

- ADDENDUM -
- GUELPH CITY COUNCIL MEETING -
-March 28, 2011 -

DELEGATIONS

- 1) Direction to Initiate the Brooklyn and College Hill Conservation District Designation Process (Planning & Building, Engineering & Environment Committee Clause 1):
 - Paul Ross
 - Steven Petric

- 2) Transit Terminal – Relocation of Greyhound Bus Terminal from 141 Macdonell Street (Consent A-7):
 - Steven Petric

- 3) Japanese Support Fundraiser (Consent A-8):
 - Paul Clarkson will be present to answer any questions.

"THAT By-law Numbers (2011)-19166 to (2011)-19176, inclusive, are hereby passed."

BY-LAWS

<p>Please replace the listed By-law (2011)-19173 with the following: By-law Number (2011)-19173 A by-law to appoint members to various Boards, Committees & Commissions. (Accessibility Advisory Committee; Guelph Public Library Board; Property Standards/Fence Viewers Committee; Guelph Police Services Board; and Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Health Unit)</p>	<p>To appoint members to various Boards, Committees & Commissions as approved by Council.</p>
<p>By-law Number (2011)-19175 A by-law to authorize the execution of a Subdivision Agreement between Artifex Construction Limited and The Corporation of the City of Guelph.</p>	<p>To execute a subdivision agreement with respect to Northern Heights Subdivision, Phase 4.</p>

(Northern Heights Subdivision, Phase 4)	
By-law Number (2011)-19176 A by-law to confirm the proceedings of meetings of Guelph City Council held March 7 and 28, 2011.	To confirm the proceedings of the meetings of Council held March 7 and 28, 2011.

As everyone knows, with the new transit terminal is being built along Carden Street between Macdonell and Wyndham Streets, the current Greyhound Terminal needs to come down.

The question for months has been where to relocate the Greyhound and GO buses for this part of the project. With Summer 2012 being the target for the Train station is ready to accommodate ticket sales of both services, there has been a lot of work by staff to find a decent location.

Currently, there are some Platform signs along Macdonell indicating 4 platforms for Greyhound and GO respectfully. It looks as though, apparently, these signs were put up in haste as this is not where the buses will be relocated after all.

According to the tonight's agenda Council is being asked to approve the temporary relocation of Greyhound/GO Buses to the South-West corner of Wyndham Street South and Fountain Street across from the Police Station and beside the Fountain Street Parking Lot for May 2011 until Summer 2012.

Many Greyhound riders, including myself, and Greyhound itself feels this is adequate relocation spot for the next year, however, there are a couple of hiccups and concerns in the plan.

The tunnel under the [CN Rail bridge on Wyndham Street](#) will be closed starting March 30 until late fall. The **Neeve Street** pedestrian tunnel will also be permanently closed. This cuts off access from the present/future bus terminal and forces commuters and residents on a very long, and in some spots, complicated detour around downtown until the fall of 2011 when the tunnel re-opens and easy access is regained. Please see map attached.

It has been said there will be signs installed to find your way to City Hall, Guelph's Provincial Offences Court, parking and stores and restaurants but nothing about the relocation of the buses. I would strongly recommend that these directional signs be put into place to tell the thousands of riders where the buses will be relocated once this request is approved by council.

Several riders, with whom I commute with, would also like to point out the darkness of the area where the buses will be relocated. Despite being beside the Police Station, there is still a concern of safety due to lighting, lack of covered shelter, and past incidents that happened right behind the police station. I would suggest that additional lighting be installed as part of this temporary bus station for the safety of the many users of these services. Since this temporary stop will be located there right through next winter, it would be a wise decision.

Some neighbors are also concerned about the increased traffic, noise and pollution coming to that area. This includes the many taxis that will line up along Wyndham. I would hope that a proper drop off / pick up zone is figured out, as well as a taxi stand. Once the bridge is complete, there will be the return of traffic along this stretch of road.

One last note, there still is NO Notices up at the current bus terminal or train station telling the thousands of daily users of the impending changes. I encourage staff at the city hall to rectify this in some form ASAP. It is sad that I have to get my information about these changes through reading newspaper articles and having to dig for it off the city's website instead of seeing it posted at the site like many other cities.

Thank You for your time this evening.

Steven Petric