

Council Chambers
March 2, 2011

Council convened in formal session at 7:00 p.m.

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

Staff Present: Mr. H. Loewig, Chief Administrative Officer; Mr. M. Amorosi, Executive Director of Human Resources & Legal Services; Dr. J. Laird, Executive Director of Planning, Engineering & Environmental Services; Mr. D. McCaughan, Executive Director of Operations & Transit; Ms. A. Pappert, Executive Director of Community & Social Services; Ms. M. Neubauer, Chief Financial Officer/ City Treasurer; Mrs. L.A. Giles, General Manager of Information Services/City Clerk; and Ms. J. Sweeney, Council Committee Co-ordinator

DECLARATIONS UNDER MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

2011 Tax Supported Operating and Capital Budgets

1. Moved by Councillor Burcher
Seconded by Councillor Hofland
THAT the proposed 2011 Tax Supported Operating Budget net levy of \$171,130,731 be reduced by \$200,000 in compensation related costs to a revised 2011 amount of \$170,930,731 (5.54%);

AND THAT the proposed increase to user fees and transfers to/from reserve funds incorporated in the 2011 budget, be approved;

AND THAT the 2011 Tax Supported Capital Budget, in the amount of \$44,800,000 be approved;

AND THAT the 2012-2015 Tax Supported Capital Forecast in the amount of \$223,666,000 be received for information.

2. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Findlay
Seconded by Councillor Hofland
THAT no action be taken on the transit fare increase as outlined in the 2010 Tax Supported Operating Budget.

Ms. M. Neubauer
Mr. D. McCaughan

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Burcher, Findlay, Hofland, Laidlaw, Piper, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (7)

VOTING AGAINST: Bell, Dennis, Furfaro, Guthrie, Kovach and Van Hellemond (6)

Carried

Ms. M. Neubauer
Mr. D. McCaughan

3. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Findlay
Seconded by Councillor Hofland
THAT the allocation for the transit terminal be reduced by \$90,000 to reflect a November opening of the facility.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Burcher, Dennis, Findlay, Furfaro, Guthrie, Hofland, Kovach, Laidlaw, Piper, Van Hellemond, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (13)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

Ms. M. Neubauer
Mr. D. McCaughan

4. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Findlay
Seconded by Councillor Hofland
THAT the Supervisor, By-law Compliance in the amount of \$103,000 be deleted from the budget.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Burcher, Dennis, Findlay, Furfaro, Guthrie, Hofland, Kovach, Laidlaw, Piper, Van Hellemond, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (13)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

Ms. M. Neubauer
Mr. D. McCaughan

5. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Findlay
Seconded by Councillor Burcher
THAT the Sign & Sidewalk Inspector be reduced by \$10,600.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Burcher, Dennis, Findlay, Furfaro, Guthrie, Hofland, Kovach, Laidlaw, Piper, Van Hellemond, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (13)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

Ms. M. Neubauer
Mr. D. McCaughan

6. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Burcher
Seconded by Councillor Hofland
THAT the proposed 2011 operating budget be increased by \$260,000 to provide 20 minute transit service during the months of June, July and August.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Burcher, Findlay, Guthrie, Hofland, Laidlaw, Piper, and Mayor Farbridge (8)

VOTING AGAINST: Dennis, Furfaro, Kovach, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (5)

Carried

Ms. M. Neubauer
Mr. D. McCaughan

7. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Burcher
Seconded by Councillor Hofland
THAT the Transit Mobility Operations Supervisor in the amount of \$74,200 be deleted from the budget.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Burcher, Dennis, Findlay, Furfaro, Guthrie, Hofland, Kovach, Laidlaw, Piper, Van Hellemond, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (13)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

Ms. M. Neubauer
Ms. A. Pappert

8. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Burcher
Seconded by Councillor Hofland
THAT Civic Precinct – Market Square Events and Programming be reduced by \$31,600.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Burcher, Dennis, Findlay, Furfaro, Guthrie, Hofland, Kovach, Laidlaw, Piper, Van Hellemond, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (13)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

9. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Burcher
Seconded by Councillor Piper
THAT funding for the Guelph Wellington Drug Strategy be increased by \$22,890.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Burcher, Bell, Hofland, Laidlaw, Piper, and Mayor Farbridge (6)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Dennis, Findlay, Furfaro, Guthrie, Kovach, Van Hellemond, Wettstein (7)

Defeated

10. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Kovach
THAT the Planning Clerk in the amount of \$46,400 be deleted from the budget.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Findlay, Guthrie, Kovach, Piper and Mayor Farbridge (5)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Bell, Burcher, Dennis, Furfaro, Hofland, Laidlaw, Van Hellemond, Wettstein (8)

Defeated

Ms. M. Neubauer
Dr. J. Laird

11. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Dennis
THAT the budget be reduced by \$37,000 by deferring the hiring of an Organic Program Manager until June.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Burcher, Dennis, Findlay, Furfaro, Guthrie, Hofland, Laidlaw, Piper, Van Hellemond, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (12)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillor Kovach (1)

