

Council Committee Room B  
February 19, 2008 5: 30 p.m.

**A meeting of Guelph City Council.**

Present: Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Beard, Bell, Billings, Burcher, Farrelly, Findlay, Hofland, Kovach, Piper, Salisbury and Wettstein

Absent: Councillor Laidlaw.

Staff Present: Mr. H. Loewig, Chief Administrative Officer; Dr. J. Laird, Director of Environmental Services; Ms. L.E. Payne, Director of Corporate Services/City Solicitor; Ms. T. Agnello, Deputy Clerk and Mrs. L.A. Giles, Director of Information Services/City Clerk

- 1. Moved by Councillor Kovach  
Seconded by Councillor Beard

THAT the Council of the City of Guelph now hold a meeting that is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 239 (2) (e) and (g) of the Municipal Act, with respect to:

- Litigation or potential litigation;
- A matter in respect of which a Council, Board, Committee or other body may hold a closed meeting under another Act.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 5:31 o'clock p.m.

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Mayor

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Clerk

Council Committee Room B  
February 19, 2008 5: 32 p.m.

**A meeting of Guelph City Council meeting in Committee of the Whole.**

Present: Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Beard, Bell, Billings, Burcher, Farrelly, Findlay, Hofland, Kovach, Laidlaw, Piper, Salisbury and Wettstein

Mr. H. Loewig, Chief Administrative Officer; Dr. J. Laird, Director of Environmental Services; Ms. L.E. Payne, Director of Corporate Services/City Solicitor; Ms. T. Agnello, Deputy Clerk and Mrs. L.A. Giles, Director of Information Services/City Clerk

**DECLARATIONS UNDER MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

Mr. H. Loewig  
Ms. L.E. Payne

- 1. Moved by Councillor Kovach  
Seconded by Councillor Burcher  
THAT direction be given to staff with respect to a governance matter in respect of which a meeting may be closed under another Act.

Carried

Mr. H. Loewig  
Ms. L.E. Payne

- 2. Moved by Councillor Kovach  
Seconded by Councillor Laidlaw  
THAT direction be given to staff with respect to a matter of litigation or potential litigation.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 6:03 o'clock p.m.

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Mayor

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Clerk

Council Chambers  
February 19, 2008

**Council reconvened in formal session at 7:00 p.m.**

Present: Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Beard, Bell, Billings, Burcher, Farrelly, Findlay, Hofland, Kovach, Laidlaw, Piper, Salisbury and Wettstein

Staff Present: Mr. H. Loewig, Chief Administrative Officer; Mr. M. Amorosi, Director of Human Resources; Chief S. Armstrong, Director of Emergency Services; Mr. P. Cartwright, General Manager of Economic Development & Tourism; Dr. J. Laird, Director of Environmental Services; Mr. D. McCaughan, Director of Operations; Mr. R. MacKay, Acting Director of Community Services; Ms. L.E. Payne, Director of Corporate Services/City Solicitor; Mr. J. Riddell, Director of Community Design and Development Services; Mr. B. Stewart, Acting Director of Finance; Ms. A. Aram, Manager of Budget Services; Mr. B. Barr, Manager of Fleet Services; Mr. M. Cameron, Manager of Parklands and Greenways; Mr. B. Chapman, Manager of Traffic & Parking; Mr. B. Coutts, Manager of Court Services; Mr. G. Dupuis, Manager IT Services; Mr. R. French, Manager of Transit Services; Mr. R. Hagey, Financial Consultant – Operations & Environmental Services; Mr. M. Humble, Financial Consultant – Community Design & Development Services and Corporate Services; Mr. D. Kudo, Infrastructure Planning; Design & Construction Manager; Mr. S. Mattina, Manager of Road/Right of Ways; Ms. K. McCracken, Director of Guelph Museums; Ms. G. Nisbet, manager of Taxation & Revenue; Ms. M. Plaunt, Manager of Policy Planning & Urban Design; Mr. B. Poole, Chief Building Official; Ms. R. Prince, Manager of Financial Services; Mr. L. Quan, Deputy Fire Chief-Administration; Ms. T. Sinclair, Assistant City Solicitor; Ms. T. Sprigg, Senior Communications Officer; Ms. P. Tollett, Financial Consultant – Community Services & Emergency Services; Ms. S. Trerise, Senior Business Development Specialist/Tourism Sector; Ms. L. Warren, Administrator of Disability Services; Mr. D. Wyman,

Manager Solid Waste Resources; Mrs. L.A. Giles, Director of Information Services/City Clerk; and Ms. T. Agnello, Deputy City Clerk

Guelph Police Services: Ms. S. Morris, Director of Corporate Services; Mr. B. Eden, Deputy Chief

Guelph Public Library: Mr. N. McLeod, Chief Librarian & Chief Executive Officer

### **DECLARATIONS UNDER MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT**

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

The Mayor advised that the purpose of the meeting was to deliberate the 2008 Tax Supported Operating Budget and the Tax Supported Capital Budget and the 2009-1017 Capital Forecast.

