



**Minutes of Guelph City Council
Held in the Council Chambers, Guelph City Hall on
Monday January 19, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.**

Attendance

Council: Mayor Guthrie
Councillor P. Allt
Councillor B. Bell
Councillor C. Billings
Councillor C. Downer
Councillor J. Gordon

Councillor D. Gibson
Councillor M. MacKinnon
Councillor L. Piper
Councillor M. Salisbury
Councillor A. Van Hellemond

Absent: Councillor J. Hofland
Councillor K. Wettstein

Staff: Ms. A. Pappert, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. M. Amorosi, Deputy CAO, Corporate Services
Mr. A. Horsman, Deputy CAO, Infrastructure, Development & Enterprise
Ms. K. Powers, Deputy Treasurer, General Manager Financial Services
Ms. T. Agnello, Deputy City Clerk
Ms. J. Sweeney, Council Committee Coordinator

Call to Order (6:00 p.m.)

Mayor Guthrie called the meeting to order.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures.

Introduction to Budgeting and Finance

Mr. Mark Amorosi, Deputy CAO Corporate Services, introduced the presentation and advised of the role of Council and provided a high level definition of a municipal budget.

Ms. Katrina Power, Deputy Treasurer, General Manager Financial Services highlighted the distribution of municipal tax dollars to the various areas and operational revenues generated and expenditures. She provided information on the past 10 years trends. She provided information on the capital budget funding sources and expenditures. She also highlighted the interaction between the Operating and Capital Budgets and the capital budget guideline calculation. She continued by explaining the process once the budget is approved by Council and provided clarification on tax ratio and tax rate.

Mr. Al Horsman, Deputy CAO Infrastructure, Development & Enterprise, gave an overview of the 2015 budget process. He provided a history with respect to the predictable formula and outlined the calculation for the 2015 budget.

Ms. Power advised that the Province regulates the amount of municipal debt and briefly outlined the city debt policy. She also provided information relating to reserve and reserve funds.

1. Moved by Councillor MacKinnon
Seconded by Councillor Van Hellemond

That staff be directed to prepare a list of options available for Council to consider, that aligns the 2015 levy rate increase with the 2014 Ontario rate of inflation.

First Amendment

2. Moved by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor Billings

THAT "levy rate increase" be replaced with "individual tax payer increase".

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell and Billings (2)

VOTING AGAINST: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Downer, Gibson, Gordon, MacKinnon, Piper, Salisbury and Van Hellemond (9)

DEFEATED

Second Amendment

3. Moved by Councillor Billings
Seconded by Councillor Bell

That the options that staff bring forward do not include basic fundamental services that residents rely upon, unless they are truly efficiency gains.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell and Billings (2)

VOTING AGAINST: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Downer, Gibson, Gordon, MacKinnon, Piper, Salisbury and Van Hellemond (9)

DEFEATED

Main Motion

4. Moved by Councillor MacKinnon
Seconded by Councillor Van Hellemond

That staff be directed to prepare a list of options available for Council to consider that aligns the 2015 levy rate increase with the 2014 Ontario rate of inflation.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Allt, Bell, Billings, Downer, Gibson, MacKinnon, Piper and Van Hellemond (9)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Gordon and Salisbury (2)

CARRIED

Adjournment (8:45 p.m.)

5. Moved by Councillor Downer
Seconded by Councillor Allt

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Minutes to be confirmed on February 23, 2015.

Mayor Cam Guthrie

Tina Agnello - Deputy City Clerk