

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA



Consolidated as of April 25, 2014

Council Chambers, Guelph City Hall, 1 Carden Street

DATE April 28, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.

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PRESENTATION

- a) Mayor's Poetry Challenge: Astero Kalogeropoulos, Arts & Culture Program Officer introduction of poet Madhur Anand, who will read the poem "Sestina"
- b) City of Guelph Medals presented to the following members of the Guelph Ringette U16AA team in recognition of winning the 2014 Ontario AA Ringette Championship and 2014 Canadian Ringette Championship: Selena Case, Mariah Coverdale, Emma Eccles, Samantha Gorgi, Janna Griffioen, Kelsey Hamilton, Katrina Hart, Madison Jarvis, Neely Jarvis, Anna Lawrence, Gillian Marrow, Madison Seabrooke, Nicole Shaw, Stacey Warner, Rose Williams, Manager Lori Seabrooke, Coaches: Dave Eccles, Michelle Eccles, Karen Lawrence, Todd Marrow, Gary Shaw and Arlene Warner
- c) City of Guelph Medals presented to the following members of the Guelph Ringette U19AA team in recognition of their winning season: Halli Berry, Hayley Chase, Moira Davidson, Nicole Evans, Breanne Hahn, Taylor Jarvis, Nia King, Meghan Lanteigne, Megan McGuire, Katie McKersie, Jessica Mezenberg, Abby Richardson, Trish Rowsell, Jodi Rutten, Colleen Scott, Rachel Shaw, Manager Paula Richardson, Coaches: Doug Chase, Margaret Lanteigne, John Mezenberg, Gillian Montoya, Craig Richardson and Trish Scott
- d) University of Guelph – 50th Anniversary
 - "1. That Guelph City Council offers its congratulations to the Board of Governors of the University of Guelph on the University achieving its 50th year of providing continued excellence in education and research.
 2. That Guelph City Council offers its appreciation to the alumni, students and faculty of the University of Guelph who have all contributed to the success and global recognition of the University of Guelph.

3. That Guelph City Council wishes to express the City's sincere appreciation of the University's positive involvement, contribution and enrichment to the community."
- e) Rob Kerr, Corporate Manager Community Energy presentation of The City of Guelph's Community Energy Initiative and presentation of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Awards:
- Sustainable Community for Community Energy Initiative in recognition of the City's efforts to reduce energy use
 - Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Champion in recognition of innovation and excellence in municipal sustainable development.
- f) Ann Pappert, Chief Administrative Officer update on the CAO Performance Objectives (memo attached)

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (Councillor Wettstein)

"THAT the minutes of the Council Meetings held March 17 and 31, 2014 and the minutes of the Closed Meetings of Council held March 17 and 31, 2014 be confirmed as recorded and without being read."

CONSENT REPORTS/AGENDA – ITEMS TO BE EXTRACTED

The following resolutions have been prepared to facilitate Council's consideration of the various matters and are suggested for consideration. If Council wishes to address a specific report in isolation of the Consent Reports/Agenda, please identify the item. The item will be extracted and dealt with separately. The balance of the Consent Reports/Agenda will be approved in one resolution.

Consent Reports/Agenda from:

Closed Meeting of Council			
Item	City Presentation	Delegations	To be Extracted
C-2014.22 Citizen Appointment to the Guelph Cemetery Commission			

Adoption of balance of the Closed Meeting of Council Second Consent Report

Community & Social Services Committee			
Item	City Presentation	Delegations	To be Extracted
CSS-2014.7 Brant Neighbourhood Hub Development		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrea Roberts, Director of Family Health & Analytics, Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health (presentation) 	√

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lynne Kloostra and Linda Beal, Brant Avenue Neighbourhood Group (*has requested up to 10 minutes) • Janice Pearce Faubert • On Video Presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Katie Davis - Amy Vandenberg - Nicole Hammond - Wendy McCrae - Gai Lukomska - Daniel Moore • Brendan Johnson, Executive Director Guelph Neighbourhood Support Coalition • Kim Gadoury • Halima Ahmed <p><u>Correspondence:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katie Davis • Kathy, Amy & Gaia's Stories 	
CSS-2014.8 Smoke-Free Outdoor Spaces		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rita Sethi, Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health <p><u>Correspondence:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steven Traplin • Steven Reinhart 	√

