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### Have your say on how the City manages all things water in Guelph:



**Water supply:** where we get our drinking water.



**Water and wastewater servicing:** how we build and take care of all the pipes that deliver your drinking water and take away what you flush.



**Wastewater treatment and biosolids management:** how the City manages wastewater (what you flush down your sinks, drains and toilets).



**Stormwater management:** how the City manages stormwater run off (rain and melted snow).

Join us through virtual open houses and surveys to help guide Guelph's four water-related master plans. Surveys close November 30.

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### COVID-19

### City services during COVID-19

This information is up to date as of 10 a.m. Friday, October 16. For updates about City programs and services visit [guelph.ca/covid19](https://guelph.ca/covid19) or follow us on Facebook or Twitter for updates #COVID19Guelph

#### Protect yourself and others

- stay at home, especially if you feel sick
- wash your hands frequently, or use hand sanitizer
- if you must go out, avoid crowded places and stay two metres (6.5 feet) away from people you don't live with
- wear a mask or face covering indoors; in stores, businesses, City buildings buses or anywhere you can't stay two metres away from people you don't live with

#### COVID-19 testing

Call 519-763-3431 to make an appointment at Shopper's Drug Mart 7 Clair Road if:

- you do not have COVID-19 symptoms
- you live, visit or work at a long-term care home, homeless shelter, or other congregate living facility
- you are a farm worker
- you are an international student that has passed your 14-day self-quarantine period
- you require a test for international travel
- you are Indigenous

Call 226-773-1922 to make an appointment at the assessment centre, 400 Southgate Drive if:

- you have COVID-19 symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, fever etc.), or
- you have had contact with someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19, or
- Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health tells you to get tested for COVID-19

Do not call 911 unless it is an emergency.

#### Stay informed. Stay safe.

Get accurate reliable information about COVID-19 from Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public health [wdgpublichealth.ca](https://wdgpublichealth.ca).

#### City services

##### City Hall and Provincial Offences Court

Please consider using the drop box outside the front doors at City Hall or online services at [guelph.ca](https://guelph.ca).

Service counters open Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

If you received a ticket on or before March 16, 2020 you have until December 1, 2020 to exercise the options on the back of your ticket. If you have a court matter scheduled between March 16 to January 25, 2021, do not attend court. Remote judicial pre-trials and some remote audio non-trial proceedings will proceed, and if your matter is proceeding, you will be notified. Visit [guelph.ca/court](https://guelph.ca/court) for details.

##### Garbage and recyclables

If anyone in your home is self-isolating due to COVID-19 symptoms, has tested positive for COVID-19, or is isolating due to travel outside Canada, please put recyclables and garbage in bags in your grey cart. Keep using your green cart as usual.

Visit [guelph.ca/waste](https://guelph.ca/waste) for public waste drop-off hours, fees and guidelines.

##### Guelph Transit

You must wear a mask or face covering on the bus. Visit [guelph.ca/transit](https://guelph.ca/transit) for schedules and fares.

##### Recreation centres

Visit [guelph.ca/recreation](https://guelph.ca/recreation) for hours and fall recreation programs.

##### Report a concern

Visit [covid-19.ontario.ca](https://covid-19.ontario.ca) for provincial restrictions, gathering limits and updates.

To report concern about a large gathering or business not following COVID-19 guidelines visit [guelph.ca/covid19](https://guelph.ca/covid19), email [bylaw@guelph.ca](mailto:bylaw@guelph.ca) or call 519-837-2529.

# City News

## Proposed changes to building permit fees



Guelph City Council will consider amendments to the Schedule of Building Permit and Administration Fees in accordance with section 7 of the Building Code Act, S.O. 1992, c.23 (as amended) on **Tuesday, December 1, 2020** as part of the City's budget. Building permit fees are proposed to increase by two (2) per cent. The proposed fee increases will be presented to City Council at the November 17 Council meeting, details will be available at [guelph.ca/agendas](http://guelph.ca/agendas) beginning November 5.

### Delegate about this topic

**Wednesday, November 25**  
6 p.m.

This is a remote City Council meeting that can be watched online at [guelph.ca/live](http://guelph.ca/live). Delegates participate by phone.

#### Register to delegate or submit written comments

Any person may attend the virtual meeting and/or provide written or verbal comments about the proposed fee increases. If you wish to address City Council about this proposal or provide written comments, please contact the City Clerk's Office at **519-837-5603**, visit [guelph.ca/delegate](http://guelph.ca/delegate) or email [clerks@guelph.ca](mailto:clerks@guelph.ca) no later than 10 a.m. on Friday, November 20.

