

City Council Meeting Agenda



February 26, 2018 – 5:00 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 for the closed Council meetings held December 11 and 13, 2017.

IATSE Bargaining Mandate

Section 239 (2) (d) labour relations or employee negotiations.

Guelph Professional Firefighters Association Bargaining Mandate

Section 239 (2) (d) labour relations or employee negotiations.

Solid Waste Contract Update

Section 239 (b) and (d) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and labour relations or employee negotiations.

CAO-2018-03

Agreements with Guelph Soccer Inc. and Guelph Community Sports

Section 239 (2) (e) and (f) of the Municipal Act related to litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals; and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

Open Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

O Canada – Performed by Edward Johnson Public School Choir
Silent Reflection
First Nations Acknowledgement
Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

Confirmation of Minutes: (Councillor Hofland)

That the minutes of the open Council meetings held December 11 and 13, 2017; January 29, and February 13, 2018; the open Committee of the Whole meetings held December 4, 2017 and February 5, 2018 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.

CS-2018-04 Delegation of Authority - Property Assessment and Taxation

Recommendation:

1. That pursuant to Section 23.1(1) of the Municipal Act, By-law (2013)-19529 be amended by adding Schedule "HH" to provide staff the authority to represent, negotiate and legally bind the City in property assessment or property taxation appeals, as set out in Attachment 1 to the February 5, 2018 Report CS-2018-04 entitled Delegation of Authority - Property Assessment and Taxation.
2. That pursuant to Section 23.1(1) of the Municipal Act, By-law (2013)-19529 be amended by adding Schedule "II" to provide staff the authority to vest in property after a failed tax sale, as set out in Attachment 2 to the February 5, 2018 Report CS-2018-04 entitled Delegation of Authority - Property Assessment and Taxation.
3. That pursuant to Section 23.1(1) of the Municipal Act, By-law (2013)-19529 be amended by adding Schedule "JJ" to provide staff the authority to file taxation/assessment Municipal Act applications, or Request for Reconsiderations or appeals with the Assessment Review Board, as set out in Attachment 3 to the February 5, 2018 Report CS-2018-04 entitled Delegation of Authority - Property Assessment and Taxation.
4. That pursuant to Section 23.1(1) of the Municipal Act, By-law (2013)-19529 be amended by adding Schedule "KK" to provide staff the authority to sign and execute documents related to property assessment and taxation, as set out in Attachment 4 to Report CS-2018-04 entitled Delegation of Authority - Property Assessment and Taxation.

CS-2018-05 2018 Tax Bill Layout

Recommendation:

1. That the City continues the practice of identifying the Dedicated Infrastructure Levy separately on the 2018 City tax bill.
2. That the insert included with the 2018 City tax bill illustrate detailed information regarding the Dedicated Infrastructure Levy and total capital contributions from the operating budget.

PS-2018-02 The Elliott Community – Consent to Obtain External Financing

Recommendation:

1. That staff be directed to authorize The Elliott Community to move forward with obtaining external financing in the amount of \$2,000,000.
2. That staff be authorized to enter into an agreement with an external loan provider to guarantee The Elliott Community’s loan in the amount of \$2,000,000.

Council Consent Agenda

CAO-2018-02 Participation in the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy

Presentation: (attached)

Barbara Swartzentruber, Executive Director, Strategy Innovation
Intergovernmental Services
Alex Chapman, Manager, Climate Change Office

Recommendation:

1. That the Mayor be authorized to sign and submit the Letter of Commitment as outlined in Attachment 2 of Report CAO-2018-02, to participate on the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy.
2. That the Mayor be authorized to sign the ‘Change for Climate - Edmonton Declaration’ at the Global Mayors Summit occurring between March 5-7 in Edmonton, Alberta, as conveyed in Attachment 3 of Report CAO-2018-02 titled “Participation in the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy”.

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.

