# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA



#### Committee Room C, Guelph City Hall, 1 Carden Street

DATE January 26, 2015 - 6:00 p.m.

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

#### **Introduction to Labour Relations**

#### Presentation:

- David Godwaldt, General Manager, Human Resources
- Flavia Tranquilli-Nardini, Manager, Staffing & Workforce Planning

#### **ADJOURNMENT**



# **Council Orientation - Labour Relations**

# **Open Session**

January 26, 2015

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GM, Human Resources

Flavia Tranquilli-Nardini

Manager, LR and Health & Safety, RTW



### **Presentation Overview**

- City Unions
- Collective Bargaining shared interests
- Role of Council in Collective Bargaining
- Bargaining Mandate
- Benefits Legislated vs. Employer
- Bargaining Position and Process
- Questions
- Appendix A & Glossary



# **City Unions**

Union Group	Number of Employees	% of Workforce
IATSE (River run Technicians)	39	1.9
GPFFA Firefighters	165	8.1
OPSEU Paramedics	134	6.5
CUPE 241 Outside Workers	345	17
CUPE 973 Inside Workers	232	11.4
<b>CUPE 1946</b>	36	25 (of total library)
ATU Transit	193	9.5



# **City Unions**

Union Group	Expiry of Collective Agreement
IATSE (River run Technicians)	December 31, 2014
GPFFA Firefighters	December 31, 2014
OPSEU Paramedics	March 31, 2014
CUPE 241 Outside Workers	January 31, 2016
CUPE 973 Inside Workers	January 31, 2016
CUPE 1946 (Library)	January 31, 2016
ATU Transit	June 30, 2017



# **Collective Bargaining – Shared Interests**

#### Council

- Labour peace continuity and quality services to public
- Fiscally responsibility

#### Unions

- Improvements for members terms and conditions
- Protection/seniority

#### Administration

- Same as council
- Fairness across all employee groups

#### Community

- Continuity and quality of services
- Affordability



# **Role Of Council in Collective Bargaining**

- Delegates the responsibility to oversee the bargaining process to the CAO who, in turn, delegates role to Human Resources.
- Mandate: Council approves the mandate ("the total compensation envelope" – wages, benefits and other monetary items) for Human Resources to bargain the collective agreement.
- Approves/ratifies collective agreements
- **Delegates** the authority to the CAO to direct the administration of the CA.



# **Bargaining Mandate - What to expect**

- Summary of major bargaining issues
- Summary of recent provincial settlements (same union)
- Staff recommendation and costing
- Communication plan
- Schedule of reporting back to Council



### **Bargaining Mandate**

- Council sets the mandate for economic increases and benefit changes
- The mandate will include any negotiated economic increases
  - i.e. % increase added to the hourly rate or salary for the positions with the union group
- The mandate will include any other adjustments for paid premiums i.e. shift premium, meal allowances, etc.



# **Total Benefits – Statutory**

- Statutory
  - Canada Pension Plan
  - Employment Insurance
  - OMERS
  - Workplace Safety and Insurance Board
  - Employer Health Tax
  - Ontario Pension Plan



Note: Above are legislated – uncontrollable



# **Total Benefits - Employer**

- Employer
  - Extended Health (drugs, physiotherapy etc.)
  - Dental coverage
  - Life Insurance, Accidental Death & Dismemberment
  - Short and Long term Disability

Note: above limited control – through plan design which have to be negotiated and/or are arbitrated



# **Bargaining Position and Process**

- External environmental scan what's happening out there?
- Collaboration and discussion with operational dept.'s
- Formation of team "the right players at table"
- Gather internal "Intel" and data formation of proposal
- Communication Plan keeping everyone informed



# **Questions**





### **Glossary - Key Concepts & Processes**

- Collective Agreement (CA): signed agreement between an employer and a trade -respecting terms and conditions of employment
- Collective Bargaining: a process whereby a union and an employer seek to negotiate collective agreements
- Negotiations: a process of collective bargaining with a view to arriving at a collective agreement



# **Glossary - Key Concepts & Processes**

- **Grievance (individual, group, policy/union)**: a claim or complaint involving the interpretation, application or alleged violation of a collective agreement
- **Grievance Procedure:** steps spelled out in a collective agreement for the handling of grievances
- Mediation (Conciliation): process by which a third party (MOL appointed or an agreed upon third party) attempts to assist labour and management in reaching resolution



# **Glossary - Key Concepts & Processes**

- Arbitration: adjudication of a dispute by an impartial third party
- **Interest Arbitration:** arbitration to establish the terms of a collective agreement where the parties are unable to do so by negotiations. (i.e. Fire, paramedics OPESU)
- **Strike:** refusal to work, or slowdown of activity by employees
- Lockout: closing of operations initiated by an employer in order to induce employees to agree to terms and conditions of employment