

Council Chambers
June 10, 2009 7:00 p.m.

A meeting of Guelph City Council.

Present: Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Beard, Bell, Billings, Farrelly, Hofland, Piper, Wettstein and Salisbury

Absent: Councillors Burcher, Findlay, Kovach, Laidlaw

Staff Present: Mr. J. Riddell, Director of Community Design & Development Services; Ms. T. Sinclair, Manager of Legal Services; Ms. M. Plaunt, Manager of Policy Planning and Urban Design; Mr. S. Hannah, Manager of Development & Parks Planning; Mr. G. Atkinson, Policy Planner; Mr. P. Kraehling, Senior Policy Planner; Ms. T. Agnello, Deputy City Clerk and Ms. D. Black, Assistant Council Committee Coordinator

DECLARATIONS UNDER MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

PLANNING PUBLIC MEETING

Official Plan Amendment No. 39 Conformity with the Planning Framework of the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (Growth Plan) (OPA 39)

Councillor Salisbury arrived at 7:06 p.m.

Mr. G. Atkinson, Policy Planner provided the background, to OPA 39 and the purpose of the Official Plan Amendment. He reviewed key comments and input received throughout the process and advised how they either instigated changes to OPA 39, or why they did not result in changes. He also outlined financial implications with regard to the new development charges by-law and provincial funding; and stated that a detailed analysis of the fiscal implications of growth is currently underway.

Mr. Arthur Churchyard expressed concerns regarding was also concerned about the lack of use of the word "food", and ambiguous terminology regarding the term "sustainability", "prime agricultural lands", and "urban agriculture".

Staff will be developing definitions and terminology within the Official Plan Update and are currently working with various interest groups. They will also address comments received from the public to date. The Official Plan Update will incorporate various methods of conservation and energy efficiency, including district heating and cooling.

Staff will also review with the Finance department the feasibility of incorporating a policy for tax breaks in the Official Plan.

Mr. J. Riddell
Mrs. L.A. Giles
Ms. M. Neubauer

1. Moved by Councillor Salisbury
Seconded by Councillor Piper
THAT Report 09-52 dated June 10, 2009 from Community Design and Development Services regarding Official Plan Amendment No. 39 be received;

AND THAT Official Plan Amendment No. 39 initiated by the City of Guelph to bring the City's Official Plan into conformity with the planning framework of the Growth Plan be approved in accordance with the polices and mapping set out in Attachment 1 of Community Design and Development Services Report 09-52, dated June 10, 2009, as revised as follows:

- i) Policy 2.4.14 is revised to remove the words "recognizes the importance of" and replace them with the words, "is committed to"
- ii) Policy 9.3.4 g) is revised to remove the words, "measures to mitigate";

AND THAT Council pass a by-law to ADOPT the amendment;

AND THAT Council, pursuant to Section 26 (7) of the *Planning Act*, declare to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing that Official Plan Amendment No. 39 meets the requirements of Section 26 (1) (a) (i), (ii) and (iii) in that it conforms to the Growth Plan, has had regard to the matters of Provincial interest, and is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement (2005);

AND THAT Council pass a by-law setting out requirements for pre-consultation with the City's Community Design and Development Services staff prior to the submission of an application for an Official Plan amendment, Zoning By-law amendment, draft plan of subdivision or condominium, and/or site plan approval;

AND THAT Council pass a by-law in accordance Section 23.1 of the *Municipal Act* delegating its authority to deem

applications for an Official Plan amendment, Zoning By-law amendment, draft plan of subdivision or condominium, and/or consent to sever as complete to the Director of Community Design and Development Services;

AND THAT, once the detailed fiscal analysis is completed by Watson and Associates, staff be directed to meet with the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure to explore opportunities, in a collaborative manner, for future government investment in public infrastructure to accommodate the growth forecasted by the Growth Plan;

AND THAT the City send a letter to the Province indicating that Guelph has adopted Official Plan Amendment No. 39 to bring the City's Official Plan into conformity with the planning framework of the Growth Plan and request that the Province provide for soft and hard infrastructure funding to municipalities within the Growth Plan area that have completed the conformity exercise in accordance with the *Places to Grow Act* to accommodate forecasted growth.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Beard, Bell, Billings, Farrelly, Hofland, Piper, Salisbury, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (9)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

BY-LAWS

3. Moved by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor Wettstein
THAT By-law (2009)-18803 is hereby passed.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Beard, Bell, Billings, Farrelly, Hofland, Piper, Salisbury, and Mayor Farbridge (9)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Minutes read and confirmed June 22, 2009.

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Mayor

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Deputy Clerk