



**Minutes of Guelph City Council
Held in the Council Chambers, Guelph City Hall on
April 24, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.**

Attendance

Council: Mayor C. Guthrie
Councillor P. Allt
Councillor B. Bell
Councillor C. Billings
Councillor C. Downer
Councillor D. Gibson
Councillor J. Gordon

Councillor J. Hofland
Councillor M. MacKinnon
Councillor L. Piper
Councillor M. Salisbury
Councillor A. Van Hellemond
Councillor K. Wettstein

Staff: Mr. D. Thomson, Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. C. Clack, Interim Deputy CAO of Corporate Services
Mr. S. Stewart, Deputy CAO of Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise
Ms. T. Baker, General Manager, Finance/Treasurer
Mr. S. O'Brien, City Clerk
Mr. D. McMahon, Council Committee Coordinator

Call to Order (6:00 p.m.)

Mayor Guthrie called the meeting to order.

Authority to Resolve into a Closed Meeting of Council

1. Moved by Councillor Gordon
Seconded by Councillor Allt

That the Council of the City of Guelph now hold a meeting that is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 239 (2) (d) of the Municipal Act with respect to labour relations or employee negotiations.

Carried

Closed Meeting (6:03 p.m.)

Councillor Piper arrived at 6:03 p.m.

Councillor Hofland arrived at 6:03 p.m.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures.

The following matters were considered:

C-CON-2017.7 ATU Collective Bargaining Mandate Request

Rise and recess from Closed Meeting (6:22 p.m.)

Council recessed.

Open Meeting (6:30 p.m.)

Mayor Guthrie called the meeting to order.

Closed Meeting Summary

Mayor Guthrie spoke regarding the matters addressed in closed and identified the following:

Minutes – Council Closed Session – March 27, 2017

These minutes were adopted by Council.

C-CON-2017.7 ATU Collective Bargaining Mandate Request

Staff were given direction on this matter.

The Mayor made the following statement regarding the ATU Collective bargaining Mandate Request:

Tonight Council provided staff with direction and a mandate for the upcoming union negotiations and the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU).

Council was clear in its direction. We hope to negotiate a fair, reasonable and affordable contract with our Transit employees – one that recognizes our belief that Transit employees should be compensated appropriately for the valued work they do, but also one that recognizes the balance needed to ensure long term affordability for our citizens.

Mayor Guthrie congratulated Doug Hallet, Guelph Mercury-Tribune Reporter, on his upcoming retirement.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

Councillor Gibson declared a pecuniary interest regarding the Habitat for Humanity Development Charge Late Payment Agreement because his wife serves as a voluntary board member for Habitat for Humanity.

Confirmation of Minutes

2. Moved by Councillor Gibson
Seconded by Councillor Van Hellemond

That the minutes of the open Council Meetings held March 27 and April 10, 2017, and the open meeting minutes of the April 3, 2017 Committee of the Whole, be confirmed as recorded and without being read.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Bell, Billings, Downer, Gibson, Gordon, Hofland, MacKinnon, Piper, Salisbury, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (13)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

Committee of the Whole Consent Report

The following items were extracted:

COW-CS-2017.02	Tax Ratios 2017-2020 Assessment Cycle
COW-CS-2017.03	2017 Tax Policy
COW-2017.01	Councillors Mike Salisbury and Leanne Piper Request for Access to Additional Training Funding 2017
CON-2017.09	Surplus Asset Sales Policies – Mayor Guthrie’s Motion for which notice was given on March 6, 2017
CON-2017.11	Habitat for Humanity Development Charge Late Payment Agreement

Balance of Committee of the Whole Consent Items

3. Moved by Councillor Billings
Seconded by Councillor Hofland

That the balance of the April 24, 2017 Committee of the Whole Consent Report as identified below, be adopted:

COW-PS-2017.02 Outstanding Resolutions of Public Services

Recommendation:

That the recommendations marked as “completed” within Report# PS-17-05 Outstanding Resolutions of Public Services be removed from the outstanding resolutions list.

COW-PS-2017.03 Animal Control By-law Chicken Amendments

Recommendation:

1. That as detailed in Public Services Report #PS-17-04 Animal Control By-law chicken amendments, that staff be directed to create an amendment to the Animal Control By-law (2016)-20122 to permit residents that cannot facilitate a 15 metre (50 feet) distance for the keeping of poultry to keep chickens provided the following can be met:

Hen coops and hen runs shall be a distance of at least 1.2m from the rear lot line and at least 1.2m from any side lot line of the dwelling lot on which the hen coop is located (meeting the setback requirements as per the zoning bylaw);

Pens (includes hen coop and hen run) must be located the furthest from any other dwelling, and must be 1.2m away from any property line;

Pens shall be located at least 7.5m from the lot line to any religious institution or business or school;

Pens shall be a minimum distance of 3m from all windows and doors of dwellings that are located on an abutting property;

Pens are not permitted in any front or side yard;

That the maximum number of hens be limited to ten (10).

