

Council Chambers  
November 17, 2011, 7:00 p.m.

### **A meeting of Guelph City Council.**

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

Staff Present: Ms. A. Pappert, Chief Administrative Officer; Mr. M. Amorosi, Executive Director of Corporate & Human Resources; Mr. D. McCaughan, Executive Director of Operations & Transit; Ms. C. Clack, Interim Executive Director of Community & Social Services; Ms. S. Aram, Acting City Treasurer; Ms. T. Agnello, Acting City Clerk; and Ms. D. Black, Assistant Council Committee Co-ordinator

### **DECLARATIONS UNDER MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT**

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

The Mayor outlined the budget process and the purpose of this meeting.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

#### **2012 Local Boards & Shared Services Budget Presentation**

Ms. S. Aram, Acting City Treasurer, provided a brief financial overview and addressed the prior year's assessment growth and legislation affecting budgets. She explained the breakdown of social services, cost allocations and the City's contribution.

#### **Baker Street Redevelopment Update**

Mr. I. Panabaker, Corporate Manager, Downtown Renewal, provided an update on the acquisition of properties and their demolition in preparation for the downtown library. He advised that the library has performed a review and has confirmed their space needs and provided details to City staff. He outlined the next steps and stated partnership models will need to be developed. Staff will outline each business case and their risk factors. Staff intend to report back within the first half of 2012.

**Guelph Public Library**

Ms. Kitty Pope, Chief Librarian, provided highlights of the library service levels. She advised their proposed budget is a 2.6% increase in expenses, including a year operation of the bookmobile and hiring of a Development Officer and increased revenues from assessment. She stated that overdue fines increased 13% as a result of the review Council requested and they have requested an increase in their Provincial grant. They propose to hire a Development Officer to assist in increasing revenue. They have planned service reviews of their archival services, the Scottsdale branch and outreach programs within the next three years.

Ms. Pope will provide data to Council regarding successes of Development Officers from other municipalities.

**Baker Street Redevelopment Update**

Ms. A. Pappert  
Mr. I. Panabaker  
Ms. S. Aram  
Ms. K. Pope

1. Moved by Councillor Findlay  
Seconded by Councillor Burcher  
THAT Report 11-10, 'Baker Street Redevelopment Update', dated November 17, 2011, and prepared by the Downtown Renewal Office, be received;

AND THAT Staff, working with the Guelph Public Library and the Downtown Advisory Committee, undertake the development and evaluation of financial and project delivery options for the redevelopment of the Baker Street property and that the options be brought back for Council's consideration by end of June 2012.

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

VOTING AGAINST: Councillor Kovach (1)

Carried

Ms. A. Pappert  
Mr. I. Panabaker  
Ms. S. Aram  
Ms. K. Pope

2. Moved by Councillor Furfaro  
Seconded by Councillor Burcher  
WHEREAS in 2009, the city started to assemble the lands on upper Wyndham Street for the Baker Street redevelopment;

AND WHEREAS, the assembling of lands on upper Wyndham Street has been placed on hold until additional funding was made available which has created a lack of clarity for the remaining property owners;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff report back on options and costs to secure the remaining Wyndham Street North properties required by the Baker Street Redevelopment for the upcoming 2012 budget deliberations.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Burcher, Dennis, Findlay, Furfaro, Guthrie, Hofland, Kovach, Laidlaw, Piper, Van Hellemond, and Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (13)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

### **2012 Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health Preliminary Budget Forecast**

Ms. Carole Desmeules, Director, Finance and Corporate Services, Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health, provided a breakdown of their funding sources. She outlined the 2011 municipal levy and advised of the projected facility costs. She provided a breakdown of the expenditures of Public Health, highlighted budget items that require further exploration and addressed the key pressures on their budget. She stated they expect to freeze operating costs in 2012 and estimates a 3% increase on the overall base operating budget. She advised that the only discretionary program they provide is funded by Canadian Public Health.