#### For more information

**Jeremy Laur**, Chief Building Official  
Building Services  
519-822-1260 extension 2379  
[jeremy.laur@guelph.ca](mailto:jeremy.laur@guelph.ca)

## Help name three Guelph parks and a trail

The City of Guelph is looking for your suggestions to name three new parks and one trail:

- 104 Oliver Street by Huron Street, east of downtown
- 51 Skinner Drive near Starwood Drive and Watson Parkway North in the northeast part of the city
- 158 Poppy Drive East by Dallan Drive in the south end of the city
- Trail within the Dallan Drive subdivision in the south end of the city

Visit [guelph.ca/parks](http://guelph.ca/parks) to learn about each park and the trail, the naming requirements and how you can submit a name. Name suggestions are due **by Friday, November 20**.

#### For more information

**Rory Templeton**, Landscape Planner  
Planning and Building Services  
519-822-1260 extension 2436  
[rory.templeton@guelph.ca](mailto:rory.templeton@guelph.ca)

[guelph.ca/parks](http://guelph.ca/parks)



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**COVID-19 testing is now available for some non-symptomatic individuals at the Shoppers Drug Mart at 7 Clair Rd. W.**

# DRUG STORE ROLLS OUT CORONAVIRUS TESTING

Those seeking to get tested for COVID-19 in Guelph now have another option.

According to its website, the Shoppers Drug Mart at 7 Clair Rd. W. is now offering COVID-19 testing.

Testing at this location is available for those who do not have symptoms, and meet any of the following criteria:

- Residents or workers in a long-term care home
- Visitors to a long-term care home
- Residents or workers in a homeless shelter
- International students who have passed their 14-day quarantine period
- Farm workers
- Individuals who require a COVID-19 test for international travel clearance
- Self-identified Indigenous
- Resident or worker in other congregate living settings and institutions

Testing is available via appointment only, with the drug store available by calling 519-763-3431.

This new testing option is in addition to the assessment centre at 400 Southgate Dr. To make an appointment at that location, call 226-773-1922.

According to Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health, 44,531 COVID-19 assessments were done in Guelph between March 17 and Oct. 13, with 43-725 tests conducted.

## Meeting notice

### City of Guelph Official Plan Update

#### Special Meeting of Council

Guelph City Council will hold a special meeting to consider your comments and ideas about potential revisions to Guelph's Official Plan. Provincial legislation requires that we revise our Official Plan every five years. This meeting will take place:

**Monday, November 9**  
6:30 p.m.

This is a remote City Council meeting that can be watched online at [guelph.ca/live](http://guelph.ca/live)

Revisions to the Official Plan will ensure Guelph conforms and is consistent with:

- Recent amendments to the Planning Act,
- Recent amendments to the Clean Water Act,
- The Provincial Policy Statement (2020), and
- A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (2019).

Guelph's Official Plan sets the goals, objectives and policies that aim to promote public interest in the future development of our city. The current Official Plan is available online at [guelph.ca/officialplan](http://guelph.ca/officialplan). Alternate document formats are available upon request.

The planner to contact for the Official Plan update is: **Stacey Laughlin**, Senior Policy Planner  
519-822-1260 extension 2327  
[stacey.laughlin@guelph.ca](mailto:stacey.laughlin@guelph.ca)

#### Speak at the meeting or provide written comments

If you wish to speak to City Council about what staff should consider as part of the Official Plan update you may register as a delegation at [guelph.ca/delegations](http://guelph.ca/delegations) or by contacting the City Clerk's Office at 519-837-5603 or email [clerks@guelph.ca](mailto:clerks@guelph.ca) **no later than Friday, November 6, 2020 at 10 a.m.** When your registration is received, a confirmation message and instructions for participating in the

remote special meeting will be provided. Instructions will also be provided during the meeting to ensure that those watching will be given the opportunity to speak.

If you prefer to comment in writing, please send your written comments to the City Clerk's Office **no later than Friday, November 6, 2020 at 10 a.m.**

#### For more information

The Staff Report will be available on **Friday, October 30, 2020** after 12 p.m. at [guelph.ca/agendas](http://guelph.ca/agendas).

#### Contact the City Clerk's Office

If you would like to be notified of City Council's decision with respect to the Official Plan update, you must make a written request to:

**Stephen O'Brien**, City Clerk  
City of Guelph, 1 Carden Street, Guelph ON N1H 3A1  
519-837-5603 or TTY 519-826-9771  
[clerks@guelph.ca](mailto:clerks@guelph.ca)

