



**Minutes of Guelph City Council
Held in the Council Chambers, Guelph City Hall on
Thursday November 28, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.**

Attendance

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

Absent: Councillor Burcher
Councillor Kovach
Councillor Wettstein

Staff: Ms. A. Pappert, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. M. Amorosi, Executive Director, Corporate & Human Resources
Mr. D. Thomson, Executive Director, Community & Social Services
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. B. Labelle, City Clerk
Ms. J. Sweeney, Council Committee Coordinator

Open Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

Mayor Farbridge called the meeting to order and advised that the purpose of the meeting was to hear delegations on the 2014 tax supported operating budget.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures.

Delegations addressing the 2014 Tax Supported Operating Budget

Delegations

Mr. Dave Scott-Thomas of the Speed River Track & Field Club outlined the proposed plans for Phase 2 for the construction of a Jumps and Throws Complex at the University of Guelph's Alumni Stadium. He requested City support in the amount of \$800,000 noting that the completion of Phase 2 would support the facility in hosting several major international competitions. Mr. Chris Moulton of the Speed River Track & Field Club highlighted the funding model and the economic impact to the city.

1. Moved by Councillor Dennis
Seconded by Councillor Laidlaw

That the request of the Speed River Track & Field Club for City support in the amount of \$800,000 be referred to staff.

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

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

CARRIED

Mr. Tyrone Dee advised that the City of Windsor has maintained a 0% tax increase for the past several years without reducing services. He requested that Guelph City Council do the same. He suggested that large capital projects such as the police headquarters and St. George's Square revitalization should be delayed until the City has full funding available.

Ms. Mira Clarke on behalf of Action Read Community Literacy Centre expressed concern that the funding under the Community Investment Strategy for the family literacy early start program has been denied. She provided information on the various programs the centre provides and requested that Council reconsider reinstating the \$18,000 necessary to support the program.

Mr. Brent Beam expressed concern with the increase to his property taxes over the past several years. He suggested that the City needs to cut staff wages and benefits.

Mr. John Como expressed concern regarding the police budget and the cost of the renovation of the police headquarters.

Ms. Yvette Tendick on behalf of the Guelph Coalition for Active Transportation thanked Council for including funds in the proposed budget with respect to active transportation initiatives.

Mr. Lloyd Longfield on behalf of Guelph Chamber of Commerce suggested that if there is a tax increase it should be below the Consumer Price Index. He provided the following 6 suggestions: accelerate the implementation of technology improvements to integrate operations and engineering; accelerate asset management systems to optimize maintenance and capital improvement planning; together with Guelph's business community and community benefit organizations clarify responsibilities, collaborate with partners and reach out to more distant markets; consider cost implications of rejecting staff reports, and implications on staff resource management; and, implement LEAN systems for meeting management.

Ms. Randalin Ellery of the Guelph Wellington Task Force for Poverty Elimination supported the staff recommendation for funding a permanent affordable bus pass program.

Ms. Tina Brophey advised of her use of the affordable bus pass and requested the continuation of the program.

Ms. Amenda Ng, Immigration Services, advised of her work with new immigrants to the city, and expressed support for the affordable bus pass program.

Ms. Zainab Eltigani, a newcomer to the City, advised of her use of the affordable bus pass program and requested that the service continue.

Staff provided clarification relating to the criteria in the community investment strategy for organizations requesting funding.

There was discussion relating to the affordable bus pass and the potential of a family bus pass.

2. Moved by Councillor Guthrie
Seconded by Councillor Piper

That the prospect of offering a 'family bus pass' as a component of the affordable bus pass program be referred to staff for review.

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

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

CARRIED

Adjournment (7:30 p.m.)

3. Moved by Councillor Hofland
Seconded by Councillor Dennis

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Minutes to be confirmed on December 16, 2013.

Mayor Farbridge

City Clerk