

DATE February 19, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.

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- b) Silent Prayer
- c) Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

2008 TAX SUPPORTED OPERATING BUDGET 2008 TAX SUPPORTED CAPITAL BUDGET AND 2009-2017 CAPITAL FORECAST

DELEGATIONS – Councillor Billings

(limited to a maximum of five minutes)

“THAT persons desiring to address Council be permitted to do so at this time.”

- Paul Reeve on behalf of the Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Jane Cabral, Co-Chair of the Finance Committee of the Guelph Neighbourhood Support Coalition
- Rade Kovacevic
- Nicole Freeborn
- Joshua Gilbert
- Yehuda Nestel
- Matthew Soltys
- Zach O'Connor
- Gord Tosh, Chair of the Land Ambulance Committee
- Representative of the Guelph & District Labour Council
- Becky Chevalier

Land Ambulance Committee

- 1) THAT the 2008 Land Ambulance operating and capital budgets be approved as outlined in Attachments 1-3.
- 2) THAT the Land Ambulance Committee recommends that Guelph City Council approve the expansions for service improvements for the Land Ambulance system as presented in the 2008 operating budget.

* The Land Ambulance Reports were previously distributed electronically.

Wyndham House

Motion passed by Social Services February 13, 2007

That the following resolution be referred to the City of Guelph Council.

“That the Social Services Committee approve funding to Wyndham House to provide youth shelter services in accordance with option 1, and

That the Warden and Clerk be authorized to sign an agreement between the County of Wellington and Wyndham House for the provision of youth shelter services.”

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ADJOURNMENT

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BACKGROUND

The Tax Supported Operating Budget has been prepared based on the goals identified in the new Strategic Plan.

REPORT

The following table outlines the tax rate impact for base services and additional or enhanced services:

	Base %	Including Expansions %	Tax Supported FTE's
City Departments	1.63%	2.60%	867
General & Capital Financing	3.47%	3.46%	-
Local Boards	0.82%	0.82%	347
Outside Boards/ Agencies & Shared Services	-0.11%	-0.11%	-
2007 Assessment Growth	-2.53%	-2.52%	-
Total tax levy increase	3.28%	4.25%	1,214

The impact on the average household based on an average current value assessment of \$238,000 is \$107 including expansions.

Additional expansions recommended by Committee are:

- 20 Minute Transit Service (5:30 am to 7:00 pm) - \$895,800 (.66% tax rate impact)
- Land Ambulance – Service Enhancements (6 mths) - \$414,000 (.31% tax rate impact)
- Youth Shelter Services (3 mths) - \$72,000 (.06% tax rate impact)

CORPORATE STRATEGIC PLAN

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The net operating requirements identified in the attached budget document are funded through the municipal tax levy, various user fees and subsidies.

DEPARTMENTAL CONSULTATION

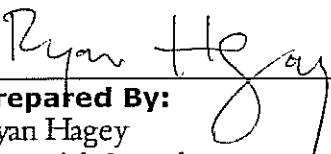
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COMMUNICATIONS

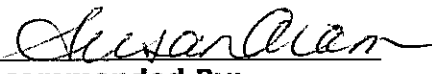
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ATTACHMENTS


