

City Council Meeting Agenda



Monday, June 24, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, Guelph City Hall, 1 Carden Street

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Authority to move into closed meeting

That the Council of the City of Guelph now hold a meeting that is closed to the public, pursuant to the Municipal Act, to consider:

Confirmation of Minutes of the closed meetings of Council held March 18, March 25, April 23, May 13 and June 4, 2019 and the closed meetings of Committee of the Whole held May 6, 2019.

CS-2019-65

June 2019 Public Appointments to the Community Wellbeing Grant Allocation Panel

Section 293 (2) (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees

June 2019 Public Appointment to The Elliott Community Board of Trustees

Section 293 (2) (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees

Open Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

O Canada

Silent Reflection

First Nations Acknowledgement

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

Staff Recognitions:

Smart Cities Challenge Award

Scott Stewart

Barb Swartzentruber

Cathy Kennedy

Jana Burns

Jennifer Adams

Alex Chapman

Crystal Ellis

Jessie Finkelberg

Marina Grassi

Kelly Guthrie

Michelle Lowther

Barb Maly

Tyson McMann

Jenna Morris

Leah Parolin

Jennifer Smith

Tara Sprigg

Alison Springate

Das Soligo

Gina van den Berg

Cam Walsh

Doug Waram

Presentations:

Smart Cities Update

Scott Stewart, Acting CAO/Deputy CAO, Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise Services

Barb Swartzentruber, Executive Director, Strategy, Innovation and Intergovernmental Services

Cathy Kennedy, Manager, Policy and Intergovernmental Relations

Impact of Provincial Legislative Changes to the City of Guelph

Scott Stewart, Acting CAO/Deputy CAO, Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise Services

Tara Baker, General Manager, Finance/City Treasurer

Confirmation of Minutes: (Councillor Gordon)

That the minutes of the open Council Meetings held May 13, 16, 23, 27, 28 and June 4, 2019, and the open Committee of the Whole Meeting held June 4, 2019, be confirmed as recorded and without being read.

Committee of the Whole Consent Report:

The following resolutions have been prepared to facilitate Council's consideration of various matters and are suggested for consideration. If Council wishes to address a specific report in isolation of the Committee of the Whole Consent Report, please identify the item. It will be extracted and dealt with separately as part of the Items for Discussion.

CAO-2019-09

Internal Audit Work Plan Update - 2019

Recommendation:

That the report CAO-2019-09, "Internal Audit Work Plan Update – 2019" dated June 4, 2019 be received.

CAO-2019-10 Status of Outstanding Management Action Plans – Q1 2019

Recommendation:

That the report CAO-2019-10, "Status of Outstanding Management Action Plans – Q1-2019" dated June 4, 2019 be received.

CAO-2019-11 Project Management Process Audit Report

Recommendation:

That the report CAO-2019-11, "Project Management Process Audit Report" dated June 4, 2019 be received.

CS-2019-19 2018 Unconsolidated Financial Statements

Recommendation:

That report CS-2019-19 titled, 2018 Unconsolidated Financial Statements and dated June 4, 2019 be received for information.

CS-2019-20 2018 Consolidated Financial Statements and External Audit Findings Report

Recommendation:

That report CS-2019-20 titled, 2018 Consolidated Financial Statements and External Audit Findings Report, dated June 4, 2019, be approved.

CS-2019-31 2019 Debenture Issue

Recommendation:

1. That capital projects identified in Table 1 of report CS-2019-31 dated June 4, 2019 be approved for debt financing in the amounts as listed.
2. That the City Treasurer be authorized to proceed with the marketing through the City's fiscal agent, of a debenture issue in the principal aggregate amount of \$33,074,500 for a term not exceeding twenty years.
3. That the 2019 debt servicing costs estimated at \$417 thousand be approved to be funded from the City's applicable capital reserve funds in accordance with Table 2 in report CS-2019-31.

CS-2019-18 First Quarter 2019 Operating Variance Report

Recommendation:

That report CS-2019-18 First Quarter 2019 Operating Variance Report dated June 4, 2019 be received for information.

PS-2019-09**Paramedic Services Response Time Performance Plan for 2020****Recommendation:**

1. That Report PS-2019-09 "Paramedic Services Response Time Performance Plan for 2020" be received.
2. That the Response Time Performance Plan for 2020 be set as recommended by staff in Report PS-2019-09.

PS-2019-10**Business Licence Fees 2019****Recommendation:**

1. That staff be directed to prepare the necessary amendments to Business Licence Bylaw (2009)-18855, to incorporate the 2019 fees as identified in Public Services Report PS-2019-10 dated June 4, 2019.
2. That staff be directed to review the payday loan businesses and bring forward possible amendments to Business Licence Bylaw (2009)-18855 for Council's consideration.

PS-2019-07**Agreements with Guelph Community Sports and Soccer Incorporated****Recommendation:**

1. That staff be directed to terminate the Municipal Capital Facility Agreement and Lease between the City of Guelph and Guelph Community Sports dated September 11, 2006.
2. That the loan outstanding to Royal Bank of Canada, owed by Guelph Community Sports, and guaranteed by the City of Guelph, in the amount of approximately \$255,000, be paid in full upon termination of the agreement referenced in recommendation #1 (plus related charges including, if applicable, accrued interest, termination fees, and outstanding arrears) and funded from the Tax Rate Operating Contingency Reserve.
3. That the City, through the Parks and Recreation Department, shall assume full operational control of the dome facility on June 30, 2019.
4. That the dome facility operations for the 2019-2020 indoor season be incorporated into the Parks and Recreation Department and any net operating variance be subject to the City's ongoing financial processes governed by the City's Budget Monitoring Policy and Year-End Surplus Allocation Policy.
5. That staff be directed to prepare a report to Council in Q2 2020 to consider options for the future of the dome facility, including a facility assessment, capital plan, operating model, and recommendations for future use.

Items for Discussion:

The following items have been extracted from the Committee of the Whole Consent Report and the Council Consent Agenda and will be considered separately. These items have been extracted either at the request of a member of Council or because they include a presentation and/or delegations.

PS-2019-08

Leash Free Program Policy (Council Memo)

Delegations:

Eileen Gross
Michael Grand

Correspondence:

Garry Male and Melissa Floreani
Tamara Hinan
Nathan Perkins
Beth Finnis
Jonathan Rosenberg

Recommendation:

1. That Council approve the implementation plan outlined in the Leash Free Study for the construction of leash free facilities at Bristol Street Park and Peter Misersky Park in 2019 and Lee Street Park in 2020 included as ATT-2 to the report PS-2019-06.
2. That Council direct staff to seek further leash free policy input as part of the community engagement of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan update so future leash free decisions can be evaluated with consideration for overall community priorities for outdoor recreation space.

CS-2019-66

June 2019 Public Appointments to the Community Wellbeing Grant Allocation Panel

Recommendation:

1. That _____, _____, _____, _____, _____ and _____ be reappointed to the Wellbeing Grant Application Panel for a term ending June, 2021.
2. That _____ and _____ be appointed to the Wellbeing Grant Application Panel for a term ending June, 2020.

June 2019 Public Appointment to The Elliott Community Board of Trustees

Recommendation:

That _____ be appointed to The Elliott Community Board of Trustees for a three year term commencing September, 2019.

Special Resolutions

By-laws

Resolution to adopt the By-laws (Councillor Hofland).

Mayor's Announcements

Please provide any announcements, to the Mayor in writing, by 12 noon on the day of the Council meeting.

Notice of Motion

Adjournment



**Minutes of Guelph City Council
Held in the Council Chambers, Guelph City Hall on
May 13, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.**

Attendance

Council:	Mayor C. Guthrie	Councillor R. Goller
	Councillor P. Allt	Councillor M. MacKinnon
	Councillor C. Billings	Councillor D. O'Rourke
	Councillor C. Downer	Councillor L. Piper
	Councillor D. Gibson	Councillor M. Salisbury
	Councillor J. Gordon	
Absent:	Councillor B. Bell	
	Councillor J. Hofland	
Staff:	Mr. S. Stewart, Acting CAO/Deputy CAO, Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise Services	
	Mr. T. Lee, Acting CAO/Deputy CAO, Corporate Services	
	Mr. D. McMahon, Manager, Legislative Services/Deputy City Clerk	

Call to Order (6:00 p.m.)

Mayor Guthrie called the meeting to order.

Authority to Resolve into a Closed Meeting of Council

1. Moved by Councillor Gordon
Seconded by Councillor Gibson

That the Council of the City of Guelph now hold a meeting that is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 239 (2) (c) of the Municipal Act with respect to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Billings, Downer, Gibson, Goller, Gordon, MacKinnon, O'Rourke, Piper, Salisbury (11)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

Closed Meeting (6:01 p.m.)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures.

The following matter was considered:

CS-2019-57 Acquisition – Speedvale Avenue East

Rise and recess from Closed Meeting (6:17 p.m.)

Council recessed.

Attendance

Council:	Mayor C. Guthrie	Councillor R. Goller
	Councillor P. Allt	Councillor M. MacKinnon
	Councillor C. Billings	Councillor D. O'Rourke
	Councillor C. Downer	Councillor L. Piper
	Councillor D. Gibson	Councillor M. Salisbury
	Councillor J. Gordon	

Absent: Councillor B. Bell
 Councillor J. Hofland

Staff: Ms. C. Clack, Acting CAO/Deputy CAO, Public Services
 Mr. S. Stewart, Acting CAO/Deputy CAO, Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise Services
 Mr. T. Lee, Acting CAO/Deputy CAO, Corporate Services
 Mr. C. Cooper, General Manager, Legal, Realty and Court Services/City Solicitor
 Mr. T. Salter, General Manager, Planning and Building Services
 Mr. B. Bond, Zoning Inspector III/Senior By-law Administrator
 Mr. D. Belanger, Water Supply Program Manager
 Mr. D. McMahon, Manager, Legislative Services/Deputy City Clerk
 Ms. L. Cline, Council and Committee Coordinator

Open Meeting (6:31 p.m.)

Mayor Guthrie called the meeting to order.

Closed Meeting Summary

Mayor Guthrie spoke regarding the matters addressed in closed and identified the following:

CS-2019-57 Acquisition – Speedvale Avenue East

Mayor Guthrie invited Councillor Piper to introduce a motion regarding this matter.

Special Resolution

2. Moved by Councillor Piper
 Seconded by Councillor Allt

1. The Corporation of the City of Guelph approves the expropriation of part of the lands located at 201 Speedvale Avenue East, Guelph, identified specifically as Part Lot 11, Plan 221, designated as Part 7, Reference Plan 61R-21054, City of Guelph (the "Lands") for the construction of the Speedvale Avenue East Reconstruction Project (Manhattan Court to Woolwich Street).
2. The City Solicitor, or his designate, is directed to register a Plan of Expropriation with respect to the Lands in accordance with the Expropriations Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.26, as amended (the "Expropriations Act").
3. The City Solicitor, or his designate, is directed to prepare, execute, and serve a Notice of Expropriation, a Notice of Election, a Notice of Possession, and to take any actions required to enforce such notices including, but not limited to, making an application pursuant to section 40 of the Expropriations Act.
4. If no agreement as to compensation is made between the City and the owner of the Lands, that the City Solicitor, or his designate, is directed to prepare and serve a Statutory Offer of Compensation and Payment in accordance with the Expropriations Act.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Billings, Downer, Gibson, Goller, Gordon, MacKinnon, O'Rourke, Piper and Salisbury (11)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures.

Mayor Guthrie acknowledged the Guelph Storm hockey team for winning the OHL Championship.

Items for Discussion

IDE-2019-02 Procedure to Request Temporary Suspension of Enforcement of Driveway Regulations: Draft Framework Presentation

Bill Bond, Zoning Inspector III/Senior By-law Administrator, presented the draft framework for the procedure to request the temporary suspension of enforcement of driveway regulations.

3. Moved by Councillor Gibson
Seconded by Councillor Goller

That the provisions identified in the September 10, 2018 motion of Council, related to driveway width enforcement, continue until the review of Section 4.13 of By-law (1995)-14864 is completed as part of the comprehensive Zoning By-law review, and that no further action on an interim procedure for requested suspension of enforcement of driveway regulations be pursued at this time.

Deferral

4. Moved by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Downer

That the motion be deferred to the next Council Planning meeting to allow time for ward councillors to communicate and engage with residents.

