

Committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda

Consolidated as of March 3, 2017

**Monday, March 6, 2017 – 1:30 p.m.
Council Chambers, Guelph City Hall, 1 Carden Street**

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Call to Order – Mayor

Authority to move into Closed Meeting

That the Council of the City of Guelph now hold a meeting that is closed to the public, pursuant to The Municipal Act, to consider:

C-COW-CS-2017.1 Public Appointments to Various Advisory Committees (Downtown Advisory Committee, Guelph Museums Advisory Committee, River Systems Advisory Committee and Water Conservation and Efficiency Public Advisory Committee)

Section 239 (2) (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees

C-COW-IDE-2017.1 Hanlon Creek Business Park – Development Options
Section 239 (2)(c) proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality

Closed Meeting

Open Meeting - 2:00 p.m.

Mayor in the Chair

Closed Meeting Summary

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

Consent Agenda – Corporate Services

Chair – Councillor MacKinnon

The following resolutions have been prepared to facilitate Council's consideration of various matters and are suggested for consideration. If Council wishes to address a specific report in isolation of the Consent Agenda, please identify the item. It will be extracted and dealt with separately as part of the Items for Discussion.

COW-CS-2017.1 Non Application of the Line Fences Act

Recommendation:

That the City of Guelph opt out of the application of the Line Fences Act and that the attached by-law regarding non-application of the Line Fences Act be brought forward for approval at the March 2017 Council meeting.

Corporate Services Chair and Staff Announcements

Consent Agenda – Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise

Chair – Councillor Gibson

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COW-IDE-2017.8 Sidewalk Needs Assessment Update

Staff Memo:

Jennifer Juste, Program Manager, Transportation Demand Management

Recommendation:

1. That the recommended priority list for sidewalk construction based on the prioritization criteria outlined in the report "Guelph Sidewalk Needs Assessment Study" dated January 2017 be approved.
2. That adequate right-of-way width be secured in new draft plans of subdivisions to provide sidewalks on both sides of the road where the anticipated sidewalk needs would rank as high upon subdivision completion.
3. That sidewalks be constructed adjacent to subdivision blocks that have been undeveloped for five (5) years or more and that the block developer be responsible for all costs to repair any sidewalk damage during site development.
4. That adequate funding to maintain new sidewalk facilities be included in future Operating Budgets.

COW-IDE-2017.10 Sign By-law Variances – 158 Clair Road East

Recommendation:

1. That the request for variances from Sign By-law Number (1996)-15245, as amended, for 158 Clair Road East to permit three (3) interchangeable building signs to be located 0.92 metres from the ground, be approved.

2. That the request for variances from Sign By-law Number (1996)-15245, as amended, for 158 Clair Road East to permit 3 menu boards on the property, one pre-sell menu with a height of 2.02 metres above the adjacent roadway and two (2) integrated menu boards with a height of 2.33 metres above the adjacent roadway with sign faces of 3.63 square metres each, be approved.

COW-IDE-2017.11 Sign By-law Variances – 84-202 Clair Road East

Recommendation:

That the request for variances from Sign By-law Number (1996)-15245, as amended, to permit a 5.33 square metre illuminated freestanding sign at 84-202 Clair Road East to be setback 3 metres from the nearest public road allowance and to be a height of 6 metres above the adjacent roadway, be approved.

COW-IDE-2017.12 Annual and Summary Water Services Report - 2016

Recommendation:

That the Annual & Summary Water Services Report – 2016 be approved.

Items for Discussion – Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise

The following items have been extracted from Consent Agenda and will be considered separately. These items have been extracted either at the request of a member of Council or because they include a presentation and/or delegations.

COW-IDE-2017.9 Natural Heritage Action Plan (NHAP) Project Initiation

Delegations:

Hugh Whiteley (presentation)

Recommendation:

That the Natural Heritage Action Plan project charter attached to Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise Services Report (IDE 17-25), dated March 6, 2017 be approved.

COW-IDE-2017.13 2017 Corporate Asset Management Plan and Policy

Presentation:

Daryush Esmaili, Manager of Corporate Asset Management

Recommendation:

1. That Council endorse the 2017 Corporate Asset Management Plan and Asset Management Policy; and
2. That staff be directed to provide annual updates to Council on the key activities and progress of the 2017 Corporate Asset Management Plan and Policy.