2. That as detailed in Public Services Report #PS-17-04 Animal Control By-law chicken amendments, that staff be directed to create an amendment to the Animal Control Bylaw (2016)-20122 requiring food for poultry be stored in an animal proof secured container.
3. That as detailed in Public Services Report #PS-17-04 Animal Control By-law chicken amendments, that staff be directed to create an amendment to the Animal Control By-law (2016)-20122 requiring that coop floors be lined with an appropriate material to absorb fecal matter and to facilitate cleaning.
4. That as detailed in Public Services Report #PS-17-04 Animal Control By-law chicken amendments, that staff be directed to create an amendment to the Animal Control By-law (2016)-20122 requiring that residents keeping backyard chickens shall provide each hen with food, water, shelter, light, ventilation, appropriate substrate flooring, and provide opportunities for essential behaviours such as scratching, nesting, including but not limited to dust-bathing, and roosting, to maintain each hen in good health and welfare.
5. That as detailed in Public Services Report #PS-17-04 Animal Control By-law chicken amendments, that staff be directed to create an amendment to the Animal Control By-law (2016)-20122 prohibiting persons from killing a domestic animal on their property, except by a licenced vet or otherwise authorized by the City of Guelph.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Bell, Billings, Downer, Gibson, Gordon, Hofland, MacKinnon, Piper, Salisbury, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (13)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

**CON-2017.15 Exploring Pathways for Aligning Guelph's
Corporate Assets with the Low Carbon Economy**

Councillor Gibson withdrew the motion.

Items for Discussion

**CON-2017.12 Nomination of a City of Guelph Representative to
Apply for a Federation of Canadian Municipalities
(FCM) Board of Director Position**

4. Moved by Councillor Piper
 Seconded by Councillor Hofland
1. That Council endorse Cam Guthrie to stand for election on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) National Board of Directors (Ontario Chapter) for the period starting in June 2017 and ending June 2018.

2. That Council confirms it will assume all costs associated with the representative's attendance at FCM's Board of Directors meetings and Annual Conference.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Bell, Billings, Downer, Gibson, Gordon, Hofland, MacKinnon, Piper, Salisbury, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (13)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

CON-2017.11 Habitat for Humanity Development Charge Late Payment Agreement

Councillor Gibson did not discuss or vote on this item.

5. Moved by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Downer

That the Mayor and Clerk be directed to execute the Development Charge late payment agreement with Habitat for Humanity, generally in the form included as Attachment 2 to IDE Report 17-46, dated April 24, 2017.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Bell, Billings, Downer, Gordon, Hofland, MacKinnon, Piper, Salisbury, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (12)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

COW-2017.01 Councillors Mike Salisbury and Leanne Piper Request for Access to Additional Training Funding 2017

6. Moved by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Allt

That Councillor Leanne Piper be authorized to exceed her 2017 training allocation of \$3250 to an upset limit of \$750 in order to attend the American Planning Association conference in May 2017.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Bell, Billings, Downer, Gibson, Gordon, Hofland, MacKinnon, Piper, Salisbury, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (13)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

CON-2017.09 Surplus Asset Sales Policies – Mayor Guthrie's Motion for which notice was given on March 6, 2017

It was requested that the clauses be voted on separately.

7. Moved by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor Hofland

1. That staff report back on the City of Guelph's policy on local community non-profit access to surplus assets through our Wellbeing Grant policy.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Bell, Billings, Downer, Gibson, Gordon, Hofland, MacKinnon, Piper, Salisbury, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (13)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

2. That staff be directed to facilitate the potential transfer of one surplus ambulance to St. John's Ambulance within the 2017 budget from the Infrastructure Renewal Reserve.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Bell, Downer, Gordon, Hofland, MacKinnon, Piper, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (10)

Voting Against: Councillor Billings, Gibson and Salisbury (3)

Carried

COW-CS-2017.02 Tax Ratios 2017-2020 Assessment Cycle

8. Moved by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor Allt

1. That the Tax Ratios for the 2017 year be adopted as set out in Table One of the "Tax Ratios 2017-2020 Assessment Cycle" Report CS-2017-02 dated Monday, April 3, 2017.
2. That the Tax Ratios for the remainder of the 2017-2020 assessment cycle be adopted based on start ratios for all tax classes except for the multi-residential ratio which will remain revenue neutral on an annual basis.
3. That the tax ratios be incorporated into the appropriate Tax Policy.

Voting in Favour: Councillors Allt, Bell, Downer, Gordon, Hofland, MacKinnon, Piper, Salisbury, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (10)

Voting Against: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Billings and Gibson (3)

Carried

COW-CS-2017.03 2017 Tax Policy

It was requested that clauses 1 and 2 be voted on separately from clauses 3 and 4.

9. Moved by Councillor Gibson
Seconded by Councillor Bell

1. That the 2017 City of Guelph Property Tax Policies set out in Schedule 1 to the "2017 Tax Policy" CS-2017-07 report dated April 3, 2017, be approved.
2. That the tax policies be incorporated into tax ratio, tax rate, and capping by-laws to be adopted on April 24, 2017.