2008 Tax Supported Operating Budget



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Manager of Budget Services



Recommended By:
Hans Loewig
Chief Administrative Officer

Corporation of the City of Guelph
2008 Tax Supported Operating Budget

Description	2007 Approved Budget		2008 Requested Budget		Budget Change		2008/ 2007 Change	2008 FTE	2008 FTE Expansions	2008/ 2007 Change	2008 FTE Total
	Expenditure	Revenue	Net Budget	2008 Expansions \$	Total Net Budget Include Expansions	2008/ 2007 Change Include Expansions					
General & Capital Expenses	2,780,330	(2,622,800)	1,118,100	337,770	1,118,100	337,770	12.1%	-	-	-	-
General Expenses	3,300	(19,230,000)	(19,227,000)	712,700	(19,227,000)	712,700	3.6%	-	-	-	-
Capital Expenses	20,210,000	(2,885,500)	23,995,050	3,205,050	23,995,050	3,205,050	18.3%	-	-	-	-
Total General & Capital Expenses	31,327,630	(24,538,300)	7,886,150	4,758,520	7,886,150	4,758,520	15.2%	-	-	-	-
TOTAL CITY DEPARTMENTS & GENERAL	75,517,534	(83,990,099)	82,507,667	6,990,133	63,944,967	8,230,533	11.0%	840.95	11.60	11.60	867.05
LOCAL BODIES											
Police Services											
Chief of Police	484,690	(2,500)	520,000	35,310	520,000	35,310	7.3%	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25
Neighbourhood Services	9,214,961	(714,300)	9,595,600	186,339	9,595,600	186,339	1.7%	106.50	106.50	106.50	106.50
Neighbourhood Support	1,111,161	(14,300)	1,237,700	148,574	1,237,700	148,574	4.1%	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
Investigative Support	7,671,156	(302,600)	8,237,700	148,574	8,237,700	148,574	3.6%	36.50	36.50	36.50	36.50
Community Services	9,343,167	(320,100)	9,737,700	394,513	9,737,700	394,513	4.2%	91.37	91.37	91.37	91.37
Police Services Board	110,300	(100,300)	100,300	(1,000)	100,300	(1,000)	-0.6%	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	26,857,750	(1,967,300)	27,728,500	870,750	27,728,500	870,750	3.2%	269.62	269.62	269.62	269.62
Guelph Public Library											
Library Administration	299,700	-	295,000	(4,700)	295,000	(4,700)	-1.6%	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.00
Adult Circulation	892,000	-	901,900	9,900	901,900	9,900	1.1%	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.50
Info/Technical Services	1,998,025	(13,680)	2,135,750	127,725	2,135,750	127,725	6.4%	22.0	22.0	22.0	22.00
Children's Circulation	641,900	-	657,800	15,900	657,800	15,900	2.5%	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.70
Bookmobile	204,400	-	213,800	9,400	213,800	9,400	4.6%	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.50
Building Maintenance	2,424,270	-	2,472,705	48,435	2,472,705	48,435	2.0%	20.9	20.9	20.9	20.90
Library Revenue	(482,250)	(480,000)	(480,000)	(1,450)	(480,000)	(1,450)	0.3%	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	6,978,045	(484,480)	6,186,155	206,110	6,186,155	208,110	3.0%	70.6	70.6	70.6	70.60
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Revenue	(59,300)	(115,300)	(115,300)	(16,000)	(115,300)	(16,000)	-16.1%	-	-	-	-
Guelph Civic Museum	413,900	431,200	431,200	19,300	431,200	19,300	4.7%	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.33
Lorito Conservatory	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	40,000	1,000,000	40,000	4.0%	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.00
Museum Building Mice	97,300	100,200	100,200	2,900	100,200	2,900	3.0%	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.10
Col John McCrae Museum	90,100	95,400	95,400	5,300	95,400	5,300	5.9%	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.10
Artifacts	4,500	5,700	5,700	700	5,700	700	15.6%	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.40
Subtotal	506,500	(115,300)	556,700	52,200	556,700	52,200	10.3%	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.40
Total Local Bodies	33,347,295	(2,577,080)	34,473,355	1,131,060	34,473,355	1,131,060	3.4%	338.7	346.2	346.2	346.95
SHARED SERVICES/GRANTS											
Food Services	11,890,000	-	12,358,000	558,000	12,358,000	558,000	4.7%	-	-	-	-
Food Housing	11,049,800	-	11,456,000	407,000	11,456,000	407,000	3.7%	-	-	-	-
OOB Financial Uphead	1,573,800	(1,350,000)	(1,350,000)	(1,350,000)	(1,350,000)	(1,350,000)	0.0%	-	-	-	-
Health Unit	518,700	(55,000)	463,700	(55,000)	463,700	(55,000)	-10.6%	-	-	-	-
Grants	24,950,500	(1,413,000)	24,601,014	(149,486)	24,601,014	(149,486)	-0.6%	-	-	-	-
Total Boards/Shared Services/Grants	33,982,800	(1,818,000)	32,164,800	(149,486)	32,164,800	(149,486)	-0.5%	-	-	-	-
Tax Rate Prior to Growth	133,610,329	(87,960,178)	141,782,036	7,971,707	141,782,036	7,971,707	5.96%	1,179.6	1,179.6	1,179.6	1,213.7
2007 Assessment Growth	3,468,864	(3,468,864)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TAXATION REQUIREMENT	137,279,193	(87,960,178)	141,782,036	4,502,843	141,782,036	4,502,843	3.28%	1,179.6	1,179.6	1,179.6	1,213.7
Transit - 60 minutes service											
Transit - 30 Minutes Service (\$20.00 to 7.00)											
Capital Exp. Increase			805,800		805,800						24.0
Total to implement over two years - \$1,874,600			2,232,200		2,232,200						1,237.7
Land Ambulance - Service Enhancements (6 months)			914,000		914,000						
Subtotal of Including Transit & Land Ambulance			2,646,200		2,646,200						
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Youth Shelter Services (3 month impact)			1,408,400		1,408,400						
Total of Including Transit, Land Ambulance & Youth Shelter			2,716,200		2,716,200						
TOTAL			144,500,236	7,221,043	144,500,236	7,221,043	5.26%	1,237.7	1,237.7	1,237.7	1,237.7

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The 2008 Tax Supported Capital Budget and the 2009 – 2017 Tax Supported Capital Budget Forecast are attached and respectfully submitted for Council’s review and approval.