Adoption of balance of Community & Social Services Committee Second Consent Report - Councillor Dennis, Chair

Corporate Administration, Finance & Enterprise Committee			
Item	City Presentation	Delegations	To be Extracted
CAFE-2014.8 Fair Trade Town Status Proposal			

CAFE-2014.12 150-152 Wellington Street East – Downtown Guelph Community Improvement Plan (DGCIP) – Major Downtown Activation Grant (MDAG) Request (<i>referred to Council for decision</i>)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> William Sleeth Barbara Mann 	√
CAFE-2014.14 2014 Property Tax Policy			
CAFE-2014.16 2013 DC Background Study Update: Capital Budget Funding Reallocation		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hugh Whiteley 	√

Adoption of balance of Corporate Administration, Finance & Enterprise Committee Third Consent Report - Councillor Hofland, Chair

Governance Committee			
Item	City Presentation	Delegations	To be Extracted
GOV-2014.2 Legal & Realty Services Delegation of Authority			
GOV-2014.3 2014 Municipal Election – Advance Voting Period and Special Voting Provisions			
GOV-2014.6 Memo from Mayor Regarding Permanent Resident Voting in Municipal Elections			

Adoption of balance of Governance Committee Second Consent Report – Mayor Farbridge, Chair

Planning & Building, Engineering and Environment Committee			
Item	City Presentation	Delegations	To be Extracted
PBEE-2014.7 Housing Strategy Background Report and Proposed Project Charter			
PBEE-2014.8 Stone Road Widening and Reconstruction from Victoria Road to Gordon Street		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hugh Whiteley Beverley Hale Yvette Tendick Laura Murr Martin Collier 	√

		Correspondence: • Beverley Hale	
PBEE-2104.9 2013 Building Permit Fee Revenues, Costs, Building Stabilization Reserve Fund and Annual Setting of Building Permit Fees for 2014	Deferred to May 26 th meeting		
PBEE-2014.11 Arthur Street Trunk Sewer – Speed River Crossing Schedule B Class Environmental Assessment – Notice of Completion			

Adoption of balance of Planning & Building, Engineering and Environment Committee Second Consent Report - Councillor Bell, Chair

Council Consent Agenda			
Item	City Presentation	Delegations	To be Extracted
CON-2014.24 1291 Gordon Street – Removal of Holding Zone		• Hugh Handy • Laura Murr	✓
CON-2014.25 Contract to Process Recyclable Material			

Adoption of balance of the Council Consent Agenda – Councillor

ITEMS EXTRACTED FROM COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL REPORTS AND COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA (Chairs to present the extracted items)

Once extracted items are identified, they will be dealt with in the following order:

- 1) *delegations (may include presentations)*
- 2) *staff presentations only*
- 3) *all others.*

Reports from:

- Closed Meeting of Council -
- Community & Social Services Committee – Councillor Dennis
- Corporate Administration, Finance & Enterprise Committee– Councillor Hofland
- Governance Committee – Mayor Farbridge

- Planning & Building, Engineering and Environment Committee– Councillor Bell
- Council Consent – Mayor Farbridge

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

a) Councillor Findlay’s motion of which notice was given on February 24, 2014

Whereas public urination continues to detract from the presentation of our downtown; and

Whereas Council has approved the use of pissiors conditional on a permanent public washroom facility being available; and

Whereas there are no permanent public washrooms in place or currently planned for that would service late night downtown activity;

1. Therefore be it resolved that the Downtown Renewal Office be charged with collaborating with downtown stakeholders to determine the most effective and timely manner to create a public washroom to serve downtown activity during all hours for the consideration of City Council.
2. That the Downtown Renewal Office present it’s recommendation by the end of Q3.
3. That this resolution be forwarded to the Corporate Administration, Finance & Enterprise Committee for consideration.

BY-LAWS

Resolution – Adoption of By-laws (Councillor Bell)

“THAT By-law Numbers (2014)-19731 to (2014)-19747, inclusive, are hereby passed.”