IDE-2018-20 Protecting Water for Future Generations, Growing the Greenbelt in the Outer Ring, Public Consultation Document

Presentation:

Todd Salter, General Manager, Planning, Urban Design, and Building Services

Delegations:

Hugh Whiteley

Correspondence:

Hugh Whiteley

Recommendation:

That Report IDE 2018-20 entitled 'Protecting Water for Future Generations, Growing the Greenbelt in the Outer Ring, Public Consultation Document' dated February 26, 2018, be endorsed and submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs as the City's response to the provincial consultation on the Protecting Water for Future Generations, Growing the Greenbelt in the Outer Ring, Public Consultation Document.

Special Resolutions

By-laws

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

That by-laws (2018)-20248 to (2018)-20251 inclusive, are hereby passed.

By-law Number (2018)-20248	A by-law to amend By-law Number (2002) – 17017 – the Traffic By-law (Traffic Control Signals in Schedule VI, One-Way Streets in Schedule XI and No Stopping in Schedule XVI).
By-law Number (2018)-20249	A By-law to appoint Jennifer Slater as Manager Information, Privacy and Elections/Deputy City Clerk; and to appoint Dylan McMahon as Manager, Legislative Services/Deputy City Clerk; and to repeal By-law (2005)-17845

By-law Number (2018)-20250	A by-law to authorize the execution of agreements between the Corporation of the City of Guelph and Her Majesty the Queen in Right, represented by the Government of the Province of Ontario (OntarioBuys program funding for the Municipal Innovation Exchange)
By-law Number (2018)-20251	A by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meetings of Guelph City Council held February 12, 21 and 26, 2018.

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

Participation on the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy



February 26, 2018

Participation on the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy

Purpose

In response to receiving multiple invitations from various municipal leaders:

- Seeking Council's support to authorize the Mayor's participation on the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM) by way of signing the GCoM Letter of Commitment
- Seeking Council's authorization for the Mayor to sign the 'Change for Climate - Edmonton Declaration' at the Global Mayors Summit occurring between March 3-4 in Edmonton, Alberta
- **Enrollment on the GCoM entitles members to become participants in the Global Mayors Summit**

Participation on the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy

Municipalities are leaders in environmental sustainability

International, social, economic, and government pressures are influencing municipalities to take proactive measures to mitigate the impact of climate change in their communities

Currently, the provincial and federal governments policy agenda is increasingly focused on climate change education, policies, and incentives that strongly urge municipalities to continue as leaders in planning and implementing:

- urban sustainability practices,
 - community energy initiatives
 - reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and
 - mitigating the effects of climate change
- Funding opportunities for sustainable municipal infrastructure are growing as a means to encourage the development and implementation of energy and environmental initiatives

City of Guelph Climate and Energy Activities

Leaders in environmental awareness and change

- Community Energy Initiative (CEI) Update
- Clean energy technology
- Climate Adaptation and Resilience Plan (CARP)
- Corporate Energy Management Plan (CEMP)
- Bringing the Alectra GRE&T Centre to Guelph

Government Relations

- Promote Guelph innovations, sustainable infrastructure projects, and energy initiatives to Federal and Provincial governments
- Advocates for greater municipal resources/support for environmental projects
- Applications for government funding in climate change initiatives

