

**Infrastructure, Development & Enterprise Committee
Held in the Council Chambers, Guelph City Hall
Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.**

Attendance

Members: Chair B. Bell
Mayor C. Guthrie
Councillor D. Gibson

Councillor L. Piper (*arrived at 5:06 p.m.*)
Councillor M. Salisbury

Councillors: Councillor P. Allt
Councillor J. Gordon
Councillor J. Hofland

Councillor A. Van Hellemond
Councillor K. Wettstein

Staff: Mr. A. Horsman, Deputy CAO – Infrastructure, Development & Enterprise
Mr. D. Thomson, Deputy CAO – Public Services
Mr. T. Salter, General Manager, Planning Services
Mr. R. Kerr, Corporate Manager, Community Energy Initiative
Mr. P. Cartwright, General Manager, Business Development & Enterprise
Mr. A. Chapman, Corporate Manager, Community Energy Initiative
Mr. P. Busatto, Plant Manager, Water Services, Environmental Services
Ms. D. Black, Council Committee Coordinator

Call to Order (*5:00 p.m.*)

Chair Bell called the meeting to order.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures.

Confirmation of Minutes

1. Moved by Councillor Gibson
Seconded by Mayor Guthrie

That the open meeting minutes of the Infrastructure, Development & Enterprise Committee held on June 30 and July 7, 2015 be confirmed as recorded.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Bell, Gibson and Salisbury (4)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

CARRIED

Consent Agenda

The following item was extracted from the September 8, 2015 Consent Agenda to be voted on separately:

IDE-2015.29 Guelph Energy Efficiency Retrofit Strategy (GEERS)

2. Moved by Mayor Guthrie
Seconded by Councillor Gibson

That the balance of the September 8, 2015 Infrastructure, Development & Enterprise Committee Consent Agenda, as identified below, be adopted:

IDE-2015.30 Residential Water and Wastewater Billing Frequency and Renewal of Meter Reading and Billing Agreement with Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc.

1. That Council approve and the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the five year agreement with Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Incorporated for the provision of water and wastewater meter reading and billing services, subject to the satisfaction of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise, and the City Solicitor.
2. That the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise, be authorized to update Schedule "A" of the Agreement for Water and Wastewater Billing Services as appropriate, to reflect current rates and fees as agreed to between the parties.
3. That Council approve the change to monthly billing for residential customers of municipal water and wastewater services.

IDE-2015.31 Sign By-law Variances – 170 Metcalfe Street

1. That the report from Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise dated September 8, 2015 regarding sign by-law variance for 170 Metcalfe Street, be received.
2. That the request for a variance from the Sign By-law for 170 Metcalfe Street to permit a freestanding sign to be a height of 3.23m above the adjacent road, be approved.

IDE-2015.32 Sign By-law Variances - 230 Silvercreek Parkway North

1. That the report from Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise dated September 8, 2015 regarding sign by-law variances for 230 Silvercreek Parkway North, be received.
2. That the request for variances from the Sign By-law for 230 Silvercreek Parkway North one (1) sign with an area of 7.91m² to be located 0.06m above the ground surface, be approved.
3. That the request for variances from the Sign By-law for 230 Silvercreek Parkway North to permit one (1) sign with an area of 3.17m² to be located 0.11m above the ground surface, be approved.
4. That the request for variances from the Sign By-law for 230 Silvercreek Parkway North to permit one (1) sign with an area of 3.15m² to be located 2.15m above the ground surface, be approved.

5. That the request for variances from the Sign By-law for 230 Silvercreek Parkway North to permit one (1) sign with an area of 4.7m² to be located 1.28m above the ground surface, be approved.

IDE-2015.33 Sign By-law Variances – 21 Surrey Street West

1. That the report from Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise dated September 8, 2015 regarding sign by-law variances for 21 Surrey Street West, be received.
2. That the request for a variance from the Sign By-law for 21 Surrey Street West to permit 20.08m² of signage in an Office Residential Zone, including a 1.52m² building sign located 1.52m above the ground surface, be approved.

IDE-2015.34 Sign By-law Variances – 75 Speedvale Avenue East

1. That the report from Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise dated September 8, 2015 regarding sign by-law variances for 75 Speedvale Avenue East, be received.
2. That the request for a variance from the Sign By-law for 75 Speedvale Avenue East to permit a freestanding sign with an area of 5.2m² be approved.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Bell, Gibson and Salisbury (4)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

CARRIED

Extracted Consent Items

IDE-2015.29 Guelph Energy Efficiency Retrofit Strategy (GEERS)

Councillor Piper arrived at the meeting. (5:07 p.m.)

The Corporate Manager, Community Energy Initiative explained the objectives, business process, funding sources, revenue and cost structure, and goals and benefits of the strategy. He provided examples of potential homeowner's savings and explained why only residential properties are included. He noted eligibility requirements and processes are being reviewed and staff will report to Council.

Discussion ensued regarding eligibility criteria, liability issues, approval processes, administrative details, projected participation numbers, loan logistics, debt management, disposal of waste materials, benefits to citizens and staffing requirements and the feasibility of the initiating a pilot study.

Mr. Kithio Mwanzia, President and CEO, Guelph Chamber of Commerce, stated they support the proposal and believe it will provide opportunities for businesses to grow as proven by programs within other municipalities. They would like a timeline for inclusion of industrial and commercial properties and flexibility for the eligibility of products and services. They are committed to working with the City to make the program successful.

Mr. Evan Ferrari, Executive Director, eMERGE Guelph, supports the GEERS program. He believes the program will help people save money and reduce environmental impacts, put people to work locally and encourage efficiency and conservation. The program will also help keep renewable energy here and develop energy security within the City. They support the

work of staff and encourage Council to support the program. He stated that eMERGE would work with the City to assist with the administrative burden.

Staff will address the issues raised in a forthcoming report including the following: why only residential properties are included now; address implications of going to industrial and commercial sector later; impact on debt financing risk; liability issues; bureaucracy issues; fluidity of lists of acceptable new products or technology; scaling analysis and applicable costing and staffing levels; review of energy prices information used for the model; feasibility of a pilot project of two or five years; and determining the breakeven point and when a homeowner would see benefits.

3. Moved by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Salisbury
 1. That the report from Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise dated September 8, 2015 entitled *Guelph Energy Efficiency Retrofit Strategy* (GEERS) be received.
 2. That staff be directed to continue with the detailed design of the GEERS program including establishing an advisory group, developing a financing structure, designing a business process using Local Improvement Charges to facilitate energy efficiency retrofit projects, and investigating potential investors.
 3. That staff be directed to draft the necessary by-laws to allow the use of Local Improvement Charges for energy projects.
 4. That staff be directed to report back by Q1 2016, with a full report on program details, as described.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Gibson, Piper and Salisbury (4)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillor Bell (1)

CARRIED

Staff Updates and Announcements

There were no staff updates or announcements.

Adjournment (6:57 p.m.)

6. Moved by Councillor Gibson
Seconded by Mayor Guthrie

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Dolores Black
Council Committee Coordinator