



**Minutes of Guelph City Council – Special Meeting
Held in the Council Chambers, Guelph City Hall on
December 5, 2017 at 2:01 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 L. Piper
Councillor M. Salisbury
Councillor A. Van Hellemond
Councillor K. Wettstein

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. G. Clark, Program Manager, Capital Accounting and Planning
Mr. R. Maeresera, Senior Corporate Analyst
Mr. S. O'Brien, City Clerk
Mr. D. McMahon, Council Committee Coordinator

Special Council – Deliberations and Approval of 2018 Operating Budgets

Call to Order (2:01 p.m.)

Mayor Guthrie called the special meeting to order.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

Councillor MacKinnon declared a pecuniary interest in any matters relating to the Downtown Guelph Business Association as he is a downtown business owner.

Mayor Guthrie advised that he is no longer affiliated with the Guelph Royals Baseball Club and that he therefore does not have a pecuniary interest relating to the Guelph Royals Baseball Club, Hastings Stadium or any related fees.

CON-2017.47 2018 Non-Tax Supported Operating Budget

1. Moved by Councillor Hofland
Seconded by Councillor Van Hellemond
 1. That the Executive Team recommended Tax-Supported Operating Budget, as amended, with a net levy requirement of \$231,356,303 or 1.74 per cent above the 2017 net tax levy operating budget be approved, including:
 - i. That the proposed user fees (Tab 9) be approved;

- ii. A base operating budget, including reserve and reserve fund transfers (Tab 8), user fee increases, and assessment growth, totaling a net levy requirement of \$230,512,103 or 1.37 per cent above last year;
- iii. That Non-Union compensation adjustment in the amount of \$465,595 be approved for 2018 to maintain Non-Union salaries at the 56.4th percentile of the City's comparator group; and
- iv. Impacts from other levels of government and regulatory compliance totaling a net levy requirement of \$844,200 or 0.37 per cent above last year.

First Amendment

- 2. Moved by Councillor Hofland
Seconded by Councillor Piper

That the threshold for eligibility for subsidy programs be changed to use the low income measure and that the budget be increased by \$130,000 to accommodate the extra cost.

Voting in Favour: Councillors Allt, Downer, Gordon, Hofland, Piper and Salisbury (6)
Voting Against: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Bell, Billings, Gibson, MacKinnon, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (7)

Defeated

Second Amendment

- 3. Moved by Councillor Downer
Seconded by Councillor Gordon

That the base funding for the Guelph Neighbourhood Support Coalition be increased by \$100,000.

Amendment to the Second Amendment

- 4. Moved by Councillor MacKinnon
Seconded by Councillor Van Hellemond

That the words 'and that the police services budget be reduced by \$100,000.' be added following 'by \$100,000'.

Voting in Favour: Councillors Bell, MacKinnon and Salisbury (3)
Voting Against: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Billings, Downer, Gordon, Gibson, Hofland, Piper, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (10)

Defeated

Councillor Hofland raised a point of order and asked that Councillor Gibson speak to the amendment to the second amendment. In response Mayor Guthrie asked Councillor Gibson to speak to the amendment to the second amendment specifically.

Amendment to the Second Amendment

5. Moved by Councillor Wettstein
Seconded by Councillor MacKinnon

That the words `...and that the current sustainable base budget of \$100,000 from the affordable housing line be transferred to the Guelph Neighbourhood Support Coalition base budget line.` be added following `by \$100,000`.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Billings, Gibson, MacKinnon, Piper, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (7)

Voting Against: Councillors Allt, Bell, Downer, Gordon, Hofland and Salisbury (6)

Carried

Second Amendment as Amended

6. Moved by Councillor Downer
Seconded by Councillor Gordon

That the base funding for the Guelph Neighbourhood Support Coalition be increased by \$100,000 **and that the current sustainable base budget of \$100,000 from the affordable housing line be transferred to the Guelph Neighbourhood Support Coalition base budget line.**

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

Voting Against: Councillor Bell (1)

