

Council Caucus Room
December 7, 2011 5 p.m.

A meeting of Guelph City Council.

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

Absent: Councillors Burcher, and Piper

Staff Present: Ms A. Pappert, Chief Administrative Officer; Mr. M. Amorosi, Executive Director of Human Resources & Legal Services; Dr. J. Laird, Executive Director of Planning & Building, Engineering and Environmental; Mr. D. McCaughan, Executive Director of Operations & Transit; Ms. C. Clack, Interim Executive Director of Community & Social Services; Ms. S. Aram, Acting City Treasurer; and Ms. T. Agnello, Acting City Clerk

1. Moved by Councillor Hofland
Seconded by Councillor Findlay
THAT the Council of the City of Guelph now hold a meeting that is closed to the public with respect to:

- 1. **Potential Land Acquisition**
S. 239 (2) (c) proposed or pending acquisition of land.
- 2. **Personal Matters About Identifiable Individuals**
S. 239 (2) (b) personal matters about identifiable individuals.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 5:01 o'clock p.m.

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Mayor

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Acting Clerk

Council Caucus Room
December 7, 2011 5:02 p.m.

A meeting of Guelph City Council closed to the public.

Present: Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Bell, Burcher (arrived 5:05), Dennis, Findlay, Furfaro, Guthrie, Hofland, Kovach, Laidlaw, Piper (arrived 5:05), Van Hellemond and Wettstein

Staff Present: Ms A. Pappert, Chief Administrative Officer; Mr. M. Amorosi, Executive Director of Human Resources & Legal Services; Dr. J. Laird, Executive Director of Planning & Building, Engineering and Environmental; Mr. D. McCaughan, Executive Director of Operations & Transit; Ms. C. Clack, Interim Executive Director of Community & Social Services; Ms. S. Aram, Acting City Treasurer; and Ms. T. Agnello, Acting City Clerk

DECLARATIONS UNDER MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT

There were no declarations.

Proposed or Pending Acquisition or Disposition of Land

1. Moved by Councillor Furfaro
Seconded by Councillor Burcher
THAT the Report 11-12 'Baker Street Land Acquisition Update', dated December 7, 2011, prepared by the Downtown Renewal officer, be received;

Mr. I. Panabaker
Ms. S. Aram
Ms. D. Jaques
Mr. M. Amorosi

AND THAT the Council rise and report the following:

PASSED IN COUNCIL
BY SPECIAL
RESOLUTION

"THAT staff be directed to revise the gross amount of the 2012 Capital budget by \$3.8 million in order to proceed with the Baker Street project."

Carried

Personal Matters About Identifiable Individuals

No discussion about identifiable individuals took place.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 o'clock p.m.

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Mayor

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Acting Clerk

Council Chambers
December 7, 2011

Council reconvened in formal session at 6:00 p.m.

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 Human Resources & Legal Services; Dr. J. Laird, Executive Director of Planning, Engineering & Environmental Services; Mr. D. McCaughan, Executive Director of Operations & Transit; Ms. Colleen Clack, Interim Executive Director of Community & Social Services; Ms. S. Aram, Acting City Treasurer; Ms. T. Agnello, Acting City Clerk; and Ms. J. Sweeney, Council Committee Co-ordinator

DECLARATIONS UNDER MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

The Mayor provided an overview of the steps in reviewing the 2012 Tax Supported Operating and Capital Budgets.

Proposed Framework for Doing Business Differently

Peter Cartwright, General Manager of Economic Development & Tourism outlined the current activities for doing business. He highlighted the typical contents of a business case and the potential City initiatives requiring a business case.

Ms. A. Pappert
Mr. P. Cartwright
Mayor Farbridge

1. Moved by Councillor Kovach
Seconded by Councillor Burcher

THAT the report dated December 7, 2011 which has been prepared by the Office of the CAO regarding a proposed framework in which the City of Guelph can do business differently be received as information;

AND THAT the report dated December 7, 2011 regarding a proposed framework in which the City can do business differently be referred to the January 2012 Governance Committee for further consideration regarding the framework and the next steps and report back to Council.

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

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health

The Acting City Treasurer provided information on the impact of the public health budget.