Voting in Favour: Councillors Allt, Billings, Downer, Gordon, O'Rourke, Piper and Salisbury (7)

Voting Against: Mayor Guthrie, Gibson, Goller and MacKinnon (4)

Carried

Council Support of Bill 71, the Paris Galt Moraine Conservation Act, 2019

The following delegates spoke regarding this item:

Susan Watson
Morgan Hannah
Dustin Brown

5. Moved by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Allt

1. That Guelph City Council supports and endorses the passage of Bill 71, the Paris Galt Moraine Conservation Act, 2019.
2. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Mike Schreiner, Conservation Halton, Credit Valley Conservation Authority, Grand River Conservation Authority, the Regional Municipality of Peel, the Regional Municipality of Waterloo, the Region of Halton, Wellington County, Norfolk County and Brant County for their information.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Billings, Downer, Gibson, Goller, Gordon, MacKinnon, O'Rourke, Piper and Salisbury (11)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

Council recessed at 8:05 p.m. and reconvened at 8:22 p.m.

IDE-2019-51 Clair-Maltby Secondary Plan: Phase 3 Project Update

Authority to Resolve into a Closed Meeting of Council

6. Moved by Councillor Downer
Seconded by Councillor O'Rourke

That the Council of the City of Guelph now hold a meeting that is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 239 (2) (e) and (f) of the Municipal Act with respect to litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Billings, Downer, Gibson, Goller, Gordon, MacKinnon, O'Rourke, Piper and Salisbury (11)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

Closed Meeting (8:30 p.m.)

The following matter was considered:

IDE-2019-51 Clair-Maltby Secondary Plan: Phase 3 Project Update

Rise and recess from Closed Meeting (9:00 p.m.)

Council recessed.

Attendance

Council:	Mayor C. Guthrie	Councillor R. Goller
	Councillor P. Allt	Councillor M. MacKinnon
	Councillor C. Billings	Councillor D. O'Rourke
	Councillor C. Downer	Councillor L. Piper
	Councillor D. Gibson	Councillor M. Salisbury
	Councillor J. Gordon	

Absent: Councillor B. Bell
 Councillor J. Hofland

Staff: Ms. C. Clack, Acting CAO/Deputy CAO, Public Services
 Mr. S. Stewart, Acting CAO/Deputy CAO, Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise Services
 Mr. T. Lee, Acting CAO/Deputy CAO, Corporate Services
 Mr. C. Cooper, General Manager, Legal, Realty and Court Services/City Solicitor
 Mr. T. Salter, General Manager, Planning and Building Services
 Ms. K. Dedman, General Manager, Engineering and Transportation Services/City Engineer
 Ms. M. Aldunate, Manager, Policy Planning and Urban Design
 Mr. A. Chapman, Manager, Climate Change Office
 Ms. S. Laughlin, Senior Policy Planner
 Mr. D. McMahon, Manager, Legislative Services/Deputy City Clerk
 Ms. L. Cline, Council and Committee Coordinator

Also

Present: Mr. R. Scheckenberger, Consultant, Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions
 Ms. E. Howson, Consultant, Macaulay Shiomi Howson Ltd.

Open Meeting (9:01 p.m.)

Mayor Guthrie called the meeting to order.

Closed Meeting Summary

Mayor Guthrie spoke regarding the matter addressed in closed and identified the following:

IDE-2019-51 Clair-Maltby Secondary Plan: Phase 3 Project Update Information was received on this matter.

Stacey Laughlin, Senior Policy Planner, presented the Clair-Maltby Secondary Plan Phase 3 Project Update.

The following delegates spoke regarding this matter:

Assunta Uffer-Marcolongo

Mike Marcolongo

Heather Tremain

Daniel Gur

Dana Anderson

Susan Watson

Morgan Hannah

Carol Koenig

Matt Saunders

Julianna Van Adrichem

Dustin Brown

Hugh Handy

Cynthia Bragg

Councillor Mackinnon left the meeting at 10:45 p.m.

Extension of Meeting Per Procedural By-law

7. Moved by Councillor O'Rourke
 Seconded by Councillor Gordon

That Section 4.13 (a) and (b) of the Procedural By-law be invoked to allow Council to continue to 11:59 p.m.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Billings, Downer, Gibson, Goller, Gordon, O'Rourke, Piper and Salisbury (10)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

IDE-2019-51 Clair-Maltby Secondary Plan: Phase 3 Project Update

Councillor MacKinnon returned at 10:52 p.m.

The following delegates spoke regarding this matter:

Hugh Whiteley

Kevin Guyan

Joanne Moores

Point of Privilege

Councillor MacKinnon raised a point of privilege regarding comments made against the motivations and professional reputation of staff. The Mayor ruled that any allegations against the integrity of staff were not permitted.

The following delegates were not present:

Bryan McPherson
Cynthia MacDougall
Lise Burcher

Suspending the Procedural By-law

8. Moved by Councillor Mackinnon
Seconded by Councillor Piper

That Section 4.8 (b) of the Procedural By-law be suspended to allow three additional delegates to speak without registering.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Billings, Downer, Gibson, Goller, Gordon, MacKinnon, O'Rourke, Piper and Salisbury (11)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

IDE-2019-51 Clair-Maltby Secondary Plan: Phase 3 Project Update

The following delegates spoke regarding this item:

Martin Carrier
Bill McLaren
Robin-Lee Norris

Suspending the Procedural By-law

9. Moved by Councillor Goller
Seconded by Councillor Mackinnon

That the Procedural By-law be suspended to allow Council to continue beyond 12:00 a.m.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Billings, Downer, Gibson, Goller, Gordon, MacKinnon, O'Rourke, and Salisbury (9)

Voting Against: Councillors Allt and Piper (2)

Carried

IDE-2019-51 Clair-Maltby Secondary Plan: Phase 3 Project Update

10. Moved by Councillor O'Rourke
Seconded by Councillor Goller

1. That the updated Clair-Maltby Secondary Plan Preferred Community Structure, dated May 13, 2019 and included as Attachment 1 to report IDE-2019-51, be approved, with the exception of the location of the Potential Community Park, as

the basis for the preparation of the draft official plan amendment, secondary plan policies and Master Environmental Servicing Plan, as well as ongoing detailed technical analysis, including numerical modelling throughout Phase 3 of the project while still allowing for flexibility to respond to updated data, and community engagement.

2. That the Clair-Maltby Secondary Plan Policy Directions Document dated May 13, 2019 and included as Attachment 3 to report IDE-2019-51, be approved to provide direction for the preparation of the draft official plan amendment, secondary plan policies and Master Environmental Servicing Plan.
3. That the feasibility of a Moraine Ribbon as part of the Open Space System in the Clair-Maltby Secondary Plan area be explored throughout the remainder of Phase 3 of the project.
4. That the Interim Employment Lands Update prepared by Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. dated February 21, 2018 and included as Attachment 6 to report IDE-2019-51 be received.
5. That the proposed project timeline for the remainder of Phase 3 of the project be approved as outlined in report IDE-2019-51 subject to any timing impacts associated with changes to Provincial policy and legislation, which would be reported back to Council.
6. That staff be directed to further review the location and size of the Potential Community Park and the policy direction of co-locating the Community Park with stormwater management facilities and schools as part of the Open Space System Strategy, and that the Open Space System Strategy be brought forward for Council consideration prior to the draft secondary plan and Master Environmental Servicing Plan.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Billings, Downer, Gibson, Goller, Gordon, O'Rourke, Piper and Salisbury (10)

Voting Against: Councillor MacKinnon (1)

Carried

By-laws

11. Moved by Councillor Billings
Seconded by Councillor Allt

That By-laws numbered (2019)-20404 to (2019)-20407, inclusive, are hereby passed.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Billings, Downer, Gibson, Goller, Gordon, MacKinnon, O'Rourke, Piper and Salisbury (11)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

Adjournment (1:00 a.m.)

12. Moved by Councillor Salisbury
Seconded by Councillor Goller

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

Minutes to be confirmed on Monday, June 27, 2019.

Mayor Guthrie

Dylan McMahon – Deputy City Clerk



**Minutes of Guelph City Council
Held in the Council Chambers, Guelph City Hall on
May 16, 2019 at 6:08 p.m.**

Attendance

Council:	Mayor C. Guthrie	Councillor J. Gordon
	Councillor P. Allt	Councillor M. MacKinnon
	Councillor C. Billings	Councillor D. O'Rourke
	Councillor B. Bell	Councillor L. Piper
	Councillor C. Downer	Councillor M. Salisbury
Absent:	Councillor D. Gibson	
	Councillor J. Hofland	
Staff:	Mr. T. Lee, Acting CAO/Deputy CAO, Corporate Services	
	Ms. C. Clack, Acting CAO/Deputy CAO, Public Services	
	Mr. S. Stewart, Acting CAO/Deputy CAO, Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise Services	
	Ms. B. Swartzentruber, Executive Director, Strategy, Innovation and Intergovernmental Services	
	Ms. J. Smith, Manager, Corporate and Community Strategic Initiatives	
	Mr. S. McDonough, Advisor, Strategy and Innovation	
	Mr. S. O'Brien, General Manager, City Clerk's Office/City Clerk	
	Ms. L. Cline, Council and Committee Coordinator	

Call to Order (6:08 p.m.)

Mayor Guthrie called the meeting to order.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures.

CAO-2019-07 Community Plan

Colleen Clack, Acting CAO/Deputy CAO, Public Services, provided opening remarks regarding the Community Plan.

Jennifer Smith, Manager, Corporate and Community Strategic Initiatives, outlined the community plan foundations and methods of engagements used to formulate the Community Plan.

Councillor Allt arrived at 6:19 p.m.

The following community members from the Community Plan Round Table spoke about the plan's various themes and focus areas:

Sara Sayyed
Audrey Jamal
Jennifer Antolin
Jerushia Allin
Geoff Voght
Michael Greer

Barbara Swartzentruber, Executive Director, Strategy, Innovation and Intergovernmental Services, outlined the next steps to implement the Community Plan and how it will be embedded in the strategic planning process.

Beth Anne Ellipsis, from Guelph Spoken Word, presented her rendition of the Community Plan in poem form.

Trevor Lee, Acting CAO/Deputy CAO, Corporate Services, provided concluding remarks for Council in relation to the Community Plan process and next steps.

1. Moved by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor Goller

1. That the report CAO-2019-07, "Community Plan" dated May 16, 2019 be received.

2. That the Community Plan be referred to and act as the foundational vision for the City's Strategic Plan.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Bell, Billings, Downer, Gibson, Gordon, Hofland, O'Rourke, Piper and Salisbury (11)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

Adjournment (6:57 p.m.)

2. Moved by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Allt

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

Minutes to be confirmed on Monday, June 24, 2019.

Mayor Guthrie

Stephen O'Brien – City Clerk



Minutes of Guelph City Council
Held in the Evergreen Seniors Community Centre, Activity Room 3
On May 23, 2019 at 4:09 p.m.

Attendance

Council: Mayor C. Guthrie
Councillor P. Allt
Councillor C. Billings
Councillor B. Bell
Councillor C. Downer
Councillor J. Gordon
Councillor M. MacKinnon
Councillor D. O'Rourke
Councillor L. Piper
Councillor M. Salisbury

Absent: Councillor D. Gibson
Councillor J. Hofland

Staff: Mr. T. Lee, Acting CAO/Deputy CAO, Corporate Services
Ms. C. Clack, Acting CAO/Deputy CAO, Public Services
Mr. S. Stewart, Acting CAO/Deputy CAO, Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise Services
Mr. D. McMahon, Manager, Legislative Services/Deputy City Clerk

Also Present: John Matheson, Engagement Principal StrategyCorp
Aidan Grove-White, Manager, Municipal Services, StrategyCorp

Call to Order (4:09 p.m.)

Mayor Guthrie called the meeting to order.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures.

City of Guelph Strategic Plan – Workshop One

Colleen Clack, Acting CAO/Deputy CAO, Public Services, provided introductory remarks and outlined the City of Guelph strategic planning process.

Scott Stewart, Acting CAO/Deputy CAO, Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise Services, outlined demographic changes in the City of Guelph and the impacts of population growth.

Trevor Lee, Deputy CAO/Deputy CAO, Corporate Services, outlined the City of Guelph financial picture and highlighted its relationship to service levels.

Colleen Clack, Acting CAO/Deputy CAO, Public Services, provided an overview of the challenges and opportunities facing the City of Guelph as identified by the Corporate Management Team.

John Matheson, Engagement Principal, StrategyCorp, introduced himself and Aidan Grove-White, Manager, Municipal Services, StrategyCorp before discussing the role of City Council, the importance of strategic planning and the strategic planning processes.