### **County of Wellington**

Mr. C. Dyer, Treasurer, County of Wellington stated their numbers are preliminary and they will be presenting their final budget in January of 2012. He stated the tax levy is an approximate 2% increase over the amount estimated in 2011. He stated the Social housing budget has an overall increase of 4% over 2011 and there is no change in the budget regarding the number of units. He advised the largest component of the housing budget is the housing subsidy. He stated that the Ontario Works budget has a reduction of 6.4% from 2011, which decreased as a result of their case load decreasing by 1% rather than the anticipated 3% increase. He stated that the Province will pay costs for December for downloaded services and the County will begin paying in 2012. He advised that the Administrative funding for Ontario Works review shows they will have more funding in 2012 than expected. He stated that Child care costs estimates are similar to 2011 but there are additional staff positions proposed – two in Mount Forest and one shared position with Willowdale. He also noted that responsibility for Action Read and the Neighbourhood Coalition Services are

being shifted from the County to the City. He then stated that Wellington Terrace estimates 1.2 million dollars in costs for the City which is a 2.4% increase over estimates for 2011.

### **Downtown Guelph Business Association**

Mr. Mary Williams, Executive Director, Downtown Guelph Business Association, highlighted the components of their budget including: events, partnerships, advocacy programs and member services. He stated their budget aligns with their strategic plan and has been reviewed by their Executive Director and Executive Board members and will be presented at their Annual General Meeting on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. He advised their request for less than 3% increase is their first increase in five years. He stated he will provide their strategic plan to City Council before the December budget meetings.

### **Guelph Police Services Board**

Ms. P. Giles, Vice-Chair, Guelph Police Services Board, provided introductory remarks and advised the budget being presented has been approved by their board.

Ms. Shelagh Morris, Director of Corporate Services, Guelph Police Services, advised of their development process. She stated their board approved a 5.4% increase, however they adjusted the budget to meet Council's request of a maximum 3% increase. She stated they had to estimate court security costs that will be part of their budget. Reference check fees are being increased from no charge to ten dollars for volunteers in order to increase revenue. She stated 0.69% of the budget increase is a result of annualization and impact from the capital budget. She addressed growth needs which include 0.25 FTE FOI/Legal Assistant and 2.0 FTE Special Constables and IT consultants for network security and system center operation projects. She stated their increase is 3.54%. She also provided capital budget highlights for 2012-2021.

### **2012 Local Boards and Shared Services Budgets**

3. Moved by Councillor Burcher  
Seconded by Councillor Findlay

Ms. S. Aram  
Ms. A. Pappert

THAT the 2012 Local Boards and Shared Services budgets be received for information;

AND THAT the 2012 Local Boards and Shared Services Budgets be referred to the December 7, 2011 Council meeting for final approval and deliberation.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Burcher, Dennis, Findlay, Furfaro, Guthrie, Hofland, Kovach, Laidlaw, Piper, Van Hellemond, and Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (13)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

4. Moved by Councillor Laidlaw  
Seconded by Councillor Piper

Ms. S. Aram  
Ms. A. Pappert  
Ms. S. Morris

THAT the matter of costs for volunteer police checks be reviewed to determine the best manner to accommodate paying for the costs involved.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Burcher, Dennis, Findlay, Furfaro, Guthrie, Hofland, Kovach, Laidlaw, Piper, Van Hellemond, and Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (13)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

5. Moved by Councillor Guthrie  
Seconded by Councillor Bell

Ms. S. Aram  
Mr. D. McCaughan  
Ms. A. Pappert

THAT the matter of the sale of the street lights to Guelph Hydro be referred to staff to find alternative options for the funding sources.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Burcher, Dennis, Findlay, Furfaro, Guthrie, Hofland, Kovach, Laidlaw, Piper, Van Hellemond, and Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (13)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

Staff will provide information regarding the impact of volunteer police checks costs on the City of Guelph budget regarding volunteers for City programs.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 o'clock p.m.

Minutes read and confirmed November 28, 2011.

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Mayor

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Acting Clerk