



**The Corporation of the City of St. Catharines
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
Regular, Monday, March 23, 2015
Council Chambers, City Hall, 6:30 PM**

His Worship Mayor Walter Sendzik takes the Chair and opens the meeting

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- 1. Invocation**
- 2. Opening Remarks, Mayor Walter Sendzik**
- 3. Presentations**
- 4. Adoption of the Agendas**
- 5. Declarations of Interest**
- 6. Public Meetings Pursuant to Planning Act (Commencing at 7:30 p.m.)**
- 7. Adoption of the Minutes (Council and General Committee)**
 - 7.1 [Regular Meeting](#) of Council March 9, 2015, and [Special Meeting](#) of Council March 10, 2015
 - 7.2 [General Committee Meeting](#) of March 9, 2015
- 8. Delegations**
 - 8.1 **Public Meeting (Pursuant to Notice By-law 2007-310, as Amended)**
By-law to Prohibit and Regulate Noise in the City of St. Catharines -
Downtown Establishments (see [General Committee Agenda, March 23, 2015, Item 3.1](#))
 - 8.2 **Public Meeting - Pursuant to Notice By-law 2007-310, as amended**
2015 Water and Wastewater Budget and Associated Rates (see
[General Committee Agenda, March 23, 2015, Item 3.2](#))
 - 8.3 Kathleen Powell, Supervisor of Historical Services/Curator and Rebecca
Cann, Cultural Services Supervisor
Culture Plan 2020 (see [General Committee Agenda, March 23, 2015, Item 3.3](#))

- 8.4 Heather Salter, Deputy Solicitor/Deputy Clerk, Legal and Clerks Services
Task Force on Advisory Committee Review Recommendations (see [General Committee Agenda, March 23, 2015, Item 3.4](#)) and
Establishment of Advisory Committees for the Term of Council 2014-2018 (see [General Committee Agenda, March 23, 2015, Item 3.5](#))

9. Call for Notices of Motion

10. Motions

10.1 Events of Municipal Significance Niagara Folk Arts Festival and St. Catharines Dragon Boat Festival

That Council of the City of St. Catharines declare the Niagara Folk Arts Festival, to be held between May 1 and May 31, 2015, to be an event of municipal significance with respect to obtaining liquor permits in accordance with the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario requirements; and

That Council of the City of St. Catharines declare the 15th Annual St. Catharines Dragon Boat Festival, to be held on June 13, 2015, to be an event of municipal significance with respect to obtaining liquor permits in accordance with the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario requirements; and

That the Office of the City Clerk make the necessary notifications.

10.2 Harmonizing Regulatory System for Ballast Water for Vessels Operating Exclusively in the Context of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway

Councillor Phillips will present the following motion at the meeting of March 23, 2015:

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River are the largest freshwater ecosystem in the world, providing drinking water to over 40 million people and serving as the economic base for much of Canada and the United States; and

WHEREAS, protecting the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence from invasive species that enter the system through ballast water has been of particular interest to many Cities Initiative members for some time; and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative has publicly supported comprehensive, uniform, achievable, and protective ballast water standards in the United States and Canada and the harmonization of such standards between the countries where appropriate; and

WHEREAS, since 2006, the ballast water management requirements in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway system have been the most stringent in the world; and

WHEREAS, since 2009 100% of vessels inbound for the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway from outside of the Region received ballast management exams on each seaway transit; and

WHEREAS, recent efforts by the United States and Canada to deal with one of the major pathways for invasive species, ballast water, through a requirement for and strict enforcement of mid-ocean ballast water exchange for oceangoing vessels arriving from overseas, appears to have reduced significantly the risk of new introductions from vessels given that no new aquatic invasive species have been detected in the Great Lakes since 2006; and

WHEREAS, a number of states have proceeded with ballast water control regulations that vary from one state to another, and two different federal agencies regulate ballast water in the United States, creating a difficult regulatory setting for complying with requirements; and

WHEREAS, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) developed the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ship's Ballast Water and Sediments in 2004; and

WHEREAS, the requirements of the IMO's Ballast Water Convention are not achievable for domestic Canadian and U.S. flagged vessels that operate in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway; and

WHEREAS, current approaches in Canada and the United States may lead to the implementation of regulatory regimes that will not be uniform for the two countries; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative urges the federal governments of Canada and the United States to develop a bi-national, harmonized and achievable solution to the management of ballast water on the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the federal governments of Canada and the United States work with the marine industry, the Canadian Provinces and U.S. States to develop a harmonized regulatory system for the ballast water for vessels that operate exclusively in the context of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all ballast water regulations in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence waterways adopt achievable and risk-appropriate requirements that can be technologically implemented.

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- 11. Resolve into General Committee**
- 12. Motion Arising from In-Camera Session**
- 13. Motion to Ratify Forthwith Recommendations**
- 14. By-laws**
 - 14.1 Reading of the By-laws
- 15. Agencies, Boards, Committee Reports**

Committee Minutes to Receive:

 - Mayor's Advisory Committee on Accessibility: [September 24, 2014](#), [November 26, 2014](#) and [January 28, 2015](#)
- 16. Adjournment**

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By-laws to be considered March 23, 2015

- (a) A By-law to amend By-law No. 2015-16 entitled “A By-law to authorize an Agreement with the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires (Hamilton).” (Three readings – with respect to correcting an administrative error. General Committee, February 9, 2015, Item No. 4.5.)
- (b) A By-law to fix the rates for the use of water and water related services supplied by The Corporation of the City of St. Catharines. (Three readings – with respect to 2015 Water and Wastewater Budget and associated rates. To be considered by General Committee, March 23, 2015.)
- (c) A By-law to delegate authority to the Executive Director of the Performing Arts Centre to execute such documents necessary for the operation of the Performing Arts Centre. (Three readings – with respect to the day to day operation of the Performing Arts Centre. To be considered by General Committee, March 23, 2015.)
- (d) A By-law to confirm the proceedings and decisions of the Council of The Corporation of the City of St. Catharines at its meeting held on the 23rd day of March, 2015. (Three readings – with respect to ratification and adoption of City Council Minutes of March 9, 2015, and General Committee Minutes of March 9, 2015, and Special Council Meeting of March 10, 2015.)