Members of City Council and the Executive Team participated in a strategic planning exercise.

Councillor Gordon and Councillor Allt left the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Councillor Salisbury left the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Adjournment (7:06 p.m.)

1. Moved by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Goller

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

Minutes to be confirmed on Monday, June 24, 2019.

Mayor Guthrie

Stephen O'Brien – City Clerk



**Minutes of Guelph City Council
Held in the Council Chambers, Guelph City Hall on
May 27 and 28, 2019 at 6:36 p.m.**

Attendance

Council:	Mayor C. Guthrie	Councillor R. Goller
	Councillor P. Allt	Councillor J. Hofland
	Councillor B. Bell	Councillor M. MacKinnon
	Councillor C. Billings	Councillor D. O'Rourke
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	Councillor D. Gibson	Councillor M. Salisbury
	Councillor J. Gordon	
Staff:	Mr. T. Lee, Acting CAO/Deputy CAO, Corporate Services	
	Mr. S. Stewart, Acting CAO/Deputy CAO, Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise Services	
	Ms. H. Flaherty, General Manager, Parks and Recreation	
	Ms. T. Baker, General Manager, Finance/City Treasurer	
	Mr. T. Salter, General Manager, Planning and Building Services	
	Mr. A. Vilko, General Manager, Environmental Services	
	Ms. M. Aldunate, Manager, Policy Planning and Urban Design	
	Mr. A. Chapman, Manager, Climate Change Office	
	Mr. A. van Eck, Program Manager, Inspection Services	
	Mr. S. O'Brien, General Manager, City Clerk's Office/City Clerk	
	Ms. L. Cline, Council and Committee Coordinator	

Call to Order (6:36 p.m.)

Mayor Guthrie called the meeting to order.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures.

Confirmation of Minutes

1. Moved by Councillor Downer
Seconded by Councillor Piper

That the minutes of the open Council Meetings held April 8 and 23, 2019, and the Committee of the Whole Meeting held May 6, 2019, be confirmed as recorded and without being read.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Bell, Billings, Downer, Gibson, Goller, Gordon, Hofland, MacKinnon, O'Rourke, Piper and Salisbury (13)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

Special Resolution

2. Moved by Councillor Gordon
Seconded by Councillor Piper

That the following resolution that was adopted by Council on May 28, 2018, be reconsidered:

1. That the Corporation of the City of Guelph will strive to achieve one hundred percent of its energy needs through renewable sources by 2050.
2. That Staff be directed to report back to the next term of Council on the most effective way for the Corporation to work towards achieving this goal, including information on, but not limited to, the impact on capital budget planning, potential resource needs, and a recommended process for the review of new program and policy development initiatives.

Voting in Favour: Councillors Allt, Bell, Goller, Gordon, Piper and Salisbury (6)

Voting Against: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Billings, Downer, Gibson, Hofland, MacKinnon and O'Rourke (7)

Defeated

Committee of the Whole Consent Reports

The following items were extracted:

IDE-2019-45 New Outdoor Swimming Pool and Hot Tub By-Law
CS-2019-11 2018 Year-end Operating Variance Report and Surplus
Allocation

Balance of Committee of the Whole Consent Items

3. Moved by Councillor Hofland
Seconded by Councillor Gibson

That the balance of the May 27, 2019 Committee of the Whole Consent Report as identified below, be adopted:

IDE-2019-21 Sign By-Law Variances - 950 Paisley Road

1. That the request for variances from Table 1, Row 1 of Sign By-law Number (1996)-15245, as amended, to permit three (3) interchangeable building signs, each with an area of 1.99m², to be located 1m from the ground at 950 Paisley Road, be approved.

2. That the request for variances from Table 2, Row 12 of Sign By-law Number (1996)-15245, as amended, to permit 2 menu boards; one with a height of 3.64m above the adjacent roadway and a distance of 3m from the nearest road allowance; and one with a height of 3.96m above the adjacent roadway, a sign face area of 3.6m² and a distance of 3.5m from the nearest road allowance at 950 Paisley Road, be approved.

IDE-2019-48**Sign By-law Variances - 630 Scottsdale Drive**

That the request for variances from Sign By-law Number (1996)-15245, as amended, to permit an illuminated building sign with an area of 3.07m² to be a height of .61m above the ground surface at 630 Scottsdale Drive, be approved.

IDE-2019-43**2018 Building Permit Revenue and Expenditures, Building Services OBC Stabilization Reserve Fund and Annual Setting of Building Permit Fees**

1. That Council approve the recommended building permit fees, included as Attachment 2, report IDE-2019-43 titled "2018 Building Permit Revenue and Expenditures, Building Services OBC Stabilization Reserve Fund and Annual Setting of Building Permit Fees" dated May 6, 2019, effective June 1, 2019.
2. That Council approve adjusting the Building Services OBC Stabilization Reserve Fund target to be within the range of 100 to 150 per cent of prior year budget operating expenditures and that Appendix A of the General Reserve and Reserve Fund Policy be updated accordingly.
3. That Council approve the recommended automatic fee indexing methodology for 2020 and subsequent years, as described in report IDE-2019-43.

CS-2019-12**2018 Year-end Capital Variance Report**

That report CS-2019-12, 2018 Year-end Capital Variance Report, dated May 6, 2019, be received.

CS-2019-13**2018 General Reserve and Reserve Fund Report**

That the City's General Reserve and Reserve Fund Policy be amended to reflect the addition of the Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling Reserve Fund (350) as at December 31, 2018.

CS-2019-56**Dividend Allocation Policy**

1. That the one-time special dividend to be declared by Guelph Municipal Holdings Inc. (GMHI) be allocated as follows:
 - a. 45 per cent, to a maximum of \$6 million, be directed to the City Building Reserve Fund; and
 - b. 10 per cent, to a maximum of \$1.3 million, be directed to the Community Investment Program; and
 - c. \$700 thousand be directed to support the Community Energy Initiative; and

- d. The remaining funds be directed to the Infrastructure Renewal Reserve Fund.
2. That any net new ongoing dividend revenues from the City's municipal services corporations be directed to the City's Infrastructure Renewal Reserve Fund and be approved until such time that sustainable tax supported capital funding levels are achieved.
3. That a strategy, to redirect the base operating dividend revenue (\$1.9 million in 2019) from the City's municipal services corporations into the Infrastructure Renewal Reserve Fund, be approved.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Bell, Billings, Downer, Gibson, Goller, Gordon, Hofland, MacKinnon, O'Rourke, Piper and Salisbury (13)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

Items for Discussion

CS-2019-11 2018 Year-end Operating Variance Report and Surplus Allocation

4. Moved by Hofland
Seconded by Allt

1. That the tax supported surplus of \$3,255,971 be allocated to the reserves and reserve funds as follows:

Tax Rate Operating Contingency Reserve (180)	\$816,000
Environment and Utility Contingency Reserve (198)	\$400,000
Police Operating Contingency Reserve (115)	\$39,000
Infrastructure Renewal Reserve Fund (150)	\$2,000,971
Total	\$3,255,971

2. That the Water Services surplus of \$578,081 be allocated to the Water Capital Reserve Fund (152).
3. That the Wastewater Services surplus of \$2,787,381 be allocated to the Wastewater Capital Reserve Fund (153).
4. That the Stormwater Services surplus of \$313,835 be allocated to the Stormwater Capital Reserve Fund (165).
5. That the Ontario Building Code (OBC) deficit of \$608,582 be funded from the Building Services OBC Stabilization Reserve Fund (188).
6. That the Court Services surplus of \$88,950 be allocated to the Court Contingency Reserve (211).

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Bell, Billings, Downer, Gibson, Goller, Gordon, Hofland, MacKinnon, O'Rourke, Piper and Salisbury (13)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

IDE-2019-45

New Outdoor Swimming Pool and Hot Tub By-Law

5. Moved by Councillor O'Rourke
Seconded by Councillor MacKinnon

That Council approve the recommended Outdoor Swimming Pool and Hot Tub By-law included as Attachment-1 to Report Number IDE-2019-45 titled "New Outdoor Swimming Pool and Hot Tub By-law".

Amendment

6. Moved by Councillor O'Rourke
Seconded by Councillor Allt

That Council approve the recommended Outdoor Swimming Pool and Hot Tub By-law included as Attachment-1 to Report Number IDE-2019-45 titled "New Outdoor Swimming Pool and Hot Tub By-law" **with the exception of the requirement for an audible alarm, which should be removed from the bylaw along with all references thereto.**

Voting in Favour: Councillors Allt, Gibson, O'Rourke and Piper (4)

Voting Against: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Bell, Billings, Downer, Goller, Gordon, Hofland, MacKinnon and Salisbury (9)

Defeated

Main Motion

7. Moved by Councillor O'Rourke
Seconded by Councillor MacKinnon

That Council approve the recommended Outdoor Swimming Pool and Hot Tub By-law included as Attachment-1 to Report Number IDE-2019-45 titled "New Outdoor Swimming Pool and Hot Tub By-law".

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Bell, Billings, Downer, Goller, Gordon, Hofland, MacKinnon, O'Rourke, Piper, Salisbury (12)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

Motion to Oppose Bill 108, More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019

8. Moved by Councillor Allt
Seconded by Councillor Downer

WHEREAS the legislation that abolished the OMB and replaced it with LPAT received unanimous – all party support; and

WHEREAS All parties recognized that local governments should have the authority to uphold their provincially approved Official Plans; to uphold their community driven planning; and

WHEREAS Bill 108 will once again allow an unelected, unaccountable body make decisions on how our communities evolve and grow; and

WHEREAS On August 21, 2018 Minister Clark once again signed the MOU with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and entered into "...a legally binding agreement recognizing Ontario Municipalities as a mature, accountable order of government."; and

WHEREAS This MOU is "enshrined in law as part of the Municipal Act" and recognizes that as "...public policy issues are complex and thus require coordinated responses...the Province endorses the principle of regular consultation between Ontario and municipalities in relation to matters of mutual interest"; and

WHEREAS By signing this agreement, the Province made "...a commitment to cooperating with its municipal governments in considering new legislation or regulations that will have a municipal impact"; and

WHEREAS Bill 108 will impact 15 different Acts - Cannabis Control Act, 2017, Conservation Authorities Act, Development Charges Act, Education Act, Endangered Species Act, 2007, Environmental Assessment Act, Environmental Protection Act, Labour Relations Act, 1995, Local Planning Appeal Tribunal Act, 2017, Municipal Act, 2001, Occupational Health and Safety Act, Ontario Heritage Act, Ontario Water Resources Act, Planning Act, Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997.

Now Therefore Be it Hereby Resolved That the City of Guelph oppose Bill 108 which in its current state will have negative consequences on community building and proper planning; and

Be it further resolved that the City of Guelph call upon the Government of Ontario to halt the legislative advancement of Bill 108 to enable fulsome consultation with Municipalities to ensure that its objectives for sound decision making for housing growth that meets local needs will be reasonably achieved; and

Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Honourable Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party, and all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; and

Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Bell, Billings, Downer, Gibson, Goller, Gordon, Hofland, MacKinnon, O'Rourke, Piper and Salisbury (13)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

IDE-2019-52**Solid Waste Management Master Plan Advisory Committee**

The following delegate spoke regarding this item:
Joe Hruska, Canadian Plastics Industry Association

9. Moved by Councillor Billings
Seconded by Councillor Gibson
 1. That the terms of reference for the Solid Waste Management Master Plan Public Advisory Committee included as Attachment 1 to IDE-2019-52, dated May 6, 2019, be approved.
 2. That staff partner with the University of Guelph IdeasCongress (ICON) Program to explore viable solutions to reduce single use plastics across Guelph, and report back to Council with updates or further recommendations as part of Solid Waste Management Master Plan update.
 3. That the following be referred to and considered as part of the Solid Waste Master Plan process and scope of activity:
 - a) That staff investigate any required changes to the current agreements between the City and/or vendors/leaseholders resulting from the sale of single use plastics.
 - b) That staff facilitate further engagement internally on reducing or eliminating single use plastics through the Solid Waste Management Master Plan process.
 - c) That staff explore the issue of single-use plastics and packaging as an opportunity to leverage the Civic Accelerator, to help realize further options to reduce waste in the City of Guelph.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Bell, Billings, Downer, Gibson, Goller, Gordon, Hofland, MacKinnon, O'Rourke, Piper and Salisbury (13)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

IDE-2019-60**Funding Requests from the Affordable Housing Reserve to Support Applications to the National Housing Co-Investment Fund**

Melissa Aldunate, Manager, Policy Planning and Urban Design, presented two requests for funding to the affordable housing reserve.

