

That the balance of the April 3, 2017 Consent Agenda – Public Services as identified below, be adopted:

COW-PS-2017.02 Outstanding Resolutions of Public Services

That the recommendations marked as “completed” within Report# PS-17-05 Outstanding Resolutions of Public Services be removed from the outstanding resolutions list.

Voting in Favour: Councillors Allt, Bell, Billings, Downer, Gibson, Gordon, Hofland, MacKinnon, Piper, Salisbury, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (12)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

Consent Agenda – Corporate Services

The following items were extracted:

COW-CS-2017.02 Tax Ratios 2017-2020 Assessment Cycle
COW-CS-2017.03 2017 Tax Policy

Consent Agenda – Committee of the Whole

The following item was extracted:

COW-2017.01 Councillors Mike Salisbury and Leanne Piper Request for Access to Additional Training Funding 2017

Items for Discussion – Corporate Services

Councillor MacKinnon assumed the Chair.

COW-CS-2017.04 2018 Municipal Election: Methods of Voting

Stephen O’Brien, City Clerk presented information regarding methods of voting available for the City for the 2018 Municipal Election and staff recommendations.

The following people spoke to this item:

Susan Watson

Jason Blokhuis

Richard Chaloner

Hugh Whiteley was not present.

2. Moved by Councillor Gibson
Seconded by Councillor Hofland
1. That a By-law be adopted to support the use of vote scanners/tabulators and internet voting in the 2018 Municipal Election.

2. That a By-law be adopted to support the optional use of an in-person, paperless method of voting in the 2018 Municipal Election as a complementary voting channel for the advance voting period.

Amendment

3. Moved by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Allt

That Clause 1 be amended by removing the words “and internet voting”.

Voting in Favour: Councillors Allt, Bell, Gordon, Hofland, Piper, Salisbury and Wettstein (7)

Voting Against: Councillor Billings, Downer, Gibson, MacKinnon, and Van Hellemond (5)

Carried

Main Motion as Amended

It was requested that the clauses be voted on separately.

Clause 1 as Amended

4. Moved by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Allt

That a By-law be adopted to support the use of vote scanners/ tabulators in the 2018 Municipal Election.

Voting in Favour: Councillors Allt, Bell, Gibson, Gordon, Hofland, MacKinnon, Piper, Salisbury and Wettstein (9)

Voting Against: Councillors Billings, Downer and Van Hellemond (3)

Carried

Clause 2

5. Moved by Councillor Gibson
Seconded by Councillor Hofland

That a By-law be adopted to support the optional use of an in-person, paperless method of voting in the 2018 Municipal Election as a complementary voting channel for the advance voting period.

Voting in Favour: Councillors Downer, MacKinnon, Piper, Salisbury and Wettstein (5)

Voting Against: Councillors Allt, Bell, Billings, Gibson, Gordon, Hofland and Van Hellemond (7)

Defeated

The meeting recessed at 3:55 p.m. and resumed at 4:08 p.m.
Councillor Van Hellemond left the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

Special Resolutions

CON-2017.9 Surplus Asset Sales Policies – Mayor Guthrie’s Motion for Which Notice was Given on March 6, 2017

The following person spoke to this matter:
Brian Pittana, St. John Ambulance in Guelph

6. Moved by Councillor Wettstein
 Seconded by Councillor Piper

That staff report back on the City of Guelph’s policy on local community non-profit access to surplus assets through our Wellbeing Grant policy.

Voting in Favour: Councillors Allt, Bell, Billings, Downer, Gibson, Gordon, Hofland, MacKinnon, Salisbury, Piper and Wettstein (11)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

7. Moved by Councillor Piper
 Moved by Councillor Wettstein

That staff be directed to facilitate the potential transfer of one surplus ambulance to St. John’s Ambulance within the 2017 budget from the Infrastructure Renewal Reserve.

Voting in Favour: Councillors Allt, Bell, Billings, Downer, Gordon, Hofland, Piper, Salisbury and Wettstein (9)

Voting Against: Councillors Gibson and MacKinnon (2)

Carried

Items for Discussion – Public Services

Councillor Hofland assumed the Chair

COW-PS-2017.03 Animal Control By-law Chicken Amendments

Doug Godfrey, Manager, Operations provided a brief synopsis of the process to date.