Carried

Third Amendment

7. Moved by Councillor MacKinnon
Seconded by Councillor Van Hellemond

That the meeting video live streaming and archiving be approved at \$15,500.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Bell, Billings, Downer, Gordon, Gibson, MacKinnon, Piper, Salisbury, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (11)

Voting Against: Councillors Allt and Hofland (2)

Carried

Fourth Amendment

8. Moved by Councillor Salisbury
Seconded by Councillor Van Hellemond

That \$70,000 be removed from the rate stabilization reserve fund to be transferred to the Guelph Public Library budget.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Bell, Billings, Downer, Gordon, Gibson, Hofland, MacKinnon, Piper, Salisbury, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (13)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

Fifth Amendment

9. Moved by Councillor MacKinnon
Seconded by Councillor Hofland

That Local Board expansions totaling a net levy requirement of \$567,409 or 0.25 per cent be approved.

Amendment to the Fifth Amendment

10. Moved by Councillor MacKinnon
Seconded by Councillor Van Hellemond

and that the Guelph Public Library budget increase be offset by a transfer of \$70,000 from the Tax Rate Operating Contingency Reserve.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Bell, Billings, Downer, Gordon, Gibson, Hofland, MacKinnon, Piper, Salisbury, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (13)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

Fifth Amendment as Amended

11. Moved by Councillor MacKinnon
Seconded by Councillor Hofland

That Local Board expansions totaling a net levy requirement of \$567,409 or 0.25 per cent be approved **and that the Guelph Public Library budget increase be offset by a transfer of \$70,000 from the Tax Rate Operating Contingency Reserve.**

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Bell, Billings, Downer, Gordon, Gibson, Hofland, MacKinnon, Piper, Salisbury, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (13)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

Sixth Amendment

12. Moved by Councillor Hofland
Seconded by Councillor Gordon

That the Career Path Program expansion be funded in the amount of \$135,000.

Voting in Favour: Councillors Allt, Downer, Gordon, Hofland and Wettstein (5)
Voting Against: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Bell, Billings, Gibson, MacKinnon, Piper, Salisbury and Van Hellemond (8)

Defeated

Seventh Amendment

13. Moved by Councillor Downer
Seconded by Councillor Hofland

That the diversity aspect of the Corporate Recognition and Diversity & Inclusion Training expansion be funded in the amount of \$40,000.

Voting in Favour: Councillors Allt, Downer, Gordon, Hofland, Piper and Wettstein (6)
Voting Against: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Bell, Billings, Gibson, MacKinnon, Salisbury and Van Hellemond (7)

Defeated

Eighth Amendment

14. Moved by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Salisbury

That the Council Training expansion be funded in the amount of \$9,050.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Billings, Downer, Gordon, Gibson, Hofland, MacKinnon, Piper, Salisbury, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (12)
Voting Against: Councillor Bell (1)

Carried

Ninth Amendment

15. Moved by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Allt

That the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board Claims and Disability Coordinator expansion be funded in the amount of \$100,300.

Voting in Favour: Councillors Allt, Downer, Gordon, Hofland, Piper and Wettstein (6)
Voting Against: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Bell, Billings, Gibson, MacKinnon, Salisbury and Van Hellemond (7)

Defeated

Tenth Amendment

16. Moved by Councillor Hofland
Seconded by Councillor Gordon

That the Analyst, Corporate Asset Management expansion be funded in the amount of \$123,900.

Voting in Favour: Councillors Allt, Downer, Gordon, Hofland, Piper, Salisbury and Wettstein (7)

Voting Against: Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Bell, Billings, Gibson, MacKinnon and Van Hellemond (6)

Carried

Eleventh Amendment

17. Moved by Councillor Allt
Seconded by Councillor Hofland

That the Financial Analyst – Environmental Services expansion be funded in the amount of \$117,500.

Voting in Favour: Councillors Allt, Downer, Gordon, Hofland, Piper and Salisbury (6)

Voting Against: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Bell, Billings, Gibson, MacKinnon, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (7)

Defeated

Twelfth Amendment

18. Moved by Councillor Hofland
Seconded by Councillor Gordon

That the Manager of Financial Strategy expansion be funded in the amount of \$158,900.