COW-IDE-2017.15 Transportation Master Plan - Framework

Presentation:

Kealy Dedman, General Manager, Engineering and Capital Infrastructure Services/City Engineer

Recommendation:

That the framework for the update to the 2005 Guelph –Wellington Transportation Master Plan as outlined in report IDE 17-34 be approved.

COW-IDE-2017.16 Pedestrian Crossing Treatments – Update to the Ontario Traffic Manual

Presentation:

Allister McIlveen, Manager of Transportation Services

Correspondence:

Yvette Tendick, Guelph Coalition for Active Transportation

Recommendation:

1. That the City of Guelph adopt the installation warrants for the Level 2 Pedestrian Crossover as outlined in Report 17-32 dated March 6, 2017.
2. That staff be directed to report back to Council in the third quarter of 2017 with a comprehensive report recommending an implementation strategy with the following integral components for a Pedestrian Crossover Program
 - Communication Plan (Public Education and Outreach)
 - Implementation priority list of locations
 - Program to monitor compliance and pedestrian safety
 - Financial implications based upon an assessment of each recommended location

COW-IDE-2017.17 Delegation of Authority for Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise Services

Presentation:

Scott Stewart, Deputy CAO, Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise

Recommendation:

1. That pursuant to Section 23(1) of the Municipal Act, By-law Number (2013)-19529 be amended by adding Schedule "EE" to provide staff the authority to approve successful bids where the procurement is budgeted but does not have specific approvals, as set out in Attachment 1 hereto.
2. That pursuant to Section 23(1) of the Municipal Act, By-law Number (2013)-19529 be amended by adding Schedule "FF" to provide staff the authority to Appoint Risk Management Officials (RMOs) and Risk Management Inspectors (RMIs), as set out in Attachment 2 hereto.

3. That pursuant to Section 23(1) of the Municipal Act, By-law (2013)-19529 be amended by adding Schedule "GG" to provide staff the authority for variances to the Sign By-law, as set out in Attachment 3 hereto.
4. That pursuant to Section 23(1) of the Municipal Act, C By-law (2013)-19529 be amended by adding Schedule "HH" to provide staff the authority for residential demolition permits as set out in Attachment 4 hereto.

**COW-IDE-2017.18 Outstanding Motions of Committee of the Whole
(Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise)**

That the following motion, previously passed by Council, be eliminated from staff work plans and from the Outstanding Motion list:

April 20, 2016 Special Council

2016 Development Priorities Plan

"That Council direct staff to investigate and report back on the most effective way to quantify the cost of growth."

**Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise Chair and Staff
Announcements**

Mayor in the Chair

Special Resolutions

Striking Committee Policy Review - Councillor Wettstein's Motion for Which Notice was Given December 5, 2016

Recommendation:

That staff be directed to review, analyze and bring forward a recommendation updating the Striking Committee policies, processes and remuneration, and reporting of expenses and that staff report back to Committee of the Whole by Q4 2017.

Exploring Opportunities to Accelerate Large Neighbourhood Commercial Growth in East Guelph - Councillor Gibson's Motion for Which Notice was Given February 13th

Correspondence:

Carolan Sorbara

Rosemary Stulp

Wendy Dabbs

Trevor Favaro

Elizabeth Hearty

Karen Duffy

Robyn and Quinn McLafferty

Melania Nadj

Matt Campbell

Jessica Dewey

Karen Favaro

Carolin Craine

Cindy Judge and Harry Meredith

Ron Ramsay

Andy Wellwood

Maureen Lowden

Jason Murray

Crystal Gottfried

Amelia and William Hill

Lauren Dawe

Melissa Goetz	Krista McGregor
Adam and Nicole MacIntyre	Sarah Rubenstein
Linda Coleman	Katie Koehler
Marjorie and Gordon McLean	Angela Cloakey
Carmela van de Geyn	Ryan and Kaitlynn Barrett
Julie Brownell	Carolin Craine
Travis Sachs	Jeff Hoffman
John Ewasick	Mrs. S. Evans-Bitten
Janice Marshall	Ryan Gerritsen
Elke Ruthig	Allison Madill
Carla Rossit	Scott and Kimi Corney
Rick Bos	Andrew Orlanski
Lennie Diakiw	Claudette Young Sankey
June Reid	Christina Jackson
Cindy Shackleton	Derek and Jessica Hodge
Shirley Reynolds	Taniya Simpson
Dorothy Voss	Jamie Crichton
Julie Gill	Jill Felker
Kevin Marley	Stephanie McCreight
Deanna Felker	Sydney Kay-Shallow
Melissa Haines	Kathryn Williams
Shainna and Sean Poulin	Bhadresh Patel
Lynette Churchill	Alan Mason
Daniel Brasil	Sabrina Circelli
Sean Felker	Patricia Lodder
Guglielmo and Franca DaMaren	Heather Morgan
Sylvia Mollison	Angela Picot
Nelia Diakiw	Sandy Patten
Lindsey Glavaz	Peter Leblanc
Jennifer Kaufman and Soma Nathan	Sharon McDougall
Cheryl Buchanen	Andrea Campbell
Kathleen Robinson	Michelle Fitt
Robert Graham	Christine Brady
Faz Ashkar	Janet Currie
Sandra Swietochowska	Regan Avis
Kelly Zago	Kellie Barzotti
Abby-Rose Follon	Lynda Bentley
Michelle Longo	Jared Ferrall
Rosa Contini	Lianne Keais
Melissa Dale	Penelope Knox

Recommendation:

1. That, in conjunction with the ongoing comprehensive commercial policy review, staff be directed to consider other opportunities for neighborhood commercial development along the York Road Intensification corridor (east of Victoria Road) with the intent of attracting further commercial investment to East Guelph (East of Victoria Road), and

2. That staff report back to Council on these opportunities as they emerge or, at established reporting milestones for the commercial policy review.

Chair and Staff Announcements

Please provide any announcements, to the Chair in writing, by 12 noon on the day of the Council meeting.

Notice of Motion

Notice of Motion provided by Mayor Guthrie

Adjournment

INTERNAL MEMO



DATE February 28, 2017
TO **Council**
FROM Jennifer Juste
DIVISION Transportation Services, Engineering and Capital Infrastructure Services
DEPARTMENT Infrastructure, Design and Enterprise Services
SUBJECT **Erratum – Sidewalk needs assessment study**

A cost estimate noted in Attachment 1 of the staff report entitled "Sidewalk Needs Assessment Study" is incorrectly noted on page iii of the consultant report.

Under the Recommendations heading on page iii, the capital cost estimate is *incorrectly* estimated at "\$1225,000".

The correct capital cost estimate for sidewalks on Woodlawn Road West from Elmira Road to the west city limits should read "\$225,000".

The cost estimate is correctly listed in Table 5.1 on page 19.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Juste

Program Manager, Transportation Demand Management

Transportation Services, Engineering and Capital Infrastructure Services

Infrastructure Design and Enterprise Services

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C Allister McIlveen

Open Space Master Planning

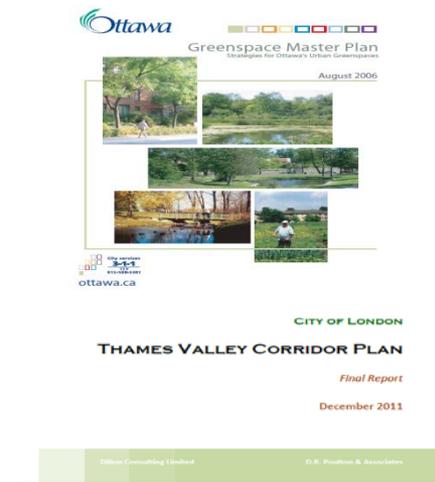
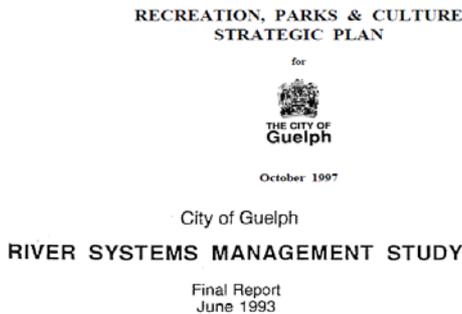
The central co-ordinating element in planning

A Presentation To Guelph City Council

March 6 2016

parks and recreation concept plan

planning and design & parks and recreation January 1973



By Hugh Whiteley
hwhitele@uoguelph.ca

Staying on Message

Don't whisper a dozen
things, say one thing
loudly

Terry O'Reilly Globe Careers March 1 2017

The Message

Do not approve initiation of Natural Heritage Action Plan Until

- Council has adopted Greenspace Planning Charter
- Integrated Open Space Planning is restored as the planning framework
- Development of Open Space Action Plans is a community-led activity

Defects in NHAP as proposed

- Confirms the rejection of Integrated Open Space Planning (the framework previously used in Guelph); replaced by a separate-silos framework for p&d, r&p.
- Justifies the staff decision to end the use of Open Space Master Plans in Guelph.
- Replaces community-led project planning with an internal staff-only project.