The following delegates spoke regarding this item:
David Wormald, St. Joseph's Health Centre Guelph
Pete Waters, Rockwater on Janefield

It was requested that clauses one through four be voted on separately from clauses five through eight.

10. Moved by Councillor Gibson
Seconded by Councillor Bell

1. That a financial incentive in the amount of \$924,000 be provided to Rockwater on Janefield Inc. for an affordable housing project as generally describe in IDE Report 2019-60 subject to CMHC approval of their application to the National Housing Co-Investment Fund and entering into an agreement with the City.
2. That staff be directed to prepare a Municipal Capital Facilities By-law to authorize the financial incentives for Rockwater on Janefield Inc.
3. That staff be directed to enter into an agreement with Rockwater on Janefield Inc., to implement the municipal incentives, to the satisfaction of the DCAO of Public Services, the City Solicitor and the Chief Financial Officer.
4. That the Mayor be authorized to provide a letter of support for the Rockwater on Janefield Inc. proposal to satisfy the National Housing Co-Investment Fund application requirements.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Bell, Billings, Downer, Gibson, Goller, Gordon, Hofland, MacKinnon, O'Rourke, Piper and Salisbury (12)

Voting Against: Councillor Allt (1)

Carried

11. Moved by Councillor Gibson
Seconded by Councillor Bell

5. That a financial incentive in the amount of \$364,000 be provided to St. Joseph's Housing Corporation for an affordable housing project as generally described in IDE Report 2019-60 subject to CMHC approval of their application to the National Housing Co-Investment Fund and entering into an agreement with the City.
6. That staff be directed to enter into an agreement with St. Joseph's Housing Corporation, to implement the municipal incentives, to the satisfaction of the DCAO of Public Services, the City Solicitor and the Chief Financial Officer.
7. That the Mayor be authorize to provide a letter of support for the St. Joseph's Housing Corporation proposal to satisfy the National Housing Co-Investment Fund application requirements.
8. That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the Municipal Incentives Agreements.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Bell, Billings, Downer, Gibson, Goller, Gordon, Hofland, MacKinnon, O'Rourke, Piper and Salisbury (13)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

IDE-2019-47 Community Energy Initiative Update: Pathway to Net Zero Carbon

The following delegate spoke regarding this item:
Susan Watson

12. Moved by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Gibson

That staff pursue a service agreement with Our Energy Guelph (OEG) to act as the City's Community Energy Initiative (CEI) delivery partner.

First Amendment

13. Moved by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Allt

2. That the service agreement between OEG and the City of Guelph come back to Council for approval.
3. That the Service Agreement include the following conditions:
Prior to execution of the agreement:
 - a) That the OEG board be established;
 - b) That letters of incorporation be approved and in effect;
 - c) That a one-year budget breakdown be established; and
 - d) That funding for years 2 through 5 be approved after a one-year follow up report demonstrating that the year one goals have been achieved.

Amendment to the First Amendment

14. Moved by Councillor Gibson
Seconded by Councillor Bell

3. That the Service Agreement include the following conditions:
Prior to execution of the agreement:
 - a) That the OEG board be established;
 - b) That letters of incorporation be approved and in effect;
 - c) That a one-year budget breakdown be established; and
 - d) That funding for years **3 through 5** be approved after a **two-year** follow up report demonstrating that the **year two** goals have been achieved.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Bell, Billings, Downer, Gibson, Goller, MacKinnon, O'Rourke, Piper and Salisbury (10)

Voting Against: Councillors Allt, Gordon and Hofland (3)

Carried

First Amendment as Amended

15. Moved by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Allt

2. That the service agreement between OEG and the City of Guelph come back to Council for approval.
3. That the Service Agreement include the following conditions:
Prior to execution of the agreement:
 - a) That the OEG board be established;
 - b) That letters of incorporation be approved and in effect;
 - c) That a one-year budget breakdown be established; and
 - d) That funding for years **3 through 5** be approved after a **two-year** follow up report demonstrating that the **year two** goals have been achieved.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Bell, Billings, Downer, Gibson, Goller, Gordon, Hofland, MacKinnon, O'Rourke, Piper and Salisbury (13)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

Second Amendment

16. Moved by Councillor Downer
Seconded by Councillor O'Rourke

4. Consistent with the level of urgency around climate change mitigations expressed by the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), that staff be directed to include in the service agreement with Our Energy Guelph an obligation to report against the "45% reduction by 2030" timeline that the IPCC recommends, in addition to the net zero by 2050.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Bell, Billings, Downer, Gibson, Goller, Gordon, Hofland, MacKinnon, O'Rourke, Piper and Salisbury (13)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

Main Motion as Amended

17. Moved by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Gibson

1. That staff pursue a service agreement with Our Energy Guelph (OEG) to act as the City's Community Energy Initiative (CEI) delivery partner.
2. That the service agreement between OEG and the City of Guelph come back to Council for approval.
3. That the Service Agreement include the following conditions:
Prior to execution of the agreement:
 - e) That the OEG board be established;
 - f) That letters of incorporation be approved and in effect;
 - g) That a one-year budget breakdown be established; and
 - h) That funding for years 3 through 5 be approved after a two-year follow up report demonstrating that the year two goals have been achieved.

4. Consistent with the level of urgency around climate change mitigations expressed by the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), that staff be directed to include in the service agreement with Our Energy Guelph an obligation to report against the "45% reduction by 2030" timeline that the IPCC recommends, in addition to the net zero by 2050.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Altt, Bell, Billings, Downer, Gibson, Goller, Gordon, Hofland, MacKinnon, O'Rourke, Piper and Salisbury (13)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

New Motion

18. Moved by Councillor O'Rourke
Seconded by Councillor Gordon

That Council direct staff to review the municipal tools for catalyzing net-zero energy development identified in the Federation of Canadian Municipalities/GMF Feasibility study, consult with community partners as needed, and return to Council with implementation options and recommendations.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Altt, Bell, Billings, Downer, Gibson, Goller, Gordon, Hofland, MacKinnon, O'Rourke, Piper and Salisbury (13)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

Council recessed at 9:01 p.m. and reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

IDE-2019-44

Corporate 100% Renewable Energy Target by 2050

The following delegates spoke regarding this item:

Mark Berardine

Morgan Hannah

Sian Matwey

John Lawson

Bill McLellan

Susan Watson

Paul Costello, Council of Canadians

Pamela Richardson

Matt Saunders

Steve Dyck

Horeen Hassan, Central Students Association, University of Guelph

Doug Prest

Susan Carey

Shauna McCabe

Charles Castillo

Michael Dube

Evan Ferrari, eMERGE Guelph

The following delegates were not present:

Joe Brook

Donna Jennison
Michele Vernet
Norah Chaloner
Diane Hurst
Jax Thornton

Extension of Meeting per Procedural By-law

19. Moved by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Goller

That Section 4.13 (a) and (b) of the Procedural By-law be invoked to allow Council to continue to 11:59 p.m.

Voting in Favour: Councillors Allt, Bell, Billings, Downer, Gibson, Goller, Gordon, Hofland, MacKinnon, O'Rourke, Piper and Salisbury (12)

Voting Against: Mayor Guthrie (1)

Carried

IDE-2019-44 Corporate 100% Renewable Energy Target by 2050

20. Moved by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Gordon

1. That the Corporate 100% Renewable Energy Target (100RE Target) definition be received, adopted and reviewed every 5 years.
2. That staff be directed to develop a capital reserve fund strategy to support the Corporate energy optimization projects through the 2020 capital budget process.
3. That the capital and operating costs to enable progress towards the 100RE Target be referred to the 2020 budget process.
4. That staff provide a Corporate Energy Progress Report on an annual basis.
5. That staff through their annual reporting to Council, provide Council with further opportunities and initiatives to realize the 2050, 100% renewable energy target sooner.

First Amendment

21. Moved by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Gordon

- 1. That the City of Guelph acknowledges the impacts of climate change and joins citizens, cities and countries around the world in declaring a climate emergency.**
- 2. That in response, commits to the collaborative implementation of the Community Energy Initiative net zero and corporate renewable energy goals.**

3. **That the Community Energy Initiative/Our Energy Guelph Pathway and 100RE to Net Zero Action Plan be sent to our respective Provincial and Federal Ministers of the Environment as an example of community collaboration to combat the climate crisis.**
4. **That all future reports to council contain a section titled Climate Change Implications that will identify how the recommendations will contribute toward meeting the objectives of the CEI and/or Corporate Energy Plan.**
5. That the Corporate 100% Renewable Energy Target (100RE Target) definition be received, adopted and reviewed every 5 years.
6. That staff be directed to develop a capital reserve fund strategy to support the Corporate energy optimization projects through the 2020 capital budget process.
7. That the capital and operating costs to enable progress towards the 100RE Target be referred to the 2020 budget process.
8. That staff provide a Corporate Energy Progress Report on an annual basis.
9. That staff through their annual reporting to Council, provide Council with further opportunities and initiatives to realize the 2050, 100% renewable energy target sooner.

Suspending the Procedural By-law

23. Moved by Councillor Hofland
Seconded by Councillor Goller

That Section 4.8 (b) of the Procedural By-law be suspended to allow three additional delegates to speak without registering.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Bell, Billings, Downer, Gibson, Goller, Gordon, Hofland, MacKinnon, O'Rourke, Piper and Salisbury (13)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

The following delegates spoke regarding this item:

Sequoia Kim

Indigo Kim

Thea Armstrong

Amendment to the First Amendment

22. Moved by Councillor Gibson
Seconded by Councillor Goller

That the City of Guelph acknowledges the impacts of climate change and joins citizens, cities and countries around the world in **acknowledging** a climate **crisis**. It was requested that the wording be voted on separately.

24. Moved by Councillor Gibson
Seconded by Councillor Goller

1. That the City of Guelph acknowledges the impacts of climate change and joins citizens, cities and countries around the world in **acknowledging** a climate emergency.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Bell, Billings, Gibson, Goller, MacKinnon and O'Rourke (7)

Voting Against: Councillors Allt, Downer, Gordon, Hofland, Piper and Salisbury (6)
Carried

25. Moved by Councillor Gibson
Seconded by Councillor Goller

1. That the City of Guelph acknowledges the impacts of climate change and joins citizens, cities and countries around the world in acknowledging a climate **crisis**.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Bell, Billings, Gibson, Goller, MacKinnon and O'Rourke (7)

Voting Against: Councillors Allt, Downer, Gordon, Hofland, Piper and Salisbury (6)
Carried

Suspending the Procedural By-law

26. Moved by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Gibson

That Section 4.13 of the Procedural By-law be suspended to allow Council to continue beyond 12:00 a.m.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Bell, Billings, Downer, Gibson, Goller, Gordon, Hofland, MacKinnon, O'Rourke, Piper and Salisbury (13)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

Second Amendment

27. Moved by Councillor Downer
Seconded by Councillor MacKinnon

4. That all future reports to council contain a section titled Climate Change Implications that will identify how the recommendations will contribute toward meeting the objectives of the CEI and/or Corporate Energy Plan **and that staff report back with a policy and procedure for reporting.**

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Bell, Billings, Downer, Gibson, Goller, Gordon, Hofland, MacKinnon, O'Rourke, Piper and Salisbury (13)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

Main Motion as Amended

It was requested that clause one be voted on separately.

