

Council Chambers
October 19, 2011

Council convened in formal session at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Bell, Burcher, Dennis, Findlay, Furfaro, Guthrie, Hofland, Laidlaw (arrived at 6:09), Piper and Wettstein

Absent: Councillors Kovach and Van Hellemond

Staff Present: Ms. A. Pappert, 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. S. Aram, Acting City Treasurer; Ms. T. Agnello, Acting Clerk; and Ms. J. Sweeney, Council Committee Co-ordinator

DECLARATIONS UNDER MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

The Mayor advised that the purpose of the meeting was to consider the 2012 Enterprise Funded (non-tax supported) Operating and Capital Budgets. She briefly recapped the budget process to date.

Water and Wastewater Services Budgets

The Executive Director of Planning, Engineering & Environmental Services introduced the Water, Wastewater and Ontario Building Code Administration budgets. She highlighted the rate pressures affecting water and wastewater, the 2011 Water Services accomplishments and outlined the increase to the average annual residential water bill. She also outlined the key budget drivers to the water budget with respect to capital cost increases, operating budget cost increases and proposed efficiency expansions. She provided information with respect to the Water Services Reserves and reserve funds.

In response to questions, Wayne Galliher, Water Conservation Project Manager provided information with respect to water consumption per person.

The Executive Director of Planning, Engineering & Environmental Services highlighted the 2011 Wastewater Services Accomplishments. She provided information on

the key budget drivers faced by the service with respect to capital cost increases, operating budget cost increases and proposed efficiency expansions. She also provided information on the Wastewater Services Reserve and reserve funds.

Dr. J. Laird
Ms. S. Aram

1. Moved by Councillor Dennis
Seconded by Councillor Findlay
THAT the proposed expansion packages in the net amounts of \$150,000 for Water and \$89,980 for wastewater be approved;

AND THAT the 2012 Water and Wastewater Operating Budgets in the amounts of \$22,544,050 and \$24,602,984 respectively, inclusive of expansions, be approved;

AND THAT the 2012 Water and Wastewater Capital Budgets and 2013 - 2021 Forecasts in the amounts of \$195,027,500 and \$234,756,800 respectively, be approved;

AND THAT the City of Guelph water volume charge of \$1.30 cents per cubic metre effective March 1, 2012 and the wastewater volume charge of \$1.41 cents per cubic metre, effective March 1, 2012, be approved;

AND THAT the City of Guelph water and wastewater basic service charges and various fees and charges, be increased as per attached schedule "A" effective March 1, 2012;

AND THAT the Waterworks Fees and Services By-law be passed.

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

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

Ontario Building Code Administration Budget

The Executive Director of Planning, Engineering & Environmental Services introduced the Ontario Building Code Administration Budget which consists of primarily two service areas, being OBC and Reserve and Non-OBC. She outlined the key budget drivers impacting the budget with respect to forecasting future building activity and revenues; forecasting future workload requirements;

compensation costs; and reduced interdepartmental cross charges. She highlighted the 2011 OBC accomplishments and the 2012 objectives. She provided information with respect to the Building Stabilization Reserve.

In response to questions, Bruce Poole, Chief Building Official provided information with respect to the City's turnaround time for the issuance of permits in relation to the surrounding comparators.

2. Moved by Councillor Hofland
Seconded by Councillor Piper

Dr. J. Laird
Ms. S. Aram
Mr. B. Poole

THAT the 2012 Ontario Building Code Administration Operating Budget in the amount of \$2,400,000 be approved.

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

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

Court Services Operating and Capital Budgets

The Executive Director of Corporate & Human Resources introduced the Court Services 2012 Operating and Capital Budgets. He advised that Court Services is comprised of the following service areas: prosecutions; Court support; Court administration; and Court facilities. He highlighted the operation of Court Services and advised that services provided are mandatory according to an agreement with the Province of Ontario. He further advised that the City cannot alter the fine amounts to increase revenues. He outlined the 2011 Court Services accomplishments and the key budget drivers relating to operating budget cost increases; creation of a POA contingency reserve; and the establishment of capital asset funding. He also provided information relating to the Court Services Reserve and reserve funds.

The Manager of Court Services in response to questions provided information with respect to the collection of outstanding fines.

3. Moved by Councillor Findlay
Seconded by Councillor Wettstein

Mr. M. Amorosi
Ms. S. Aram
Mr. B. Coutts

THAT the 2012 Court Services Operating Budgets in the amount of \$3,580,960 be approved;

AND THAT the 2012 Court Services Capital Budget and 2013-2021 Capital Forecast in the amount of \$572,700 be approved.

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

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 o'clock p.m.

Minutes read and confirmed November 28, 2011.

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Mayor

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Acting Clerk