2. Moved by Councillor Laidlaw
Seconded by Councillor Hofland

WHEREAS Guelph City Council is obligated by legislation to raise municipal property taxes to cover the cost of the levy imposed by the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health;

AND WHEREAS Guelph City Council has expressed their concern regarding the capital levy for a construction of a facility;

Therefore be it resolved THAT the 2012 Proposed Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health Operating budget in the amount of \$3,017,727, representing an increase to the overall municipal tax levy of approximately 0.39%, be approved;

AND that a tax rate related to all Public Health costs be calculated for the required amount and identified separately on the 2012 City tax bills.

It was requested that the motion be voted on in two sections as follows:

Ms. C. Desmeules
Ms. S. Aram

3. Moved by Councillor Laidlaw
Seconded by Councillor Hofland

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

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

Ms. C. Desmeules
Ms. S. Aram

4. Moved by Councillor Laidlaw
Seconded by Councillor Hofland

THAT a tax rate related to all Public Health costs be calculated for the required amount and identified separately on the 2012 City tax bills.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Burcher, Dennis, Findlay, Furfaro, Guthrie, Hofland, Laidlaw, Piper, Van Hellemond, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (11)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Bell and Kovach (2)

Carried

2012 Tax Supported Operating and Capital Budgets

The Chief Administrative Officer highlighted the financial strategy and provided information on the additional assessment growth figures. She briefly reviewed the proposed operating budget changes that have come through Council and what the Executive Team are recommending.

5. Moved by Councillor Dennis
Seconded by Councillor Burcher

THAT the 2012 Tax Supported Operating Budget net tax levy of \$174,629,567 be approved;

AND THAT the proposed increases to user fees and transfers to/from reserve funds (Appendix 1) incorporated in the 2012 budget be approved;

AND THAT the 2012 Tax Supported Capital Budget in the gross amount of \$53,691,700 be approved;

AND THAT the 2013 – 2021 Tax Supported Capital Forecast in the gross amount of \$398,843,900 be received for information;

AND THAT the 2012 Downtown Guelph Business Association budget with gross expenditures of \$473,000 be approved;

AND THAT Non-union compensation adjustments in the amount of \$175,000 be approved.

6. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Findlay
Seconded by Councillor Dennis

Mr. D. McCaughan
Ms. S. Aram

THAT the parking revenue in the 2012 proposed operating budget be increased by \$129,880.

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

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

7. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Guthrie
Seconded by Councillor Burcher

THAT the Internal Auditor position be funded in the amount of \$132,700.

8. Moved in Amendment to the Amendment by
Councillor Kovach
Seconded by Councillor Guthrie

That the Internal Auditor position be funded for a half year.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Furfaro, Guthrie, Kovach and Van Hellemond (5)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Burcher, Dennis, Findlay, Hofland, Laidlaw, Piper, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (8)

Defeated

9. Moved in Amendment to the Amendment by
Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor Kovach
THAT the Internal Auditor position be funded for three-
quarters of a year.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Furfaro, Kovach
and Van Hellemond (4)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Burcher, Dennis, Findlay,
Guthrie, Hofland, Laidlaw, Piper, Wettstein and Mayor
Farbridge (9)

Defeated

Ms. A. Pappert
Ms. S. Aram

10. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Guthrie
Seconded by Councillor Burcher
THAT the Internal Auditor position be funded in the
amount of \$132,700.

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

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

Mr. D. McCaughan
Ms. C. Clack
Ms. S. Aram

11. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Hofland
Seconded by Councillor Findlay
THAT the affordable bus pass be funded for a 6 month
period in the 2012 tax supported budget in the amount of
\$135,350.

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

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

Mr. I. Panabaker
Ms. S. Aram

12. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Burcher
Seconded by Councillor Furfaro
THAT the allocation for Downtown Renewal Programs be
increased by \$100,000.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Burcher, Dennis,
Furfaro, Hofland, Laidlaw, Piper, Wettstein and Mayor
Farbridge (8)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Bell, Findlay, Guthrie, Kovach and Van Hellemond (5)

Carried

Ms. A. Pappert
Ms. B. Boisvert
Ms. S. Aram

13. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Findlay
Seconded by Councillor Wettstein

THAT the report dated December 7, 2011 which has been prepared by the Office of the CAO regarding Potential Sale of Streetlight Assets to Guelph Hydro Inc. be received as information;

AND THAT development oversight and assessment of a business case for the potential transfer of streetlight assets from the City to Guelph Hydro Inc. and its regulated subsidiary, Guelph Hydro Energy Systems Inc be directed to Guelph Municipal Holdings Inc. (GMHI);

AND THAT GMHI report back to Council with a subsequent recommendation regarding this matter;

AND THAT the \$290,000 in savings identified in the Draft Operational Budget, as presented to Council on November 2, 2011 be removed and the resulting shortfall be addressed through a corporate variance strategy to be presented to Council at its meeting December 7, 2011.

