



**Minutes of Guelph City Council  
Held in the Council Chambers, Guelph City Hall on  
Tuesday November 5, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.**

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**Attendance**

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| Council: | Mayor Farbridge                              | Councillor Guthrie                             |
|          | Councillor B. Bell                           | Councillor Hofland                             |
|          | Councillor L. Burcher (arrived at 6:18 p.m.) | Councillor G. Kovach (arrived at 6:05 p.m.)    |
|          | Councillor T. Dennis                         | Councillor L. Piper                            |
|          | Councillor I. Findlay                        | Councillor A. Van Hellemond                    |
|          | Councillor J. Furfaro                        | Councillor K. Wettstein (arrived at 6:04 p.m.) |

Absent: Councillor Laidlaw

Staff: Ms. A. Pappert, Chief Administrative Officer  
Mr. M. Amorosi, Executive Director, Corporate & Human Resources  
Mr. D. Thomson, Executive Director, Community & Social Services  
Mr. A. Horsman, Executive Director, Finance & Enterprise  
Ms. J. Laird, Executive Director, Planning & Building, Engineering and Environment  
Mr. D. McCaughan, Executive Director, Operations, Transit & Emergency Services  
Mr. B. Labelle, City Clerk  
Ms. J. Sweeney, Council Committee Coordinator

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Mayor Farbridge called the meeting to order.

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

There were no disclosures.

The Mayor advised that the purpose of the meeting was to approve the 2014 – 2023 Non-Tax Supported Capital Budget & Forecast and the 2014 – 2017 Operating Budget & Forecast and to receive the staff presentation of the 2014 Tax-supported Operating Budget.

**Court Services**

1. Moved by Councillor Findlay  
Seconded by Councillor Hofland
  1. The 2014 Court Services Operating Budgets in the amount of \$3,642,000 be approved.
  2. The 2014 Court Services Capital Budget and 2015-2023 Capital Forecast in the amount of \$602,900 be approved.

*VOTING IN FAVOUR: Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Bell, Dennis Findlay, Furfaro, Guthrie, Hofland, Piper and Van Hellemond (9)*

*VOTING AGAINST: (0)*

**CARRIED**

Councillor Wettstein arrived at 6:04 p.m.

### **Ontario Building Code Administration**

2. Moved by Councillor Hofland  
Seconded by Councillor Van Hellemond
  1. The 2014 Ontario Building Code Administration Operating Budget in the amount of \$2,900,000 be approved.
  2. The 2014 Ontario Building Code Capital Budget and the 2015-2023 Capital Forecast in the amount of \$49,000 be approved.

*VOTING IN FAVOUR: Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Bell, Dennis, Findlay, Furfaro, Guthrie, Hofland, Piper, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (10)*

*VOTING AGAINST:*

CARRIED

Councillor Kovach arrived at 6:05 p.m.

### **Water and Wastewater Services**

3. Moved by Councillor Furfaro  
Seconded by Councillor Guthrie
  1. The proposed expansion packages in the net amounts of \$142,900 for Water Services and \$93,500 for Wastewater Services be approved.
  2. The 2014 Water and Wastewater Operating Budgets in the amounts of \$26,351,480 and \$28,293,090 respectively, inclusive of expansions be approved.
  3. The 2014 Water and Wastewater Capital Budgets and 2015 - 2023 Forecasts in the amounts of \$193,881,300 and \$169,497,800 respectively be approved.
  4. The City of Guelph water volume charge of \$1.43 cents per cubic metre effective January 1, 2014 and the wastewater volume charge of \$1.59 cents per cubic metre, effective January 1, 2014 be approved.
  5. The City of Guelph water and wastewater basic service charges and various fees and charges, be approved as per attached schedule "A" effective January 1, 2014.
  6. The Waterworks Fees and Services By-law be passed.

*VOTING IN FAVOUR: Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Bell, Dennis, Findlay, Furfaro, Guthrie, Hofland, Kovach, Piper, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (11)*

*VOTING AGAINST:*

CARRIED

**By-law**

4. Moved by Councillor Piper  
Seconded by Councillor Dennis

That By-law Number (2013)-19654 is hereby passed.

*VOTING IN FAVOUR: Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Bell, Dennis, Findlay, Furfaro, Guthrie, Hofland, Kovach, Piper, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (11)*

*VOTING AGAINST:*

CARRIED

**2014 Tax Supported Operating Budget**

Ms. Ann Pappert, Chief Administrative Officer, introduced the proposed 2014 Tax-supported Operating Budget. She advised that the proposed budget includes no service reductions, maintains the existing reserve fund balances and includes a three year operating forecast for information. She highlighted the Financial Strategy of a strong foundation, performance, position, open reporting and the next steps.

*Councillor Burcher arrived at 6:18 p.m.*

Mr. A. Horsman, Executive Director Finance & Enterprise/Chief Financial Officer, provided a brief history on past budgets and the progress made under the Financial Strategy. He highlighted the predictable formula/budget model and the 2015-2017 multi-year operating budget. He provided statistics related to total municipal burden as a percent of household income, municipal credit rating comparison, use of the tax rate stabilization reserve and the distribution of municipal tax dollars between the municipal and local boards and shared services. He reviewed the impacts affecting the 2014 operating budget and highlighted key 2014 corporate initiatives and the strategic investments (proposed expansion packages).

Clarification was provided with respect to the multi-year operating budget, boulevard maintenance and the process for recommending the strategic investments.

5. Moved by Councillor Hofland  
Seconded by Councillor Burcher

1. That the 2014 Tax Supported Operating Budget with a net levy requirement of \$192,865,918 or 3.36% above the 2013 tax levy be received for information and referred to the December 5 meeting for Council consideration.
2. That user fees and proposed reserve and reserve fund transfers be received and referred to December 5, 2013.

*VOTING IN FAVOUR: Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Bell, Burcher, Dennis, Findlay, Furfaro, Guthrie, Hofland, Kovach, Piper, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (12)*

*VOTING AGAINST:*

CARRIED

**Adjournment** (7:45 p.m.)

6. Moved by Councillor Burcher  
Seconded by Councillor Furfaro

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

*Minutes to be confirmed on December 16, 2013.*

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Mayor Farbridge

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City Clerk