

Council Chambers
November 26, 2007

Council reconvened in formal session at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Councillors Hofland and Wettstein

Staff Present: Chief S. Armstrong, Director of Emergency Services; Dr. J. Laird, Director of Environmental Services; Mr. D. McCaughan, Director of Operations; Mr. J. Riddell, Director of Community Design & Development Services; Mr. B. Stewart, Acting Director of Finance; Ms. S. Aram, Manager of Budget Services; Mr. D. Belanger, Water Supply Program Manager; Mr. P. Busatto, Manager of Waterworks; Mr. B. Chapman, Manager of Traffic & Parking; Mr. R. Hagey, Financial Consultant – Operations & Environmental Services; Mr. R. Henry, City Engineer; Mr. D. Kudo, Infrastructure Planning; Design & Construction Manager; Mr. S. Mattina, Manager of Roads/Right of Ways; Mr. C. Walsh, Manager of Wastewater Services; 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 the purpose of the meeting was to consider the 2008 Parking, Water and Wastewater Operating and Capital Budgets.

1. Moved by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor Findlay

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

Carried

DELEGATIONS

Alan Dale, Chair; Paul Emerson CAO and Keith Murch Assistant CAO/Secretary-Treasurer of the Grand River Conservation Authority were present and outlined the challenges faced by the Authority with respect to population growth and climate change. They provided information with respect to water quality, supplies and flood prevention. They highlighted the proposed 2008 budget.

Premier McGuinty
Hon. J. Gerretson
Hon. D. Cansfield
Hon. D. Duncan
Ms. L. Sandals
Watershed Members
AMO
Mr. B. Stewart
Mr. P. Emerson

2. Moved by Councillor Kovach
Seconded by Councillor Piper

THAT Guelph City Council send a letter to Premier McGuinty and the appropriate Ministries advising that the City of Guelph is deeply concerned with the lack of suitable funding by the Province as required by the Act for the Grand River Conservation Authority, and that the City request the Province to appropriately fund the Grand River Conservation Authority;

AND THAT a copy of this correspondence be forwarded to the local MPPs, municipalities within the Grand River Watershed and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Beard, Bell, Billings, Burcher, Farrelly, Findlay, Kovach, Laidlaw, Piper, Salisbury and Mayor Farbridge (11)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

The Financial Consultant – Operations & Environmental Services introduced the user pay budgets. He briefly outlined the roles and responsibilities of the Senior Management Team and Council in the budget process.

2008 Parking Operating and Capital Budgets

The Director of Operations presented the 2008 Parking Operating and Capital Budgets. He advised that the operating budget maintains the current service levels and rate and fine structure. He further advised that the Capital Budget maintains and upgrades existing parking infrastructure. He outlined the parking reserves.

The Manager of Traffic & Parking provided background information on the two hour free downtown parking pilot and the proposed funding for the project in the 2008 budget.

3. Moved by Councillor Kovach
Seconded by Councillor Laidlaw

THAT on page 14 of the proposed 2008 Parking Operating Budget, Parking Meters & Tokens, under Revenue the Internal Recoveries 2008 base be shown as \$0 and the Revenue and Financing reflect the full amount;

AND THAT on page 10 of the proposed 2008 Parking Operating Budget, Enforcement, under Revenue – Revenue and Financing be increased by \$176,550.

4. Moved by Councillor Laidlaw
Seconded by Councillor Farrelly

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

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Billings, Farrelly, Kovach, Laidlaw, (5)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Beard, Burcher, Findlay, Piper, Salisbury and Mayor Farbridge (6)

Defeated

5. Moved by Councillor Kovach
Seconded by Councillor Salisbury

Mr. B. Stewart

THAT the internal recoveries from Guelph Police Services in the amount of \$32,000 for parking in the Fountain Street Parking Lot be deleted from the Parking Operating Budget.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Beard, Bell, Billings, Farrelly, Findlay, Kovach, Laidlaw, Piper, Salisbury and Mayor Farbridge (10)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillor Burcher (1)

Carried

6. Moved by Councillor Burcher
Seconded by Councillor Piper

Mr. D. McCaughan
Mr. B. Stewart

THAT the 2008 Parking Operating Budget in the amount of \$3,316,100 be approved;

