

**Infrastructure, Development & Enterprise Committee  
Held in the Council Chambers, Guelph City Hall  
Tuesday, July 7, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.**

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**Attendance**

Members: Chair B. Bell  
Mayor C. Guthrie  
Councillor D. Gibson  
Councillor L. Piper

Absent: Councillor Salisbury

Councillors: Councillor P. Allt  
Councillor C. Downer  
Councillor J. Gordon  
Councillor J. Hofland  
Councillor A. Van Hellemond  
Councillor K. Wettstein

Staff: Mr. A. Horsman, Deputy CAO – Infrastructure, Development & Enterprise  
Mr. T. Salter, General Manager, Planning Services  
Ms. K. Dedman, General Manager, Engineering and Capital Investment Services  
Mr. S. O'Brien, City Clerk  
Mr. D. McMahon, Council Committee Coordinator

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**Call to Order (5:00 p.m.)**

Chair Bell called the meeting to order.

**Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**

Councillor Gibson declared a potential pecuniary interest regarding item #IDE-2015.25 'Municipal Support for Local Renewable Energy Projects: Independent System Operator Feed-in-Tariff 4.0' because he is currently employed by a power company and did not vote or speak on the matter.

**Confirmation of Minutes**

1. Moved by Councillor Piper  
Seconded by Councillor Gibson

That the open meeting minutes of the Infrastructure, Development & Enterprise Committee held on June 2, 2015 be confirmed as recorded.

*VOTING IN FAVOUR: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Bell, Gibson and Piper (4)*

*VOTING AGAINST: (0)*

CARRIED

**Consent Agenda**

The following items were extracted from the July 7, 2015 Consent Agenda to be voted on separately:

**IDE-2015.21 INTEGRATED OPERATIONAL REVIEW (IOR) – ANNUAL REPORT (2014-2015)**

- IDE-2015.23 ESSEX STREET ON-STREET PARKING:  
BACKGROUND TO NOTICE OF MOTION AND RECENT SURVEY**
- IDE-2015.28 TOWN OF AURORA RESOLUTION REGARDING INSTALLATION OF  
COMMUNITY MAILBOXES**
- IDE-2015.17 SPEEDVALE AVENUE EAST FROM MANHATTAN COURT TO  
WOOLWICH STREET – ROAD DESIGN – REFERRED FROM JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup>  
COUNCIL MEETING**

2. Moved by Councillor Piper  
Seconded by Mayor Guthrie

That the balance of the July 7, 2015 Infrastructure, Development & Enterprise Committee Consent Agenda, as identified below, be adopted:

**IDE-2015.22 BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & ENTERPRISE (BDE) 2014/2015  
ACTIVITY REPORT**

1. That Report IDE-BDE-1503 from Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise dated July 7, 2015, titled 'Business Development & Enterprise 2014/2015 Activity Report' be received for information.

**IDE-2015.24 SIGN BY-LAW VARIANCES – 275 HANLON CREEK BOULEVARD**

1. That the report from Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise dated July 7, 2015 regarding sign by-law variances for 275 Hanlon Creek Boulevard, be received.
2. That the request for variances from the Sign By-law for 275 Hanlon Creek Boulevard to permit one (1) sign with an area of 5.89m<sup>2</sup> to be located on the second storey of a building face fronting an adjacent property at a distance of 6.5 metres from the property line, be approved.
3. That the request for variances from the Sign By-law for 275 Hanlon Creek Boulevard to permit one (1) sign with an area of 12.59m<sup>2</sup> to be located on the second storey of a building face fronting an adjacent property at a distance of 6.5 metres from the property line, be approved.

**IDE-2015.26 GREEN MEADOW PARK FLOOD PROTECTION FACILITY – SCHEDULE  
B MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

1. That the Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise report dated July 7, 2015, regarding the Schedule B Municipal Class Environmental Assessment - Green Meadow Park Flood Protection Facility be received.
2. That staff be authorized to complete the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process as required and to proceed with the implementation of the preferred alternative (#4 – New Storm Sewer on William Street) as outlined in the report from Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise report dated July 7, 2015.