<p>By-law Number (2014)-19740 A by-law to authorize a land exchange in respect of land described as: Part of School Lot, Registered Plan 8, designated as Part 3, Reference Plan 61R20321, City of Guelph, to be conveyed from The Corporation of the</p>	<p>To authorize a land exchange.</p>
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<p>City of Guelph to 150 Wellington Guelph Limited in exchange for the conveyance to The Corporation of the City of Guelph of land described as: Part of Lot 5, Registered Plan 269, designated as Part 4, Reference Plan 61R20321 and Part of Grist Mill Lands and Part of School Lot, Canada Company Survey, Registered Plan 8, designated as Part 5, Reference Plan 61R20321, City of Guelph, from 150 Wellington Guelph Limited.</p>	
<p>By-law Number (2014)-19741 A by-law to amend By-law Number (1995) – 14864, as amended, known as the Zoning By-law for the City of Guelph as it affects property known municipally as 66 Eastview Road and legally described as Part Lot 2, Concession 5, Division C, City of Guelph. (ZC1307)</p>	<p>To amend the City’s Zoning By-law. (66 Eastview Road)</p>
<p>By-law Number (2014)-19742 A By-law to remove Blocks 1 and 2, Plan 61M190, designated as Parts 1 to 18 inclusive, Reference Plan 61R20232 in the City of Guelph from Part Lot Control. (53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67, 69, 71 and 73 Frasson Drive)</p>	<p>To remove lands from Part Lot Control. (53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67, 69, 71 and 73 Frasson Drive)</p>
<p>By-law Number (2014)-19743 A by-law to enact a Year End Surplus Allocation Policy.</p>	<p>To enact a year end surplus policy.</p>
<p>By-law Number (2014)-19744 A by-law to authorize the execution of an Agreement between Network Sewer and Watermain and The Corporation of the City of Guelph. (Contract 2-1408 for the servicing and road construction of the Chillico Run Subdivision.</p>	<p>To authorize the execution of Contract No. 2-1408.</p>

<p>By-law Number (2014)-19745 A By-law to provide for the temporary closure of Westra Drive, Rooke Court, Drone Crescent and Gorman Court within the Chillico Run Subdivision during servicing and road construction. (Contract 2-1408).</p>	<p>To provide for the temporary road closure during servicing and road construction. (Contract 2-1408)</p>
<p>By-law Number (2014)-19746 A By-law to amend By-law Number (2002) – 17017 (to amend The Traffic By-law and Prohibited Turns in Schedule II) and adopt Municipal Code Amendment #513, amending Chapter 301 of the Corporation of the City of Guelph’s Municipal Code.</p>	<p>A by-law to amend the City’s Traffic By-law.</p>
<p>By-law Number (2014)-19747 A by-law to confirm the proceedings of meetings of Guelph City Council held April 14 and 28, 2014.</p>	<p>To confirm the proceedings of Council meetings held April 14 and 28, 2014.</p>

MAYOR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please provide any announcements, to the Mayor in writing, by 12 noon on the day of the Council meeting.

NOTICE OF MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

MEMO

DATE April 28, 2014
TO **City Council**
FROM Ann Pappert, Chief Administrative Officer
SUBJECT **Presentation: CAO Performance Objectives 2014/15**

I am pleased to share publically at the City Council Meeting of April 28, 2014 the Performance Objectives of the Chief Administrative Officer, as approved by you on April 14, 2014. The CAO Performance Objectives are aligned to the Corporate Strategic Plan 2012-2016 and highlight goals, objectives and actions in all three (3) Focus Areas. They are as follows:

Focus #1: Organizational Excellence: Vision, Transformation & Leadership

Goals

We aspire to be an exceptional local government that provides outstanding municipal service and value. To be vital in our changing world, we open ourselves up and embrace relevant new practices and ideas to serve our community's current and future needs, making a difference in lives locally and globally.

Through our strong commitment to leadership development, we grow the best and the next generation of public service here in Guelph.

Objectives

- Align our local government principles with that of "Open Government". We embrace greater transparency and accountability to meet increased community demand; make the best use of technology to meet change head on achieving greater efficiencies; and empower staff, Council, partners and the community to more actively participate in the democratic process and create solutions that improve municipal value, service and life in Guelph.
- Grow strong forward-thinking and performance-oriented shared leadership of Council, civic administration and the community. The principles of this leadership lead to a more accountable, engaging, accessible, progressive, innovative and resilient Guelph.