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

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

Ms. A. Pappert
Ms. S. Aram

14. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Burcher
Seconded by Councillor Laidlaw

THAT the allocation for savings related to energy conservation be reduced by \$100,000.

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

VOTING AGAINST: Councillor Findlay (1)

Carried

Chief R. Davis
Ms. S. Aram

15. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Laidlaw
Seconded by Councillor Hofland

THAT a grant of up to \$48,000 be provided to the Guelph Police Services with the intention of providing free

Counc. T. Dennis
Ms. C. Clack

volunteer police checks for 2012 only;

AND THAT the matter of continuing to provide a subsidy for volunteer police checks be referred to Community & Social Services to recommend a process to explore best practices in partnership with the Guelph Police Service and the Volunteer Centre of Guelph and Wellington.

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

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Dennis, Kovach and Wettstein (3)

Carried

16. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Hofland

THAT the 2012 proposed operating budget be increased by \$20,600 for an allocation to the MacDonald Stewart Art Gallery capital grant.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Burcher, Hofland, Laidlaw, Piper and Mayor Farbridge (5)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Bell, Dennis, Findlay, Furfaro, Guthrie, Kovach, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (8)

Defeated

Ms. K. Pope
Ms. S. Aram

17. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Findlay
Seconded by Councillor Piper

THAT the Guelph Public Library budget be increased by \$55,650.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Burcher, Findlay, Hofland, Laidlaw, Piper, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (8)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Dennis, Furfaro, Guthrie, Kovach and Van Hellemond (5)

Carried

Ms. C. Clack
Ms. S. Aram

18. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Van Hellemond
Seconded by Councillor Dennis

THAT the 2012 proposed budget be increased by \$18,000 with respect to providing the University of Guelph Ice Subsidy until the end of this season.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Dennis, Guthrie, Kovach, Piper, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (7)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Burcher, Findlay, Furfaro, Hofland, Laidlaw, and Mayor Farbridge (6)

Carried

Dr. J. Laird
Ms. S. Aram

19. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Kovach
Seconded by Councillor Guthrie
THAT \$20,000 be transferred from the 2012 operating budget to the capital budget for sidewalk projects.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Furfaro, Guthrie, Kovach, Laidlaw, Piper, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (8)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Burcher, Dennis, Findlay, Hofland, and Mayor Farbridge (5)

Carried

Mr. D. McCaughan
Ms. S. Aram

20. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Burcher
Seconded by Councillor Laidlaw
THAT the Comprehensive Parking Strategy (PG0053) in the capital budget, be moved to year 2012 and the allocation increased to \$100,000 from \$84,000.

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

VOTING AGAINST: Councillor Kovach (1)

Carried

Ms. C. Clack
Ms. S. Aram

21. Moved by Councillor Kovach
Seconded by Councillor Laidlaw
THAT staff be directed to undertake a consultation process with respect to a citywide skateboard facility and report back to Council prior to the 2013 budget process.

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

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

Mr. D. McCaughan
Ms. S. Aram

22. Moved by Councillor Kovach
Seconded by Councillor Burcher
THAT staff be directed to request a financial contribution from any stakeholder, including GO Transit, towards the comprehensive parking strategy.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Dennis, Findlay, Furfaro, Guthrie, Kovach, Van Hellemond and Mayor Farbridge (8)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Burcher, Hofland, Laidlaw, Piper and Wettstein (5)

Carried

Mr. D. McCaughan
Ms. S. Aram

23. Moved by Councillor Findlay
Seconded by Councillor Kovach
WHEREAS the citizens of Guelph have clearly stated their desire and preference for more trails as part of the recreational services offered;

THAT staff, as part of the development of the 2013 capital budget be directed to give greater emphasis to trail development within the Operations & Transit Service Area.