8. Moved by Councillor Allt
 Seconded by Councillor Gordon

1. That as detailed in Public Services Report #PS-17-04 Animal Control By-law chicken amendments, that staff be directed to create an amendment to the Animal Control By-law (2016)-20122 to permit residents that cannot facilitate a 15 metre (50 feet) distance for the keeping of poultry to keep chickens provided the following can be met:

Hen coops and hen runs shall be a distance of at least 1.2m from the rear lot line and at least 1.2m from any side lot line of the dwelling lot on which the hen coop is located (meeting the setback requirements as per the zoning bylaw);

Pens (includes hen coop and hen run) must be located the furthest from any other dwelling, and must be 1.2m away from any property line;

Pens shall be located at least 7.5m from the lot line to any religious institution or business or school;

Pens shall be a minimum distance of 3m from all windows and doors of dwellings that are located on an abutting property;

Pens are not permitted in any front or side yard;

That the maximum number of hens be limited to ten (10).

2. That as detailed in Public Services Report #PS-17-04 Animal Control By-law chicken amendments, that staff be directed to create an amendment to the Animal Control Bylaw (2016)-20122 requiring food for poultry be stored in an animal proof secured container.
3. That as detailed in Public Services Report #PS-17-04 Animal Control By-law chicken amendments, that staff be directed to create an amendment to the Animal Control By-law (2016)-20122 requiring that coop floors be lined with an appropriate material to absorb fecal matter and to facilitate cleaning.
4. That as detailed in Public Services Report #PS-17-04 Animal Control By-law chicken amendments, that staff be directed to create an amendment to the Animal Control By-law (2016)-20122 requiring that residents keeping backyard chickens shall provide each hen with food, water, shelter, light, ventilation, appropriate substrate flooring, and provide opportunities for essential behaviours such as scratching, nesting, including but not limited to dust-bathing, and roosting, to maintain each hen in good health and welfare.
5. That as detailed in Public Services Report #PS-17-04 Animal Control By-law chicken amendments, that staff be directed to create an amendment to the Animal Control By-law (2016)-20122 prohibiting persons from killing a domestic animal on their property, except by a licenced vet or otherwise authorized by the City of Guelph.

Voting in Favour: Councillors Allt, Bell, Billings, Downer, Gibson, Gordon, Hofland, MacKinnon, Piper, Salisbury and Wettstein (11)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

COW-CS-2017.02 Tax Ratios 2017-2020 Assessment Cycle

9. Moved by Councillor Allt
Seconded by Councillor Hofland
 1. That the Tax Ratios for the 2017 year be adopted as set out in Table One of the "Tax Ratios 2017-2020 Assessment Cycle" Report CS-2017-02 dated Monday, April 3, 2017.
 2. That the Tax Ratios for the remainder of the 2017-2020 assessment cycle be adopted based on start ratios for all tax classes except for the multi-residential ratio which will remain revenue neutral on an annual basis.
 3. That the tax ratios be incorporated into the appropriate Tax Policy.

Voting in Favour: Councillors Allt, Bell, Downer, Gordon, Hofland, MacKinnon, Piper, Salisbury and Wettstein (9)

Voting Against: Councillors Billings and Gibson (2)

Carried

COW-CS-2017.03 2017 Tax Policy

10. Moved by Councillor Hofland
Seconded by Councillor Allt
 1. That the 2017 City of Guelph Property Tax Policies set out in Schedule 1 to the "2017 Tax Policy" CS-2017-07 report dated April 3, 2017, be approved.
 2. That the tax policies be incorporated into tax ratio, tax rate, and capping by-laws to be adopted on April 24, 2017.
 3. That a tax rate related to the dedicated infrastructure levy be calculated for the required amount and identified separately on the 2017 and future years' City tax bills replacing the previously separated Public Health levy.
 4. That the maximum allowed capping parameters be used for 2017, allowing the City of Guelph to exit the capping program in the shortest time frame available.

Voting in Favour: Councillors Allt, Bell, Gibson, Gordon, Hofland, MacKinnon, Piper, Salisbury and Wettstein (9)

Voting Against: Councillors Billings and Gibson (2)

Carried

COW-2017.01 Councillors Mike Salisbury and Leanne Piper Request for Access to Additional Training Funding 2017

11. Moved by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor Allt

That Councillor Leanne Piper be authorized to exceed her 2017 training allocation of \$3250 to an upset limit of \$400 in order to attend the American Planning Association conference in May 2017.

Voting in Favour: Councillors Allt, Bell, Billings, Downer, Gibson, Gordon, Hofland, MacKinnon, Salisbury, Piper and Wettstein (11)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

Chair and Staff Announcements

Councillor Gibson commended staff for the success of the Hometown Hockey event held April 1st and 2nd.

Councillor Wettstein acknowledged the death of Charlie Whittaker, a longtime resident of Guelph who invested his time in numerous initiatives over the years.

Councillor Allt announced the Canadian Masters Curling Championship Event currently underway.

Adjournment (6:01 p.m.)

12. Moved by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor Gibson

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

Minutes to be confirmed on April 24, 2017.

Mayor Guthrie

Stephen O'Brien - City Clerk