Voting in Favour: Councillors Allt, Downer, Gordon, Hofland, Piper and Wettstein (6)

Voting Against: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Bell, Billings, Gibson, MacKinnon, Salisbury and Van Hellemond (7)

Defeated

Thirteenth Amendment

19. Moved by Councillor Hofland
Seconded by Councillor Bell

That the Affordable Housing Financial Incentive Program expansion be funded in the amount of \$322,900.

Voting in Favour: Councillors Bell, Downer, Hofland, Gordon and Piper (5)

Voting Against: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Billings, Gibson, MacKinnon, Salisbury, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (8)

Defeated

Fourteenth Amendment

20. Moved by Councillor Gibson
Seconded by Councillor MacKinnon

That the Business Service Reviews expansion be funded in the amount of \$100,000.

Amendment to the Fourteenth Amendment

21. Moved by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor MacKinnon

That the words 'from the rate stabilization reserve' be added after 'of \$100,000'.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Bell, Billings, Downer, Gordon, Gibson, Hofland, MacKinnon, Salisbury, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (11)

Voting Against: Councillors Allt and Piper (2)

Carried

Fourteenth Amendment as Amended

22. Moved by Councillor Gibson
Seconded by Councillor MacKinnon

That the Business Service Reviews expansion be funded in the amount of \$100,000 **from the rate stabilization reserve.**

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

Voting Against: Councillor Allt (1)

Carried

Fifteenth Amendment

23. Moved by Councillor Allt
Seconded by Councillor Hofland

That the Internal Auditor expansion be funded in the amount of \$142,000.

Voting in Favour: Councillors Allt, Downer, Gordon, Hofland, MacKinnon, Piper, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (8)

Voting Against: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Bell, Billings, Gibson and Salisbury (5)

Carried

Sixteenth Amendment

24. Moved by Councillor Billings
Seconded by Councillor Piper

That the Multi-Residential Waste Collection expansion be funded in the amount of \$524,700 with \$278,100 coming from the City Building Capital reserve fund and \$246,600 coming from the operating budget.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Bell, Billings, Downer, Gordon, Gibson, Hofland, MacKinnon, Piper, Salisbury, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (13)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

Seventeenth Amendment

25. Moved by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Van Hellemond

That the Paramedics – Additional Guelph Shift expansion be funded in the amount of \$399,200.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Bell, Billings, Downer, Gordon, Gibson, Hofland, MacKinnon, Piper, Salisbury, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (13)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

Eighteenth Amendment

26. Moved by Councillor Allt
Seconded by Councillor Piper

That the Paramedics Field Superintendent expansion be funded in the amount of \$87,900.

Voting in Favour: Councillors Allt, Gordon, Hofland, Piper, Salisbury and Wettstein (6)

Voting Against: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Bell, Billings, Downer, Gibson, MacKinnon and Van Hellemond (7)

Defeated

Nineteenth Amendment

27. Moved by Councillor Downer
Seconded by Councillor Piper

That the Parks Seasonal Staff Sports fields and Trails expansion be funded in the amount of \$46,878.

Voting in Favour: Councillors Allt, Downer, Gordon, Hofland, Piper, Salisbury and Wettstein (7)

Voting Against: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Bell, Billings, Gibson, MacKinnon and Van Hellemond (6)

Carried

Twentieth Amendment

28. Moved by Councillor Downer
Seconded by Councillor Hofland

That the Security Guards expansion be funded in the amount of \$49,500.

Voting in Favour: Councillors Allt, Downer, Gordon, Hofland, Piper, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (7)

Voting Against: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Bell, Billings, Gibson, MacKinnon and Salisbury (6)

Carried

Twenty-First Amendment

29. Moved by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Gordon

That the Waste Collection Operator expansions be funded in the amount of \$78,800.

Voting in Favour: Councillors Allt, Bell, Billings, Downer, Gordon, Hofland, Piper, Salisbury and Wettstein (9)

Voting Against: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Gibson, MacKinnon and Van Hellemond (4)

Carried

Council recessed at 5:15 p.m. and reconvened at 5:49 p.m.

