

**Minutes of Guelph City Council
Held in Council Chambers, Guelph City Hall on
Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.**

Attendance

Council: Mayor Guthrie
Councillor P. Allt
Councillor B. Bell
Councillor C. Billings
Councillor C. Downer
Councillor D. Gibson
Councillor J. Gordon
Councillor J. Hofland
Councillor M. MacKinnon
Councillor L. Piper (arrived at 6:05 p.m.)
Councillor A. Van Hellemond
Councillor K. Wettstein

Absent: Councillor M. Salisbury

Staff: Mr. D. Thomson, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. M. Amorosi, Deputy CAO, Corporate Services
Ms. C. Clack, Deputy CAO, Public Services
Mr. S. Stewart, Deputy CAO, Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise Services
Mr. J. Krauter, Acting General Manager, Finance/Treasurer
Mr. R. Reynen, Chief Building Official
Mr. B. Coutts, General Manager, Court Services
Mr. P. Busatto, General Manager, Environmental Services
Ms. K. Dedman, General Manager, Engineering and Capital Infrastructure Services
Mr. W. Galliher, Plant Manager, Water Services
Mr. T. Robertson, Interim Plant Manager, Wastewater
Ms. D. Black, Acting Deputy Clerk
Mr. D. McMahon, 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.

2017 - 2026 Non-Tax Supported Operating and Capital Budget Presentation

Joe Farwell, CAO, Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA), provided background information on the GRCA and Grand River Watershed and introduced the GRCA Draft 2017 Budget.

Sonya Radoja, Manager of Corporate Services, GRCA, presented the 2017 GRCA Draft Operating Budget and highlighted GRCA sources of revenue, expenditures and current budget challenges. Ms. Radoja indicated that the projected municipal levy in Guelph would be raised by 2.3% in 2017 to generate a total of \$1,646,748.

Mark Amorosi, Deputy CAO, Corporate Services, provided an introduction to the role of the Ontario Building Code Administration, Court Services, Water Services, Wastewater Services and Stormwater Services at the City of Guelph. He also provided an overview of the 2017 budget approval process.

Rob Reynen, Chief Building Official, presented the 2017 Ontario Building Code Administration budget including key changes in 2017, the recommended 2017 operating budget and challenges associated with the 2017 – 2020 operating budget.

Brad Coutts, General Manager, Court Services, introduced the 2017 Court Services operating budget including funding models, budgetary trends, the recommended 2017 operating budget, the 2017 – 2026 capital budget, reserve funds and 2017 initiatives. He noted their objective is to become self-sufficient from the operating budget. He also advised that staff are not requesting any contributions to the reserve fund.

Wayne Galliher, Plant Manager, Water Services, discussed the provincially-mandated standards of care relating to safe drinking water, pressures on water and wastewater rates, rate setting objectives, demand forecasting methodology, major budget changes for 2017 and key 2017 initiatives. He advised that staff are not requesting any contributions to the reserve fund.

Peter Busatto, General Manager, Environmental Services, presented the 2017 recommended Wastewater budget including major changes, the 2017 – 2026 recommended capital budget and key 2017 initiatives. Mr. Busatto introduced Tim Robertson, Interim Plant Manager, and indicated he was available to answer technical questions if required.

Council recessed at 8:20 p.m. and resumed at 8:30 p.m.

Kealy Dedman, General Manager, Engineering and Capital Infrastructure Services, presented the new 2017 non-tax supported Stormwater Services budget. Specifically, Ms. Dedman provided a program overview, timelines for rate approval and commencement of billing, the sustainable funding strategy, the Stormwater rate change forecast and 2017 – 2026 capital budget.

Ms. Dedman presented the capital planning programs of work. She explained the purpose was to clearly delineate the non-tax and tax supported budgets and to find efficiencies. She highlighted key capital budget principles, 2017 – 2026 reserves, reserve fund projected balances and specific programs of work.

Mr. Amorosi thanked staff for their work on the non-tax supported budgets.

Recommendation

1. Moved by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor Billings

That Report No. CS-2016-68 titled '2017 Non-Tax Supported Operating and Capital Budgets' be referred to the November 3, 2016 Council Budget meeting.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Bell, Billings, Downer, Gibson, Gordon, Hofland, MacKinnon, Piper, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (12)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

CARRIED

Staff was requested to communicate the following information to Council prior to deliberations for the 2017 Non-Tax Supported Operating and Capital Budgets:

- the portion of the Water Services, Wastewater Services and GRCA budgets spent annually on source water protection
- the percentage of total water in Guelph used for potable applications

Adjournment (10:01 p.m.)

2. Moved by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor MacKinnon

That the meeting be adjourned.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Bell, Billings, Downer, Gibson, Gordon, Hofland, MacKinnon, Piper, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (12)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

CARRIED

Minutes to be confirmed on November 28, 2016.

Mayor Guthrie

Dolores Black, Acting Deputy Clerk