**IDE-2015.27      FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES – GREEN MUNICIPAL FUND LEADERSHIP IN ASSET MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

1. That the Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise report dated July 7, 2015, regarding the Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Green Municipal Fund Leadership in Asset Management Program (LAMP) be received.
2. That Council support the City of Guelph’s participation in the LAMP program.

*VOTING IN FAVOUR: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Bell, Gibson and Piper (4)*

*VOTING AGAINST: (0)*

CARRIED

**Extracted Consent Items**

**IDE-2015.25      MUNICIPAL SUPPORT FOR LOCAL RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS: INDEPENDENT SYSTEM OPERATOR FEED-IN-TARIFF 4.0**

Councillor Gibson did not speak or vote on this matter.

3. Moved by Councillor Piper  
Seconded by Mayor Guthrie

WHEREAS the Province's FIT Program encourages the construction and operation of rooftop solar photovoltaic and ground mount solar photovoltaic projects (the "Projects");

AND WHEREAS one or more Projects may be constructed and operated in the City of Guelph;

AND WHEREAS, pursuant to the FIT Rules, Version 4.0, Applications whose Projects receive the formal support of Local Municipalities will be awarded Priority Points, which may result in these Applicants being offered a FIT Contract prior to other Persons applying for FIT Contracts;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That Report IDE-BDE-1506 from Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise, dated July 7, 2015 be received.
2. That Council of the City of Guelph supports without reservation the construction and operation of the Projects anywhere in the City of Guelph.
3. That Council direct the City Clerk to sign the attached "Template: Municipal Council Blanket Support Resolution" (Attachment #1).
4. That Council direct the Manager, Community Energy to provide a completed and signed "Template: Municipal Council Blanket Support Resolution" (Attachment #1) to applicants requesting same for the purposes of submissions to the Independent Electricity System Operator’s Feed-In-Tariff 4.0 Program.
5. That the Municipal Council Blanket Support Resolution remain in effect for one year from the date of adoption.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Bell and Piper (3)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

CARRIED

**IDE-2015.21      INTEGRATED OPERATIONAL REVIEW (IOR) – ANNUAL REPORT  
(2014-2015)**

Mr. Todd Salter provided highlights of the IOR project and Ms. Karol Murillo provided detailed information covering the IOR process to date, including challenges and opportunities for the future.

4. Moved by Mayor Guthrie  
Seconded by Councillor Piper
  1. That Report 15-63 from the Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise Services, regarding the Integrated Operational Review Annual Report and associated process enhancements and mandatory pre-consultation for the period 2014-2015, be received.
  2. That the draft by-laws as shown in Attachment 3 – Pre-consultation By-law – in Report 15-63 from the Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise Services, regarding mandatory pre-consultation and complete application requirements be approved and adopted.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Bell, Gibson and Piper (4)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

CARRIED

**IDE-2015.23      ESSEX STREET ON-STREET PARKING:  
BACKGROUND TO NOTICE OF MOTION AND RECENT SURVEY**

Marty Williams spoke in support of the staff recommendation with regard to Essex St. on-street parking and encouraged Council to give more power to staff to alter basic parking rules and regulations in the downtown area.

Peter Hedington spoke in favour of maintaining on-street parking on Essex St. because it is used as over flow parking for local businesses in the area. Additionally, Mr. Hedington suggested that at least 8-10 parking spaces on the east side of Essex St. remain available regardless of Council's decision.

John Farley, representing Market Commons commercial tenants and the Gordon Street Development Corporation, spoke about the current parking environment surrounding the Market Commons condominium building and offered support for staff's recommendation.

Fazl Ashkar, a business owner on Essex St., provided support for two hour parking spots on Essex St. between 6:00 am and 8:00 pm.

Katie White, General Manger of Balzac's Café, spoke in support of the staff proposal regarding parking on Essex St.

## Main Motion

5. Moved by Councillor Gibson  
Seconded by Councillor Piper
  1. That Report IDE-BDE-1504 titled "Essex Street On-Street Parking", from Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise, dated July 7, 2015 be received.
  2. That staff undertake the proposed on-street parking pilot as described in the report, and report back to IDE Committee by Q2 2016.