29. Moved by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Gordon

1. That the City of Guelph acknowledges the impacts of climate change and joins citizens, cities and countries around the world in acknowledging a climate crisis.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Bell, Billings, Downer, Gibson, Goller, Hofland, MacKinnon and O'Rourke (9)

Voting Against: Councillors Allt, Gordon, Piper and Salisbury (4)

Carried

30. Moved by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Gordon

2. That in response, commits to the collaborative implementation of the Community Energy Initiative net zero and corporate renewable energy goals.
3. That the Community Energy Initiative/Our Energy Guelph Pathway and 100RE to Net Zero Action Plan be sent to our respective Provincial and Federal Ministers of the Environment as an example of community collaboration to combat the climate crisis.
4. That all future reports to council contain a section titled Climate Change Implications that will identify how the recommendations will contribute toward meeting the objectives of the CEI and/or Corporate Energy Plan and that staff report back with a policy and procedure for reporting.
5. That the Corporate 100% Renewable Energy Target (100RE Target) definition be received, adopted and reviewed every 5 years.
6. That staff be directed to develop a capital reserve fund strategy to support the Corporate energy optimization projects through the 2020 capital budget process.
7. That the capital and operating costs to enable progress towards the 100RE Target be referred to the 2020 budget process.
8. That staff provide a Corporate Energy Progress Report on an annual basis.
9. That staff through their annual reporting to Council, provide Council with further opportunities and initiatives to realize the 2050, 100% renewable energy target sooner.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Bell, Billings, Downer, Gibson, Goller, Gordon, Hofland, MacKinnon, O'Rourke, Piper and Salisbury (12)

Voting Against: Councillor Allt (1)

Carried

New Motion

28. Moved by Councillor Hofland
Seconded by Councillor O'Rourke

That a Project Manager, Renewable Energy be approved effective July 1, 2019 for a total 2020 base budget impact of \$126,000 and a one-time 2019 impact totaling \$67,500 to be funded from the Tax Rate Operating Contingency Reserve.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Alt, Bell, Billings, Downer, Gibson, Goller, Gordon, Hofland, MacKinnon, O'Rourke, Piper and Salisbury (13)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

By-laws

31. Moved by Councillor Gibson
Seconded by Councillor Goller

That By-laws numbered (2019)-20408 to (2019)-20410, inclusive, are hereby passed as amended.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Alt, Bell, Billings, Downer, Gibson, Goller, Gordon, Hofland, MacKinnon, O'Rourke, Piper and Salisbury (13)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

Adjournment (12:18 a.m.)

32. Moved by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor O'Rourke

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

Minutes to be confirmed on Monday, June 24, 2019.

Mayor Guthrie

Stephen O'Brien - City Clerk



**Minutes of Guelph City Council
Held in the Council Chambers, Guelph City Hall on
June 4, 2019 at 12:04 noon**

Attendance

Council: Mayor C. Guthrie
Councillor C. Billings
Councillor C. Downer
Councillor J. Gordon
Councillor R. Goller
Councillor J. Hofland
Councillor D. O'Rourke
Councillor L. Piper
Councillor M. Salisbury

Absent: Councillor Allt
Councillor Bell
Councillor Gibson
Councillor MacKinnon

Staff: Mr. S. O'Brien, General Manager, City Clerk's Office/ City Clerk
Ms. D. Tremblay, Council and Committee Coordinator

Special Council – Leadership, Communications and Team Building Training

Call to Order (12:04 p.m.)

Mayor Guthrie called the meeting to order.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures.

Authority to Move into Closed Meeting

1. Moved by Councillor Billings
Seconded by Councillor Hofland

That the Council of the City of Guelph now hold a meeting that is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 239 (3.1) of the Municipal Act for the purpose of educating or training the members.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Billings, Downer, Goller, Gordon, Hofland, O'Rourke, Piper and Salisbury (9)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

Closed Meeting (12:06 p.m.)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures.

The following matter was considered:

Leadership, Communications and Team Building Training

Rise and recess from Closed Meeting (1:38 p.m.)

Council recessed.

Open Meeting (1:40 p.m.)

Attendance

Council:	Mayor C. Guthrie	Councillor J. Gordon
	Councillor P. Allt	Councillor R. Goller
	Councillor B. Bell	Councillor J. Hofland
	Councillor C. Billings	Councillor D. O'Rourke
	Councillor C. Downer	Councillor L. Piper
	Councillor D. Gibson	Councillor M. Salisbury

Absent: Councillor MacKinnon

Staff: Ms. C. Clack, Acting Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy CAO Public Services
Mr. T. Lee, Acting Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy CAO Corporate Services
Mr. S. O'Brien, General Manager, City Clerk's Office/City Clerk
Ms. D. Tremblay, Council and Committee Coordinator

Closed Meeting Summary

Mayor Guthrie spoke regarding the matters addressed in closed and identified the following:

Leadership, Communications and Team Building Training

Mayor Guthrie advised that council received information.

Adjournment (1:40 p.m.)

9. Moved by Councillor O'Rourke
Seconded by Councillor Piper

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

Minutes to be confirmed on Monday, June 24, 2019.

Mayor Guthrie

Stephen O'Brien-City Clerk



**Minutes of Committee of the Whole Meeting
Held in the Council Chambers, Guelph City Hall on
Tuesday, June 4, 2019, 2019 at 2:16 p.m.**

Attendance

Council:	Mayor Guthrie	Councillor R. Goller
	Councillor P. Allt	Councillor J. Gordon
	Councillor B. Bell	Councillor J. Hofland
	Councillor C. Billings	Councillor M. MacKinnon
	Councillor C. Downer	Councillor D. O'Rourke
	Councillor D. Gibson	Councillor M. Salisbury

Also Present: Mr. M. Betik, CPA, CA, KPMG Chartered Professional Accountants

Staff:

- Mr. S. Stewart, Acting Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy CAO Infrastructure and Development
- Ms. C. Clack, Acting Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy CAO Public Services
- Mr. T. Lee, Acting Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy CAO Corporate Services
- Ms. H. Flaherty, Acting Deputy CAO, Public Services
- Ms. C. Spence, Internal Auditor
- Mr. R. Jelacic, Internal Audit Specialist
- Ms. J. Francone, Senior Corporate Analyst
- Ms. T. Baker, General Manager, Finance/City Treasurer
- Ms. J. Surgeoner, Manager, Financial Reporting Accounting
- Mr. L. Jefferson, Manager, Open Space Planning
- Mr. D. Godfrey, General Manager, Operations
- Mr. S. O'Brien, General Manager, City Clerk's Office/City Clerk
- Ms. D. Tremblay, Council and Committee Coordinator

Call to Order (2:16 p.m.)

Councillor Allt called the meeting to order.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures.

Mayor Guthrie requested that item "City of Waterloo Motion regarding Unsanctioned Large Public Gatherings" be removed from the June 4, 2019 Committee of the Whole Agenda given that this matter is not of a time sensitive nature and that information from Guelph Police Services will be received before this matter appears before Council.

Staff Recognitions

Councillor Hofland introduced and presented the following staff recognitions.

Ms. Dawn Owen, Curator, Guelph Museums and Alex Jacobs-Blum, Indigenous Curatorial Assistant, Guelph Museums were recognized for receiving the 2019 Emilie Hayes Award for Community Partnerships.

Dave Boehmer, Lead Hand for Parks Operations and Forestry was recognized for receiving the Sports Turf Canada, Turf Manager of the Year Award.

Presentations

Local Immigration Partnership Annual Presentation and Strategic Plan

Sandra Cocco, Executive Director, Immigrant Services Guelph Wellington and Trish McComb, Children's Early Years Division, County of Wellington provided a summary of the Local Immigration Partnership.

Consent Agenda – Audit

Councillor Allt presented the June 4, 2019 Audit Consent Agenda.

The following items were extracted:

CAO-2019-09	Internal Audit Work plan Update - 2019
CAO-2019-10	Status of Outstanding Management Action Plans –Q1 2019
CAO-2019-11	Project Management Process Audit Report

Councillor Downer left the meeting at 2:58 p.m.

Councillor Piper left the meeting at 2:58 p.m.

CAO-2019-09 Internal Audit Work plan Update - 2019

1. Moved by Councillor Hofland
Seconded by Councillor Billings

That the report CAO-2019-09, "Internal Audit Work Plan Update – 2019" dated June 4, 2019 be received.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Bell, Billings, Hofland, Gibson, Goller, Gordon, MacKinnon, O'Rourke and Salisbury (11)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

Councillor Salisbury left the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

CAO-2019-10 Status of Outstanding Management Action Plans –Q1 2019

2. Moved by Mayor Guthrie
Seconded by Councillor MacKinnon

That the report CAO-2019-10, "Status of Outstanding Management Action Plans – Q1-2019" dated June 4, 2019 be received.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Bell, Billings, Hofland, Gibson, Goller, Gordon, MacKinnon and O'Rourke (10)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

CS-2019-11 Project Management Process Audit Report

3. Moved by Councillor Hofland
 Seconded by Mayor Guthrie

That the report CAO-2019-11, "Project Management Process Audit Report" dated June 4, 2019 be received.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Bell, Billings, Hofland, Gibson, Goller, Gordon, MacKinnon and O'Rourke (10)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

Councillor Salisbury returned at 3:26 p.m.

Items for Discussion – Audit

CAO-2019-19 2018 Unconsolidated Financial Statements

Tara Baker, General Manager, Finance/City Treasurer provided opening and closing remarks regarding the 2018 Unconsolidated Financial Statements.

Jade Surgeoner, Manager, Financial Reporting Accounting provided a summary of the 2018 Unconsolidated Financial Statements.

4. Moved by Councillor Hofland
 Seconded by Mayor Guthrie

That report CS-2019-19 titled, 2018 Unconsolidated Financial Statements and dated June 4, 2019 be received for information.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Bell, Billings, Hofland, Goller, Gordon, MacKinnon, O'Rourke and Salisbury (9)

Voting Against: Councillor Gibson (1)

Carried

Mayor Guthrie left the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

CS-2019-20 2018 Consolidated Financial Statements and External Audit Findings Report

Tara Baker, General Manager, Finance/City Treasurer introduced Mr. Matthew Betik, CPA, CA, KPMG, Chartered Professional Accountant.

Matthew Betik, CPA, CA, KPMG, Chartered Professional Accountant provided a summary of the 2018 Consolidated Financial Statements and External Audit Findings.

5. Moved by Councillor Goller
Seconded by Councillor Hofland

That report CS-2019-20 titled, 2018 Consolidated Financial Statements and External Audit Findings Report, dated June 4, 2019, be approved.

Voting in Favour: Councillors Allt, Bell, Billings, Hofland, Gibson, Goller, Gordon, MacKinnon and O'Rourke (10)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

Authority to Move into Closed Session

6. Moved by Councillor O'Rourke
Seconded by Councillor Hofland

That the Council of the City of Guelph now hold a meeting that is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 239 (2) (b) of the Municipal Act with respect to personal matters about an identifiable individual.

Voting in Favour: Councillors Allt, Bell, Billings, Hofland, Gibson, Goller, Gordon, MacKinnon, O'Rourke and Salisbury (10)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

Closed Meeting (3:56 p.m.)

The following matter was considered:

CS-2019-20 2018 Consolidated Financial Statements and External Audit Findings Report

Rise and recess from Closed Meeting (3:59 p.m.)

Closed Meeting Summary

The following matter was considered:

CS-2019-20 2018 Consolidated Financial Statements and External Audit Findings Report
Information was received.

Council recessed at 4:03 p.m. and resumed at 4:11 p.m.

Councillor Allt left the meeting at 4:11 p.m.

Councillor Piper returned at 4:11 p.m.

Consent Agenda- Corporate Services

Councillor MacKinnon assumed the Chair.

Councillor MacKinnon presented the June 4, 2019 Corporate Services Consent Agenda.

7. Moved by Councillor Hofland
Seconded by Councillor Billings

That the June 4, 2019 Corporate Services Consent Agenda as identified below, be adopted:

CS-2019-31 2019 Debenture Issue

1. That capital projects identified in Table 1 of report CS-2019-31 dated June 4, 2019 be approved for debt financing in the amounts as listed.
2. That the City Treasurer be authorized to proceed with the marketing through the City's fiscal agent, of a debenture issue in the principal aggregate amount of \$33,074,500 for a term not exceeding twenty years.
3. That the 2019 debt servicing costs estimated at \$417 thousand be approved to be funded from the City's applicable capital reserve funds in accordance with Table 2 in report CS-2019-31.

CS-2019-18 First Quarter 2019 Operating Variance Report

That report CS-2019-18 First Quarter 2019 Operating Variance Report dated June 4, 2019 be received for information.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors, Bell, Billings, Hofland, Gibson, Goller, Gordon, MacKinnon, O'Rourke, Piper and Salisbury (11)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

Announcements

Councillors MacKinnon and O'Rourke will be holding a Ward 6 Town Hall focusing on development on Thursday, June 6, 2019 at the Clair Road Emergency Services Centre at 160 Clair Road West.

Consent Agenda – Public Services

Councillor Hofland assumed the Chair.

Councillor Hofland presented the June 4, 2019 Corporate Services Consent Agenda.

The following items were extracted:

PS-2019-10 Business Licence Fees 2019

8. Moved by Councillor Billings
Seconded by Councillor Piper

That the balance of the June 4, 2019 Public Services Consent Agenda as identified below, be adopted:

PS-2019-09**Paramedic Services Response Time Performance Plan for 2020**

1. That Report PS-2019-09 "Paramedic Services Response Time Performance Plan for 2020" be received.
2. That the Response Time Performance Plan for 2020 be set as recommended by staff in Report PS-2019-09.