Actions

1. Complete the Open Government Action Plan (2014- Q3/4)
2. Create Principles of Administration to respond to the Governance Principles of Council (2014 – Q3)
3. Propose a Council Strategic Planning Process (2014 – Q3)
4. Design a Council Orientation & Leadership Development Program (2014 – Q4).
5. Establish a shared 'Leadership Charter' that defines expectations of all leadership. Embed the staff expectations into the Performance Development Plan (PDP) system and further support staff roles by defining an Employee Code of Conduct. (Charter by 2014 Q3; PDP System 2015)

Focus # 2: Innovation in Local Government: Performance & Relationships

Goals

Moving past responding to the most basic level of customer service standards and thinking that is sufficient, we now view everything we do from the citizens' perspective first.

Citizens, partners and stakeholders express high satisfaction with our performance as we consistently achieve shared goals.

Our employees are highly engaged, confident, positive and striving, along with saying and staying. We are part of our community and own the results of our work.

Objectives

- Grow citizen and stakeholder satisfaction. To ensure Guelph continues to meet the current and future needs of the community, present an action plan to transform how citizens, partners and staff could come together to review and renew how services and programs are delivered from the "citizens'-first" perspective. Utilize the best practices of Total Place (UK)(see note #2), Guelph's new Community Engagement program, in-house staff and business optimization resources, and the principles of the Open Government Action Plan.
- Further the capacity of the organization to deliver department work plans aligned to achieve corporate priorities. Drive greater transparency and accountability for management leadership to ensure that work is properly resourced, efficiently achieved and appropriately integrated across departments to deliver successful, achievable results.
- Concentrate on clearly defining our expectations of leadership (from the Executive Team through all management leaders). Focused training, administrative principles & an employee code of conduct plus implementing frontline "action" projects will advance and improve employee engagement. This will result in greater ownership of performance, leadership accountability to stakeholders and build staff's confidence to stretch & strive to achieve outstanding service and value for residents.

Actions

1. Present a White Paper that outlines the foundational elements of a 'Citizen First' Service approach for Guelph (2015 – Q1)
2. Oversee the delivery of Program/Project Management system & integrated corporate work planning aligned to budget presentations (2015 –Q2)
3. Re-survey: Employee Engagement Survey (2014-Q3)

Focus #3: City Building: Stewardship, Financial Management, Asset Development & Growth Strategies

Goals

We confidently manage and develop city assets leveraging partners and opportunities to grow future assessment.

We create the 'next practices' (note#1) in local government enterprise, stewardship and risk mitigation to bring continuous value and prosperity to our community.

Objectives

- Strategically align assets and resources to maximize investment, value, and revenue and attract opportunities that build community prosperity.
- Strengthen existing enterprise operations and proactively mitigate risk to the community long-term benefit.

Actions

1. Establish a Corporate Risk Register for Guelph (2014 – Q3) & scope mitigation plan (2015 – Q2)
2. Position the Guelph Economic Investment Fund within an affordable financial strategy (2015 – Q1)
3. Align assets/resources allocated under GMHI (2014 – Q2-Q4)

Notes:

#1: Next practices are the processes/practices which go beyond best practices and are used to take the current status of the organization to the next level in the future. (Wikianswers.)

#2 Total Place is a new initiative that looks at how a 'whole area' approach to public services can lead to better services at less cost. It seeks to identify and avoid overlap and duplication between organisations – delivering a step change in both service improvement and efficiency at the local level, as well as across Whitehall. <http://www.localleadership.gov.uk/totalplace/>



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Delegation to Guelph City Council In support of a HUB in Brant



Addressing Social Determinants of Health in the City of Guelph

A public health perspective on local health,
policy and program needs

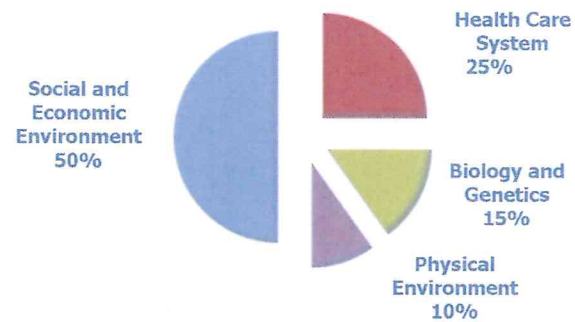


Social Determinants of Health are:

