



**Minutes of the Operations, Transit and Emergency Services Committee
Held in the Council Chambers, Guelph City Hall on
Monday, May 6, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.**

Attendance

Members: Chair Findlay, Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Bell, Furfaro and Van Hellemond

Councillors: Councillors Hofland and Wettstein

Staff: Mr. D. McCaughan, Executive Director of Operations, Transit & Emergency Services; Mr. M. Anders, General Manager, Community Connectivity and Transit; Mr. D. Godfrey, Manager, By-law Compliance & Security; Ms. T. Agnello, Deputy Clerk; and Ms. D. Black, Council Committee Coordinator.

Call to Order (3:00 p.m.)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures.

Confirmation of Minutes

1. Moved by Councillor Van Hellemond
Seconded by Councillor Furfaro

That the open and closed meeting minutes of the Operations, Transit & Emergency Services Committee held on March 18, 2013 be confirmed as recorded.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Bell, Findlay, Furfaro and Van Hellemond.

(5)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

CARRIED

Consent Agenda

The following items were extracted from the Consent Agenda to be dealt with separately:

OTES.2013.5 Fireworks By-law Amendment
OTES.2013.7 Exotic Animal By-law

Balance of Consent Items

2. Moved by Mayor Farbridge
Seconded by Councillor Van Hellemond

That the balance of the Operations, Transit & Emergency Services Committee of May 6, 2013 Consent Agenda, as identified below, be adopted:

OTES.2013.6 Tow Truck Update

That the Operations, Transit & Emergency Services Committee Report #OTES051308 dated May 6, 2013 regarding the regulating of Tow Trucks be received.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Bell, Findlay, Furfaro and Van Hellemond.

(5)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

CARRIED

Extracted Consent Items

OTES.2013.5 Fireworks By-law Amendment

Mr. Chander Kumar Sharma said that Diwali is a celebration of peace among various religions and explained details of the occasion. He asked that the fireworks by-law be approved.

Dr. Azad Kaushik provided an explanation of Diwali and Deepawali terminology and the history of the celebration of Deepawali. He said it is a celebration of light and community.

Mr. Rakesh Rajagopal explained that the difference between the names Diwali and Deepawali is due to the different dialects, but the meaning "string of lights" is the same. He further explained the celebration.

Mr. Shiva Kumar explained Diwali is a festival of lights and celebrates a successful harvest. He requested approval of the fireworks by-law to allow them to enhance their celebration.

Mr. Manman Purohit said that fireworks is an important part of the festival and asked the fireworks by-law be approved.

Mr. Delfino Callegari was not present.

Dr. Ravi Rai, Guelph Sikh Society, provided information regarding how the Sikh Society celebrates Dewali. He asked the by-law be passed to allow them to celebrate the occasion in full.

Mr. McCaughan, Executive Director of Operations, Transit and Emergency Services, said that staff supports the by-law and staff are asking for authority to allow the Fire Chief to grant fireworks celebrations.

3. Moved by Mayor Farbridge
Seconded by Councillor Van Hellemond

1. That the Operations, Transit & Emergency Services Staff Report #OTES051307 'Fireworks Bylaw Amendment' dated May 6, 2013, be received.
2. That the Fireworks By-law amendment set out in Operations, Transit & Emergency Services Report #OTES051307 dated May 6, 2013, be approved.
3. That the decision as to when fireworks can be displayed and discharged be delegated to the Fire Chief as set out in Operations, Transit & Emergency Services Report #OTES051307 dated May 6, 2013.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Bell, Findlay, Furfaro and Van Hellemond
(5)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

CARRIED

OTES.2013.7 Exotic Animals By-Law

Councillor Furfaro raised an issue regarding clarifying the "domestic pig" terminology.

4. Moved by Councillor Furfaro
Seconded by Mayor Farbridge

1. That the Operations, Transit & Emergency Services Committee Report #OTES051310 dated May 6, 2013, regarding the Exotic Animal Bylaw be received.
2. **That the Exotic Animals By-law set out in Operations, Transit & Emergency Services Report #OTES051310 dated May 6, 2013, as amended, replacing "domestic pigs" with "pot-bellied pigs" in Schedule A, be approved.**

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Bell, Findlay, Furfaro, and Van Hellemond
(5)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

CARRIED

Review of Draft Meeting Flow Guide

The Committee provided feedback on a draft meeting flow guide developed in accordance with the recently established Standing Committee Terms of Reference.

Adjournment (4:07 p.m.)

14. Moved by Councillor VanHellemond
Seconded by Councillor Bell

That the May 6, 2013 meeting of the Operations, Transit & Emergency Services Committee be adjourned.

CARRIED

Deputy Clerk