## First Amendment

6. Moved by Mayor Guthrie  
Seconded by Councillor Piper

**That staff report back to the IDE Committee, through the Information Sheets, by Q4 2015 while maintaining the 1 year pilot project.**

*VOTING IN FAVOUR: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Bell, Gibson and Piper (4)*

*VOTING AGAINST: (0)*

CARRIED

## Main Motion as Amended

7. Moved by Councillor Gibson  
Seconded by Councillor Piper
  1. That Report IDE-BDE-1504 titled "Essex Street On-Street Parking", from Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise, dated July 7, 2015 be received.
  2. That staff undertake the proposed on-street parking pilot as described in the report, and report back to IDE Committee by Q2 2016.
  3. **That staff report back to the IDE Committee, through the Information Sheets, by Q4 2015 while maintaining the 1 year pilot project.**

*VOTING IN FAVOUR: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Bell, Gibson and Piper (4)*

*VOTING AGAINST: (0)*

CARRIED

## **IDE-2015.17      SPEEDVALE AVENUE EAST FROM MANHATTAN COURT TO WOOLWICH STREET – ROAD DESIGN – REFERRED FROM JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup> COUNCIL MEETING**

Jason Dodge spoke in support of staff recommendations regarding Speedvale Avenue Reconstruction, by identifying the difficulty emergency vehicles would have moving through Speedvale if the number of lanes were reduced.

Lane Aspinall, a long-time resident of the Speedvale Avenue area, spoke against any expropriation of land to increase the road width. She indicated that increasing the number of lanes on Speedvale would negatively impact nearby residents by reducing their quality of life

and creating dangerous situations. Ms. Aspinall encouraged Council to limit the number of large trucks which are allowed to travel down Speedvale Avenue.

Martin Collier spoke in support of a three lane solution for Speedvale Avenue and against the four lane option recommended by staff.

Patrick Sheridan spoke in support of staff's recommendation as a compromise for cyclists and automobiles.

Shaun Pecore spoke in support of bike lanes generally but suggested that the ramifications of reducing the lanes available for traffic on Speedvale Avenue would cause significant traffic delays and congestion while pushing traffic onto smaller residential streets.

Maggie Laidlaw spoke against the proposed staff recommendation, suggesting that cycling can occur year around when bike lanes are provided.

Albert de Jong spoke in favour of a road diet for Speedvale Avenue by showing a video to Council which explained the purpose and benefits of road diets.

Ed Kurys suggested that the traffic congestion caused by a road diet on Speedvale Avenue would be too significant to justify adding bike lanes to accommodate cyclists. He suggested that the true cost of a road diet would exceed that of the four lane option due to productive time lost in congestion.

Mark McDowall suggested that cyclists do not use existing bike lanes on roads in Guelph and therefore they should not be added on Speedvale Avenue at the expense of automobile traffic.

Mike Darmon presented several different options regarding Speedvale Avenue reconstruction and urged Council to adopt a compromise between the options presented by staff.

Marcia Santen spoke in favour of making the right hand lane, in both directions, on Speedvale Avenue between Manhattan Court and Woolwich Street multi-use lanes; clearly marked for both cyclists and automobiles.

Mike Baker spoke in opposition to any option that includes expropriation of land and suggested that more compromise was needed between the different options.

Michael Stewart spoke in support of a road diet for Speedvale Avenue to ensure traffic keeps moving through the area without expropriating any land from private landowners.

8. Moved by Councillor Piper  
Seconded by Mayor Guthrie

1. That the report from Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise entitled "Supplementary Report for Speedvale Avenue East from Manhattan Court to Woolwich Street – Road Design", dated July 7, 2015, be received.
2. That Speedvale Avenue be constructed in accordance with option #5, as outlined in the report, to retain 4 existing lanes of traffic, sidewalks on both sides, bicycle lanes and buried infrastructure, and that staff be directed to proceed with a detailed design that minimizes expropriation of land.
3. That funding for the reconstruction of Speedvale Avenue East from Manhattan Court to Woolwich Street be referred to the 2016 budget process for consideration.

4. That the timing for commencing the Environmental Assessment for a pedestrian bridge across the Speed River from the west end of Emma Street to the east end of Earl Street be referred to the Trails Master Plan review process.

*VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillor Piper (1)*

*VOTING AGAINST: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Bell, Gibson (3)*

DEFEATED

9. Moved by Councillor Gibson  
Seconded by Mayor Guthrie

1. That the report from Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise entitled "Supplementary Report for Speedvale Avenue East from Manhattan Court to Woolwich Street – Road Design", dated July 7, 2015, be received.
2. That the 2009 Bike Policy and 2013 Cycling Master Plan be amended to re-route the bike lanes identified for Speedvale Avenue from Manhattan Court to Woolwich Street to an alternate location on Emma Street such that Speedvale Avenue is reconstructed in accordance with the Recommended Option to retain the existing four lanes of traffic and sidewalks on both sides of the road.
3. That funding for the reconstruction of Speedvale Avenue East from Manhattan Court to Woolwich Street be referred to the 2016 budget process for consideration.
4. That staff be directed to commence an Environmental Assessment for a pedestrian bridge across the Speed River from the west end of Emma Street to the east end of Earl Street.

It was requested that the resolutions be voted on separately.

10. Moved by Councillor Gibson  
Seconded by Mayor Guthrie

That the report from Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise entitled "Supplementary Report for Speedvale Avenue East from Manhattan Court to Woolwich Street – Road Design", dated July 7, 2015, be received.

*VOTING IN FAVOUR: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Bell, Gibson and Piper (4)*

*VOTING AGAINST: (0)*

CARRIED

11. Moved by Councillor Gibson  
Seconded by Mayor Guthrie

That the 2009 Bike Policy and 2013 Cycling Master Plan be amended to re-route the bike lanes identified for Speedvale Avenue from Manhattan Court to Woolwich Street to an alternate location on Emma Street such that Speedvale Avenue is reconstructed in accordance with the Recommended Option to retain the existing four lanes of traffic and sidewalks on both sides of the road.

*VOTING IN FAVOUR: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Bell and Gibson (3)*

*VOTING AGAINST: Councillor Piper (1)*

CARRIED

11. Moved by Councillor Gibson  
Seconded by Mayor Guthrie

That funding for the reconstruction of Speedvale Avenue East from Manhattan Court to Woolwich Street be referred to the 2016 budget process for consideration.

*VOTING IN FAVOUR: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Bell, Gibson and Piper (4)*

*VOTING AGAINST: (0)*

CARRIED

12. Moved by Councillor Gibson  
Seconded by Mayor Guthrie

1. That staff be directed to commence an Environmental Assessment for a pedestrian bridge across the Speed River from the west end of Emma Street to the east end of Earl Street.

*VOTING IN FAVOUR: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Bell and Gibson (3)*

*VOTING AGAINST: Councillor Piper (1)*

CARRIED

**IDE-2015.28      TOWN OF AURORA RESOLUTION REGARDING INSTALLATION OF COMMUNITY MAILBOXES**

13. Moved by Councillor Piper  
Seconded by Mayor Guthrie

1. That the City of Guelph Council direct the Mayor to send a letter, copied to Members of Parliament, Ontario Members of Provincial Parliament, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and the Association of Ontario Municipalities, that the Federal Minister of Transport, who oversees Canada Post, to require Canada Post to halt installation of community mailboxes immediately and adhere to its Five-point Action Plan requirement to engage in full and meaningful consultation with all stakeholders, including the City of Guelph and its residents;
2. That Council direct staff to bring forward recommendations to a future 2015 meeting of the IDE committee, in consultation with legal services, on a process and timeline to update the City of Guelph Encroachment of City Owned Lands By-law (2009)-18799 regarding the installation of Canada Post Community Mailboxes in established neighbourhoods.
3. That Council direct staff to develop a recommended process to require Canada Post to apply for installation permits, with an appropriate fee that reflects the resources required and costs incurred by the City to install and/or maintain community mailboxes in established neighbourhoods.

*VOTING IN FAVOUR: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Bell, Gibson and Piper (4)*

*VOTING AGAINST: (0)*

CARRIED



## **Staff Updates and Announcements**

There were no updates or announcements.

## **Adjournment** (9:11 p.m.)

14. Moved by Mayor Guthrie  
Seconded by Councillor Gibson

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

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Dylan McMahon  
Council Committee Coordinator