the socio-economic, cultural and environmental conditions of our lives that impact overall health

the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, play, work and age

Estimated Impact of Social Determinants of Health



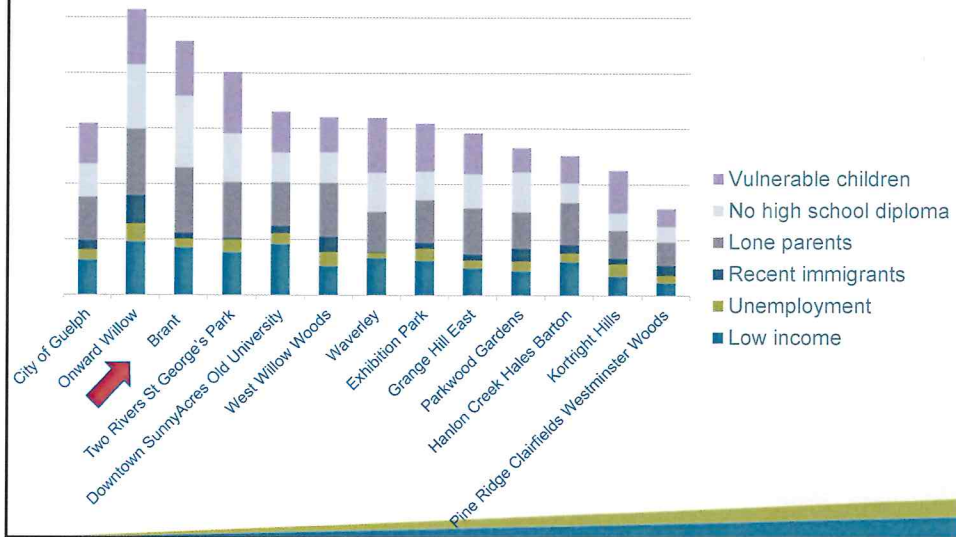
Poverty: the “uber” determinant

- Disadvantaged groups have consistent and systematic increased health risk
- Income is considered to be the most influential SDOH
- Low income intersects with other sociodemographic disadvantages

The Local Study looked at 8 SDOH indicators

- Low income
- Children living in low-income households
- Unemployment
- High school education
- Lone parent families
- Housing affordability
- Recent immigrants
- Vulnerable children (as measured by the EDI)

Priority Neighborhoods



Brant Residents

- 20.6% of residents are living in low-income households
- 1 in 3 children aged 6 years and under are living in private households with low income after tax
- Nearly one quarter are lone parent families with 76% led by women
- 39.5% are living in low-income lone parent families
- 19.8% of children are vulnerable as measured by the EDI
- 10.6% of the population over 15 years are providing more than 60 hours of unpaid childcare a week
- 25.9% of adults living in Brant did not complete high school
- 20.9% of post-secondary education was obtained outside of Canada
- 45.5% are living in rental dwellings

Community Consultations Confirmed

- They were not surprised by the rates presented in the report
- They reiterated the same challenges and spoke to us about their struggles
- They described community strengths and a desire to be part of the solution

Recommendations from the Report

- A collaborative, community-wide process
- Engage service providers and citizens living in priority areas in the development of solutions
- Support intervention research

Delegation at City Hall
Brant Hub Presentation to CCSS
April 9, 2014

Good evening, my name is Katie Davis and I am the Parent Outreach Worker with the Guelph Community Health Centre working out of the Brant Ave Neighbourhood Group. Tonight I represent the voice for the many families I see on a daily basis who are struggling in poverty. These are the families and the community members who need to have services located within their community.

For the past eighteen months I have been working with several families and their children who have multiple challenges. I listen, provide support and advocate for families in many situations, that could include food insecurity, housing challenges, health issues, parenting and child behavior, mental health, and recreation for children. I connect families to the Neighbourhood Group and refer them to external community programs that will give them the best possible support to meet their needs and well being.

