

**The Corporation of the City of Guelph
Corporate Administration, Finance, and Emergency Services
Committee
Monday April 11, 2011, 5:00 p.m.**

A meeting of the Corporate Administration, Finance and Emergency Services Committee was held on Monday April 11, 2011 in the Council Chambers at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Councillors Hofland, Dennis, Kovach, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge

Also Present: Councillors Bell, Findlay, Furfaro, Guthrie, Piper and Van Hellemond

Staff Present: Ms. M. Neubauer, Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer; Mrs. L.A. Giles, General Manager of Information Services/Clerk; and Ms. J. Sweeney, Council Committee Co-ordinator

There was no disclosure of pecuniary interest.

1. Moved by Councillor Mayor Farbridge
Seconded by Councillor Dennis

THAT the minutes of the Corporate Administration, Finance and Emergency Services Committee meeting held on March 14, 2011 be confirmed as recorded and without being read.

Carried

Consent Agenda

The following items were extracted from Corporate Administration, Finance & Emergency Services Committee April 11, 2011 Consent Agenda:

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| CAFES-2011 A.9 | Guelph Non-Profit Housing Corporation Tax Exemption Request |
| CAFES-2011 A.10 | 2011 Property Tax Policy |
| CAFES-2011 A.11 | Downtown Renewal: 2010 Accomplishments – 2011 Work Plan |
| CAFES-2011 B.1 | University of Guelph Request for Contribution to The Royal Wedding Scholarship Program |

2. Moved by Mayor Farbridge
Seconded by Councillor Kovach

THAT the balance of the Corporate Administration, Finance & Emergency Services Committee April 11, 2011 Consent Agenda, as identified below, be adopted:

a) **Renewal of the Downtown Coordinating Committee Mandate and Structure**

REPORT

THAT the committee report dated April 11, 2011, prepared by the Downtown Renewal regarding the City of Guelph's renewal of the Downtown Advisory Committee (DAC) Mandate and Structure, be received;

AND THAT Guelph City Council adopt the new mandate and structure for the Downtown Advisory Committee as attached to the report;

AND THAT the City Clerk commence the committee recruitment process for the renewed Downtown Advisory Committee;

AND THAT the existing Downtown Coordinating Committee (DCC) members be thanked for their efforts and the DCC be formally dissolved upon the appointment of the new DAC membership.

Carried

Guelph Non-Profit Housing Corporation Tax Exemption Request

3. Moved by Mayor Farbridge
Seconded by Councillor Wettstein

THAT Report FIN-11-15, dated April 11, 2011 regarding Guelph Non-Profit Housing Corporation's tax exemption request, be received;

AND THAT Guelph Non-Profit Housing Corporation's request for exemption of education taxes be deferred pending further investigation and discussion with the County of Wellington and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing;

AND THAT Guelph Non-Profit Housing Corporation's request to extend the current tax exemption to end of December 31, 2035, be approved to coincide with the existing mortgage and the requirement to remain an affordable housing project;

AND THAT staff be directed to prepare the necessary by-law.

4. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Kovach
Seconded by Councillor Dennis

THAT Guelph Non-Profit Housing Corporation's current tax exemption be extended to the end of December 31, 2020.

A recorded vote was requested, which resulted as follows:

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Dennis and Kovach (2)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Hofland, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (3)

The motion was defeated.

5. Moved in amendment by Councillor Wettstein
Seconded by Mayor Farbridge

THAT Guelph Non-Profit Housing Corporation's current tax exemption be extended to the end of December 31, 2025.

Carried

6. Moved in Amendment by Mayor Farbridge
Seconded by Councillor Wettstein

THAT Clause 3 be amended by adding "and owned by the Guelph Non-Profit Housing Corporation".

Carried

7. Moved by Mayor Farbridge
Seconded by Councillor Wettstein

REPORT

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AND THAT Guelph Non-Profit Housing Corporation's request for exemption of education taxes be deferred pending further investigation and discussion with the County of Wellington and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing;

AND THAT Guelph Non-Profit Housing Corporation's request to extend the current tax exemption to end of December 31, 2025, be approved and the requirement to remain an affordable housing project and owned by the Guelph Non-Profit Housing Corporation;

AND THAT staff be directed to prepare the necessary by-law.

Carried

2011 Property Tax Policy

8. Moved by Mayor Farbridge
Seconded by Councillor Wettstein

REPORT

THAT the following tax policy be incorporated into the tax rate and ratio by-laws and submitted to Council on April 26, 2011:

- Tax Ratios: Reduce the multi-residential tax ratio from 2.452950 to 2.309425 with all other class ratios and vacancy discounts remaining the same as in 2010.
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Carried

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REPORT

- 9. Moved by Mayor Farbridge
Seconded by Councillor Wettstein

THAT the following tax policies be incorporated into the tax rate and ratio by-laws and submitted to Council on April 26, 2011:

- 1. That the capping parameters used for 2010 be adopted for 2011; and
- 2. That all other tax policies, including optional property classes, graduated tax rates, relief to charities, low income and disabled persons (as detailed in Schedule 1 to Report FIN-11-14) remain the same as 2010.

Carried

Downtown Renewal: 2010 Accomplishments – 2011 Work Plan

The Corporate Manager, Downtown Renewal highlighted the 2010 accomplishments and the 2011 work plan.

Mr. I. Panabaker

- 10. Moved by Mayor Farbridge
Seconded by Councillor Dennis

THAT the Downtown Renewal report regarding 2010 accomplishments and 2011 work plan, dated April 11, 2011, be received.

Carried

University of Guelph Request for Contribution to The Royal Wedding Scholarship Program

REPORT

- 11. Moved by Councillor Kovach
Seconded by Councillor Wettstein

THAT no action be taken on the request of the University of Guelph for a contribution to The Royal Wedding Scholarship Program.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

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Chairperson