WHAT IS GREENSPACE ?

Greenspace is the totality of natural lands and landscaped open-space vistas that engender in visitors a sense of belonging, tranquility, healing, health and spiritual wellbeing

Greenspace Charter

- The City of Guelph has, as a first priority of the City, establishment of a permanent, integrated, linked natural heritage/open space system to protect, preserve and, where possible, enhance the natural environment and to provide access to natural settings as required for the physical, social and spiritual health of its citizens.

Leaders in Greenspace Planning ~~Guelph~~, Ottawa, London, Brandon

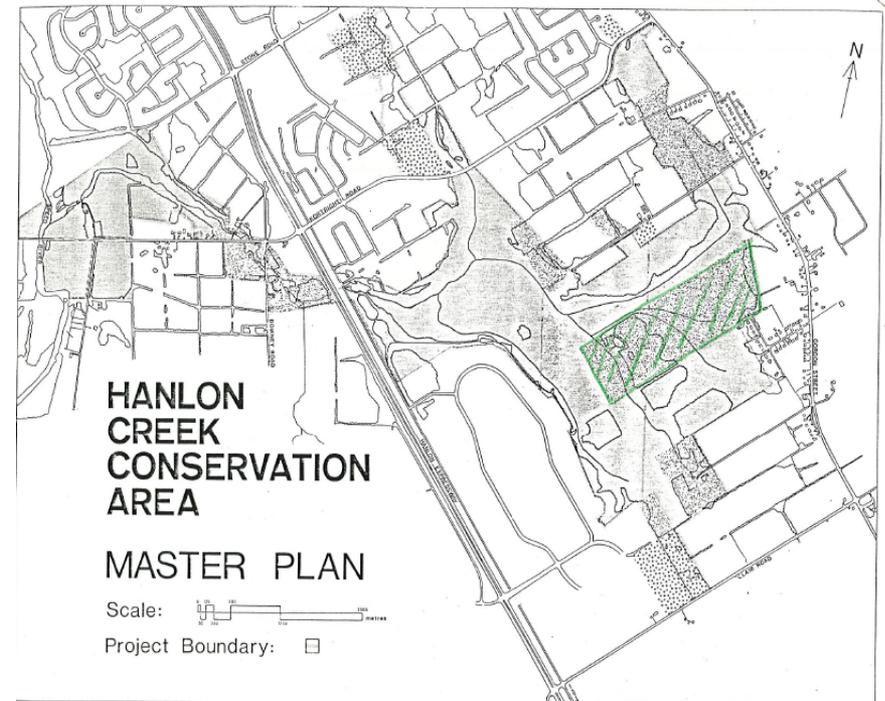
Ottawa Greenspace Master Plan August 2006

Ottawa distinguishes itself from other large cities by virtue of its being 'green' with an abundance of parks, rivers, woodlands and rolling countryside that contribute in large measure to the high quality of life offered to all its citizens. These greenspaces are the legacy of actions taken by visionary community builders in the past. While Ottawa is proud of this green heritage, it cannot rest on past actions alone.