Main Motion as Amended

30. Moved by Councillor Hofland
Seconded by Councillor Van Hellemond

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

Voting Against: Councillor Salisbury (1)

Carried

Councillor Mackinnon left the room at 6:15 p.m. and did not vote on or participate in discussions relating to the Downtown Guelph Business Association 2018 budget and levy.

31. Moved by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Gibson

That the 2018 Downtown Guelph Business Association budget with gross expenditures of \$655,410 and a total levy of \$605,000 be approved.

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

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

32. Moved by Councillor Hofland
Seconded by Councillor Piper

That an additional contribution towards the City's long-term goal of sustainable capital funding in the form of the Dedicated Infrastructure Levy of 1.00 per cent of the overall 2018 net levy be approved.

Amendment

33. Moved by Councillor Gibson
Seconded by Councillor Billings

That '1.00' be replaced with '.5'.

Amendment to the Amendment

34. Moved by Councillor Billings
Seconded by Councillor Bell

and that the words 'plus a withdrawal from the tax stabilization reserve fund equal to .5% of the overall 2018 net levy' be inserted after the words 'net levy'.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Bell, Billings, Downer, Gibson, MacKinnon and Van Hellemond (7)

Voting Against: Councillors Allt, Gordon, Hofland, Piper, Salisbury and Wettstein (6)

Carried

Amendment as amended

35. Moved by Councillor Gibson
Seconded by Councillor Billings

That `1.00` be replaced with `.5` and that the words `plus a withdrawal from the tax stabilization reserve fund equal to .5% of the overall 2018 net levy` be inserted after the words `net levy`.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Bell, Billings, Downer, Gibson, MacKinnon and Van Hellemond (7)

Voting Against: Councillors Allt, Gordon, Hofland, Piper, Salisbury and Wettstein (6)

Carried

Main Motion as Amended

36. Moved by Councillor Hofland
Seconded by Councillor Piper

That an additional contribution towards the City's long-term goal of sustainable capital funding in the form of the Dedicated Infrastructure Levy of **.5** per cent of the overall 2018 net levy **plus a withdrawal from the tax stabilization reserve fund equal to .5% of the overall 2018 net levy** be approved.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Bell, Billings, Downer, Gibson, MacKinnon, Piper and Van Hellemond (8)

Voting Against: Councillors Allt, Gordon, Hofland, Salisbury and Wettstein (5)

Carried

CON-2017.52 Budget Impacts per Ontario Regulations 284/09 and Budget Public Sector Accounting Standards Reconciliation

37. Moved by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor Van Hellemond

That report CS-2017-80 Budget Impacts per Ontario Regulation 284/09 and Budget Public Sector Accounting Standards Reconciliation dated December 5, 2017 be approved.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Allt, Bell, Billings, Downer, Gordon, Gibson, Hofland, MacKinnon, Piper, Salisbury, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (13)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

CON-2017.51 2018 Local Boards and Shared Services Budgets

38. Moved by Councillor Gibson
 Seconded by Councillor Gordon

That subject to the approval of the 2018 operating budget on December 5, 2017, a new reserve entitled Social Housing Contingency be created as outlined in report CS-2017-33 titled "2018 Local Boards and Shared Services Budgets" and reflected in Appendix A of the General Reserve and Reserve Fund Policy.

Voting in Favour: Mayor Guthrie, Councillors Alt, Bell, Billings, Downer, Gordon, Gibson, Hofland, MacKinnon, Piper, Salisbury, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (13)

Voting Against: (0)

Carried

By-laws

39. Moved by Councillor Bell
 Seconded by Councillor Salisbury

That By-laws Numbered (2017)-20233 to (2017)-20233, inclusive, are hereby passed.

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

Voting Against: Councillor Salisbury (1)

Carried

Adjournment (7:17 p.m.)

40. Moved by Councillor Bell
 Seconded by Councillor Gibson

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

Minutes to be confirmed on January 29, 2018.

Mayor Guthrie

Stephen O'Brien – City Clerk