



**Minutes of Guelph City Council
Held in the Council Chambers, Guelph City Hall on
Monday, November 18, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.**

Attendance

Council: Mayor Farbridge
Councillor B. Bell
Councillor L. Burcher
Councillor T. Dennis
Councillor I. Findlay
Councillor J. Furfaro
Councillor Guthrie
Councillor Hofland
Councillor M. Laidlaw
Councillor L. Piper
Councillor A. Van Hellemond
Councillor K. Wettstein

Absent: Councillor Kovach

Staff: Ms. A. Pappert, Chief Administrative Officer
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

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.

Public Meeting Under the Development Charges Act to Hear Delegations with Respect to the City's Proposed New Development Charges By-law

Mayor Farbridge announced that in accordance with *The Development Charges Act*, Council is now in a public meeting for the purpose of informing the public of the City's Proposed New Development Charges By-law. The Mayor asked if there were any delegations in attendance with respect to the 2013 Development Charges Background Study and 2014 By-law listed on the agenda.

2013 Development Charges Background Study and 2014 By-law

Mr. Al Horsman, Executive Director of Finance/CFO, provided an overview of the process to date and the policy direction being recommended. He highlighted the changes from the 2009 by-law which include: replacing the commercial/industrial rates with a single non-residential rate, adding public health costs, redefining services related to a Highway and modifying some definitions.

Mr. Gary Scandlan of Watson & Associates provided an overview of the process used to arrive at the figures in the proposed development charges by-law and next steps. He reviewed a summary of charges allowed under *The Development Charges Act*, including exemptions. Discussion ensued regarding the different levels of service provided by various municipalities and staff advised that information regarding the University of Guelph's exemption history, segmenting senior, social and affordable housing, the scenario of maximizing all service charges and transit growth would be provided.

Delegations

Mr. John Sloom, a home builder, advised that he is not in agreement with the 12% increase because it will negatively affect affordable housing costs as the increased costs will be passed on to homeowners. He expressed concern that the growth forecasts will not be met.

1. Moved by Councillor Guthrie
Seconded by Councillor Hofland
 1. That the report FIN 13-48 2014 Development Charges Background Study and By-law dated November 18, 2013 regarding the City of Guelph's 2014 Development Charges Study be received and referred to the January 27, 2014 meeting of Council.
 2. That an administrative report be prepared for the January 27, 2014 Council meeting that includes any additional information requested by Council at the Public Meeting.
 3. That final adoption of the Background Study and approval of the Development Charges By-law be considered at the scheduled January 27, 2014 Council meeting.

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 (8:09 p.m.)

2. Moved by Councillor Hofland
Seconded by Councillor Guthrie

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Minutes to be confirmed on December 16, 2013.

Mayor Farbridge

Deputy Clerk