



**Minutes of Guelph City Council  
Held in the Council Chambers, Guelph City Hall on  
Thursday, October 24, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.**

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**Attendance**

Members: Mayor Farbridge  
Councillor Bell  
Councillor Burcher  
Councillor Dennis  
Councillor Findlay  
Councillor Furfaro  
Councillor Guthrie  
Councillor Hofland  
Councillor Laidlaw  
Councillor Piper  
Councillor Van Hellemond  
Councillor Wettstein

Absent: Councillor Kovach

Staff: Ms. A. Pappert, Chief Administrative Officer  
Mr. M. Amorosi, Executive Director, Corporate & Human Resources  
Mr. A. Horsman, Executive Director, Finance & Enterprise  
Ms. J. Laird, Executive Director, Planning & Building, Engineering and Environment  
Mr. D. McCaughan, Executive Director, Operations, Transit & Emergency Services  
Mr. D. Thomson, Executive Director, Community & Social Services  
Ms. T. Agnello, Deputy Clerk  
Ms. D. Black, Council Committee Coordinator

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

Mayor Farbridge called the meeting to order.

**Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**

There were no disclosures.

**2014-2023 Non-Tax Supported Capital Budget & Forecast**

The Mayor provided introductory remarks and advised that the purpose of the meeting is to receive information regarding the non-tax supported budget and refer decisions to the November 5<sup>th</sup> budget meeting.

**Delegations:**

Mr. Joe Farwell, CAO, Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA), explained the role of the GRCA, Guelph's connection with the GRCA, their water management plan and their strategic plan.

Ms. Sonja Radoja, Manager, Corporate Services, GRCA, provided highlights of their 2014 budget and municipal levy for 2014.

Mr. A. Horsman, Executive Director of Finance & Enterprise/Chief Financial Officer, provided an overview of the Non-Tax Supported programs and advised that the blended rate increase is 3.5% for Water and Wastewater rates.

Mr. Mark Amorosi, Executive Director of Human Resources and Dr. J. Laird, Executive Director of Planning, Building, Engineering and Environment provided an overview of their budgets, including 2013 accomplishments, 2014 objectives, multiyear forecasts and reserve trends.

### **Court Services**

The Executive Director of Corporate and Human Resources explained that the Province of Ontario mandates court services through agreement with the City and also approves the amount of fines to be set.

Mr. Brad Coutts, Manager, Court Services, advised that the automated telephone reminder system resulted in closing 30% of outstanding fines and a collection of \$87,924.00 in 2013. Staff will provide information regarding outstanding fines on the budget website.

### **Ontario Building Code**

The Executive Director of Planning, Building, Engineering and Environment provided details regarding the Building Stabilization Reserve which Council has set a maximum reserve limit equal to one year of operating costs.

### **Water and Wastewater Services**

Dr. Laird detailed the relationship between and the pressures on the Water and Wastewater budgets and explained that the multiyear rates are in keeping with the average of the municipal comparators.

With respect to Water Services, a discussion ensued regarding the expansion request and the associated risk assessment, the 2014 water infrastructure gap and backlog, and the need to continue growing the capital reserves.

With respect to Wastewater Services staff advised that the City surpasses provincial regulations for water quality.

1. Moved by Councillor Hofland  
Seconded by Councillor Burcher

THAT Council receives and refers to the November 5, 2013 Council meeting:

For Court Services

1. The 2014 Court Services Operating Budgets in the amount of \$3,642,000;
2. The 2014 Court Services Capital Budget and 2015-2023 Capital Forecast in the amount of \$602,900; and

For Ontario Building Code Administration

3. The 2014 Ontario Building Code Administration Operating Budget in the amount of \$2,900,000;
4. The 2014 Ontario Building Code Capital Budget and the 2015-2023 Capital Forecast in the amount of \$49,000.

For Water and Wastewater Services

5. The proposed expansion packages in the net amounts of \$142,900 for Water Services and \$93,500 for Wastewater Services;
6. The 2014 Water and Wastewater Operating Budgets in the amounts of \$26,351,480 and \$28,293,090 respectively, inclusive of expansions;
7. The 2014 Water and Wastewater Capital Budgets and 2015 - 2023 Forecasts in the amounts of \$193,881,300 and \$169,497,800 respectively;
8. The City of Guelph water volume charge of \$1.43 cents per cubic metre effective January 1, 2014 and the wastewater volume charge of \$1.59 cents per cubic metre, effective January 1, 2014;
9. The City of Guelph water and wastewater basic service charges and various fees and charges, be approved as per attached schedule "A" effective January 1, 2014;
10. The Waterworks Fees and Services By-law be passed.

*VOTING IN FAVOUR: Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Bell, Burcher, Dennis, Findlay, Furfaro, Guthrie, Hofland, Laidlaw, Piper, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (12)*

*VOTING AGAINST: (0)*

CARRIED

**Adjournment** (7:59 p.m.)

2. Moved by Councillor Dennis  
Seconded by Councillor Van Hellemond

That the meeting be adjourned.

*Minutes to be confirmed on November 25, 2013.*

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Mayor Farbridge

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Deputy Clerk