

Council Chambers
October 24, 2012

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

Present: Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Bell, Burcher, Dennis, Findlay, Furfaro, Guthrie, Hofland, Kovach, Laidlaw, and Van Hellemond

Absent: Councillors Piper, and Wettstein

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, Building, Engineering & Environment; Mr. D. McCaughan, Executive Director of Operations, Transit & Emergency Services; Mr. A. Horsman, Executive Director, Finance & Enterprise/Chief Financial Officer; Ms. T. Agnello, Deputy City Clerk; and Ms. D. Black, Council Committee Co-ordinator

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Natural Thereof

There were no disclosures.

The Mayor advised that the purpose of the meeting was to consider the 2013 Enterprise Funded (non-tax supported) Budget and outlined the agenda for the evening.

Financial Overview

Mr. Al Horsman, Executive Director, Finance and Enterprise/Chief Financial Officer, outlined the multi-year budget forecasts and drivers as shown in his presentation.

Court Services

Mr. Mark Amorosi, Executive Director, Corporate & Human Resources, provided highlights of the Court Services Operating and Capital Budgets. He said there is a reduction of 1.5 per cent in expenditures. He stated that court services are mandatory, and self-supporting due to fine revenues; however, the fines are set by provincial legislation. He also highlighted 2012 court services accomplishments; outlined key budget drivers and explained the court services reserve contribution rates.

Discussion ensued regarding outstanding fines and collection strategies.

1. Moved by Councillor Kovach
Seconded by Councillor Hofland
THAT Council approves:

1. The proposed efficiency expansion package reflecting net savings in the amount of \$40,000 for Courts;
2. The 2013 Court Services Operating Budgets in the amount of \$3,644,200; and
3. The 2013 Court Services Capital Budget and 2014 – 2022 Capital Forecast in the amount of \$539,800.

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

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

Ontario Building Code

Dr. Janet Laird, Executive Director, Planning, Building, Engineering and Environment, presented the Ontario Building Code (OBC) administration and capital budgets. She advised that costs are fully funded through building permit fees. She addressed the key budget drivers and the 2012 accomplishments, noted the 2013 objectives and performance measures; and the significant changes to the OBC administration budget as outlined within her presentation. She said they are not increasing building permit fees and anticipate increased activity in 2013.

Dr. Laird noted that it is anticipated that the stabilization reserve fund will reach its maximum limit within seven to ten years. She also addressed the three positions being requested under the Ontario Building Code Administration budget.

Staff responded to questions regarding reserves and response rates.

Water and Wastewater Services Budgets

The Executive Director of Planning, Building, Engineering and Environment introduced the Water and Wastewater budgets. She highlighted the rate pressures affecting water and wastewater, outlined the increase to the

average annual residential water bill, and noted the 2012 Water Services accomplishments. She outlined the key budget drivers to the water budget with respect to capital cost increases, operating budget cost increases and proposed efficiency expansions. She explained the Water Services Reserves and reserve funds. Dr. Laird also said that the requested staff expansions are cost neutral.

Staff responded to questions regarding the City's level of water usage, the date of implementing the rate changes, the need to build capital reserves, inspection compliance, availability of gas tax funds, and the cost comparison of building new infrastructure versus reclaimed infrastructure.

Staff explained that the rebate programs are funded from user rates and development charges so any financial cuts to these programs would need to be reflected in the Development Charges By-law.

The Executive Director of Planning, Building, Engineering & Environment highlighted the 2012 Wastewater Services Accomplishments, key budget drivers, and the wastewater services capital budget and forecast. She also provided information regarding the Wastewater Services Reserve and Reserve Funds.

Dr. Hugh Whiteley, resident, raised the concern of the level of water consumption but was pleased with staff actions to date. He said the City needs to be diligent with safeguarding the water supply and the long term outcome would be beneficial economically and environmentally.

2. Moved by Councillor Hofland
Seconded by Councillor Burcher

THAT the Council of the City of Guelph now hold a meeting that is closed to the public with respect to:

Personal Matters About an Identifiable Individual
S. 239 (2) (b) of the *Municipal Act* – personal matters about an identifiable individual.