Voting in Favour: Councillors Allt, Bell, Downer, Gordon, Hofland, MacKinnon, Piper, Salisbury, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (10)

Voting Against: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Billings and Gibson (3)

Carried

3. That a tax rate related to the dedicated infrastructure levy be calculated for the required amount and identified separately on the 2017 and future years' City tax bills replacing the previously separated Public Health levy.
4. That the maximum allowed capping parameters be used for 2017, allowing the City of Guelph to exit the capping program in the shortest time frame available.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Bell, Billings, Downer, Gibson, Gordon, Hofland, MacKinnon, Piper, Salisbury, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (13)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

CON-2017.14 Annual Report from the Integrity Commissioner

Robert Swayze, City of Guelph Integrity Commissioner, presented the 2016 Annual Report from the Integrity Commissioner.

10. Moved by Councillor Downer
 Secoded by Councillor Gibson

That the 2016 Annual Report of the Integrity Commissioner, dated April 24, 2017, be received

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Bell, Billings, Downer, Gibson, Hofland, MacKinnon, Piper, Salisbury, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (12)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

COW-CS-2017.04 2018 Municipal Election: Methods of Voting

The following delegates spoke regarding this item:

Anne Gajersky-Cauley
Aleksander Essex
Brian Holstein
George Kelly
Dave Suffling
Cameron Shelley
Jason Dodge and Brad Howcroft

Councillor Allt declared a point of personal privilege.

The following delegates spoke regarding this item:

Bill McClellan
Susan Watson

Council recessed at 9:53 p.m. and reconvened at 10:03 p.m.

The following delegates spoke regarding this item:

Ron East
Lin Grist
Dennis Galon

Maggie Laidlaw
Hugh Whiteley
Laura Root

Extension of Meeting Per Procedural By-law

11. Moved by Councillor Downer
Seconded by Councillor Gibson

That Section 4.13 (a) and (b) of the Procedural By-law be invoked to allow Council to continue to 11:59 p.m.

Carried

COW-CS-2017.04 2018 Municipal Election: Methods of Voting

12. Moved by Councillor MacKinnon
Seconded by Councillor Van Hellemond

That a By-law be adopted to support the use of vote scanners/tabulators in the 2018 Municipal Election.

Amendment

13. Moved by Councillor MacKinnon
Seconded by Councillor Van Hellemond

That a By-law be adopted to support the use of vote scanners/tabulators in the 2018 Municipal Election **and that internet voting be permitted during the advanced voting period.**

Suspending the Procedural By-law

14. Moved by Councillor MacKinnon
Seconded by Councillor Downer

That the Procedural By-law be suspended to allow Council to continue beyond 12:00 a.m.

Carried

COW-CS-2017.04 2018 Municipal Election: Methods of Voting

Amendment

15. Moved by Councillor MacKinnon
Seconded by Councillor Van Hellemond

That a By-law be adopted to support the use of vote scanners/tabulators in the 2018 Municipal Election **and that internet voting be permitted during the advanced voting period.**

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Billings, Downer, Gibson, MacKinnon and Van Hellemond (6)

Voting Against: Councillor Allt, Bell, Gordon, Hofland, Piper, Salisbury and Wettstein (7)

Defeated

Main Motion

16. Moved by Councillor MacKinnon
Seconded by Councillor Van Hellemond

That a By-law be adopted to support the use of vote scanners/tabulators in the 2018 Municipal Election.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Bell, Billings, Gibson, Gordon, Hofland, MacKinnon, Piper, Salisbury, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (12)

Voting Against: Councillor Downer (1)

Carried

Councillor Van Hellemond left the meeting at 12:41 p.m.

17. Moved by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor Salisbury

That the Council of the City of Guelph inform the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Province of Ontario that online voting requires proper standards and a process to ensure security of online voting for those unable to vote by paper ballot.

Voting in Favour: Councillors Allt, Bell, Gordon, Hofland, Piper, Salisbury, and Wettstein (7)

Voting Against: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Billings, Downer, Gibson and MacKinnon (5)

Carried

Special Resolutions

CON-2017.16 Notice of Motion Policy

18. Moved by Councillor Wettstein
Seconded by Councillor Allt

That the following be referred to the May 1, 2017 Committee of the Whole:

That Council suspend the use of Notices of Motion until staff bring forward a clear policy on their purpose and intent.

Voting in Favour: Councillors Allt, Gordon, Hofland, Piper, Salisbury and Wettstein (6)

Voting Against: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Bell, Billings, Downer, Gibson and MacKinnon (6)

Defeated

By-laws

19. Moved by Councillor Gordon
Seconded by Councillor Hofland

That By-laws Numbered (2017)-20160 to (2017)-20168, inclusive, are hereby passed.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Bell, Billings, Downer, Gibson, Gordon, Hofland, MacKinnon, Piper, Salisbury and Wettstein (12)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

Adjournment (12:53 a.m.)

20. Moved by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor Salisbury

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

Minutes to be confirmed on May 23, 2017.

Mayor Guthrie

Stephen O'Brien - City Clerk