PS-2019-07**Agreements with Guelph Community Sports and Soccer Incorporated**

1. That staff be directed to terminate the Municipal Capital Facility Agreement and Lease between the City of Guelph and Guelph Community Sports dated September 11, 2006.
2. That the loan outstanding to Royal Bank of Canada, owed by Guelph Community Sports, and guaranteed by the City of Guelph, in the amount of approximately \$255,000, be paid in full upon termination of the agreement referenced in recommendation #1 (plus related charges including, if applicable, accrued interest, termination fees, and outstanding arrears) and funded from the Tax Rate Operating Contingency Reserve.
3. That the City, through the Parks and Recreation Department, shall assume full operational control of the dome facility on June 30, 2019.
4. That the dome facility operations for the 2019-2020 indoor season be incorporated into the Parks and Recreation Department and any net operating variance be subject to the City's ongoing financial processes governed by the City's Budget Monitoring Policy and Year-End Surplus Allocation Policy.
5. That staff be directed to prepare a report to Council in Q2 2020 to consider options for the future of the dome facility, including a facility assessment, capital plan, operating model, and recommendations for future use.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Billings, Hofland, Gibson, Goller, Gordon, MacKinnon, O'Rourke, Piper and Salisbury (11)

Voting Against: Councillor Bell (1)

Carried

PS-2019-10**Business Licence Fees 2019**

9. Moved by Councillor Gordon
Seconded by Councillor Allt
1. That staff be directed to prepare the necessary amendments to Business Licence Bylaw (2009)-18855, to incorporate the 2019 fees as identified in Public Services Report PS-2019-10 dated June 4, 2019.
2. That staff be directed to review the payday loan businesses and bring forward possible amendments to Business Licence Bylaw (2009)-18855 for Council's consideration.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Bell, Billings, Hofland, Gibson, Goller, Gordon, MacKinnon, O'Rourke, Piper and Salisbury (12)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

Items for Discussion – Public Services

Councillor Allt returned at 4:20 p.m.

PS-2019-08 Leash Free Program Policy

The following delegates spoke regarding this item:

Tina Widowski

Melanie James

Christi Cooper

10. Moved by Councillor O'Rourke
 Seconded by Councillor Piper

1. That Council approve the implementation plan outlined in the Leash Free Study for the construction of leash free facilities at Bristol Street Park and Peter Misersky Park in 2019 and Lee Street Park in 2020 included as ATT-2 to the report PS-2019-06.
2. That Council direct staff to seek further leash free policy input as part of the community engagement of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan update so future leash free decisions can be evaluated with consideration for overall community priorities for outdoor recreation space.

A separate vote was requested.

11. Moved by Councillor O'Rourke
 Seconded by Councillor Piper

1. That Council approve the implementation plan outlined in the Leash Free Study for the construction of leash free facilities at Bristol Street Park and Peter Misersky Park in 2019 and Lee Street Park in 2020 included as ATT-2 to the report PS-2019-06.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Billings, Hofland, Gibson, Goller, Gordon, MacKinnon, O'Rourke, Piper and Salisbury (12)

Voting Against: Councillor Bell (1)

Carried

12. Moved by Councillor O'Rourke
 Seconded by Councillor Piper

2. That Council direct staff to seek further leash free policy input as part of the community engagement of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan update so

future leash free decisions can be evaluated with consideration for overall community priorities for outdoor recreation space.

Voting in Favour: Councillors Allt, Hofland, Gibson, Gordon, O'Rourke, Piper and Salisbury (7)

Voting Against: Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Bell, Billings, Goller and MacKinnon (5)

Carried

City of Waterloo Motion regarding Unsanctioned Large Public Gatherings

This item was removed at the request of Mayor Guthrie.

Announcement

Mayor Guthrie advised that with respect to the CN horn complaints, he has been advised that CN has agreed to stop horns between midnight and 6:00 a.m. and will be hiring staff to monitor crossings. He advised that CN had apologized for any disruptions.

Adjournment (5:57 p.m.)

13. Moved by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Goller

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

Minutes to be confirmed on June 24, 2019.

Mayor Guthrie

Stephen O'Brien - City Clerk

Council Memo



Date	June 24, 2019
To	City Council
From	Luke Jefferson
Service Area	Public Services
Department	Parks and Recreation
Subject	Council requested update to the Leash Free Program Policy

Recommendations for consideration at the June 24, 2019 Council meeting

As approved at Committee of the Whole – June 4, 2019

1. That Council approve the implementation plan outlined in the Leash Free Study for the construction of leash free facilities at Bristol Street Park and Peter Misersky Park in 2019 and Lee Street Park in 2020 included as ATT-2 to the report PS-2019-08.
2. That Council direct staff to seek further leash free policy input as part of the community engagement of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan update so future leash free decisions can be evaluated with consideration for overall community priorities for outdoor recreation space.

Additional recommendation for consideration

3. That Council approve the revised Leash Free Program Policy, as attached to the staff memo "Council requested update to the Lease Free Program Policy", with an effective date of July 1, 2019.

On June 4, 2019, staff brought the Leash Free Program Policy to Committee of the Whole seeking approval to adopt a new Leash Free Policy for the City of Guelph.

The report identified background research, an implementation plan and new policy framework to provide clarification and future regulation over leash free areas. As part of this work, staff recommended the implementation of three fenced leash-free facilities as well as the cessation of the practice of using unoccupied sports fields as leash free areas.

Council requested that staff examine how to balance the findings of the report and still provide more accessible leash free locations throughout the city. Specifically, Council requested that staff consider a modification to the proposed policy to include definitions for unoccupied sports fields and identify specific sports fields that can be used as leash free areas when unoccupied.

Staff received this direction and have developed specific criteria that will allow residents to use a hybrid model for leash free areas. The intention of the hybrid model is to balance the concerns for overall public safety, hygiene, and operational issues with the goal of providing a wider distribution of community recreational assets for all segments of the population, including dog owners.

The City of Guelph currently maintains 113 outdoor sports fields. This includes some fields owned by third parties and excludes tennis courts, beach volleyball courts, basketball courts or any other outdoor recreation amenity that does not have a sodded play surface. Only unoccupied sodded sports fields are being considered as potential leash free areas. Baseball and softball diamonds have been included in this consideration, despite having alternative play surfaces within the infield.

Staff examined which of these fields would be appropriate for use as leash free areas and developed specific criteria to evaluate each site. The following list represents criteria that would eliminate a sports field from being considered a candidate for leash free use when not occupied.

Premier sports fields

There are 27 sports fields the City considers premier sports fields. Premier or Category 'A' sports fields are defined as full-size sports fields maintained to an elite standard of play for sporting groups. All premier sports fields receive an enhanced level of maintenance based on user expectations and service level. Due to the higher expectations for consistency in playing surface, safety, and hygiene concerns, these fields should not be considered for potential leash free areas.

Land owned by third parties

The City of Guelph has various maintenance and land use agreements with third party land owners. Land not directly owned by the City of Guelph has been excluded from consideration for leash free areas. There are 13 sports fields identified as fitting this criteria and have been excluded from consideration for leash free areas. These fields are not noted in Schedule B of the updated policy as fields that are excluded because they are not named facilities and not on City property.

Proximity to schools

The City of Guelph has identified 27 sports fields in close proximity to school lands. Based on consultations with the various school boards, it was determined that for safety reasons, these lands should be excluded as leash free areas.

Other sports fields not considered

The four sports fields located at Bristol Street Park will be relocated and one sports field located at Peter Misersky Park will not be considered because these are the sites of the future fenced leash free facilities.

Based on this criteria, the City of Guelph has 41 sports fields that could be considered as acceptable sites for leash free use when not occupied. A further 55 sports fields have been identified in Schedule B of the updated policy as sports fields where leash free dogs are not allowed at any time. An additional 13 fields that are maintained and operated by the City of Guelph are not noted in the bylaw because they are not named and not owned by the City. The four fields located at Bristol Street are not noted in Schedule B of the updated policy because they will be

coming offline in late summer 2019 and will not be part of the new inventory at Eastview Park until 2020.

A total of 113 sports fields are accounted for as part of this exercise with 41 sites noted in the updated policy for use as leash free areas when unoccupied.

Policy changes

Based on the request from Council, staff have updated the previously circulated Leash Free Program Policy to include definitions, rules and regulations that will define when and how residents can use these amenities.

Staff have developed wording in the policy that makes it clear that dogs on unoccupied sports fields must be leashed and removed from the field when another park user enters.

Dogs will be permitted to be off leash within the defined 41 sports fields only when there are no other people present that wish to use the sports field. Priority of use will always be given to people first regardless of which user arrives at the park first.

The updated policy includes a list of leash free areas and facilities as Schedule A and a list of the sports fields that may and may not be used as leash free areas when unoccupied as Schedule B.

This updated policy is being recommended by staff for approval based on the direction to develop a hybrid leash free program policy model. The updated policy and list of sites intended for specific use as leash free areas and facilities, and the list of sports fields with a secondary use as leash free areas when not occupied represents the hybrid model that Council directed staff to provide. The corresponding policy changes reflect the new definitions required and additional clarity that is needed to ensure that this policy functions for all park users.

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CORPORATE POLICY AND PROCEDURE



POLICY	Leash Free Program Policy
CATEGORY	Corporate
AUTHORITY	Parks & Recreation
RELATED	City of Guelph Animal Control Bylaw (2018)-20313 and Dog Owners' Liability Act, R.S.O. 1990
APPROVED BY	-
EFFECTIVE DATE	-
REVISION DATE	-

Policy statement

The City of Guelph (the "City") recognizes the social benefits of dogs and their keepers having access to and being accommodated within the parks system.

This policy pertains to the provision of leash free areas for dogs in City owned or operated parks ("City Parks"). Consideration must be given to balancing the needs, interests and safety of the community, impact on the natural environment, and sustainability of the leash free area, when identifying appropriate locations for leash free areas. The City further recognizes the requirement for responsible pet ownership within City Parks.

This policy outlines procedures, regulations, maintenance approach, and design requirements for leash free areas and does not displace the City of Guelph Animal Control Bylaw (2018)-20313. Enforcement of leash free areas shall be administered through the City of Guelph Animal Control Bylaw (2018)-20313.

Purpose

The purpose of the policy is to:

1. Define areas that dogs are permitted and not permitted to be off leash.
2. Provide regulations and rules for off leash areas.
3. Outline a maintenance and inspection approach for off leash areas.
4. Provide criteria for developing new off leash areas and facilities.

Definitions

Leash Free Area: shall mean an area of land designated for dogs to run at large or without a leash.

Leash Free Facility: shall mean an area of land enclosed by a fence that is designated for dogs to run at large or without a leash.

Keeper: as defined in the City of Guelph Animal Control Bylaw (2018)-20313.

Premier or category 'A' sports field: shall mean any full size sports field maintained to an elite standard based upon user demand.

For the purposes of this document, all policies relating to leash free areas will apply to leash free facilities.

Procedures

1.0 Permitted Areas to be Off-Leash

1.1 General

1. Dogs using parks, trails and linkages must be kept on a leash at all times unless posted otherwise.
2. The City defines specific areas where dogs are permitted to be leash free as identified in Schedule A.
3. The City defines specific sports fields where dogs are permitted to be leash free only when unoccupied as defined in Schedule B and keepers must follow the policy requirements as noted in Section 1.2.
4. Leash free areas identified in Schedule A and B are subject to review by staff at any time. The policy requirements outlined in Section 1.4 will be used to determine if removal is warranted.
5. Staff will consider opportunities for new leash free areas and facilities through the City's Parks and Recreation Master Plan, the City's capital budget process, and/or through the redevelopment of existing parks or the development of new parks. New leash free areas will be considered using the guidelines outlined in Section 4.

1.2 Unoccupied Sports Fields as Leash Free Areas

The City allows only designated sports fields to be used as leash free areas when unoccupied. Only sports fields signed and identified in Schedule B as designated leash free areas can be used as a leash free area. All other sports fields are prohibited for use by dogs at all times.

User guidelines for unoccupied sports fields as leash free areas are as follows:

- Users: Sports fields are considered occupied during times when they are in use for any recreational purpose other than for leash free areas. Once the sports field becomes occupied, the dog keeper shall be required to place the dog on a leash and remove the dog from the sports field immediately. When the sports field becomes unoccupied again, the field can resume as a leash free area.
- Maintenance: Sports fields are considered occupied during periods of maintenance. Once the sports field becomes occupied for maintenance purposes, the keeper shall be required to place the dog on a leash and remove

the dog from the sports field immediately. When the sports field becomes unoccupied again, the field can resume as a leash free area.

