

Ms. Anne MacKay, Chair, Guelph Public Library Board, spoke about the goals the library has regarding providing services and benefits to the community.

Mr. Steve Kraft, CEO, Guelph Public Library, advised that the 132 year old Guelph library is the oldest public library in Ontario. He highlighted the services of the library including the growing delivery of electronic eBooks, music and magazine services, new programs and delivery of services. He addressed fundraising challenges and spoke to the acquisitions budget. He noted they partner with other libraries to purchase goods in volume at a lower price and they are continually reviewing delivery models.

Councillor MacKinnon left the meeting (7:03 p.m.)

Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health

Mr. David Kennedy, Director, Finance and Corporate Operations, Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Health Unit, provided information regarding services Public Health provides and their funding sources. He outlined the breakdown of municipal funding and summarized the challenges they are facing in 2015.

County of Wellington

Mr. Eddie Alton, Social Services Administrator, provided a summary of the County social services programs, caseloads and challenges being faced to meet the needs of the community.

Mr. Ken DeHart, County Treasurer provided a summary of the Social Services, Ontario Works, Social Housing and Child Care Services operating and capital budgets. He addressed the upcoming expiration of the housing providers' agreements and the potential effect on their budget. He noted there is an increase in funding from the Province and advised the Province now pays for the social benefit programs and explained the trends for the past four years. He advised of the reopening of the Willowdale Centre and spoke to challenges resulting from the provincial change to full day kindergarten. He also clarified that the City will no longer be paying after the month of January 2015 for Wellington Terrace.

Councillor Allt left the meeting. (8:10 p.m)

Council recessed at 8:10 p.m. and reconvened at 8:20 p.m.

Downtown Guelph Business Association

Mr. Marty Williams, Executive Director, Downtown Guelph Business Association (DGBA), explained the Downtown Guelph Business Association mandate and highlighted the various events, promotions and sponsorships they are engaged in, as well as their marketing and membership services. He noted issues and concerns they continue to face and provided highlights from their submitted budget regarding their increase, alignment with the City's priorities, clarity of cash flow and reduction of the deficit.

Guelph Police Services

Ms. Judy Sorbara, Chair, Guelph Police Services Board, advised their budget was determined based on the 2013-2015 strategic business plan they developed and explained their decision making process.

Acting Chief Jeff DeRuyter, Guelph Police Services, advised they are celebrating their 175th anniversary this year. He provided an overview of the budget development and goals, the service results, key driving forces and a service delivery model breakdown. He noted that they surpassed the City's capital budget reduction request. He outlined the numerous programs and services they provide and ways they continue to find efficiencies.

He advised that they will work with the City to prioritize enforcement of the school zones and speeding throughout the City as a whole. He stated they have increased the radar equipment and staff training to assist with enforcement.

Recommendation

1. Moved by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Downer

1. That the 2015 Local Boards and Shared Services budgets be received for information.
2. That the 2015 Local Boards and Shared Services Budgets be referred to the March 25, 2015 Council Meeting for final deliberation and approval.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Bell, Billings, Downer, Gibson, Gordon, Hofland, Piper, Salisbury and Wettstein (10)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

CARRIED

Adjournment (8:59 p.m.)

3. Moved by Councillor Hofland
Seconded by Councillor Billings

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Minutes to be confirmed on March 23, 2015.

Mayor Guthrie

Tina Agnello - Deputy Clerk