

**Minutes of Guelph City Council – Special Meeting
Held in the Council Chambers, Guelph City Hall on
November 8, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.**

Attendance

Council: Mayor C. Guthrie
Councillor P. Allt
Councillor B. Bell
Councillor C. Billings
Councillor C. Downer
Councillor D. Gibson
Councillor J. Gordon
Councillor J. Hofland
Councillor M. MacKinnon
Councillor M. Salisbury
Councillor A. Van Hellemond
Councillor K. Wettstein

Absent: Councillor L. Piper

Staff: Mr. D. Thomson, Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. C. Clack, Deputy CAO, Public Services
Mr. T. Lee, Deputy CAO, Corporate Services
Mr. S. Stewart, Deputy CAO, Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise
Ms. T. Baker, General Manager, Finance/Treasurer
Ms. K. Newland, Manager, Finance Client Services
Mr. R. Maeresera, Senior Corporate Analyst
Ms. K. Dedman, General Manager, Engineering and Capital Infrastructure
Services/City Engineer
Mr. C. Walsh, Divisional Manager, Solid Waste Resources
Mr. D. Godwaldt, General Manager, Human Resources
Ms. D. Evans, General Manager, Culture, Tourism and Community Investment
Mr. T. Salter, General Manager, Planning, Urban Design and Building Services
Mr. D. Godfrey, General Manager, Operations
Mr. B. Labelle, General Manager, Information Technology
Mr. S. O'Brien, City Clerk
Ms. L. Cline, Council Committee Assistant

Special Council – Presentation of 2018 Tax Supported Operating Budget

Call to Order (2:00 p.m.)

Mayor Guthrie called the special meeting to order.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

Mayor Guthrie declared a pecuniary interest in any potential discussions involving Hastings Stadium or fees related to baseball as he is a co-owner of the Guelph Royals Baseball Club.

Trevor Lee, Deputy CAO, Corporate Services, provided opening remarks regarding the 2018 tax-supported operating budget.

Tara Baker, General Manager, Finance/Treasurer, outlined the presentation and provided an overview of how the operating budget was built. Ms. Baker also provided background information on the recommended budget increase of 2.19%.

Councillor Salisbury arrived at 2:07 p.m.

Mayor Guthrie left the Chair at 2:15 p.m. and Councillor Downer assumed the Chair.

Mayor Guthrie, on behalf of the Mayor's Office and Council, outlined several key initiatives undertaken by the Mayor's Office and the proposed budget for 2018.

Mayor Guthrie resumed the Chair at 2:23 p.m.

Councillor Gibson arrived at 2:23 p.m.

Derrick Thomson, Chief Administrative Officer, highlighted projects within the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer and their impact on the 2018 budget.

Scott Stewart, Deputy CAO, Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise Services, Colleen Clack, Deputy CAO, Public Services, and Trevor Lee, Deputy CAO, Corporate Services, provided an overview of their respective Service Areas and outlined 2018 initiatives and budget implications.

Mayor Guthrie left the room at 3:04 p.m. and Councillor Downer assumed the Chair during discussions surrounding the correlation between the minimum wage increase and user fees.

Mayor Guthrie returned and resumed the Chair at 3:09 p.m.

Tara Baker, General Manager, Finance/Treasurer, provided an overview of general and capital financing.

Council recessed at 3:50 p.m. and reconvened at 4:01 p.m.

Tara Baker, General Manager, Finance/Treasurer, introduced the 2018 service area expansions and their impact on the budget.

Mayor Guthrie on behalf of the Mayor's Office and Council, Derrick Thomson, Chief Administrative Officer, Scott Stewart, Deputy CAO, Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise Services, Colleen Clack, Deputy CAO, Public Services, and Trevor Lee, Deputy CAO, Corporate Services, provided an overview of the expansions for their respective Service Areas.

Council recessed at 5:59 p.m. and reconvened at 6:08 p.m.

Kealy Dedman, General Manager, Engineering and Capital Infrastructure Services/City Engineer, provided an overview of the dedicated infrastructure levy. Ms. Dedman outlined how the levy will be used to increase capital funding levels for infrastructure renewal and city building initiatives.

CON-2017.50 2018 Tax Supported Operating Budget

1. Moved by Councillor Salisbury
 Secoded by Councillor Alt

That report CS-2017-32 be received for information and referred to budget deliberation and approval on December 5, 2017:

1. That the Executive Team recommended Tax Supported Operating Budget with a net levy requirement of \$232,907,226 or 2.19 per cent above the 2017 net tax levy operating budget be approved, including:
 - i. A base operating budget, including reserve and reserve transfers, user fee increases and assessment growth, totaling a net levy requirement of \$232,063,026 or 1.82 per cent above last year;
 - ii. Impacts from other levels of government totaling a net levy requirement of \$844,200 or 0.37 per cent above last year;
 - iii. That the proposed user fees (Tab 9) be approved:

That the following budget submissions be considered:

2. City department budget expansions totaling a net levy requirement of \$3,194,028 or 1.4 per cent;
3. An additional contribution towards the City’s long-term goal of sustainable capital funding in the form of the Dedicated Infrastructure Levy of 1.0 per cent of the overall 2018 net levy;
4. Local Board expansions totaling a net levy requirement of \$567,409 or 0.25 per cent.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Alt, Bell, Billings, Downer, Gordon, Gibson, Hofland, MacKinnon, Salisbury, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (12)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

CON-2017.49 Dedicated Infrastructure Levy

2. Moved by Councillor Alt
 Secoded by Councillor Downer

That report titled Dedicated Infrastructure Levy and numbered CS-2017-31 be received.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Alt, Bell, Billings, Downer, Gordon, Gibson, Hofland, MacKinnon, Salisbury, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (12)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

Adjournment (6:57 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor Hofland

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

Minutes to be confirmed on Monday, November 27, 2017.

Mayor Guthrie

Stephen O'Brien - City Clerk