

**THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATIONS WERE RECEIVED:**

- 07-4** Report FIN-2007-05 – Water/Sanitary Sewer Operating and Capital Budget with resulting Rate structure.
- 07-4** A supplemental recommendation to the Water and Sewer Budget Report FIN-2007-05 re: Seeking support from AMO & FCM for infrastructure funding.
- 07-37** Report CM-2007-01 – Water & Sewer Account Assistance.
- 07-37** A By-law to provide for the fixing of water and sanitary services rates to be paid by consumers for public benefits for the 2007 billing year, effective April 1, 2007.

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**07-4**

**07-28** Moved by O'Dell and Alexander

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND waives the rules of the Procedural By-law with respect to delegations, to permit members of the public, present at the Special Council Meeting of March 5, 2007, to address Council regarding the proposed 2007 Water and Sewer Budget.

**CARRIED**

**07-4** Moved by Alexander and Sharpe

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives Report FIN-07-05 and approves the following:

1. The 2007 Water and Sanitary Sewer Revenue and Expenditure Budget estimates (Schedules 'A' & 'B');
2. The 2007 Water and Sanitary Sewer Capital Budget estimates (Schedule 'C');
3. The 2007 Water and Sanitary Sewer Rate Structure (Schedule 'D'); and further
4. That Welland City Council directs staff to prepare the necessary by-law to establish the 2007 Water/Sanitary Sewer billing rates effective April 1, 2007.

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**07-4** Moved by Campion and Belcastro

THAT the 2007 Water/Sewer Budget be amended to reflect financing of \$2 million of the proposed Capital Budget by way of debenture (5 years).

**CARRIED**

***FOLLOWING THE VOTE ON THE AMENDING MOTION,  
THE MAIN MOTION WAS PUT AS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:***

**07-4** Moved by Alexander and Sharpe

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives Report FIN-07-05 and approves the following:

1. The 2007 Water and Sanitary Sewer Revenue and Expenditure Budget estimates (Schedules 'A' & 'B' as amended);
2. The 2007 Water and Sanitary Sewer Capital Budget estimates (Schedule 'C' as amended);
3. The 2007 Water and Sanitary Sewer Rate Structure (Schedule 'D' as amended); and further
4. That Welland City Council directs staff to prepare the necessary by-law to establish the 2007 Water/Sanitary Sewer billing rates effective April 1, 2007.

**CARRIED**

**07-4** Moved by Belcastro and Campion

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the Memorandum from the City Manager dated March 4, 2007 regarding Water and Sewer Budget 2007.

**CARRIED**

**07-4** Moved by Alexander and Sharpe

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND re-confirms the urgency for Federal and Provincial funding assistance to assist Canadian municipalities with tackling the crumbling national municipal infrastructure and related deficit of approximately \$60 billion; and further

THAT Welland City Council urges the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities (AMO), and other Provincial associations across Canada to engage the Federal and Provincial governments in committing meaningful funding to assist municipalities in addressing this issue immediately; and further

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Regional Municipality of Niagara and the area municipalities, local MP'S and MPP'S, FCM and AMO, for endorsement.

**CARRIED**

**07-37** Moved by Van Vliet and Grenier

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives Report CM-2007-01 re: Water & Sewer Account Assistance for information and implementation.

**CARRIED**

## **BY-LAWS**

### **BY-LAW PRESENTED FOR FIRST READING:**

1. Moved by Belcastro and Alexander

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND now gives leave to introduce the following proposed By-law entitled:

**07-37**

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A By-law to provide for the fixing of water and sanitary services rates to be paid by consumers for public benefits for the 2007 billing year, effective April 1, 2007.

And that same be now read a first time.

**CARRIED**

### **BY-LAW PRESENTED FOR SECOND AND THIRD READING:**

2. Moved by Belcastro and Alexander

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND having read a first time and considered the By-law listed in the foregoing motion as reproduced in this evening's Council Agenda, be now read a second and third time and do pass, and the Mayor and Clerk do sign and seal the same.

**CARRIED**

Council adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

These Minutes approved and adopted by Motion of Council this 20th day of March, 2007.

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**MAYOR**

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**DEPUTY CLERK**