

Council Chambers  
April 13, 2011

**Council convened in formal session at 7:00 p.m. to provide an overview of the status of the proposed new Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Health Facility Building**

Present: Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Bell, Burcher (arrived at 6:15 p.m.), Dennis, Findlay, Furfaro, Guthrie, Hofland, Kovach (departed at 6:55 p.m.), Laidlaw (arrived at 7:18 p.m.), Piper, Van Hellemond and Wettstein

Staff Present: Mr. H. Loewig, Chief Administrative Officer; Mr. M. Amorosi, Executive Director of Human Resources & Legal 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; Ms. D. Jaques, General Manager, Legal/Realty Services/City Solicitor; Mr. C. Walsh, General Manager, Wastewater Services; Mr. J. Stokes, Manager of Realty Services; Ms. T. Agnello, Deputy Clerk; and Ms. D. Black, Assistant Council Committee Co-ordinator

**DECLARATIONS UNDER MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT**

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Mark Amorosi, Executive Director, Human Resources and Legal Services, advised the purpose of the meeting was to apprise Council and the public of the status of the proposed new public health facility and provided a brief history of the situation.

Donna Jaques, General Manager, Legal/Realty Services/City Solicitor advised of the legal and governance issues of the board of health. She stated that one issue that needs to be resolved is the definition of real property; and another is the municipal consent required to make decisions regarding property. She also advised that there are governance issues of transparency and accountability due to the fact that board meetings are held in closed session.

Councillor Burcher arrived at the meeting.

Jim Stokes, Manager of Realty Services, provided information regarding the site of the proposed facility. He

advised City staff have not been provided the agreements between the board of health and the university. He addressed issues regarding the terms of the lease. He

advised there will be an examination of the tax exemption option.

Staff were requested to obtain more information regarding the actual size of the current space being utilized by the health unit at all of their locations.

Margaret Neubauer, Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer advised the board of health currently leases six facilities. She outlined the financial impacts of the proposal of the new building facility. She stated the City's preferred alternative is to continue commercial leases because it would maintain municipal costs because there would be funding from the province and no impact on the City's capital projects or the City's debt. She said another option would be to have the host municipality build and then they would have title and potential revenue.

Councillor Kovach left the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Ann Pappert, Executive Director, Community & Social Services addressed the need for community engagement and accessibility considerations when developing public facilities. She questioned the alignment of current and new facilities with the board of health's strategic plan and their principles that were established in 2008. She stated that minimizing accessibility, education, literature, and discrimination, geographical, mental and physical barriers is vital when determining location. She advised the City cannot find reference to public involvement, how the priority groups were identified or how they were engaged. She raised the issue of the key space factors considered when determining needs and questioned the large increase from current staffing and space levels. She stated consideration must be given to the benefits and drawbacks of consolidation and centralization of services versus decentralization. She referred to Shelldale Community Centre as an excellent example of multiple partners sharing a location in the neighbourhood they serve.

Councillor Laidlaw arrived at the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

The Mayor advised staff will be report back before the permanent injunction hearing is held.

Councillor Laidlaw made an apology to the Mayor, fellow Councillors and community for her choice of language at the council budget meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 o'clock p.m.

Minutes read and confirmed April 26, 2011.

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Mayor

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Deputy Clerk