

Council Chambers  
June 25, 2007

**Council convened in formal session at 5:00 p.m.**

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

Staff Present: Mr. H. Loewig, Interim Chief Administrative Officer; Chief S. Armstrong, Director of Emergency Services; Mr. G. Hunt, Acting Director of Human Resources; Mr. D.A. Kennedy, Director of Finance/City Treasurer; 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; Mr. P. Cartwright, Manager of Economic Development and Tourism; Mr. Rick Henry, City Engineer; Ms. A.M. O'Connell, Supervisor, Parking Facilities; Mrs. L.A. Giles, City Clerk/Manager of Council Administrative Services; and Ms. J. Sweeney, Council Committee Co-ordinator

**DECLARATIONS UNDER MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT**

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

The Mayor advised that this was a special meeting of City Council to reconsider the two hour free parking in the downtown.

1. Moved by Councillor Salisbury  
Seconded by Councillor Piper

THAT Council reconsider the matter of two hour free parking on-street in the downtown.

A recorded vote was requested, which resulted as follows:

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Beard, Bell, Burcher, Farrelly, Findlay, Hofland, Piper, Salisbury, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (10)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Billings and Kovach (2)

ABSENT: Councillor Laidlaw

The motion was carried.

2. Moved by Councillor Kovach  
Seconded by Councillor Farrelly

THAT persons wishing to address Council be permitted to do so at this time.

Carried

The Manager of Economic Development and Tourism highlighted the Council resolution of December 2006 which gave direction to staff to review this matter. He suggested that the benchmarking study results of other municipalities were inconclusive and that other municipalities expressed similar concerns relating to providing two hour free on-street parking. He further suggested that two hour free parking in the downtown is a tool that could be used to increase economic development in the downtown. He advised that the proposed pilot project would provide data for benchmarking.

The Supervisor of Parking Facilities provided historical data relating to the use of the various parking lots.

## **DELEGATIONS**

Clare McNaul suggested that the two hour free parking should be provided in the parking lots and not on-street. She expressed concern that the two hour free on-street parking would be abused. she further suggested that providing the free parking in parking lots would be more environmentally friendly.

Jenn Lamarre on behalf of Santa Fe Market Place advised that she prefers two hour free parking on-street but suggested that the City should consider also providing two hour free parking in the various lots. She suggested that parking meters are a deterrent and that providing free parking would encourage short term patrons.

Harish Naidu was present and advised that he supports the comments made by the previous speaker. He expressed concern with the business employees abusing the two hour free on-street parking and that suggested that the city should put in controls which would address this problem.

Ingrid Rusk of Curious Kitchen advised that she is in support of the two hour free parking on-street. She suggested that short term parkers could use the on-street parking while people planning to be in the downtown for a lengthy period of time should be directed to the parking lots.

Audrey Jamal, General Manager of the Downtown Board of Management suggested that the consultant's report to Council was fair. She suggested that there is a major supply issue and that permit parking is taking up a large amount of parking lot capacity.

She further suggested that the City provide two hour free on-street parking as a pilot project while investing long term parking solutions.

Councillor Laidlaw arrived at 6:37 p.m.

Barb Minette advised that she received numerous complaints each week from her customers with respect to tickets received at metered parking. She suggested that two hour free downtown parking would allow more people to visit the downtown. She urged Council to approve the two hour free on-street parking in the downtown.

3. Moved by Councillor Salisbury  
Seconded by Councillor Wettstein

THAT Council receive the Best Practice Review of Municipal Downtown Two Hour Free Parking Programs prepared for Community Design and Development Services by the consultant Barbara Leibel;

AND THAT Staff from Economic Development and Tourism, Operations and Finance be directed to work with representatives of the Downtown Board of Management to develop a two-hour free downtown “pilot” parking program, which includes performance measurements and targets to be implemented by July 2007;

AND THAT staff be directed that after a twelve month period the “pilot” parking program is to be evaluated within the context of a comprehensive longer-term parking program that supports the implementation of a Community Improvement Plan for the downtown.

4. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Piper  
Seconded by Councillor Burcher

THAT staff report back in six months with a status report;

AND THAT the reference to implementation by July 2007 be deleted;

AND THAT add to the consultation program with the Downtown Board of Management the following: communications, marketing and public education.

Council requested that the amendments be voted on separately.

5. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Piper  
Seconded by Councillor Burcher

THAT staff report back in six months with a status report.

Carried

6. Moved In Amendment by Councillor Piper  
Seconded by Councillor Burcher  
THAT the reference to implementation by July 2007 be deleted.

Carried

7. Moved In Amendment by Councillor Piper  
Seconded by Councillor Burcher  
THAT the following matters be added to the consultation program with the Downtown Board of Management: communications, marketing and public education.

Carried

8. Moved by Councillor Salisbury  
Seconded by Councillor Wettstein  
THAT Council receive the Best Practice Review of Municipal Downtown Two Hour Free Parking Programs prepared for Community Design and Development Services by the consultant Barbara Leibel;

Mr. J. Riddell  
Mr. P. Cartwright  
Mr. D. McCaughan  
Mr. D.A. Kennedy

AND THAT Staff from Economic Development and Tourism, Operations and Finance be directed to work with representatives of the Downtown Board of Management to develop a two-hour free downtown “pilot” parking program, which includes performance measurements, targets and a communication and marketing program and a public education program;

AND THAT staff report back in six months with a status report on the pilot project;

AND THAT staff be directed that after a twelve month period the “pilot” parking program is to be evaluated within the context of a comprehensive longer-term parking program that supports the implementation of a Community Improvement Plan for the downtown.

A recorded vote was requested, which resulted as follows:

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Beard, Burcher, Findlay, Hofland, Laidlaw, Piper, Salisbury, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (9)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Bell, Billings, Farrelly and Kovach (4)

The motion was carried.

Mr. J. Riddell  
Mr. D. McCaughan

9. Moved by Councillor Burcher  
Seconded by Councillor Findlay  
THAT the issues with respect to green parking strategies,  
specifically related to parking and transit be referred to the  
Community Planning process for the downtown.

Carried

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 o'clock p.m.

Minutes read and confirmed July 16, 2007.

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Mayor

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Clerk

Council Committee Room B  
June 25, 2007 7:35 p.m.

**A meeting of Guelph City Council.**

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

Staff Present: Chief S. Armstrong, Director of Emergency  
Services; Mr. G. Hunt, Acting Director of Human Resources; Ms.  
L.E. Payne, Director of Corporate Services/City Solicitor; Mr. P.  
Busatto, Manager of Waterworks; and Mrs. L.A. Giles, City  
Clerk/Manager of Council Administrative Services

1. Moved by Councillor  
Seconded by Councillor  
THAT the Council of the City of Guelph now hold a meeting that  
is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 239 (2) (b) of the  
Municipal Act, with respect to:  
• personal matters about an identifiable individual.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 o'clock p.m.

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Mayor

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Clerk

Council Committee Room B  
June 25, 2007 7:37 p.m.

**A meeting of Guelph City Council meeting in Committee of the Whole.**

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

Staff Present: Chief S. Armstrong, Director of Emergency Services; Mr. G. Hunt, Acting Director of Human Resources; Ms. L.E. Payne, Director of Corporate Services/City Solicitor; Mr. P. Busatto, Manager of Waterworks; and Mrs. L.A. Giles, City Clerk/Manager of Council Administrative Services

**DECLARATIONS UNDER MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

The Acting Director of Human Resources provided information on a personal matter about an identifiable individual.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 o'clock p.m.

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Mayor

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Clerk