

Council Chambers
June 19, 2008

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

Present: Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Beard, Bell, Billings, Burcher, Farrelly, Hofland, Kovach (arrived at 7:35 p.m.) and Wettstein

Absent: Councillors Findlay, Laidlaw, Piper and Salisbury

Staff Present: Mr. J. Riddell, Director of Community Design and Development Services; Ms. M. Plaunt, Manager of Policy Planning and Urban Design; and Mrs. L.A. Giles, Director of Information Services/City Clerk

DECLARATIONS UNDER MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

The Mayor advised that the objective of the meeting was to discuss new strategies to involve communities in an attempt to resolve conflicting views that stall development. She suggested that this will be particularly helpful in dealing with infill and brownfield projects.

Larry Sherman and Jeremy Shute of Gartner Lee Limited were present and provided examples of new approaches to building community support for change. He highlighted the following examples:

- Calgary Planning Mediation Program
- Vancouver Neighbourhood Planning Surveys
- Toronto Neighbourhood Development Workshops
- Lincoln Institute of Land Policy Survey of ADR Cases in the U.S.

Mr. Sherman outlined lessons learned relating to principles for improving community involvement with respect to:

- early engagement and relation building

- clarifying roles of the public, the stakeholders and the decision-makers
- addressing the views of all parties
- trading issues to reach mutual gain
- using impartial mediation to manage the process, to ensure positive communications and to achieve agreeable closure.

Members of Council provided feedback on what strategies might work in Guelph.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 o'clock p.m.

Minutes read and confirmed July 28, 2008.

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Mayor

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Clerk