1. Moved by Councillor Billings

Seconded by Councillor Kovach

THAT persons wishing to address Council be permitted to do so at this time.

Carried

## **DELEGATIONS**

Paul Reeves was present on behalf of the Guelph Accessibility Advisory Committee and advised that additional curb ramps, audible pedestrian signals and mobility buses are needed. He also requested that a rubberized surface at Margaret Greene Park be installed. He requested that Council consider funding these additional enhancements.

Jane Cabral, was present on behalf of the Guelph Neighbourhood Support Coalition and provided information on the various funding received and the programs the neighbourhood groups provide to their communities. She requested an additional \$50,000 in funding for the neighbourhood groups be included in the 2008 operating budget and suggested that the funds are available due to the recent restructuring.

Rade Kovacevic was present and expressed concern with sidewalk snow removal. He advised that people with physical disabilities have difficulties getting around on the sidewalks. He suggested that the sidewalks outside of the downtown core are not cleared soon enough and that it is imperative that snow be removed from sidewalks in a timely manner. He expressed concern with the increase to the police budget. He requested that the police budget increase be removed and that the money be allocated to sidewalk snow plowing.

Nicole Freeborn requested that the budget be amended by reallocating the proposed police budget increase to social services. She suggested that there is a need for a youth shelter in the City and that it must be created immediately.

Joshua Gilbert was present and expressed concern with the increase of applications for affordable and social housing and the number of units being added to the City stock. He requested that the City provide additional

funding for affordable housing. He advised that he supports a 0% increase to the police budget and that the funds be allocated to affordable/social housing.

Yehuda Nestel was present and advised that he is an organizer of the Guelph Union of Tenants and Supporters and expressed concern with the funding for the Guelph Police Services in light of the surplus from last year. He also expressed concern with the purchase and use of tasers. He requested that Council not approve the 7% increase to the Police budget and divert the \$1.1 million to social service programs.

Matthew Soltys expressed concern with the proposed funding for the Guelph Police Services.

Councillor Laidlaw arrived at 7:38 p.m.

Zach O'Connor suggested that there is a drug problem in the city, which should be addressed through a harm protection initiative that includes providing condoms and making available clean needles and equipment for drug users. He suggested that the funding for a downtown police liaison should be reallocated to the provision of safe crack kits. He urged Council to not approve the increase to the police budget.

Gord Tosh was present on behalf of the County of Wellington. He expressed concern that the expansion package for land ambulance has not been recommended for approval. He provided information relating to the response times and advised that there is continuing pressure on the service due to the increase of calls. He expressed concern that the response time to parts of the County have twice the recommended response time. He requested that the City fund additional ambulance service.

Terry O'Connor, President of the Guelph & District Labour Council was present and congratulated Council on their strategic plan and priority listing. He suggested that within the capital budget there are some projects that will create jobs which the Labour Council supports. He further suggested that more resources should be allocated to affordable housing and twenty minute bus service. He suggested that the City should consider implementing a low income bus pass. He also suggested that an overall procurement policy should be implemented to ensure that the City purchases goods from responsible manufactures that are of quality and at the best price. He advised that the Labour Council is not in favour of entering into public/private partnerships.

Becky Chevalier was present and expressed concern with transit service and the difficulties with the Next Bus system. She requested that the budget include funding for bus passes for families with low income. She suggested that improvements needs to be made to the overall transit service and that there should be no increase to the transit fares. She requested that the increase to the police services be redirected to transit service and social service programs.

2. Moved by Councillor Wettstein  
Seconded by Councillor Beard

THAT the 2008 Tax Supported Operating Budget net levy (including expansions) in the amount of \$143,118,436 be approved;

AND that the proposed expansions outlined as "Approved by SMT" in Section two of the budget binder be approved;

AND THAT \$1,700,000 of the Rate Stabilization Reserve be used as revenue in the 2008 budget;

AND THAT the proposed increases to user fees as outlined in Section 15 of the budget binder and the compensation adjustments included in the recommended budget be approved;

AND THAT the 2008 Tax Supported Capital Budget in the amount of \$47,219,150 and the 2009-2017 Tax Supported Capital Forecast in the amount of \$540,686,310 (ten year total \$587,905,460) be approved.