AND THAT the 2008 Parking Capital Budget and Forecast in the amount of \$16,910,000 be approved.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Beard, Burcher, Farrelly, Findlay, Piper, Salisbury and Mayor Farbridge (7)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Bell, Billings, Kovach, Laidlaw, (4)

Carried

2008 Water & Wastewater Operating and Capital Budgets

The Director of Environmental Services outlined the proposed increases to the Waterworks Operating and Capital Budgets which relate to regulatory compliance, meeting the needs of growth and sustaining the City's water infrastructure. She provided detailed information relating to the proposed expansion to reduce lead in municipal drinking water – phase 1 expansion.

The Director of Environmental Services outlined the factors impacting the proposed wastewater operating and capital budgets relating to regulatory compliance, sustaining the infrastructure, process upgrade and continuous improvement and meeting the needs of growth. She highlighted the 2008 initiatives.

The Financial Consultant – Operations & Environmental Services summarized the proposed rate impact for the average homeowner.

Dr. J. Laird
Mr. B. Stewart

7. Moved by Councillor Laidlaw
Seconded by Councillor Burcher

THAT the proposed expansion packages in the net amount of \$508,800 for Water be approved;

AND THAT the 2008 Water and Wastewater Operating Budgets in the amounts of \$16,371,300 and \$19,005,500 respectively, inclusive of expansions, be approved;

AND THAT the 2008 Water and Wastewater Capital Budgets and Forecasts in the amount of \$174,631,000 and \$140,236,000 respectively be approved;

AND THAT the City of Guelph water rate of \$0.82 cents per cubic metre effective March 1, 2008 and the wastewater rate of \$0.88 cents per cubic metre, effective March 1, 2008 be approved;

AND THAT the City of Guelph water and wastewater basic service charges and various fees and charges, be increased as per attached Schedule “A” effective March 1, 2008;

AND THAT the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the Waterworks Fees and Services By-law.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Beard, Bell, Billings, Burcher, Farrelly, Findlay, Kovach, Laidlaw, Piper, Salisbury and Mayor Farbridge (11)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

Dr. J. Laird

8. Moved by Councillor Kovach
Seconded by Councillor Laidlaw

THAT staff be directed to investigate potential wording to be included in the water bills to inform the public that the increases to the water and waste water fees are owing to the fact that the Province has downloaded mandated programs to the City but have not provided any funding for these mandated services.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Beard, Bell, Billings, Burcher, Farrelly, Findlay, Kovach, Laidlaw, Piper, Salisbury and Mayor Farbridge (11)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 o'clock p.m.

Minutes read and confirmed December 17, 2007.

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Mayor

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Clerk

**2007/2008 Water and Wastewater Basic
Service Charge Summary
Stated as a Daily Charge**

WATER

Meter Size	2007 Basic Service Charge	2008 Basic Service Charge	\$ Change
5/8"	\$0.13	\$0.15	\$0.02
3/4"	\$0.13	\$0.15	\$0.02
1"	\$0.19	\$0.21	\$0.02
1 1/2"	\$0.53	\$0.58	\$0.05
2"	\$1.13	\$1.24	\$0.11
3"	\$2.38	\$2.61	\$0.23
4"	\$4.10	\$4.51	\$0.41
6"	\$7.68	\$8.44	\$0.76
8"	\$13.36	\$14.69	\$1.33
10"	\$22.04	\$24.24	\$2.20

WASTEWATER

Meter Size	2007 Basic Service Charge	2008 Basic Service Charge	\$ Change
5/8"	\$0.21	\$0.23	\$0.02
3/4"	\$0.21	\$0.23	\$0.02
1"	\$0.35	\$0.38	\$0.03
1 1/2"	\$0.90	\$0.99	\$0.09
2"	\$2.00	\$2.20	\$0.20
3"	\$4.07	\$4.47	\$0.40
4"	\$7.27	\$7.99	\$0.72
6"	\$13.64	\$15.00	\$1.36
8"	\$24.02	\$26.42	\$2.40
10"	\$40.02	\$44.02	\$4.00