Carried

Ms. M. Neubauer

12. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Hofland
Seconded by Councillor Laidlaw
THAT the budget be reduced by \$63,000 by funding the proposed Tax Collection position at \$0.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Burcher, Dennis, Findlay, Furfaro, Guthrie, Hofland, Kovach, Laidlaw, Piper, Van Hellemond, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (13)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

Ms. M. Neubauer

13. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Hofland
Seconded by Councillor Burcher
THAT the Financial Systems Analyst in the amount of \$18,000 be deleted from the budget.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Burcher, Dennis, Findlay, Furfaro, Guthrie, Hofland, Kovach, Laidlaw, Piper, Van Hellemond, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (13)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

Ms. M. Neubauer
Mr. D. McCaughan

14. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Hofland
Seconded by Councillor Burcher
THAT the budget be reduced by \$137,400 by changing the snow removal standard to 10cm from the existing 8cm.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Burcher, Findlay, Furfaro, Guthrie, Hofland, Kovach, Laidlaw, Piper, Van Hellemond, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (12)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillor Dennis (1)

Carried

Ms. M. Neubauer
Mr. D. McCaughan
Dr. J. Laird

15. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Hofland
Seconded by Councillor Bell
THAT the Vehicle Purchase for Waste Resource Centre be reduced by \$213,000 to eliminate the City purchase of vehicles.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Burcher, Dennis, Findlay, Guthrie, Hofland, Kovach, Laidlaw, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (10)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Furfaro, Piper and Van Hellemond, (3)

Carried

Ms. M. Neubauer
Ms. A. Pappert

16. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Laidlaw
Seconded by Councillor Burcher
THAT the Community Well Being Strategy in the amount of \$100,000 be funded from the Social Services Reserve.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Burcher, Dennis, Findlay, Hofland, Laidlaw, Piper, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (8)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Bell, Furfaro, Guthrie, Kovach and Van Hellemond (5)

Carried

Ms. M. Neubauer
Ms. A. Pappert

17. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Laidlaw
Seconded by Councillor Hofland
THAT the Social Services Assessment of Programs & Services in the amount of \$100,000 be funded from the Social Services Reserve.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Burcher, Dennis, Findlay, Hofland, Laidlaw, Piper, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (8)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillor Bell, Furfaro, Guthrie, Kovach and Van Hellemond (5)

Carried

18. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Laidlaw
Seconded by Councillor Burcher
That the budget be increased by \$130,000 to provide transit service on the 10 statutory holidays in 2011.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Burcher, Hofland, Laidlaw and Piper, (4)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Bell, Dennis, Findlay, Furfaro, Guthrie, Kovach, Van Hellemond, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (9)

Defeated

Ms. M. Neubauer
Mr. D. McCaughan

19. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Laidlaw
Seconded by Councillor Burcher
THAT the budget be increased by \$68,000 to provide transit service on Canada Day, John Galt Day, Labour Day, Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Burcher, Dennis, Findlay, Hofland, Laidlaw, Piper, Van Hellemond, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (10)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Furfaro, Guthrie and Kovach (3)

Carried

20. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Kovach
Seconded by Councillor Bell
THAT the budget be reduced by eliminating the new hires with the exception of Police and any previous positions approved by Council.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Furfaro, Guthrie, Kovach and Van Hellemond (5)

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

Defeated

Ms. M. Neubauer
Dr. J. Laird

21. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Kovach
Seconded by Councillor Piper
THAT the budget be reduced by \$23,000 with respect to
the Planning Clerk.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Findlay, Furfaro,
Guthrie, Hofland, Kovach, Laidlaw, Piper, Van Hellemond,
Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (11)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillor Burcher and Dennis (2)

Carried

Ms. M. Neubauer
Ms. A. Pappert

22. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Kovach
Seconded by Councillor Guthrie
THAT the allocation to Community & Social Services –
Grants be reduced by \$23,300.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Dennis, Findlay,
Furfaro, Guthrie, Kovach and Van Hellemond (7)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Burcher, Hofland, Laidlaw,
Piper, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (6)

Carried

Ms. M. Neubauer
Mr. M. Amorosi

23. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Kovach
Seconded by Councillor Furfaro
THAT Training & Development be reduced by \$220,000.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Dennis, Findlay,
Furfaro, Guthrie, Kovach and Van Hellemond, (7)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Burcher, Hofland, Laidlaw,
Piper, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (6)

Carried

24. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Kovach
Seconded by Councillor Guthrie
THAT downtown metered parking be reinstated in the
amount of \$156,000.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Furfaro, Guthrie,
Kovach, Laidlaw and Van Hellemond, (6)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Burcher, Dennis, Findlay,
Hofland, Piper, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (7)

Defeated

Ms. M. Neubauer
Mrs. L.A. Giles

25. Moved by Amendment by Councillor Kovach
Seconded by Councillor Guthrie
THAT Council catering in the amount of \$5,000 be deleted
from the budget.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Dennis, Furfaro,
Guthrie, Kovach, Laidlaw and Van Hellemond, (7)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Burcher, Findlay, Hofland,
Piper, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (6)

Carried

26. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Kovach
Seconded by Councilor Guthrie
THAT the bookmobile in the amount of \$200,000 be
deleted from the budget.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Dennis, Furfaro,
Guthrie, Kovach and Van Hellemond, (6)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillor Burcher, Findlay, Hofland,
Laidlaw, Piper, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (7)

Defeated

27. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Guthrie
Seconded by Councillor Dennis
THAT other than contractual obligations, the Guelph Public
Library budget be reduced by \$235,600.