Working with the families gives me a window into their lives and I empathize with their situations. Let me give you an example, I work with a young mom with 3 small children. Her child was sick and like many other parents she needed to get her to the doctor. But unlike many other parents taking her child to the doctor is no easy task. She doesn't have a phone so she cannot call the doctor to make an appointment. She doesn't have a car and taking a cab is out of the question when you don't have any money in your bank account. This is not a case of low income, it's literally no income. She gathers her change from around her apartment in order to take the bus. This means for her bundling up her small children in the freezing cold temperatures, waiting at the bus stop for a bus to come and walking from the bus stop with her children to the doctor's office. She arrives at the Dr's office only to be told she would have to come back tomorrow the doctor is not able to see her today as she didn't make an appointment. Now she is feeling angry, frustrated, cold and alone and her child is still sick. How would she get back tomorrow? She used the last of her change just to get there today. This is just one example of the many families who would benefit from having health services right in their own neighbourhood. It would break down the barrier of transportation.

Another challenge that is not as easy to identify is the social isolation that many parents experience living in poverty. The isolation stems from the depression and stress from living on a restricted income. More and more families are coming to the Neighbourhood Group just to talk, visit, share stories and seek advice. They feel it is a safe environment. It is not

uncommon to see parents 2 or 3 times a week, they are comfortable to come in and have a coffee. One of the benefits of having a relationship with these families is the trust that is built. Parents are more receptive to attending programs in the community such as the coffee hour when they know that a trusting familiar face is going to be there. Another benefit is the relationships they build with other parents in the community. The mutual support that is provided to one another when they share similar circumstances is powerful. Parents helping one another out with things such as child care or cleaning is something that comes out of these relationships. The social connections that families develop have a ripple effect of positive benefits for themselves and their children.

Another benefit of having a community hub for families in their own neighbourhood is the relationship that can be created between service providers. The relationship is a bridge between an understanding of what service providers can offer and what the families need. Agencies such as Ontario Works and Housing often assume that everyone knows what they offer when often it's the opposite and many families are not aware or it's just too overwhelming to call. I refer and advocate for families on a daily basis, having the services in the community would help those who service these families. If these agencies were combined under one roof I would be able to walk down the hall and seek advice in their areas of expertise. I wouldn't need to make an appointment that may not occur for weeks due to scheduling conflicts. I would be able to walk with a parent down the hall and do a warm hand off introducing the service provider to a family. This coordinated service approach is most beneficial to all parties involved.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be here today and get a snap shot of the parent outreach work in the neighbourhood and the importance of having services without barriers.

Kathy's Story

My name is Kathy. I have lived in the Brant Ave Neighbourhood for 11 years. I appreciate having the opportunity to provide some understanding of what a Hub would provide for me and for my family. Like other delegates here I am grateful for the support that I receive from the Brant Ave Neighbourhood Group staff. It has been great to have somewhere and someone to go to when I need support and more importantly support that is located within walking distance. Lynn and Katie are always there for me. I access several of the programs that are offered such as FAST (explain this) and the peer support program. The backpack program is wonderful and provides much needed supplies for school and one less thing to worry about.

There are also a lot of things that don't work so well for me, and lack of accessible services is just one and a community Hub would help to resolve this.

All 3 of my children have ADHD and my eldest has a learning disability. We have had many appointments that for CHMA (formally Trellis) that I would need to get them to. If you had to take a bus to these appointment and back home again, you would realize that it takes a long time and my children would have to miss time in school. It doesn't leave you with much choice, sometimes I have to take the kids by a cab just to make it there on time. The agency is across town and it costs my family \$30 to take a round trip by taxi for these services. There are other services that are really difficult to get to including appointments with Family Counselling and Support Services. Not to mention access to the food bank, again it's across town. My own doctor visits and dentist appointments are also difficult to get to. Nothing is very accessible when you don't have a vehicle.

The time and money that it takes to get to get to services is lessening the quality of my life, of my family's life. "If I didn't have to spend my money on transportation to appointments, I could buy my daughter glasses; "I might even be able to take my daughters bowling."

A Hub would relieve a lot of my stress and address my challenges. A Hub would provide an accessible, safe, and easy space for more programming for families such as parenting support programs or legal aid clinics. Why not a few drop-in programs for kids such as tutoring or why not some fun programs? We can't afford to attend a recreational centre and a Hub could become that outlet for the youth in the community. A Hub would be a gathering place that feels safe and would provide the opportunity to build neighbourhood leadership and capacity. More importantly the Hub would provide the support I need to be the best parent I can and offer my children a life that can be less chaotic, and that just maybe life is more than getting to appointments, that it's ok to have some down time. Thank you.

