

Council Chambers  
January 31, 2011

**Council convened in formal session at 6:00 p.m.**

Present: Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Bell, Dennis, Findlay, Furfaro, Guthrie, Hofland, Kovach, Laidlaw, Piper, and Wettstein

Absent: Councillors Burcher and Van Hellemond

Staff Present: Mr. H. Loewig, Chief Administrative Officer; Dr. J. Laird, Executive Director, Planning, Engineering and Environmental Services; Ms. M. Neubauer, Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer; Mr. M. Amorosi, Executive Director, Human Resources and Legal Services; Mr. D. McCaughan, Executive Director, Operations & Transit; Ms. A. Pappert, Executive Director, Community & Social Services; Ms. T. Agnello, Deputy City Clerk; and Ms. D. Black, Assistant Council Committee Co-ordinator

**DECLARATIONS UNDER MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT**

The Mayor advised that the purpose of the meeting was to deliberate and approve the 2011 Water and Wastewater Operating and Capital Budgets for the City of Guelph and receive an overview of the 2011 Tax Supported Operating and Capital Budgets.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**2011 Water & Wastewater Operating and Capital Budgets**

Dr. J. Laird, Executive Director, Planning, Engineering and Environmental Services provided an overview of the water and wastewater budgets. She outlined the following highlights of the water budget:

- Departmental and Council goals;
- 2010 long-range financial plans;
- 2011key budget drivers;
- Forecasting water consumption;
- Historical water use;
- Management of capital increases;
- Consumption ratios;
- Status of reserves;
- Use of debt funding;

She stated they are recommending three "efficiency" positions and two growth positions. She then provided highlights of the water capital budget.

Dr. Laird also provided an overview of the wastewater budget. She addressed the following:

- Regulatory challenges;
- Meeting the needs of growth;
- 2011 Key Initiatives.

She advised that they are recommending three new positions for 2011 due to growth. She then explained the rate proposals and provided a 2011 water/wastewater bill comparison.

Staff was directed to provide the following information to Council:

- explain why Barrie is not included on the surplus ratio slide or provide the data;
- separate industrial/commercial usage for the historical water pumpage graph;
- address the Building Code money affect on the budget;

1. Moved by Councillor Laidlaw  
Seconded by Councillor Piper

THAT the proposed expansion packages in the net amounts of \$89,300 for Water and \$181,200 for Wastewater be approved;

AND THAT the 2011 Water and Wastewater Operating Budgets in the amounts of \$20,438,586 and \$22,330,389 respectively, inclusive of expansions be approved;

AND THAT the 2011 Water and Wastewater Capital Budgets and Forecasts in the amounts of \$177,789,300 and \$235,607,300 respectively be approved;

AND THAT the City of Guelph water volume charge of \$1.17 cents per cubic metre effective March 1, 2011 and the wastewater volume charge of \$1.26 cents per cubic metre, effective March 1, 2011 be approved;

AND THAT the City of Guelph water and wastewater basic service charges and various fees and charges be increased as per attached Schedule "A" effective March 1, 2011, be approved;

AND THAT the Waterworks Fees and Services By-law be passed.

2. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Kovach  
Seconded by Councillor Guthrie  
THAT the Backflow Prevention Officer and the Plumbing Inspector positions be eliminated from the water budget.

It was requested that the two positions be voted on separately.

3. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Kovach  
Seconded by Councillor Guthrie  
THAT the Backflow Prevention Officer position be eliminated from within the water budget.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Findlay, Guthrie and Kovach, (4)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Dennis, Furfaro, Hofland, Laidlaw, Piper, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (7)

Defeated

4. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Kovach  
Seconded by Councillor Guthrie  
THAT the Plumbing Inspector position be eliminated from within the water budget.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Guthrie and Kovach (3)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Dennis, Findlay, Furfaro, Hofland, Laidlaw, Piper, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge(8)

Defeated

5. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Bell  
Seconded by Councillor Kovach  
THAT the Customer Service Clerical Position be eliminated from the wastewater services budget.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell and Kovach (2)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Dennis, Findlay, Furfaro, Guthrie, Hofland, Laidlaw, Piper, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (9)

Defeated

6. Moved by Councillor Laidlaw  
Seconded by Councillor Piper  
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VOTING FOR: Councillors Dennis, Findlay, Furfaro, Guthrie, Hofland, Laidlaw, Piper, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (9)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Bell and Kovach (2)

Carried

7. Moved by Councillor Guthrie  
Seconded by Councillor Wettstein

Dr. J. Laird

THAT the Conservation and Efficiency Program be referred to staff to review and report back on returns on rebates in their annual report to Council.

VOTING FOR: Councillors Bell, Dennis, Findlay, Furfaro, Guthrie, Hofland, Kovach, Laidlaw, Piper, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (11)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

#### **BY-LAWS**

7. Moved by Councillor Findlay  
Seconded by Councillor Dennis

THAT by-law number (2011)-19150 is hereby passed.

VOTING FOR: Councillors Bell, Dennis, Findlay, Furfaro, Guthrie, Hofland, Laidlaw, Piper, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (10)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillor Kovach (1)

Carried

**2011 Tax Supported Operating and Capital Budgets**

Mr. H. Loewig, Chief Administrative Officer, provided a brief introduction to the 2011 Operating and Tax Supported Capital Budgets. He advised they have prepared a narrative to this year's budget to clarify the budget process and decisions. He highlighted the impact that capital facilities, external agencies and community investments and the health centre have on the budget. He stated that the proposed budget includes an 8.8% increase in expenditures, a 3.13% increase in revenue growth resulting in a net tax levy of 5.67% increase.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 o'clock p.m.

Minutes read and confirmed February 28, 2011.

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Mayor

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Deputy Clerk