

# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA



**DATE December 15, 2009 at 6 p.m.**

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## **2010 Tax Supported Operating and Capital Budgets**

Opening Comments – Mayor Farbridge

Presentation:- Chief Rob Davis, Guelph Police Services Board

Fire Service Contribution to 2010 Budget Savings:- Shawn Armstrong, Director of  
Emergency Services

### Deferred from November 30, 2009

“THAT Community Services Report #CS-AD-0924 entitled “Positioning the Central Library and South End Community Centre” be received;

AND THAT staff are authorized to continue their current efforts to position the new Central Library and the South End Community Centre project to become project ready in order to respond to future funding opportunities and partnerships;

AND THAT staff are directed to present a phased, detailed plan for each project no later than the end of February 2010 while ensuring that neither project plan will result in additional funding requests that would impact negatively on the 2010 budget.”

### 2010 Tax Supported Operating and Capital Budgets

“THAT the 2009 tax supported operating budget net levy of \$163,240,374 (4.48% increase), which includes the Base Budget and the Department Reduction Proposals be approved;

AND THAT the proposed changes to user fees and transfers to/from reserve funds incorporated in the 2010 budget be approved;

AND THAT the 2010 tax supported capital budget in the amount of \$34.875M be

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approved;

AND THAT the 2011-2014 tax supported capital forecast be received for information.”

## **ADJOURNMENT**

# INTERNAL MEMO



DATE December 11, 2009

TO **Mayor and Council**

FROM Shawn Armstrong

DIVISION Emergency Services

DEPARTMENT Guelph Wellington Emergency Medical Services

**SUBJECT Emergency Medical Services to Wellington County**

On December 8, 2009 three delegations presented to Council with regard to enhanced Ambulance Services to the Town of Erin.

The provision of Ambulance Services is a responsibility of the City of Guelph. Service is provided under a cost sharing arrangement with the County of Wellington and the Province of Ontario.

The City of Guelph was designated by Order of the Minister of Health and Long Term Care. ("MOHLTC") as the delivery agent for land ambulance services for the area comprising the City of Guelph and the County of Wellington on May 18, 2000.

Since January 2001, the City of Guelph has fulfilled its role as designated delivery agent efficiently and effectively. The City works with the MOHLTC to meet the legislated 90<sup>th</sup> percentile response time standard. It should be noted that even with population growth and increased service pressures, the 1996 response time standard benchmark has been achieved and improved upon.

Currently, the City is mandated to meet the legislated "1996", 90th percentile response time standard of 14 minutes and 55 seconds. In the first 10 months of 2009 the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile response time recorded for the service area is 12 minutes and 56 seconds.

By October 1, 2010 every upper-tier municipality and every delivery agent responsible under the Act for ensuring the proper provision of land ambulance services shall establish, for land ambulance service operators selected by the upper-tier municipality or delivery agent in accordance with the Act, a performance plan for the next calendar year respecting response times. Staff will be reviewing the new legislation and reporting any required recommended changes that may be required to Council. The proposed change to the response time standard and related detail was reported to the Land Ambulance Committee on November 12, 2008. Further reporting on the impact of these changes will be brought forward for Council's consideration in 2010.

I respectfully submit that the City continues to demonstrate its capacity and commitment to the delivery of land ambulance services efficiently and effectively, in accordance with all relevant legislation and the fundamental principles of accessibility, integration, seamlessness, accountability and responsiveness. Any concern with the Service and the funding of Land Ambulance from a lower tier needs to be addressed by the County to the City of Guelph. The City receives no direct funding for Land Ambulance from any lower tier Municipality or Town within the County of Wellington.

Further, I have taken the liberty of contacting the MOHLTC field office to discuss the issue and any concerns with current provision of services and have reviewed our current response time standards. We currently surpass response time standards for the service area.

**Shawn Armstrong**  
Director, Emergency Services

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City of Guelph.