



**Minutes of Guelph City Council
Held in the Council Chambers, Guelph City Hall on
November 30, 2016 at 6:45 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
Mr. M. Amorosi, Deputy CAO, Corporate Services
Ms. C. Clack, Deputy CAO, Public Services
Mr. S. Stewart, Deputy CAO, Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise Services
Mr. P. Cartwright, General Manager, Business, Development and Enterprise
Mr. J. Krauter, Acting City Treasurer
Mr. P. Busatto, General Manager, Environmental Services
Mr. C. Walsh, Plant Manager, Solid Waste Services
Ms. A. Springate, Communications Officer
Ms. D. Black, Acting Deputy Clerk
Mr. D. McMahon, Council Committee Coordinator

Call to Order (6:45 p.m.)

Mayor Guthrie called the meeting to order.

James Krauter, Acting City Treasurer, recapped the 2017 budget process and presented the results of the 2017 Budget Simulator.

The following individuals spoke regarding the 2017 Tax Supported Budget:

Sian Matwey
James Smith
Glen Wilson
Bill Summers
Carolyn Lentz
Ted Pritchard
Michelle Kelly
Kithio Mwanzia
Marios Matsias
Steve Petric
Jean Claude Simon
Pat Fung

The following registered delegates were not present:

MacKenzie Bell
Gale Moase

Budget Considerations

Members of Council advised of their intentions to raise the following items for discussion at the December 7, 2016 Council Budget meeting:

- Adopting a 1% levy (split between city building and infrastructure) to allow for the south end recreation centre and library to be built sooner
- Adopting a .5% levy for infrastructure and .5% levy for city building
- Adopting a 1% infrastructure tax levy
- Restoring transit service levels to the 2015 level
- Restoring bus service on civic holidays
- Adding an \$80,000 expansion to transit services to match service with the Go train schedule
- Moving funding for the multi-residential waste collection vehicle from the 2018 to 2017 budget
- Removing the 5% additional pay for Service Area Chairs
- Reallocating funds for the bike park planning
- Eliminating remuneration to Council members for service on Boards and Commissions
- Adding \$20,000 into the budget for livestreaming of Council meetings
- Removing the \$700,000 allocated for new parking metres in the downtown core
- Removing \$116,000 from parking metres to be used for the south end recreation centre and a water fountain at the Silvercreek skate park
- Adding \$40,000 for garbage pick-up downtown on Sundays
- Consideration of all ten expansions
- Directing \$82,000 that is coming from the County Social Services Board to infrastructure funding
- Removing \$110,000 from the Brant Avenue Park funding
- Reallocating \$684,000 for a detailed design of Phase 1 of the south end recreation centre
- Removing \$100,000 from affordable housing budget and
- Adding \$150,000 for water fountain at the skate park, extra benches, garbage containers, etc.

Staff were also asked to provide some information regarding the following matters:

- The possibility of a higher than 1.5% dividend from hydro
- Adjusting bus fares to create a revenue neutral transit budget
- The repercussions of not instituting an infrastructure levy this year and
- Communication plans regarding the removal of the \$5 per bag drop-off fee for yard waste

Adjournment (9:36 p.m.)

1. Moved by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor MacKinnon

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

Minutes to be confirmed on December 19, 2016.

Mayor Guthrie

Dolores Black – Acting Deputy Clerk