- Priority: The dog and its keeper shall always give priority to any and all park users that wish to use the sports field. Regardless of which group arrives at the site first, priority over the use of the sports fields shall always be given to its intended use as a sports field.
- Safety: Unoccupied sports fields shall only be used as leash free areas when safe to do so. All park users, unless other leash free users, must be completely clear of the sports field boundaries prior to the sports field being considered unoccupied. Only then shall it be safe to be used as a leash free area. All dogs must be on a leash once removed from the sports field boundary.

1.3 Dog Walking in Parks, Trails and Open Space

- Dogs using parks, trails and open space must be kept on a leash at all times unless posted otherwise.
- Dogs are not permitted on sports fields not designated as leash free areas when unoccupied at any time.
- Dogs and their keepers must stay to the right of such park trails and linkages at all times. Dogs shall not interfere with or obstruct other trail users, nor approach within 1.0 metre of any other person or any other person's animal.
- Dogs must remain under control by their keeper at all times and respond to all voice commands.

1.4 Process for the Removal of Designated Leash Free Areas

City staff may at any point in time review the designation of a leash free area. Designated leash free areas may be removed where:

- The leash free area is no longer compatible within the park in which it resides;
- The leash free area is no longer functional resulting in damage to the park and/or the natural environment;
- The leash free area is poorly attended on a regular basis;
- Conflicts between park users cannot be resolved;
- Repeated, ongoing non-compliance issues pertaining to the Rules and Regulations for use of leash free areas posted at each leash free area and other associated City of Guelph bylaws; and
- The space can be used for other purposes.

2.0 Regulations for Leash Free Areas

The following rules and regulations shall be appropriately posted at all leash free facilities. Failing to comply with any of the following regulations may result in a prosecution being commenced pursuant to the City of Guelph Animal Control Bylaw (2018)-20313 and/or be banned from using the leash free area.

1. This leash free area may only be used from dawn to dusk daily.
2. No dog can be in the leash free area without a keeper present and supervising at all times. Keepers supervising dogs in a leash free area must be at least 18 years of age.

3. Only dogs and keepers are permitted to use this leash free area. No other animals are permitted.
4. Aggressive dogs are to be kept out of the leash free area at all times. If a dog becomes aggressive towards others (people or dogs), it must be leashed immediately and removed from the site.
5. Dogs that have previously bitten or injured another person or dog are not permitted to use the leash free area at any time.
6. Dogs must be kept leashed at all times until the leash free area has been entered. If the leash free area is fenced, then the dog must remain on a leash until the gate has been securely closed.
7. Dogs must remain under control at all times in the leash free area. Dogs must remain close to their keeper (within sight and earshot) and respond to all voice commands at all times. Dogs must not be allowed to disturb or chase other dogs or people in an aggressive or unwelcomed manner. Dogs must also not be allowed to destroy or dig up turf, bushes or trees at any time.
8. All dogs must wear up to date rabies and dog license tags at all times.
9. Dogs wearing pinch (prong) and spike collars are not permitted in the leash free area.
10. Stoop and scoop is mandatory. All keepers must clean up after their dogs and place fecal matter in the designated waste containers.
11. Rawhide chews and food (animal or human) are not permitted in the leash free area. These items may cause guarding or territorial conflicts between dogs resulting in aggressive behaviour or injury.
12. Children younger than six years of age must not enter the leash free area. Users under the age of 17 must be accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times.
13. Dogs in heat, puppies under 12 weeks old, dogs with an infectious disease, and dogs that have a medical condition that will impact their welfare and ability to safely interact with other dogs and people are to be kept out of the leash free area.

All persons using this Leash Free Area use this Area at their own risk. The City of Guelph and the City's provider for animal control enforcement are not responsible for and accept no liability for any injuries, loss or damage claimed or suffered by any person or animal related to the access and use of this Area, howsoever caused.

All dogs and keepers will be banned from using leash free areas if repeated non-compliance with the regulations occur.

Information posted at all leash free areas shall include contact information for the City of Guelph Parks Operations and the City's provider for animal control enforcement.

2.1 Liability of Leash Free Areas

Dog keepers are legally responsible for their own dog(s) and any injuries or damage caused by their dog(s). Individuals who choose to use leash free areas do so at their own risk.

2.2 Ongoing Monitoring and Inspection of Leash Free Areas

Staff shall monitor and inspect leash free areas on an ongoing basis. During the inspection, issues with the facility (signage, fencing, garbage, vegetation, etc.) and any user conflicts will be documented. In addition, users can report issues and these will be documented through the City's Service Request Process. In an effort to resolve issues as effectively and as quickly as possible, staff shall discuss solutions to the issues with dog keepers, Bylaw Enforcement, the City's provider for animal control enforcement and other park users.

2.3 Enforcement of Leash Free Areas

Dog keepers must comply with the City of Guelph Animal Control Bylaw (2018)-20313, the City of Guelph Stoop and Scoop Bylaw (2004)-17568, the City of Guelph Noise Control Bylaw (2000)-16366, the Dog Owners' Liability Act, R.S.O. 1990, and all other relevant laws, bylaws, policies, rules and regulations, or be subject to their fines and/or penalties. The City's provider for animal control enforcement has the authority to enforce such bylaws on behalf of the City.

[City of Guelph - Animal Control Bylaw](#)

[City of Guelph - Stoop and Scoop Bylaw](#)

[City of Guelph - Noise Control Bylaw](#)

[Dog Owner's Liability Act, R.S.O 1990](#)

2.4 Prohibited Users of Leash Free Areas

The following dogs are prohibited from using leash free areas:

1. Any dog that must be muzzled or leashed in accordance with a notice issued under the City of Guelph Animal Control Bylaw (2018)-20313, or the Dog Owners' Liability Act (DOLA) or an order issued under DOLA;
2. Any dog that has a tracked history of having bitten or injuring another dog or person. Any dog that bites or injures another dog or person will be banned from all leash free areas in the City;
3. Dogs with an infectious disease and dogs that have a medical condition that will impact their welfare and ability to safely interact with other dogs and people;
4. Female Dogs in heat.

3.0 Maintenance of Leash Free Areas

Staff shall monitor and inspect leash free areas on an ongoing basis. Parks Operations staff will be required to conduct routine maintenance or periodically perform repairs to the area or facility as needed.

Leash free areas are to be closed during periods of maintenance. A notice shall be posted during periods of maintenance. Public access, including dogs, is prohibited during times of maintenance or repairs.

4.0 Criteria for Developing New Leash Free Areas and Facilities

Staff will consider opportunities for new leash free areas and facilities through the City's Parks and Recreation Master Plan, the City's capital budget process, and/or through the redevelopment of existing parks or the development of new parks.

Location criteria for suitable leash free areas and facilities shall be reviewed as follows:

- Functionality: The proposed leash free area shall have little-to-no impact to the condition of the park, its functionality, and natural environment.
- Compatibility: The proposed leash free area shall be well-suited in design with current and future uses, features, components, and overall park design.
- Proximity: The proposed leash free area shall be developed within reasonable proximity to existing and/or future residences, existing and/or future leash free areas, and leash free area exclusions.
- Proportion: The proposed leash free area shall be proportionately developed according to the size of the park where it will reside. In general, a leash free area should only be considered on sites two hectares or greater to help minimize impacts on other amenities in the park and overall functionality.
- Neighbourhood Characteristics: The proposed leash free area location shall consider adjacent land uses, population density, housing types, licensed dog population, and proximity of existing and other potential future leash free areas.
- Policies and Plans: The proposed leash free area will have regard for other City policies, plans, and initiatives such as the Official Plan, Natural Heritage Action Plan, and Urban Forest Management Plan.

General exclusions for the development of leash free areas include the following:

- Development of future leash free areas shall not occur on lands not owned or managed under agreement by the City of Guelph;
- Development of future leash free areas shall not occur on Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) owned lands unless approved by GRCA;
- Development of leash free areas should mitigate impacts to or not occur on lands designated as part of the Natural Heritage System (NHS) or on lands previously used for community naturalized planting or designated as *Naturalized Areas* where extensive tree, shrub, and/or wildflower plantings have taken place, or are planned to take place in the future.

Leash free areas are prohibited in the following spaces:

- Premier or category 'A' sports fields and stadiums;
- Sports fields under shared-use agreement with privately owned lands;
- Playgrounds and splash pads;
- Skateboard parks and bicycle parks;
- Tennis courts, basketball courts, and other sports pads;
- Parks adjacent to or in close proximity to school lands;
- Sports fields under shared-use agreements with schools;
- Natural ice rinks;
- Horticultural display areas and ornamental garden areas;
- Community gardens or orchards;
- Cemeteries; and

- Designated heritage, memorial, commemorative and ceremonial areas.

4.1 Design Requirements for Leash Free Areas and Facilities

- All leash free areas should contain a dog specific waste disposal system.
- All leash free areas should have signage containing information on site applicable bylaws, general rules and regulations, and permitted hours of use.
- Leash free areas to be located within the vicinity of the identified exclusions must be fenced. If the location is not within the vicinity of the identified exclusions, it may proceed as a leash free area unfenced.
- Fully fenced leash free areas should contain separate fenced areas for small dogs and large dogs if site conditions allow.
- Fully fenced leash free areas should be constructed with fencing of a minimum height of 1220mm (4.0 feet) and preferably black vinyl chain link fencing.
- Fully fenced leash free areas should contain a dual-gate entry system with separate exit area.

4.2 Accessibility of Leash Free Areas

All designated leash free areas within City Parks should be fully accessible, where feasible and practicable, in accordance with the City of Guelph's Facility Accessible Design Manual (FADM) and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA).

Schedule A

Designated Leash Free Areas and Facilities

Within the specified area of the park indicated from dawn to dusk:

Ward 1

- Eramosa River Park
- Lee Street Park
- Peter Misersky Park

Ward 2

- Riverside Park (GRCA lands west of the Speed River, north of Woodlawn Road)

Ward 3

- Norm Jary Park

Ward 4

- Margaret Greene Park

Ward 5

- Bristol Street Park
- Centennial Park
- Crane Park

Ward 6

- John Gamble Park (Hydro corridor)

Schedule B

Designated unoccupied sports fields permitted as leash free areas

Within the marked boundary of the sports field indicated from dawn to dusk only when unoccupied:

- Bailey Park Multi-Use 1
- Bailey Park Softball 2
- Centennial Park Softball 9
- Colonial Drive Park Softball 1
- Deerpath Drive Park Soccer 1
- Dovercliffe Park Mini-Soccer 1
- Dovercliffe Park Mini-Soccer 2
- Eramosa River Park Baseball 1
- Eramosa River Park Baseball 2
- Exhibition Park Softball 2
- Franchetto Park Multi-Use 1
- Grange Road Park Soccer 1
- Green Meadows Park Soccer 1
- Green Meadows Park Softball 2
- Hanlon Creek Park Soccer 1
- Howitt Park Baseball 1
- Hugh C. Guthrie Park Softball 1
- Margaret Greene Park Softball 3
- Margaret Greene Park Softball 4
- MacAlister Park Multi-Use 1
- Mollison Park Softball 2
- Norm Jary Park Softball 1
- Norm Jary Park Softball 2
- Norm Jary Park Softball 3
- Orin Reid Park Mini-Soccer 1
- Orin Reid Park Mini-Soccer 2
- Pineridge Park Softball 1
- Rickson Park Softball 2
- Riverside Park Multi-Use 1
- Riverside Park Multi-Use 2
- Riverside Park Softball 3
- Royal City Park Softball 1
- Skov Park Softball 1
- Sleeman Park Softball 1
- University Village Park Baseball 1
- W.E. Hamilton Park Softball 1
- Wilson Farm Park Mini-Soccer 1
- Woodland Glen Park Softball 1
- York Road Park Baseball 1
- York Road Park Soccer 2
- York Road Park Softball 3

Dogs are not permitted on the following sports fields at any time:

- Castlebury Park Soccer 1
- Castlebury Park Soccer 2
- Centennial Park Mini-Soccer 1
- Centennial Park Soccer 2
- Centennial Park Soccer 3
- Centennial Park Mini-Soccer 4
- Centennial Park Mini-Soccer 5
- Centennial Park Soccer 6
- Centennial Park Soccer 7
- Centennial Park Joe Kaine Hardball 8
- Centennial Park Softball 10
- Centennial Park Soccer Enclosure
- Earl Brimblecombe Park Softball 1
- Earl Brimblecombe Park Softball 2
- Eastview Community Park Football 1
- Eastview Community Park Football 2
- Eastview Community Park Soccer 3
- Eastview Community Park Soccer 4
- Exhibition Park Softball 1
- Exhibition Park Football 3
- Exhibition Park Hastings Stadium
- Guelph Lake Combo Field 1
- Guelph Lake Combo Field 2
- Guelph Lake Combo Field 3
- Guelph Lake Softball 4
- Guelph Lake Softball 5

