

Council Chambers
January 16, 2007

Council convened in formal session at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Beard, Bell, Billings, Burcher, Farrelly, Findlay, Hofland, Kovach, Laidlaw, Piper, Salisbury and Wettstein

Staff Present: Mr. L. Kotseff, Chief Administrative Officer; Chief S. Armstrong, Director of Emergency Services; Ms. Pauline Blais, Director of Human Resources; Mr. D.A. Kennedy, Director of Finance/City Treasurer; Dr. J. Laird, Director of Environmental Services; Mr. D. McCaughan, Director of Operations; Ms. L.E. Payne, Director of Corporate Services/City Solicitor; Mr. J. Riddell, Director of Community Design & Development Services; ; Mr. G. Stahlmann, Director of Community Services; Mrs. L.A. Giles, City Clerk/Manager of Council Administrative Services Ms. S. Aram, Budget Coordinator; Mr. B. Barr, Manager of Fleet & Equipment; Mr. G. Beal, Manager of Financial Services; Ms. B. Boisvert, Manager Strategic Planning Initiatives; Mr. M. Cameron, Manager of Parkland & Greenways; Mr. P. Cartwright, Manager of Economic Development & Tourism; Mr. B. Chapman, Manager of Traffic & Parking; Mr. B. Coutts, Manager of Court Services; Chief R. Davis, Guelph Police Services; Ms. B. Dietrich, Curator, Guelph Museums; Mr. G. Dupuis, Manager of IT Services; Mr. R. French, Manager of Transit Services; Mr. R. Hagey, Financial Consultant – Operations and Environmental Services; Mr. S. Hannah, Manager of Development & Parks Planning; Mr. M. Humble, Financial Consultant – Community Design & Development and Corporate Services; Mr. G. Hunt, Manager, Employee/Employer Relations, Assistant Director of Human Resources; Ms. J. Loveys-Smith, Community Development Manager; Mr. R. Mackay, Manager of Recreation & Culture; Mr. S. Mattina, Manager of Roads/Right of Ways; Mr. M. McCrae, Manager of Corporate Property Services; Mr. N. McLeod, Chief Librarian, Guelph Public Library; Ms. S. Morris, Director of Corporate Services, Guelph Police Services; Ms. W. O'Donnell, Manager of Budget Services; Mr. B. Poole, Chief Building Official; Ms. P. Tollett, Financial Consultant – Community Services and Emergency Services; and Mr. D. Wyman, Manager of Solid Waste Resources

DECLARATIONS UNDER MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

The Mayor advised that the purpose of the meeting was to hear the presentation on the 2007 Operating Budget.

The Chief Administrative Officer provided an opening introduction.

The Director of Finance highlighted the 2006 achievements and outlined the focus for 2007. He provided information on the various expansion packages including:

- transit route expansion
- downtown concrete repair and maintenance
- downtown economic development
- municipal twinning program
- expanded transit service to Statutory Holidays
- physician recruitment and retention
- termite control program.

He also outlined the following expansion packages which were pre-approved by Council in 2006:

- Shakespeare Made in Canada grant
- heritage redevelopment grants
- Guelph Rowing Club grant
- community youth space

The Director of Finance highlighted the following budgets:

- Guelph Police Services
- Guelph Public Library
- Guelph Museums

He provided information relating to the outside boards and agencies:

- Social Services
- Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Health Unit

Various staff provided additional information with respect to questions raised.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 o'clock p.m.

Minutes read and confirmed February 5, 2007.

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Mayor

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Clerk