



**Minutes of Guelph City Council  
Held in the Council Chambers, Guelph City Hall on  
Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.**

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**Attendance**

Council:	Mayor Guthrie	
	Councillor P. Allt	Councillor J. Hofland
	Councillor B. Bell	Councillor M. MacKinnon
	Councillor C. Billings	Councillor L. Piper
	Councillor C. Downer	Councillor M. Salisbury
	Councillor D. Gibson	Councillor A. Van Hellemond
	Councillor J. Gordon	Councillor K. Wettstein
Staff:	Ms. A. Pappert, Chief Administrative Officer	
	Mr. M. Amorosi, Deputy-CAO, Corporate Services	
	Mr. D. Thomson, Deputy-CAO, Public Services	
	Ms. J. Sheehy, General Manager, Finance, Treasurer	
	Ms. K. Dedman, General Manager/City Engineer	
	Mr. D. Wyman, General Manager, Solid Waste Services	
	Mr. I. Panabaker, Corporate Manager – Downtown Renewal	
	Mr. P. Busatto, Plant Manager – Water Services	
	Ms. K. Suresh, Plant Manager – Wastewater Services	
	Ms. T. Agnello, Deputy City Clerk	
	Ms. D. Black, Council Committee Coordinator	

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**Open Meeting** (5:30 p.m.)

Mayor Guthrie called the meeting to order.

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

There were no disclosures.

**2016 – 2025 Tax Supported Capital**

The CAO provided a brief introduction and synopsis of the 2016 – 2025 Tax Supported Capital Budget.

The Deputy CAO of Corporate Services addressed the capital budget pressures and explained the correlation between the Capital budget and tax-supported budget regarding capital projects. He also addressed the City's policy updates.

The General Manager of Finance/City Treasurer presented the recommended 2016 capital budget forecast. She explained the funding breakdown for the recommended 2016 capital budget and the 2017-25 capital budget. She highlighted some key projects included within each of the proposed budgets within the three categories of infrastructure, growth, city building and infrastructure.

Discussion ensued regarding various expansions, prioritization, reserve funds, debt refinancing and risk factors.

Staff will provide information regarding the following:

- costs to install shelters at all bus stops and their installation priority plans
- the role of development charges for items identified within the budget
- reserves realignment/consolidation

**Delegations:**

Mr. David Newcombe, Riverhouse Condominium, stated that condo residents get lower service levels than other residents in Guleph and urged the city to abide by its Solid Waste Management Master Plan (SWMMP) and invest in capital equipment for solid waste collection at condos.

Mr. Ted Pritchard, Fair Tax Campaign, stated that between 60 and 66% of condominium owners do not receive waste collection and they want to see the recommendations of the SWMMP implemented. He suggested that a motion be brought forward to include funding in the 2016 – 2025 capital budgets to implement the recommendations from the 2014 SWMMP.

Ms. Maria Finoro, President and owner of MF Property Management, manages multiple properties in Guelph and stated that of approximately 1869 condominium units out of 4800 are not receiving waste collection and asked Council to invest in implementing the SWMMP. She advised that many residents lost the ability to recycle when the garbage collections was changed from bags to the bins.

Ms. Michelle Kelly, condominium lawyer, noted that condominiums are taxed at the residential tax rate but do not receive many of the same services and thus, pay double. She specifically noted waste collection, snow removal, fire hydrant inspection, asphalt maintenance, and catch basin cleaning. She stated that other municipalities will perform the tasks if adequate insurance for city employees is in place. She suggested a condominium advisory board be struck that would include Council representatives, similar to what the city of Brantford has in place. She urged the City to purchase garbage collection vehicles – or provide a rebate program for those who do not receive the service. She would also like the City to lobby the Provincial government for a new tax rate that reflects the different level of service provided.

Mr. John Holt, advised that waste collection issues for dead end streets has been addressed but not for condominiums and he urged the City to provide equal opportunity to condominium owners.

Ms. Yvette Tendick, Coalition for Active Transportation, supports the budget money being provided for active transportation, and was appreciative of the proposed multi-use track on Woodlawn and many trails being addressed.