REPORT

Capital Budget Highlights

Hanlon Creek Business Park

Plan registration for Phase 1 is targeted for 2008 which will consist of approximately 80 acres of City owned land along and 40 acres of land to be developed by Belmont Equities. A cost sharing agreement has been executed between the developer and City.

Cost sharing negotiations are currently underway with Cooper Construction which would result in Phase 2 registration of at land titles and the site servicing of an additional 90 acres of private land and 40 acres of City owned land.

The completion of site servicing for both phases is targeted for the end of the 3rd quarter of 2008. First sales are targeted for late 2008/early 2009.

Solid Waste Resources

In 2007 – 2009 over \$5.5 million has been budgeted to rebuild the composting facility at the Waste Resource Innovation Centre (WRIC).

Transit

The 2008 capital budget includes \$1 million for the relocation of the present transit transfer site from St. George's Square to a more suitable downtown location. Using the existing Via Rail Station on Carden Street would bring Guelph Transit's route network together with rail and intercity bus schedules.

Recreation Facilities

In keeping with the growth of the City of Guelph, a new South End Community Centre has been included in the capital forecast in years 2011 – 2015 with projected cost estimates of \$35.0 million. Projects planned to commence in 2008 include \$600,000 from 2008 – 2010 for both a seating expansion at the Sleeman Centre and enhancements to the Sleeman food court.

Corporate Properties

The majority of funds required to complete the new City Hall project have been both identified and approved in previous year's budgets. The New City Hall is scheduled to open on August 15/08. Funds requested for 2008 and 2009 will ensure completion of this project and address site issues and potential issues with the old city hall based on our current knowledge of the work in the old fire hall. Work on the POA court will commence in 2008 and funding has been approved and secured in prior years. An additional \$1.2 million for building life cycle related projects has been included in the 2008 budget and beyond to address structural and system concerns as identified in the building condition reports.

Engineering Services

Major projects planned for 2008 include:

\$1.1 million over 2007 – 2008 for the Eramosa Road Bridge as the bridge deck requires replacement as well as other structural improvements.

\$1.86 million over 2007 – 2009 for the Victoria / Eramosa intersection (including Victoria Road from Speedvale to Eramosa) to be done in conjunction with User Pay Capital budgets for watermain and sewer replacement.

\$2.4 million over 2007 – 2008 for Arkell Road from Gordon to Victoria.

\$1.4 million over 2007 – 2008 for Speedvale Avenue from Elmira Road to the west City limits.

South End Fire Hall, Police Station and Land Ambulance Station

In 2007-2009 the capital budget includes over \$12.5 million for the development of a joint emergency facility (\$6.61 million for a Fire Hall, Administration Offices and Land Ambulance and \$5.91 million for a Police Station). \$4.4 million is also included for Guelph Police Services in 2009 – 2010 for renovations required at 15 Wyndham Street after the relocation of various units to the new South End facility. This is an estimate only and an architectural review will be required to determine the scope of work to be done.

New Civic Museum

At the Council meeting of October 15, 2007, the Loretto Convent Conversion Capital Project was approved in principal and identified in the 2008-2010 Capital budget and forecast in the amount of \$12,700,000. The project will begin in 2008 subject to confirmation of a minimum of \$6,000,000 from the Federal and Provincial level of government. Confirmation of these funds is still underway. At the present time, an application to Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative is in progress for grant funding in the amount of \$5 million.

New Main Branch Library

The capital forecast includes \$17.3 million in 2012 as a cost estimate for a new main branch library, and although a location and funding source are yet to be determined, it is anticipated that the recent RFP for the Baker Street site should address these issues.

\$250,000 is forecast in 2011 for each of the Scottsdale and Bullfrog Branches. Both of these buildings are over twenty years old and will be in need of capital funds to replace aging fixtures.

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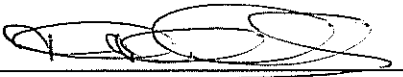
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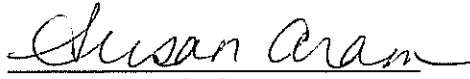
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