

INFORMATION ITEMS

Week Ending July 31, 2015

REPORTS

1. None

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Guelph Police Services Board re: 2016 Capital Budget
2. Haldimand County re: Vacancy Rebate Program
3. Randy Pettapiece, MPP, Perth-Wellington re: Resolution for Fairness in Provincial Infrastructure Funds

BOARDS & COMMITTEES

1. Committee of Adjustment Meeting Minutes – July 9, 2015

ITEMS AVAILABLE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE

1. None



Guelph Police Services Board

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July 16, 2015

Mayor Guthrie and Members of Council
Guelph City Hall
1 Carden Street
Guelph, ON N1H 3A1

Dear Mayor Guthrie and Members of Council:

The Guelph Police Service 2016 Capital Budget was approved by the Guelph Police Services Board at a public meeting held on Thursday, July 16, 2015. The following motion was made and carried by the Guelph Police Services Board:

WHEREAS the Guelph Police Services Board is committed to the corporate goals from the 2013-2015 Business Plan and to its responsibility for the provision of adequate and effective policing for the City of Guelph; and
WHEREAS the Guelph Police Services Board has conducted a comprehensive review of the 2016-2025 Capital Budget prepared by the Chief and Guelph Police Service staff; and
WHEREAS the Guelph Police Services Board has reviewed the proposed 2016-2025 Capital Budget in consideration of the City of Guelph's 2016 Budget guideline; therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED that the Guelph Police Services Board approves the Guelph Police Service 2016 Capital Budget in the amount of \$2,625,800; and
THAT the Guelph Police Services Board receives the Guelph Police Service Capital Forecast in the amount of \$1,319,500 in 2017, \$1,294,200 in 2018, \$1,437,900 in 2019, \$1,630,800 in 2020, \$1,337,800 in 2021, \$1,533,600 in 2022, \$1,861,800 in 2023, \$1,203,200 in 2024 and \$1,513,000 in 2025 to address new and replacement vehicle acquisitions, and replacement of police information technology hardware and equipment; and
THAT the Board shall forward this information to the City of Guelph Council.
-CARRIED-

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judy Sorbara".

Judy Sorbara
Chair

Copies: Ann Pappert, Chief Administrative Officer
Jeffrey DeRuyter, Chief of Police
Kirsten Hand, Finance Manager



July 10, 2015

The Honourable Charles Sousa
Minister of Finance
7 Queen's Park Crescent, 7th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 1Y7

And

The Honourable Ted McMeekin
Minister of Municipal Affairs
777 Bay Street, 17th Floor
Toronto, ON M5G 2E5

Dear Sirs:

RE: Vacancy Rebate Program

Please be advised that on June 22, 2015, Haldimand County Council adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS a Vacancy Rebate Program, as defined under Section 364 of The Municipal Act and Ontario Regulation 325/01, allows for property tax relief to be granted to eligible business properties when vacant for a minimum of 90 consecutive days;

AND WHEREAS Haldimand County does not believe that the Provincial legislation intended that local taxpayers bear the cost of a business/collective bargaining strategy when such "vacancy" is caused by a labour disruption, such as an employee lockout/strike;

AND WHEREAS a recent interim decision by the Assessment Review Board to allow for a vacancy tax rebate under these circumstances is precedent setting, unless overturned on appeal;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minister of Finance and Minister of Municipal Affairs be requested to review this legislation from a public policy perspective, to ensure that businesses are not eligible for a reduced property tax burden if the claimed "vacancy" is a result of a labour disruption;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the following for their support:

- *M.P.P. Toby Barrett*
- *Association of Municipalities of Ontario (and for circulation to all member municipalities)*
- *City of Toronto*
- *Municipal Finance Officers Association*
- *Ontario Municipal Tax and Revenue Association*
- *Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers*
- *Municipal Property Assessment Corporation*
- *Ontario Federation of Labour*
- *Canadian Labour Congress*

Should you require further information, please contact Karen General, General Manager, Corporate Services at 905-318-5932 x 6321.

Yours truly,



Evelyn Eichenbaum
Clerk

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cc M.P.P. Toby Barrett
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 Mark Merritt, Treasurer, Haldimand County
 Karen General



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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

Perth-Wellington Constituency Office
Stratford, Ontario

Randy Pettapiece, MPP
Perth-Wellington

July 21, 2015

Stephen O'Brien
City Clerk
City of Guelph
1 Carden Street
Guelph, ON N1H 3A1

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

Re: Resolution for Fairness in Provincial Infrastructure Funds

I am writing to inform you of my upcoming private member's resolution in the Ontario legislature and to formally request your support. It reads as follows:

That, in the opinion of this House, the government should guarantee that government-held ridings and opposition-held ridings be given equal and transparent consideration on infrastructure funding, and that when funding decisions are made, should guarantee that all MPPs, whether in government or opposition, be given fair and equal advance notice of the official announcement.

The basis for my resolution is simple: When municipalities apply for provincial infrastructure funding, you should expect that your application would be evaluated based on merit. You should expect that it would be evaluated promptly, based on well-defined and transparent criteria. Finally, you should expect that the decision to approve your application would never depend on your MPP's political stripe.

There is, after all, no such thing as Liberal, PC or NDP infrastructure money; there is only *public* money. That money comes from taxes that we all pay; everyone in the province should expect a similar quality of infrastructure and services, regardless of where they live.

Because municipalities rely on provincial partnerships to fund critical infrastructure projects, the consequences of provincial funding decisions can be far-reaching. The provincial government must respect this partnership and ensure that government and opposition-held ridings are given equal consideration when it comes to infrastructure investment decisions. Too often, however, there is at least a persistent perception that public infrastructure dollars have, in at least some cases, been directed according to politics and not according to need.

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Having served as a municipal councillor, I know that the process to apply for infrastructure funding is a major—and sometimes frustrating—undertaking. It often entails significant red tape and investments of staff time and resources. Before making those investments, municipalities need some assurance that, based on clear criteria, your application has a reasonable chance of success. You also need to know that your MPP will advocate on your behalf and, most importantly, decision-makers will be receptive to that advocacy no matter if the MPP serves in government or opposition.

The final section of my resolution deals with infrastructure announcements themselves. These announcements must, I believe, be depoliticized in order to address the perception that opposition-held ridings are disadvantaged—or worse yet, being punished—for voting against the government.

If your municipality supports the intent of my resolution, I would encourage you to consider passing a formal resolution to support it. If your Council decides to proceed in this way, I would appreciate receiving a copy of your resolution as soon as possible. Debate on this resolution is scheduled for October 8, 2015.

I would appreciate your views on this matter, and your own experience in your municipality concerning access to provincial infrastructure funds. If you have any feedback on this issue, or if you require any additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me at 519-272-0660 or by email: randy.pettapiececo@pc.ola.org.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Randy Pettapiece".

Randy Pettapiece, MPP
Perth-Wellington