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

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Burcher, Dennis, Findlay,
Hofland, Laidlaw, Piper, Van Hellemond, Wettstein and
Mayor Farbridge (9)

Defeated

Ms. M. Neubauer
Ms. K. Pope

28. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Guthrie
Seconded by Councillor Kovach
THAT the Library Network Specialist/Engineer in the
amount of \$74,500 be deleted from the budget.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Dennis, Findlay,
Furfaro, Guthrie, Kovach, Van Hellemond, Wettstein and
Mayor Farbridge (9)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Burcher, Hofland and
Laidlaw (3)

Councillor Piper was absent from the Chambers when the vote was taken.

Carried

Ms. M. Neubauer
Ms. K. Pope

29. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Guthrie
Seconded by Councillor Kovach

THAT the Library Communications & Marketing Co-ordinator in the amount of \$16,500 be deleted from the budget.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Dennis, Furfaro, Guthrie, Kovach, Van Hellemond, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (8)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Burcher, Findlay, Hofland and Laidlaw (4)

Councillor Piper was absent from the Chambers when the vote was taken.

Carried

30. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Guthrie
Seconded by Councillor Kovach

THAT the Library Clerks for the West End, Bullfrog and Scottsdale library branches in the amount of \$26,200 each, be deleted from the budget.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Dennis, Furfaro, Guthrie, Kovach and Van Hellemond (6)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Burcher, Findlay, Hofland, Laidlaw, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (6)

Councillor Piper was absent from the Chambers when the vote was taken.

The motion was lost on a tied vote.

31. Moved by Councillor Findlay
Seconded by Councillor Dennis

THAT Procedural By-law (1996)-15200 be suspended to allow Council to continue until 11:59 p.m.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Burcher, Dennis, Findlay, Furfaro, Hofland, Laidlaw, Piper, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (9)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Bell, Guthrie, Kovach and Van Hellemond (4)

Carried

32. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Guthrie
Seconded by Councillor Furfaro
THAT the budget reflect no increase in compensation for
Guelph City Councillors for 2011.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Furfaro, Guthrie,
Kovach and Van Hellemond (5)

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

Defeated

33. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Guthrie
Seconded by Councillor Furfaro
THAT the budget reflect no increase in compensation for
the Mayor in 2011.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Furfaro, Guthrie,
Kovach and Van Hellemond (5)

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

Defeated

Ms. M. Neubauer
Mr. D. McCaughan

34. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Guthrie
Seconded by Councillor Dennis
THAT the Operations & Transit Summer Student
Labourers allocation be reduced by \$50,000.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Dennis, Furfaro,
Guthrie, Kovach, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (7)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Burcher, Findlay, Hofland,
Laidlaw, Piper and Mayor Farbridge (6)

Carried

Ms. M. Neubauer
Ms. K. Pope

35. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor Furfaro
THAT the bookmobile be funded for 6 months at a cost of
\$120,000 during which time an analysis is completed on
the feasibility of continuing this service.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Dennis, Furfaro,
Guthrie, Kovach, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (7)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Burcher, Findlay Hofland,
Laidlaw, Piper and Mayor Farbridge (6)

Carried

36. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor Guthrie
THAT one hour free parking be provided in City parking lots.

Ms. M. Neubauer
Mr. D. McCaughan

37. Moved by Councillor Kovach
Seconded by Councillor Wettstein
THAT the matter of providing one hour free parking in City parking lots be deferred until March 3, 2011.

The motion for deferral took precedence and was voted on first.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Burcher, Dennis, Furfaro, Guthrie, Kovach, Van Hellemond, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (8)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Bell, Findlay, Hofland, Laidlaw and Piper (5)

Carried

38. Moved by in Amendment by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor Wettstein
THAT in order to accommodate the 5 day statutory holiday transit service, the transit cash fare be increased to \$3 effective September 2011.

Ms. M. Neubauer
Mr. D. McCaughan

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Furfaro, Guthrie, Kovach, Piper, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (7)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Burcher, Dennis, Findlay, Hofland, Laidlaw, and Mayor Farbridge (6)

Carried

39. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor Guthrie
THAT Community & Social Services, Social Services Work Plan, which includes the Community Well Being Strategy, Social Services Base Staff and Social Services Assessment of Programs and Services in the amount of \$456,100 be deleted from the budget.

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

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

Defeated

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:58 o'clock p.m. and will reconvene at 7 p.m. on March 3, 2011.

Minutes read and confirmed March 28, 2011.

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Mayor

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Clerk