

Council Chambers
December 15, 2008

Council convened in formal session at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Beard, Bell, Billings, Burcher, Farrelly, Findlay, Hofland, Kovach, Laidlaw, Piper, Salisbury and Wettstein

Staff Present: Mr. H. Loewig, Chief Administrative Officer; Mr. M. Amorosi, Director of Human Resources; Chief S. Armstrong, Director of Emergency Services; Dr. J. Laird, Director of Environmental Services; Mr. D. McCaughan, Director of Operations; Ms. M. Neubauer, Director of Finance; Ms. A. Pappert, Director of Community Services; Ms. L.E. Payne, Director of Corporate Services/City Solicitor; Mr. J. Riddell, Director of Community Design and Development Services; Mr. P. Cartwright, General Manager of Economic Development & Tourism; Mr. R. Hagey, Supervisor of Budgets; Mrs. L.A. Giles, Director of Information Services/City Clerk; and Ms. J. Sweeney, Council Committee Co-ordinator

2009 Tax Supported Operating & Capital Budgets

DECLARATIONS UNDER MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

The Chief Administrative Officer recapped the process to date in preparing the budget. He advised that the Province has increased the City's funding for ambulance services, but further advised that the Province has just advised that it intends to not provide its previous level of funding to the City under the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund.

1. Moved by Councillor Findlay
Seconded by Councillor Burcher

Mr. H. Loewig
Ms. M. Neubauer

THAT staff be directed to contact the Province of Ontario with respect to the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Beard, Bell, Billings, Burcher, Farrelly, Findlay, Hofland, Kovach, Laidlaw, Piper, Salisbury, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (13)
VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

Mr. H. Loewig

2. Moved by Councillor Findlay
Seconded by Councillor Hofland

THAT staff be directed to continue discussions with the County of Wellington with respect to the level of funding for social services and social housing, and the initiation of an operational review of these services.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Beard, Bell, Billings, Burcher, Farrelly, Findlay, Hofland, Kovach, Laidlaw, Piper, Salisbury, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (13)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

3. Moved by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Findlay

THAT persons wishing to address Council be permitted to do so at this time.

Carried

DELEGATIONS

Paul Ross was present on behalf of Heritage Guelph in support of funding for the creation of a full time heritage planner. He advised that without sufficient staffing resources, Heritage Guelph will have difficulty achieving the new heritage responsibilities. He strongly urged Council to support this new position.

Jane Cabral was present on behalf of the Neighbourhood Support Coalition and provided information on the various groups forming this coalition. She highlighted the objectives of their 2009 growth plan. She requested that their funding be increased to \$175,000 which makes the spring funding of \$50,000 become permanent.

4. Moved by Councillor Beard
Seconded by Councillor Findlay

THAT the 2009 Tax Supported Operating Budget net levy of \$151,757,470 (3.58% increase), incorporating adjustments recommended by the Senior Management Team in Appendix 1, as requested by Council at the December 2, 2008 meeting, be approved;

AND THAT the proposed increases to user fees and transfers to/from reserve funds incorporated in the 2009 budget, be approved;

AND THAT the County be advised that the City's portion of levy funding for Ontario Works/ODSP, Child Care and Social Housing is being established at a 2009 budget amount of \$22,843,000 (versus December 2 presentation by County projected 2009 budget of \$23,154,000 for these services);

AND THAT the 2009 Tax Supported Capital Budget, (which incorporates revisions to include reconstruction of the Wyndham St bridge, as outlined in Appendix 2) in the amount of \$80,641,000 be approved;

AND THAT the 2010 – 2018 Tax Supported Capital Forecast in the amount of \$704,942,000 (Ten year total \$785,583,000) be received for information.

5. Moved in Amended by Councillor Hofland
Seconded by Councillor Laidlaw

THAT the seasonal overnight parking on streets from April 1st to October 31, in the amount of \$200,000 be included in the 2009 operating budget.

6. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Bell

THAT seasonal overnight parking on streets be limited to May 1st to October 31st.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Beard, Bell, Burcher, Farrelly, Hofland, Laidlaw, Piper, Salisbury, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (10)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Billings, Findlay and Kovach (3)

Carried

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

THAT the seasonal overnight parking on streets from May 1st to October 31, in the amount of \$175,000 be included in the 2009 operating budget.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Beard, Bell, Burcher, Farrelly, Hofland, Laidlaw, Piper, Salisbury, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (10)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Billings, Findlay and Kovach (3)

Carried

Mr. D. McCaughan
Ms. M. Neubauer

Chief Rob Davis of the Guelph Police Services, in response to questions, provided information with respect to the expansion package for additional police officers.

8. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Bell

THAT the expansion package for two additional police officers dedicated to Traffic Division be included in the 2009 Operating Budget.

9. Moved by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Burcher

THAT the matter of the expansion package for two additional police officers be deferred until staff can clarify the level of the associated offsetting revenue.

Carried

10. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Hofland
Seconded by Councillor Burcher

THAT additional funding in the amount of \$25,000 be included in the 2009 Operating Budget for the Neighbourhood Support Coalition.

Ms. A. Pappert
Ms. M. Neubauer

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Beard, Bell, Billings, Burcher, Farrelly, Findlay, Hofland, Kovach, Laidlaw, Piper, Salisbury, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (13)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

11. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Bell

THAT the expansion package for two additional police officers dedicated to the Traffic Division, in the amount of \$200,000 be included in the 2009 Operating Budget.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Billings, Kovach and Piper (4)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Beard, Burcher, Farrelly, Findlay, Hofland, Laidlaw, Salisbury, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (9)

Defeated

12. Moved by Councillor Kovach
Seconded by Councillor Billings

THAT the expansion package for a Communications Coordinator in the Corporate Communications Division in the amount of \$55,100 be deleted from the 2009 Operating Budget.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Billings, Findlay, Kovach and Piper (5)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Beard, Burcher, Farrelly, Hofland, Laidlaw, Salisbury, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (8)

Defeated

13. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Kovach
Seconded by Councillor Billings

THAT the expansion package for Supervisor of Arts and Culture in the amount of \$48,500, be deleted from the 2009 Operating Budget.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Billings, Farrelly, Kovach, (3)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Beard, Bell, Burcher, Findlay, Hofland, Laidlaw, Piper, Salisbury, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (10)

Defeated

14. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Kovach
Seconded by Councillor Farrelly

THAT the expansion package for an Appraiser/Negotiator – Realty Services, in the amount of \$112,300, be deleted from the 2009 Operating Budget.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Billings, Farrelly and Kovach (3)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Beard, Bell, Burcher, Findlay, Hofland, Laidlaw, Piper, Salisbury, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (10)

Defeated

15. Moved by Councillor Laidlaw
Seconded by Councillor Salisbury

THAT the matter of a reduced rate bus pass be referred to staff to report back in the first quarter of 2009.

Ms. A. Pappert
Ms. M. Neubauer

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Beard, Bell, Billings, Burcher, Farrelly, Findlay, Hofland, Laidlaw, Piper, Salisbury, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (12)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillor Kovach (1)

Carried

16. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Findlay
Seconded by Councillor Billings
THAT the expansion package for a BSA/GIS Technician – Information Services in the amount of \$98,100, be deleted from the 2009 Operating Budget.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Billings and Findlay (2)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Beard, Bell, Burcher, Hofland, Kovach, Laidlaw, Piper, Salisbury, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (10)

Councillor Farrelly was not in the Chambers during the vote.