City of Guelph Climate and Energy Activities

Leaders in environmental awareness and change

Participation in International & National Programs

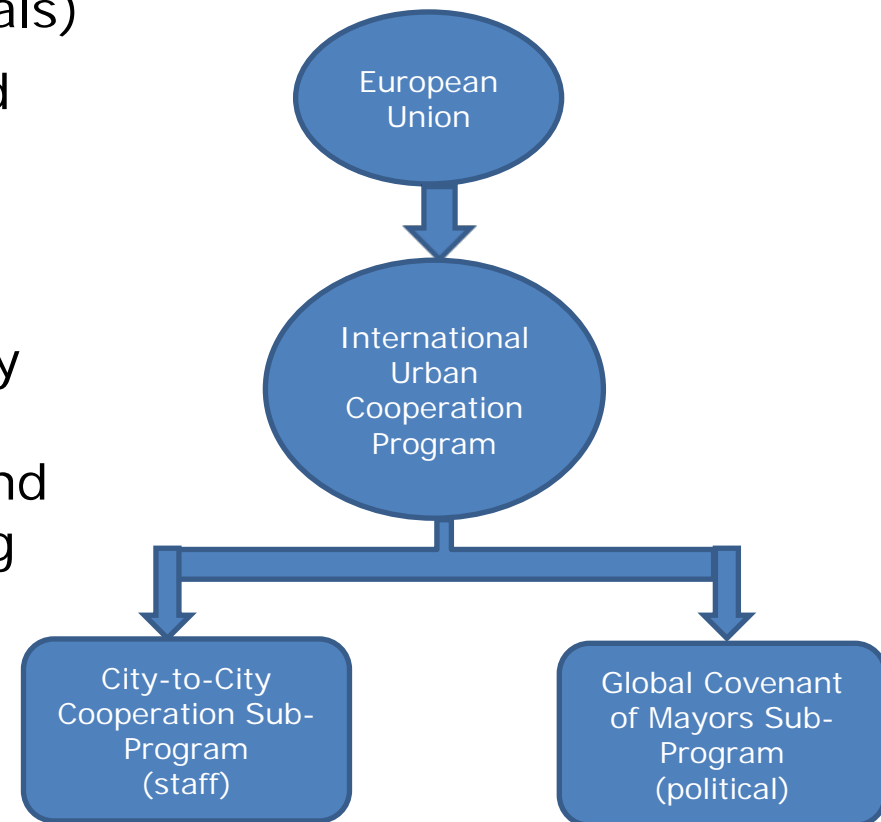
- **International Urban Cooperation (IUC)**
 - Encompasses the City-to-City Cooperation Program and the GCoM
 - Provides technical support to cities to help them achieve their own policy objectives and meet major international objectives
- **City-to-City Cooperation Program**
 - EU member states are “paired” with other cities around the world to share knowledge and approaches to solving shared sustainability issues (City of Guelph paired with Rijeka, Croatia)
 - Staff-to-staff relationship built between member states
- **Partners for Climate Protection Program**
 - Network of Canadian municipal governments that have committed to reducing GHG and to act on climate change
 - Partnership between Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and ICLEI’s Cities for Climate Protection network

Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate Change (GCoM)



Purpose of the Program

- Launched in January 2017 merging the EU Covenant of Mayors (European municipalities) and the Compact of Mayors (global coalition of mayors and city officials)
- International alliance of cities and local governments with a shared long-term vision:
 - To accelerate ambitious, measurable climate and energy initiatives that lead to an inclusive, just, low-emission and climate resilient future, helping to meet and exceed the Paris Agreement objectives



Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate Change

Purpose of the Program (Cont'd)



- Aligns with the UN Sustainable Development Goals and climate justice principles, the Global Covenant of Mayors tackles three key issues:
 - climate change mitigation,
 - adaptation to the adverse effects of climate change and universal access to secure,
 - clean and affordable energy
- FCM signed Memorandum of Understanding in June 2017 supporting Canadian municipalities in their drive to address the challenges of climate change
 - 23 Canadian municipalities have joined - including 10 in Ontario

Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate Change

Benefits and Opportunities of Joining

- Membership in the Global Mayors Summit
- Complements City staff participation in the IUC program by ensuring Guelph's political leadership is represented and involved (i.e. consistency)
- Capitalize on opportunities to learn about new technologies
- Demonstrate Guelph's ability to be trailblazers in environmental sustainability on the international stage
- Valuable comparative data with Canadian and international sources
- Multi-stakeholder approach, including private sector actors
 - Aid in providing the knowledge and the investments and support the development of innovative business models
- Access to research by academia and others on the role local governments in transitioning to a low-carbon and resilient economy

Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate Change

Terms of Commitment

Six pledges include:

1. A community-scale greenhouse gas (GHG) emission inventory
2. An assessment of climate and hazards and vulnerabilities
3. Ambitious, measurable and time-bound target(s) to reduce/limit greenhouse gas emissions
4. Ambitious adaptation vision and goals, based on quantified scientific evidence when possible, to increase local resilience to climate change
5. Ambitious and just goal to improve access to sustainable energy
6. Plan(s) to address climate change mitigation/low emission development, climate resilience and adaptation, and access to sustainable energy, including provisions for regular (annual or biennial) progress reports

The City's Community Energy Initiative (CEI) Update and its Climate Adaptation and Resilience Plan (CARP) address these commitments

Global Mayors Summit



Purpose of the Summit

- Joint undertaking with the GCoM, FCM, and the City of Edmonton Mayor's Office
 - Must be a participant of the GCoM
- Focusses global attention on the growing impacts of climate change and the need to accelerate action.
- It aims to:
 - ✓ Raise global awareness about the need for increased and accelerated global efforts to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celcius
 - ✓ Communicate the important role of cities in reducing GHG emissions
 - ✓ Advance the use of new management tools and approaches for reducing GHG emissions in cities
 - ✓ Identify knowledge and research gaps to be filled through the research efforts recommended by the Conference

Global Mayors Summit



Change for Climate: Edmonton Declaration

- Global Mayors Summit held in Edmonton from March 3-4, 2018 immediately prior to the *CitiesIPCC: Cities and Climate Change Science Conference (March 5-7, 2018)*
- Commitments are similar to those outlined in the GCoM Letter of Commitment
 - ✓ All six of the requested commitments in the Declaration have either been completed or are in progress of completion

Next Steps



Upon Council's approval:

- **Mayor to sign and submit the Letter of Commitment to participate in the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy**
- **Mayor to attend the Global Mayors Summit and participate in the signing ceremony for the Edmonton Declaration**
- **Staff to consolidate CEI and CARP content for inclusion in GCoM action plan**
 - **outlines established targets for GHG emission reductions, and climate mitigation, adaptation, resilience strategies**

Questions?

Greenbelt Expansion Opportunities for Improvement

Presentation To Guelph City Council

February 26 2018

Hugh Whiteley

Greenbelt Policies

Protecting Shrinking Greenspace

- Greenspace is important to the quality of life of both city residents and countryside residents.
- Aesthetic value of greenspace undervalued in landuse planning.
- OPA 48 has removed City of Guelph targets for Open Space, replacing (City-wide +Regional) Open Space Target of 7.3 ha/1000 with 2.6 ha/1000 (Community + Regional Parks).

Greenbelt Designation of Urban River Valleys

Value Added

- Applies to publicly-owned valley land not in NHS (all or most of Royal City Park, Marianne's Park,, York Road Park, Eramosa River Park, Goldie Mill Park, Wolfond Park, Riverside Park).
- Emphasizes the importance of access to river lands in promoting the physical, mental and spiritual health of people.
- Provides motivation for continued expansion of publicly-owned riverlands to enhance access (Suburban Railway Trail along Eramosa).
- Fully compatible with NHS designations and River System Management Master Plan.

Guelph's Special Interest in Eramosa Valley

- Water from the Eramosa River is part of the City's water supply by way of recharge at Arkell.
- Guelph to Acton Radial trail along Blue Springs Creek connects Guelph's Urban River Valleys to the existing Greenbelt at Acton.

Recommended Additions to IDE 18-20

- Commit to further discussion with the Province and consultation with the citizens of Guelph on Greenbelt expansion through Urban River Valley Designation.
- Add consideration of Provincial Waterway Parks for the Speed and Eramosa River Valleys as additional build block features to be considered.
- Include protection of aesthetic value of greenspace as an additional goal for City and Province in all landuse planning including Greenbelt expansion.