Amy's Story

My name is Amy. I recently moved to the Brant Ave Neighbourhood. I am a single mom and I am pregnant with my third child. I also suffer from social anxiety. Every day is a challenge and I struggle without transportation, trying to access services and basic needs such as food, and it is stressful, not to say next to impossible. Many days are filled with scrambling to find a way to get to the store or to an appointment. But sometimes I don't even have enough money for a bus. I can't afford a bus pass not even the new "affordable bus pass". Forty dollars may not seem like a lot to some people but it means the difference between eating and transportation. So I struggle. The idea of a Hub with services and the possibility of a physician or nurse practitioner located there would be a gift that keeps on giving for all of us. Especially when you have children; I waited 4 years to have my own doctor and had to depend on the instability of trying to access a clinic and getting there on time and sometimes having to borrow bus fare. I remember when my son had Fifth Disease. My son was past the infectious stage but the school wanted him to stay home unless I got a note from the doctor. To get a note meant I had to get to a clinic, I did not have the money for that, consequently my son missed almost a week of school, and no one realizes that it's just not that simple.

Getting to appointments and sometimes several appointments in one day is difficult at best, but then add the anxiety on top of it and having to tell your story over and over, it is overwhelming and adds so much stress to my day. I'm just trying to get through the day. Lack of money and transportation, and the fact that I can't get to places that are supposed to help me, reduces my quality of life and affects who I am as a mom and a person.

Until moving to this neighbourhood I did not feel safe to start working on my anxiety, but the current Neighbourhood Group space, the support worker and parent outreach worker have provided me with a safe and comfortable space to begin that. I am now volunteering, I am no longer afraid to say I have severe anxiety and that sometimes I need support and help. A Hub would provide a safe place to go and the opportunity to provide back to the community. It would mean a better quality of life, for me and for my family. It would mean less stress and a place for my kids to play. The most important reason for a Hub is accessing supports and help when I need it but within walking distance as that is crucial to anyone that has similar issues to mine. You can build services anywhere in the city but if they are not “walkable” I can’t access them, which in the end defeats the whole purpose.

Thank you.

Gaia's Story (Daughter of Dorota)

My name is Gaia. We came from Brampton with my mom and my sister. We have lived in the Brant Ave Neighbourhood for five years. The Neighbourhood has made us feel very welcome. There have been struggles such as finding a family physician or getting to a walk-in clinic and that was very difficult. We now have a family doctor at Guelph CHC but it would be so much better if we could see them at our own Neighbourhood Hub. Growing up in the Brant Ave Neighbourhood, I have always felt supported by my community – my mom says it feels like they have our backs.

Living in poverty is not great, no one wants to live in poverty, it's not a choice. My mom worked and now she's a full-time student. Sometimes we don't have enough food, but again it's not a choice. I worry that we don't always have enough food. The stigma associated with getting food or help doesn't make you feel good but the Brant Ave Neighbourhood Group has been a great support to me and my family and we go there often. A Hub would help with the stigma associated with getting help, as no one would know why we are there if other programs are also running.

For me, as a young person, not being able to participate in recreational programs is hard because they are either too far away or they just cost too much, and again it's not a choice, it's just reality. I believe if a Hub was in the Brant Ave Neighbourhood, I would be more able to give back to my community, everyone would, as there would be a feeling of ownership and we could all come together as a community and support each other. We could exchange skills. We could learn from each other. I know I'm young but I have lots to offer to my community. I believe a Hub would mobilize our youth to do more than just participate in programs. It would allow us to give back and that's powerful.

Thank you.



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April 24, 2014

City of Guelph
Honourable Mayor Farbridge
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Dear Madam Mayor

Endorsement of Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health's Recommendation for the City of Guelph to Implement a Comprehensive Smoke-Free Outdoor Spaces Bylaw

As providers of primary care health services to many of Guelph's residents, the Guelph Family Health Team (Guelph FHT) strongly advocates to its patients that they engage in healthy behaviours to prevent or manage chronic disease. Given the established adverse effects of smoking on health, Guelph FHT providers frequently deliver support to smokers through individual smoking cessation counselling, smoking cessation groups, and nicotine replacement therapy to help smokers quit.