Carried

The meeting recessed into closed session at 8:35 p.m.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures.

Personal Matters About an Identifiable Individual

There was discussion regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual.

The meeting reconvened in public session at 8:50 p.m.

Councillors Bell and Findlay were absent from the meeting.

Ontario Building Code

3. Moved by Councillor Burcher
Seconded by Councillor Van Hellemond
THAT Council approves:

1. The proposed expansion packages in the net amounts of \$469,800 for OBC Administration;
2. The 2013 Ontario Building Code Administration Operating Budget in the amount of \$2,836,700; and
3. The 2013 Ontario Building Code Administration Capital Budget and 2014 – 2022 Capital Forecast in the amount of \$71,400.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Burcher, Dennis, Furfaro, Guthrie, Hofland, Kovach, Laidlaw, Van Hellemond and Mayor Farbridge (9)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Councillors Bell and Findlay were not present and did not vote on the matter.

Carried

Councillors Bell and Findlay returned to the meeting.

Water and Wastewater Services Budgets

4. Moved by Councillor Laidlaw
Seconded by Councillor Dennis
THAT Council approves:

For Water and Wastewater Services

1. the proposed expansion packages in the net amounts of \$0 for Water Services and \$0 for Wastewater Services;

2. the 2013 Water and Wastewater Operating Budgets in the amounts of \$24,637,340 and \$26,884,950 respectively, inclusive of expansions;
3. the 2013 Water and Wastewater Capital Budgets and 2014 – 2022 Forecasts in the amounts of \$191,501,800 and \$177,021,300 respectively;
4. the City of Guelph water volume charge of \$1.38 cents per cubic metre effective January 1, 2013 and the wastewater volume charge of \$1.52 cents per cubic metre, effective January 1, 2013;
5. the City of Guelph water and wastewater basic service charges and various fees and charges, be increased as per attached schedule "A" effective January 1, 2013; and
6. the Waterworks Fees and Services By-law be passed.

5. Moved in amendment by Councillor Kovach
Seconded by Councillor Guthrie

THAT the water and wastewater services budget be reduced in the amount of \$155,000 which amounts to fifty percent of the toilet rebate program;

AND THAT staff report back at the next year's budget process on the effects of the reduction to the rebate program.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Furfaro, Guthrie and Kovach (4)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Burcher, Dennis, Findlay, Hofland, Laidlaw, Van Hellemond and Mayor Farbridge (7)

Defeated

6. Moved in amendment by Councillor Guthrie
Seconded by Councillor Bell

THAT all the City water conservation rebate programs be reduced by fifty per cent in June, 2013;

AND THAT staff report back at the next year's budget process on the effects of the reduction to the rebate programs.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Furfaro, Guthrie and Kovach (4)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Burcher, Dennis, Findlay, Hofland, Laidlaw, Van Hellemond and Mayor Farbridge (7)

Defeated

7. Moved by Councillor Laidlaw
Seconded by Councillor Dennis
THAT Council approves:

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5. the City of Guelph water and wastewater basic service charges and various fees and charges, be increased as per attached schedule "A" effective January 1, 2013; and
6. the Waterworks Fees and Services By-law be passed.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Burcher, Dennis, Findlay, Furfaro, Guthrie, Hofland, Laidlaw, Van Hellemond and Mayor Farbridge (10)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Kovach (1)

Carried

BY-LAWS

8. Moved by Councillor Kovach
Seconded by Councillor Findlay
THAT by-law numbers (2012)-19482 and (2012)-19483, inclusive are hereby passed.

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

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

ADJOURNMENT

9. Moved by Councillor Burcher
Seconded by Councillor Dennis
THAT the meeting of Guelph City Council of October 24, 2012 be adjourned.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 9:19 o'clock p.m.

Minutes to be confirmed on November 26, 2012.

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Mayor

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Deputy City Clerk