3. Moved by Councillor Kovach  
Seconded by Councillor Hofland

Counc. Laidlaw  
Mr. R. MacKay  
Mr. B. Stewart

That the request of the Guelph Neighbourhood Support Coalition for an additional \$50,000 be referred to the Emergency Services, Community Services & Operating Committee for consideration and to report back to Council on availability of funding within the existing budget;

AND THAT the Guelph Neighbourhood Support Coalition be included in future budgeting processes;

AND THAT a presentation be made to the Emergency Services, Community Services & Operations Committee on participatory budgeting.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Beard, Bell, Billings, Burcher, Farrelly, Findlay, Hofland, Kovach, Laidlaw, Piper, Salisbury, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge. (13)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

Mr. R. MacKay  
Mr. R. French  
Mr. B. Stewart

4. Moved by Councillor Burcher  
Seconded by Councillor Bell

THAT the matter of a low income reduced bus fare pass be referred to staff for investigation and report back to Council on the costing.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Beard, Bell, Billings, Burcher, Farrelly, Findlay, Hofland, Kovach, Piper, Salisbury, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (12)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillor Laidlaw (1)

Carried

In response to questions, the Director of Corporate Services of the Guelph Police Services provided information on the 2007 police surplus.

In response to questions, the Deputy Police Chief provided information relating to community initiatives of the drug and substance abuse police programs.

5. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Hofland  
Seconded by Councillor Burcher

THAT the land ambulance expansion priorities:

- to provide an extension of ambulance staffing to 7 days a week / 8 hours per day for the Drayton station
- implementation of a trial program for Paramedic Response Unit, (PRU) serving the Rockwood, Erin and Hillsburgh area of Guelph

be approved.

It was requested that the expansion packages be voted on separately

Chief Armstrong  
Mr. B. Stewart

6. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Hofland  
Seconded by Councillor Burcher

THAT the land ambulance expansion package with respect to providing an extension of ambulance staffing to 7 days a week / 8 hours per day for the Drayton station be approved.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Beard, Bell, Billings, Burcher, Farrelly, Findlay, Hofland, Kovach, Laidlaw, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge. (11)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Piper and Salisbury (2)

Carried

7. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Hofland  
Seconded by Councillor Burcher  
THAT the land ambulance expansion package with respect to the implementation of a trial program for Paramedic Response Unit (PRU) serving the Rockwood, Erin and Hillsburgh area of Guelph be approved.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Beard, Burcher, Farrelly, Hofland, Laidlaw, and Mayor Farbridge. (6)  
VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Bell, Billings, Findlay, Kovach, Piper, Salisbury and Wettstein (7)

Defeated

Chief S. Armstrong  
Mr. B. Stewart

8. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Laidlaw  
Seconded by Councillor Bell  
THAT the land ambulance expansion package with respect to 168 hours of additional land ambulance staffing for the Guelph/Puslinch area be approved.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Billings, Burcher, Laidlaw, Piper, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge. (7)  
VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Beard, Farrelly, Findlay, Hofland, Kovach and Salisbury (6)

Carried

Mr. B. Stewart  
Mr. S. Wilson

9. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Burcher  
Seconded by Councillor Hofland  
THAT the City fund a youth shelter in the amount of \$72,000.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Beard, Bell, Billings, Burcher, Farrelly, Findlay, Hofland, Kovach, Laidlaw, Piper, Salisbury, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge. (13)  
VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

Mr. B. Stewart  
Mr. S. Wilson

10. Moved by Councillor Piper  
Seconded by Councillor Kovach  
THAT the matter with respect to the cost sharing between the County of Wellington and the City of Guelph for funding of the youth shelter be referred back to the Social Services Committee for reconsideration.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Beard, Bell, Billings, Burcher, Farrelly, Findlay, Hofland, Kovach, Laidlaw, Piper, Salisbury, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge. (13)  
VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

Mr. R. MacKay  
Mr. R. French  
Mr. B. Stewart

11. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Laidlaw  
Seconded by Councillor Hofland  
THAT 20 minute transit service be approved to  
commence July 7, 2008 from the start of service  
until the end of the PM rush.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Beard, Burcher, Farrelly,  
Findlay, Hofland, Laidlaw, Piper, Salisbury, Wettstein and  
Mayor Farbridge. (10)  
VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Bell, Billings and Kovach  
(3)

Carried

12. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Beard  
Seconded by Councillor Burcher  
THAT the funding for Guelph Hospice be reduced by  
\$50,000 per year to reflect a total funding of \$750,000  
over five years.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Beard and Mayor  
Farbridge. (2)  
VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Bell, Billings, Burcher,  
Farrelly, Findlay, Hofland, Kovach, Laidlaw, Piper,  
Salisbury and Wettstein (11)