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

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

Mr. I. Panabaker
Ms. D. Jaques
Ms. S. Aram
Mr. M. Amorosi

24. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Furfaro
Seconded by Councillor Bell
THAT staff be directed to revise the gross amount of the 2012 Capital Budget by \$3.8 million in order to proceed with the Baker Street project.

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

VOTING AGAINST: Councillor Kovach (1)

Carried

Mr. M. Amorosi
Ms. T. Agnello
Ms. S. Aram

25. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Guthrie
Seconded by Councillor Burcher
THAT the expansion for e-agendas in the amount of \$0 be approved.

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

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

Mr. D. McCaughan
Ms. S. Aram

26. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Hofland

THAT the transit statutory holiday service allocation in the 2012 operating budget be increased by \$27,900 to reinstitute the remaining 5 statutory holiday service.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Burcher, Findlay, Furfaro, Hofland, Laidlaw, Piper, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (9)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Dennis, Guthrie, Kovach and Mayor Farbridge (4)

Carried

27. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Kovach
Seconded by Councillor Furfaro

THAT the Mayor and Councillor purchased services be funded at the 2011 level.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Findlay, Furfaro, Guthrie, Kovach and Van Hellemond (6)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Burcher, Dennis, Hofland, Laidlaw, Piper, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (7)

Defeated

28. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Kovach
Seconded by Councillor Bell

THAT the Transit Services purchased services be decreased by \$25,000.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Furfaro, Guthrie, Kovach and Van Hellemond (5)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Burcher, Dennis, Findlay, Hofland, Laidlaw, Piper, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (8)

Defeated

29. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Kovach
Seconded by Councillor Bell
THAT the Arts Culture & Entertainment purchased services be decreased by \$50,000.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Furfaro, Guthrie, Kovach and Van Hellemond (5)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Burcher, Dennis, Findlay, Hofland, Laidlaw, Piper, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (8)

Defeated

30. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Guthrie
Seconded by Councillor Kovach
THAT the Guelph Public Library budget be reduced by \$68,870.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Dennis, Furfaro, Guthrie, Kovach and Van Hellemond (5)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Bell, Burcher, Findlay, Hofland, Laidlaw, Piper, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (8)

Defeated

31. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Kovach
Seconded by Councillor Bell
THAT the 2013 – 2021 Tax Supported Capital Forecast in the gross amount of \$398,759,900 be received for information and referred to the strategic planning process.

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

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

32. Moved by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor Findlay
THAT staff be directed to consider the resources needed in order to serve the capital projects for 2013 with respect to parks and trails.

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

Ms. S. Aram
Executive Team

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

Ms. S. Aram
Executive Team

33. Moved by Councillor Dennis
Seconded by Councillor Burcher
THAT the 2012 Tax Supported Operating Budget net tax
levy of \$176,060,944 including funds for Wellington-
Dufferin-Guelph Public Health be approved;

AND THAT the proposed increases to user fees and
transfers to/from reserve funds (Appendix 1) incorporated
in the 2012 budget be approved;

AND THAT the 2012 Tax Supported Capital Budget in the
gross amount of \$57,612,200 be approved;

THAT the 2013 – 2021 Tax Supported Capital Forecast in
the gross amount of \$398,759,900 be received for
information and referred to the strategic planning process.

AND THAT the 2012 Downtown Guelph Business
Association budget with gross expenditures of \$473,000
be approved;

AND THAT Non-union compensation adjustments in the
amount of \$175,000 be approved.

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

VOTING AGAINST: Councillor Kovach (1)

Carried

Counc. Dennis
Ms. C. Clack
Ms. S. Aram

34. Moved by Councillor Furfaro
Seconded by Councillor Guthrie
THAT staff be requested to report back through the
Community & Social Services Committee on low cost
options for addition of 2 ice pads at existing City facilities
in context with the Recreation Master Plan.

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

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

Ms. S. Aram
Ms. A. Pappert

35. Moved by Councillor Furfaro
Seconded by Councillor Findlay
THAT Finance staff report back to Council on a semi-annual basis with a revenue analysis.

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

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 o'clock p.m.

Minutes read and confirmed December 19, 2011.

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Mayor

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Acting Clerk