Mr. Xander Huggins, Coalition for Active Transportation, appreciates the multi-use path on Woodlawn Road and supports the efforts to accommodate active transportation.

Mr. Ray Ferraro, spoke to the York Road reconstruction from Victoria Road to Watson Road. He explained the importance of keeping the arterial road in good shape due to risks and the impression it makes for the City as a whole. He stated the project should not be put off.

Discussion ensued regarding the need to replace and install new infrastructure, the correlation between policies and priority setting for various projects, the net present value of the Eastview Methane Collection System, the ratio for transits costs between taxes and user fees, and monies budgeted in the operating budget for waste collection.

Staff advised that there is an expansion package within the operating budget that will start to address the waste collection issues.

There was also discussion regarding the Niska Bridge including: consequences and risks of delaying any action until the completion of the Guelph Transportation Master Trails Plan (GTMTTP) its relation to the City's Official Plan, and the County's involvement. It was requested that the Niska Bridge report be presented to Council before budget deliberations if possible.

1. Moved by Councillor Hofland  
Seconded by Councillor Bell

1. THAT the recommended 2016-2025 Tax-supported Capital Budget and Forecast, in the amount of \$670,147,849, including \$60,684,349 for 2016, be received for information.
2. THAT the recommended 2016–2025 Tax-supported Capital Budget and Forecast be referred to the December 9, 2015 Council meeting for final deliberation and approval of the 2016 requirements.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Bell, Billings, Downer, Gibson, Gordon, Hofland, MacKinnon, Piper, Salisbury, Van Hellemond and Wettstein. (13)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

CARRIED

The meeting recessed at 7:15 p.m. and reconvened at 7:25 p.m.

### **Non-Tax Supported Operating and Capital Budget**

2. Moved by Councillor Piper  
Seconded by Councillor Hofland

1. The proposed expansion packages in the net amounts of \$259,900 for Water Services and \$115,000 for Wastewater Services.
2. The 2016 Water and Wastewater Operating Budgets in the amounts of \$28,644,042 and \$29,799,028 respectively, inclusive of expansions.
3. The 2016 Water and Wastewater Capital Budgets and 2017-2025 Forecasts in the amounts of \$204,581,700 and \$171,877,300 respectively.
4. The City of Guelph water volume charge of \$1.59 per cubic metre effective January 1, 2016 and the wastewater volume charge of \$1.73 per cubic metre, effective January 1, 2016.
5. The City of Guelph water and wastewater basic service charges be increased as per attached schedule "A", effective January 1, 2016.

6. The Water Services and Wastewater Services Fees and Services By-law as amended be passed.

### **First Amendment**

3. Moved by Councillor MacKinnon  
Seconded by Councillor Van Hellemond

That the City of Guelph water volume charge be changed to \$1.61 per cubic metre effective January 1, 2016 and a wastewater volume charge of \$1.79 per cubic metre effective January 1, 2016.

A request to vote on the rates separately was requested.

4. Moved by Councillor MacKinnon  
Seconded by Councillor Van Hellemond

That the City of Guelph water volume charge be changed to \$1.61 per cubic metre effective January 1, 2016.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Downer, MacKinnon, Piper and Van Hellemond (4)

VOTING AGAINST: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Bell, Billings, Gibson, Gordon, Hofland, Salisbury and Wettstein (9)

DEFEATED

5. Moved by Councillor MacKinnon  
Seconded by Councillor Van Hellemond

That the wastewater volume charge be changed to 1.79 per cubic metre effective January 1, 2016.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Downer, Gordon, MacKinnon, Piper and Van Hellemond (6)

VOTING AGAINST: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Billings, Gibson, Hofland, Salisbury and Wettstein (7)

DEFEATED

### **Main Motion**

6. Moved by Councillor Piper  
Seconded by Councillor Hofland

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VOTING AGAINST: (0)

CARRIED

**Adjournment** (9:30 p.m.)

7. Moved by Councillor Hofland  
Seconded by Councillor Allt

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

*Minutes to be confirmed on November 23, 2015.*

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Mayor Guthrie

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Tina Agnello – Deputy City Clerk