However, individual counselling for a smoke-free lifestyle must be supported by the built environment in order to ensure long-term success. Advocating for this change in the City of Guelph will contribute to that long term success: some of the most difficult social barriers to change remain the interactions with other smokers in bars, outside the workplace, and in our civic areas. A smoke-free outdoor bylaw would further protect the health of Guelph residents by reducing the exposure of youth to the idea of smoking, and generally decreasing exposure to harmful secondhand smoke.

The negative health consequences from smoking are highly preventable. As such, any bylaw measures that restrict smoking will significantly protect and improve the health of Guelph citizens.

Creating a healthy environment for Guelph citizens is a community effort. A smoke-free outdoor spaces bylaw would represent an important milestone in the work of local partners to improve the wellbeing of Guelph residents.

On behalf of the 76 family physicians of the Guelph Family Health Team and the multidisciplinary team of nurses, nurse practitioners, pharmacists, dietitians, mental health counselors, health promoters and support staff, the Guelph FHT Board of Directors strongly supports and endorses the Smoke-Free Outdoor Spaces Bylaw.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr. Steven Traplin", is written over a large, stylized scribble.

Dr. Steven Traplin, Chair
Guelph Family Health Team
Board of Directors

cc City of Guelph Councillors

From: Steve Reinhart

Sent: April 24, 2014 3:19 PM

To: Clerks; Mayors Office; Jim Furfaro; Bob Bell; Ian Findlay; Andy VanHellemond; Maggie Laidlaw; June Hofland; Gloria Kovach; Cam Guthrie; Lise Burcher; Leanne Piper; Todd Dennis; Karl Wettstein

Cc: Melanie Bluhm

Subject: Smoking bylaw

Dear Councillors,

Please accept this email in support of expanding the non smoking areas to include out of door activities. I used to coach my son's baseball team in the summer and always thought it odd that the parents could smoke in their lawn chairs by the third base line and that the children would have to jog through the smoke in order to get onto the field. Many individuals are extremely sensitive to second hand smoke and some are asthmatic.

Guelph is a city with a reputation for trying to enhance their citizens' health by the addition of bike trails and lanes, parks, and emphasis on making the city walkable. Smoking outside is the antithesis of your forward vision in this area. I would support the ban of smoking along trails, in all outdoor sports venues and gathering places such as the patios of drinking establishments. The hospital recently banned all smoking on hospital property for concerns of the health of our patients. Your initiative is just as important and sends the same message. Please contact me if you would like to discuss anything further. My views are individual but shared by others at this Community Health Centre, the College of Physicians and Surgeons and the Ontario Medical Association.

Sincerely yours,

Steven Reinhart MD.

To: City Council

From: H.R. Whiteley

April 28 2014

RE: Development Charges Update Report

When the Development Charges Report was last before Council I asked City Council to establish whether Development Charges could be used to finance the proposed new skatepark given these three circumstances:

(1) Provision of a permanent skatepark is not listed among the services provided in the past, hence a level of service does not exist.

(2) There is no connection between growth and provision of a skatepark since the age group who use skateparks has not grown

(3) The only authorization that City Council has given is for the relocation of a portable skatepark.

My question was not answered in previous Council discussions of Development Charges.

I am asking the question again: Can Development Charges be used to pay for a new skatepark ?

From: Beverley Hale
Sent: April 25, 2014 8:54 AM
To: Clerks
Cc: Susan Glasauer
Subject: City Council Meeting April 28, 2014 at 7 pm

Hello, is it too late to be a delegation for agenda item PBEE 2014.8 Stone Road Widening and Reconstruction from Victoria Road to Gordon Street, which is on the agenda for the Council meeting on Monday evening? I absolutely object to the proposal by Mr. Whitely that the proposed bike lane along Stone Rd be replaced by a trail through a natural area. As a bike commuter from Victoria and Arkell, I want the proposed continuity between the wonderful bike lanes on Victoria and my place of employment. I do not want that continuity to be in the form of a secluded trail that I have to share with pedestrians and dogs, and which will be muddy and isolated for much of the year.

Best regards, and many thanks!

Beverley Hale