Defeated

Ms. M. Neubauer

17. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Hofland
Seconded by Councillor Wettstein
THAT \$80,000 be included in the Capital Budget, to be funded over two years, for a grant to ARC Industries with respect to development charges for their property at 8 Royal Road, Guelph.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Beard, Bell, Billings, Burcher, Farrelly, Findlay, Hofland, Kovach, Laidlaw, Piper, Salisbury, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (13)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

18. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor Piper
THAT \$100,000 be included in the 2009 Capital Budget for new sidewalk construction.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Piper and Laidlaw (3)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Beard, Billings, Burcher, Farrelly, Findlay, Hofland, Kovach, Salisbury, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (10)

Defeated

19. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Salisbury
Seconded by Councillor Piper
THAT \$50,000 be included in the 2009 Capital Budget for
new sidewalk construction.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Laidlaw, Salisbury
and Piper (4)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Beard, Billings, Burcher,
Farrelly, Findlay, Hofland, Kovach, Wettstein and Mayor
Farbridge (9)

Defeated

20. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Billings
Seconded by Councillor Wettstein
THAT \$600,000 from the Interest Revenue from Guelph
Hydro be transferred from reserves to the 2009 Operating
Budget.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Billings and Wettstein
(2)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Beard, Bell, Burcher,
Farrelly, Findlay, Hofland, Kovach, Laidlaw, Piper,
Salisbury and Mayor Farbridge (11)

Defeated

21. Moved in Amendment by Councillor Kovach
Seconded by Councillor Bell
THAT the 2 hour free downtown parking funding in the
amount of \$725,000, be removed from the 2009
Operating Budget.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Billings, Farrelly
and Kovach (4)

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

Defeated

22. Moved by Councillor Findlay
Seconded by Councillor Hofland
THAT the Procedural By-law be suspended to allow
Council to continue to 11:30 p.m.

Carried

Ms. M. Neubauer 23. Moved by Councillor Beard
Seconded by Councillor Findlay
THAT the 2009 Tax Supported Operating Budget net levy of \$151,997,470, incorporating adjustments recommended by the Senior Management Team in Appendix 1, as requested by Council at the December 2, 2008 meeting, and as further amended by Council, be approved.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Beard, Bell, Burcher, Farrelly, Findlay, Hofland, Laidlaw, Piper, Salisbury, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (11)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Billings and Kovach (2)

Carried

Ms. M. Neubauer 24. Moved by Councillor Beard
Seconded by Councillor Findlay
THAT the proposed increases to user fees and transfers to/from reserve funds incorporated in the 2009 budget, be approved.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Beard, Bell, Billings, Burcher, Farrelly, Findlay, Hofland, Kovach, Laidlaw, Piper, Salisbury, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (13)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

Ms. M. Neubauer 25. Moved by Councillor Beard
Seconded by Councillor Findlay
THAT the County of Wellington be advised that the City's portion of levy funding for Ontario Works/ODSP, Child Care and Social Housing is being established at a 2009 budget amount of \$22,843,000 (versus December 2 presentation by County projected 2009 budget of \$23,154,000 for these services).

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Beard, Billings, Burcher, Findlay, Hofland, Kovach, Laidlaw, Piper, Salisbury, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (11)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Bell and Farrelly (2)

Carried

Ms. M. Neubauer

*amended by resolution
#1 Feb 23/09*

26. Moved by Councillor Beard
Seconded by Councillor Findlay

THAT the 2009 Tax Supported Capital Budget, (which incorporates revisions to include reconstruction of the Wyndham St bridge, as outlined in Appendix 2) in the amount of \$80,678,000 be approved.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Beard, Bell, Burcher, Farrelly, Findlay, Hofland, Laidlaw, Piper, Salisbury, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (11)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Billings and Kovach (2)

Carried

Ms. M. Neubauer

*amended by resolution
#1 Feb 23/09*

27. Moved by Councillor Beard
Seconded by Councillor Findlay

THAT the 2010 – 2018 Tax Supported Capital Forecast in the amount of \$704,982,000 (Ten year total \$785,660,000) be received for information.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Beard, Bell, Billings, Burcher, Farrelly, Findlay, Hofland, Kovach, Laidlaw, Piper, Salisbury, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (13)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 o'clock p.m.

Minutes read and confirmed January 26, 2009.

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Mayor

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Clerk