Defeated

13. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Findlay  
Seconded by Councillor Laidlaw  
THAT the capital financing for the Guelph General Hospital  
MRI be reduced from \$1.19M to a total of \$750,000 over  
five years.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Beard, Burcher, Findlay,  
Laidlaw, Salisbury and Mayor Farbridge. (6)  
VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Bell, Billings, Farrelly,  
Hofland, Kovach, Piper and Wettstein (7)

Defeated

Mr. B. Stewart

14. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Wettstein  
Seconded by Councillor Burcher  
THAT the capital financing for the Guelph General Hospital  
MRI be reduced to \$1M.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Beard, Bell, Billings,  
Burcher, Farrelly, Findlay, Hofland, Kovach, Laidlaw,  
Piper, Salisbury, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge. (13)  
VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

Mr. S. Wilson

15. Moved by Councillor Salisbury  
Seconded by Councillor Piper  
THAT the County of Wellington be requested to honour previous funding commitments with respect to the Guelph General Hospital, in connection with the County's funding of the current MRI project.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Beard, Bell, Billings, Farrelly, Findlay, Hofland, Kovach, Laidlaw, Piper, Salisbury, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (12)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillor Burcher (1)

Carried

Dr. J. Laird  
Mr. B. Stewart

16. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Billings  
Seconded by Councillor Piper  
THAT the expansion package for a Curbside Advisor be funded at \$0.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Beard, Billings, Burcher, Farrelly, Findlay, Hofland, Laidlaw, Piper, Salisbury, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge. (11)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Bell and Kovach (2)

Carried

17. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Kovach  
Seconded by Councillor Salisbury  
THAT revenues for Solid Waste be increased by \$70,000.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Billings, Farrelly, Kovach and Salisbury (4)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Beard, Bell, Burcher, Findlay, Hofland, Laidlaw, Piper, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge. (9)

Defeated

18. Moved by Councillor Laidlaw  
Seconded by Councillor Hofland  
THAT the Procedural By-law be suspended to allow Council to continue beyond 11:00 p.m.

Carried

Ms. L.E. Payne  
Mr. B. Stewart

19. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Beard  
Seconded by Councillor Piper  
THAT the utility budgets be reduced by \$91,400;

AND THAT these funds be used to fund the expansion package for an Energy Conservation Co-ordinator.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Beard, Bell, Billings, Burcher, Farrelly, Findlay, Hofland, Kovach, Laidlaw, Piper, Salisbury, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge. (13)  
VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

20. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Kovach  
Seconded by Councillor Farrelly  
THAT the requested expansion package for 3 Fleet Technicians for Transit be reduced to 2 Fleet Technicians.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Billings, Farrelly, Kovach and Mayor Farbridge (5)  
VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Beard, Burcher, Findlay, Hofland, Laidlaw, Piper, Salisbury and Wettstein. (8)

Defeated

Mr. B. Stewart

21. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Burcher  
Seconded by Councillor Findlay  
THAT \$660,000 in revenue be moved from reserves and/or capital from current or debt, to the 2008 Operating Budget;

AND THAT staff bring forward a report to the Finance, Administration & Corporate Services Committee on the sources of funding.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Beard, Burcher, Findlay, Hofland, Salisbury, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge. (7)  
VOTING AGAINST: Bell, Billings, Farrelly, Kovach, Laidlaw and Piper (6)

Carried

22. Moved by Councillor Wettstein  
Seconded by Councillor Beard  
THAT the 2008 Tax Supported Operating Budget net levy (including expansions) in the amount of \$143,454,237 be approved;

AND that the proposed expansions outlined as "Approved by SMT" in Section two of the budget binder be approved as amended;

AND THAT \$1,700,000 of the Rate Stabilization Reserve be used as revenue in the 2008 budget;

AND THAT the proposed increases to user fees as outlined in Section 15 of the budget binder and the compensation

adjustments included in the recommended budget be approved;

AND THAT the 2008 Tax Supported Capital Budget in the amount of \$47,181,150 and the 2009-2017 Tax Supported Capital Forecast in the amount of \$540,534,310 (ten year total \$587,715,460) be approved.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Beard, Bell, Burcher, Farrelly, Findlay, Hofland, Laidlaw, Piper, Salisbury, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge. (11)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Billings and Kovach (2)

Carried

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 o'clock p.m.

Minutes read and confirmed March 25, 2008.

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Mayor

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Clerk