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- Guelph Lake Softball 6
 - Guelph Lake Softball 7
 - Howden Crescent Park Mini-Soccer 1
 - Howden Crescent Park Mini-Soccer 2
 - Lyon Park Softball 1
 - Lyon Park Softball 2
 - Margaret Greene Park Soccer 1
 - Margaret Greene Park Soccer 2
 - Margaret Greene Park Softball 5
 - Margaret Greene Park Mini-Soccer 6
 - O'Connor Lane Park Soccer 1
 - O'Connor Lane Park Soccer 2
 - Peter Misersky Park Soccer 1
 - Rickson Park Soccer 1
 - Silvercreek Park Soccer 1
 - Silvercreek Park Soccer 2
 - South End Community Park Larry Pearson Baseball 1
 - South End Community Park Larry Pearson Baseball 2
 - South End Community Park Larry Pearson Baseball 3
 - South End Community Park Mini-Soccer 1
 - South End Community Park Mini-Soccer 2
 - South End Community Park Mini-Soccer 3
 - South End Community Park Multi-Use 4
 - Springdale Park Mini-Soccer 1
 - Springdale Park Mini-Soccer 2
 - Waverley Park Mini-Soccer 1
 - Waverley Park Mini-Soccer 2
 - Westminster Woods Park Soccer 1
 - Westminster Woods Park Baseball 2

Good evening Councillor O'Rourke,

We are Garry Male and Melissa Floreani. We have lived in the Pineridge sub-division since 1999 and we are dog owners.

We wanted to reach out to you regarding the draft report on the proposed changes to the leash-free zones and By-law. Having read the report we have a few questions and concerns.

First of all, we are wondering what is the goal of this proposed change? Is it to provide more fenced in, leash free zones for dog owners who have brought forward their concerns regarding the lack of such areas in Guelph? If so, then why not just create more of these areas for those who wish to use them and leave the current By-law in tact for those responsible dog owners who use the fields and parks within the parameters of the current By-law? If the goal is to greatly restrict areas for owners to let their dogs run off leash, what is the catalyst? Is it due to increased reports of dog attacks or complaints about uncontrolled dogs running off leash? If these type of events have driven the need to explore change, it was not reflected in the survey questions or the report and we are curious to know if the data would support this, showing an upward trend over the past five years or so.

Early in the report there is some reference to dogs spoiling sports fields. I don't buy this because I have coached and played sports in Guelph for a long time and I have never seen evidence of this. For those who do see this as a problem, then prohibit dog owners from letting dogs run off-leash during the early Spring when fields do suffer damage but let the By-law remain the same for the rest of the year. Our dogs don't damage the fields anymore than soccer boots or baseball cleats and we definitely don't cause damage in the Winter when the fields are frozen and/or snow covered.

Another concern for us is that the City of Guelph would expect us to get in our car and drive approximately fifteen minutes to the nearest leash-free zone when we are all trying to reduce our carbon footprint. This would also severely restrict our teenagers from taking our dog out to run with other dogs. The fact that one of the main priorities of those who responded to the survey is the availability of parking is concerning.

Since we became dog owners, one of the unanticipated benefits that we have realized is our increased sense of community and belonging in our neighbourhood. Through our daily morning dog meets we have met and grown to know many people in our neighbourhood who we would never have met otherwise. To ask us to drive to another neighbourhood would take this sense of community away and that would be too bad.

We hope that you will seek some clarification from staff on some of the points we have raised and that you will also consider our point of view when discussing and deliberating on these proposed changes to the By-law that we and many others in our community feel is already adequate.

Thank you very much for your ongoing service and your time.

Sincerely,
Garry Male and Melissa Floreani

Dear Council Members,

I appreciate the time and energy that has been dedicated to the Leash-Free-Study study and to producing the report and policy.

I have a few concerns about the proposal. The first is about accessibility to the new spaces. Since there will be, as I understand, a reduction from 8 current spaces to 3, how will individuals who don't have a car be able to access the spaces? As it currently stands, Guelph Transit policy is that dogs are only allowed on buses if they are small enough to be in carriers. Any individuals who have large dogs will thus be unable to use transit with their dogs to access the new leash-free facilities. I am concerned about the reduction from 8 parks to 3 from the perspective of accessibility, not only for dogs, but to owners of dogs who do not own a car.

My second concern is that Guelph has been a model in Southern Ontario for a dog-and dog-owner friendly city. I have lived in Waterloo and London, and people in both cities have appreciated the accessibility of leash-free areas in Guelph compared to the policies of London and KW. Only having leash-free zones in specific fenced areas has drawbacks that don't seem to be discussed in the report. Most leash-free areas do not allow for toys and treats. I understand that this theoretically this policy reduces aggression in dogs, however, some dogs are aggressive despite the absence of toys and treats. Some dogs are more aggressive without these training tools. Certainly owners are responsible for their dogs, but this policy of 3 off-leash areas seems to jeopardize Guelph's dog-friendly city status.

A few other thoughts: could you consider allowing the use of sports fields in non-sporting seasons as leash-free areas to increase accessibility for dogs and owners to leash free areas? Could you consider creating an indoor leash-free area that could also increase accessibility? Could you create additional, even smaller, leash-free areas outside of the three proposed to increase accessibility and preserve Guelph's model as a dog-friendly city?

Again, I appreciate the effort that the City has gone to to investigate the opinions of diverse groups in Guelph on this issue. I hope that the policy can be further refined to the benefit of human- and dog-kind alike.

Thanks,
Tamara Hinan

Dear Councillors,

I do not have a complete vote tally by councillor but think I have most listed below. I know your time is valuable and there are many pressing issues you deal with but I did want to say thank you for listening to the Rickson Park delegation on Tuesday. Policy, planning and politics is messy but it is this messiness that makes a community a community. The City of Guelph staff that put the proposed by-law together are good people...I know most of them. They may, however, been responding to messiness with an overly simple approach. As Councillor MacKinnon was quoted in the news, "...he and his son have been accosted several times by dogs, but never filed a complaint. "Complaints are not a great way to look at policy," he said. I would agree that it is not good policy, planning or politics to respond to complaints (or 'personal experiences not reported', I will add). I find this a rather disingenuous response when the users of Rickson Park presented a compelling case for judgement, nuance, common sense and community values on Tuesday.

I am sure there may be many reasons that Councillors Bell, Goller, Billings and MacKinnon voted the way they did and such is politics. That said, I am disappointed that voices based on more than complaints or personal experiences did not reach them. I hope the next iteration of an off-leash policy will show a bit more thought and response from our elected representatives.

Again, thank you for listening. Councillor O'Rourke, I think you have a new fan base. Councillor Piper, you know we love you already. And the remaining Councillors Salisbury, Downer and Gordon, there is a reason many of us hold you in high esteem.

ps: I still listen to my now grown children's school recording (orchestrated circa 1999 at Jean Little Public School) by artist James Gordon

Regards,

Nathan Perkins

Hello,

I understand that the City is considering removing any off-leash or on-leash use of sports fields for dogs in the City. As a stakeholder in this discussion, I want to make it clear that I am NOT in support of this.

I have read in the local papers/online that there are concerns about hygiene and use of these fields; 3 off-leash dog parks are being considered as alternatives. My concern are these:

1 - The argument of hygiene effectively punishes everyone for those few who don't pick up after their dogs. I think it's likely that people who are already that inconsiderate aren't going to obey no-dogs rules anyway. It means that people who are following the rules are being disregarded in this decision-making.

2 - The proposed off-leash dog parks are not readily accessible to everyone who walks a dog - meaning that in some cases, people would have to drive to dog parks. In the current climate, this seems foolish - encouraging people to use fossil fuels to get their dogs exercised daily. Also, not everyone who has a dog has a car - these off-leash dog parks may not be accessible to everyone. This will also encourage people to go to sports fields anyway - basically criminalizing people who want to exercise their dogs, even when they have been obeying previous time-of-use and stoop and scoop rules.

3 - Some of the proposed rules for off-leash dog parks seem a bit over the top. No small children, no one under 18 alone with the dogs - means families can't walk their dogs together, and creates the potential situations where people have to choose between children and dogs.

4 - Finally, there are smaller sports fields that sit empty for much of the summer, and it seems a waste of space to forbid dog walkers from using them when they aren't being used for sports activities. While I can understand the concerns about some of the 'premium' sports fields, it makes sense to consider an approach that is not 'one-size-fits-all'.

In summary: While I appreciate that the city is considering some designated off-leash dog parks, these should be understood as ADDITIONS to current spaces where dogs can be off-leash. They are not viable as the ONLY options.

Thank you,

Beth Finnis

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Hi, My name is Jonathan Rosenberg and I am new to Guelph. My wife Kari Grant and her family have been Guelphites.

I just wanted to write a short message to you in hopes you reconsider the possible off-leash by law change that Nathan Perkins and some other neighbours/friends of mine have commented on. I just wanted to say that since I came here, I found such a great community of like-minded, dog-loving, and amazing people since I started taking my dog Willow to Rickson park. It's made the whole neighbourhood very friendly with one another.

We came from Milton and the only off-leash area was a fenced-in park. At times it was a difficult place to be. There were some aggressive dogs and bad dog owners that would make the park a tense place. Willow being a shelter dog, was very intimidated and awkward there. When I moved to Guelph it all changed. I started taking her to Rickson park and she really came out of her shell. I think not having the fences made her and other dogs feel less closed-in and claustrophobic. Her temperament changed and she looks forward to running around with her friends every day. It's also done wonders for her energy level. We've had such a lovely time in Rickson park without any incidents, I'd hate for it to change. Also, I wanted to say it's been a great thing for us humans as well. I've gotten to know more people in the neighbourhood. I'm a plumber and now I'm being asked to help neighbours out with plumbing issues. The park feels safe and friendly with so many people using it, and really, the list can go on.

The off-leash rules for Rickson park have been such a game changer in this area and I really hope nothing changes. Thank you for reading my letter.
All the best,

Jonathan Rosenberg

Staff Report



To	City Council
Service Area	Corporate Services
Date	Monday, June 24, 2019
Subject	June 2019 Public Appointments to the Community Wellbeing Grant Allocation Panel
Report Number	CS-2019-66

Recommendation

1. That _____, _____, _____, _____, _____ and _____ be reappointed to the Wellbeing Grant Application Panel for a term ending June, 2021.
 2. That _____ and _____ be appointed to the Wellbeing Grant Application Panel for a term ending June, 2020.
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Executive Summary

Purpose of Report

To appoint members to the Community Wellbeing Grant Allocation Panel (the Panel).

Key Findings

The current vacancies are a result of terms ending in June, 2019 or resignations recently received.

Staff liaisons have reviewed the applications and are recommending appointees.

The vacancies have been advertised in accordance with the City's [Public Appointment Policy](#).

Financial Implications

None.

Report

The current vacancies are a result of terms ending in June, 2019 or resignations recently received.

Vacancies were advertised in the Guelph MercuryTribune on April 18 and 25, 2019, posted on the City's website, on public bulletin boards at City facilities and provided to the People and Information Network for posting. The advertisements included the number of vacancies, the term of office, a summary of duties, the frequency of meetings and contact information.

Staff liaisons were provided with all of the applications and have provided recommendations for the appointments. The closed companion report CS-2019-65 titled June 2019 Public Appointments to the Community Wellbeing Grant Allocation Panel dated June 24, 2019 provides Council with the staff liaison recommendations.

Community Wellbeing Grant Allocation Panel

Meetings: approximately 10 meetings per year with the majority of meetings taking place between October and February.

The Panel's role is to allocate City funding to eligible community benefit organizations through the Wellbeing Grant Program to improve the wellbeing of Guelph residents.

The Panel currently consists of eight members of the public. The Council approved maximum number of members is 12. There are currently two vacancies.

The liaison for this Panel is the Manager of Community Investment.

Financial Implications

None.

Consultations

Staff from the department overseeing the Panel were consulted.

Corporate Administrative Plan

Overarching Goals

Service Excellence

Service Area Operational Work Plans

Our People - Building a great community together

Our Services - Municipal services that make lives better

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