Visionary Community Builders in Guelph

– Fred Woods –

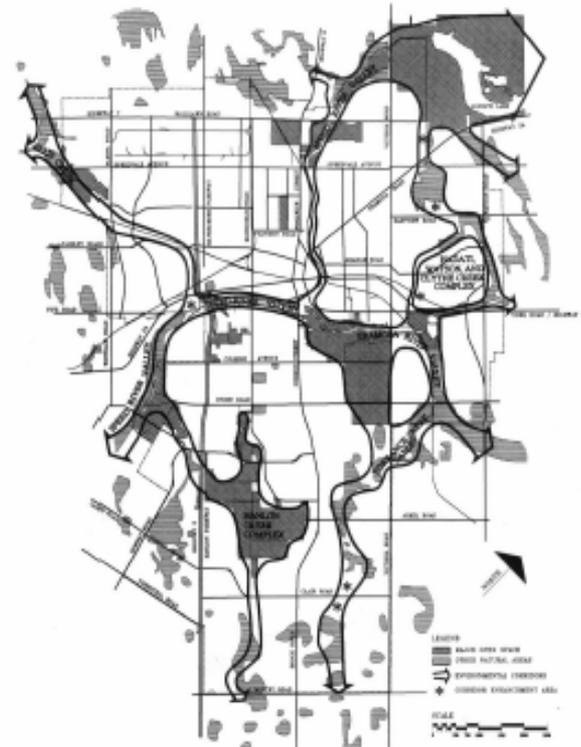
- In the rapid growth of urbanization, which increasingly takes man out of harmony with nature, the opportunity for frequent return to a more natural environment is most important particularly for children and elders. The (open space) lands which are reserved and preserved in our time will be beyond price.



Visionary Community Builders in Guelph

– Ken Perry –

- Open Space planning must become the central coordinating element in planning to provide the vital components of an urban environment - a linked and integrated network of open space that preserves valuable natural features and creates a socially and physically desirable environment for leisure activities.



GREENWAY PLAN

CONCEPT: Major Open Space, Corridors,
and Other Natural Areas

Figure 2

Visionary Community Builders in Guelph

– Norm Jary –

- Championed the vision of the Hanlon Creek Conservation Area as a unique juxtaposition of a highly natural area within a highly urbanized environment, convincing the GRCA to partner with the City of Guelph in the purchase of the former Kortright Waterfowl Park lands.



Visionary Community Builders

– Guelph 2017 –

- City Council
- City Staff
- Citizens of Guelph

From: Active Guelph [mailto:activeguelph@gmail.com]
Sent: March 3, 2017 6:57 AM
To: Clerks
Cc: Cam Guthrie
Subject: Pedestrian crossovers- March 6 Committee of the Whole

Hello,
Please submit these comments to the Committee of the Whole on March 6, 2017.
Thank you,
Yvette Tendick
President, Guelph Coalition for Active Transportation



Dear Mayor Guthrie and Councillors,

Guelph Coalition for Active Transportation endorses a staff report that recommends that the City of Guelph adopt the installation warrants for the Level 2 Pedestrian Crossover, as outlined in the Report 17-3, dated March 6, 2017.

These Level 2 Pedestrian Crossovers in specified locations give pedestrians the right of way as well as requiring vehicles to stop when the light is flashing. Currently, there is a risk of injury and death in locations where pedestrians, particularly seniors or those with physical impairments, must take their chances crossing unprotected busy roads. More locations across Guelph where pedestrians can cross will allow for greater pedestrian mobility and connectivity.

Due to the increased safety at previously unprotected crossings, these pedestrian crossovers will encourage people to be healthy and active by inviting them to walk to their destination. Currently, unprotected crossings make it virtually impossible to have a safe enjoyable walking trip to visit friends or run errands in some parts of the city.

Considering that Ontario is the last province to adopt this form of infrastructure, it is important that we support this important trend that encourages people to be more active and engaged in their community.

We do realize that, since these signals would be new to Guelph, pedestrians and motorists must become accustomed to them. It is imperative that there is an accompanying education and communication program for all to ensure that the new installations will be safe for all users.

Once again, GCAT is pleased that city staff is bringing forth this recommendation for Type 2 pedestrian crossovers, and recommends that City Council support this important initiative.

Sincerely,

Yvette Tendick
GCAT president

**CON-2017.5 Exploring Opportunities to Accelerate Large
Neighbourhood Commercial Growth in East Guelph**

Correspondence Received:

Please support Dan Gibson's motion to explore opportunities to accelerate East End Commercial Development.

Those of us who live in the East End continue to be frustrated by the lack of commercial Development in the our part of town while watching commercial development flourish in the rest of our town. Loblaw's has held the East End of Guelph hostage for more than a decade by its ongoing game of refusing to build but also refusing to sell and provide the opportunity for the completion to move in. We respectfully request the City of Guelph to explore other options to spearhead commercial development in the East End.

It is time to stop thinking of Loblaw's as the "eventual solution" and see them as the road block that they are. It's time to look for a real solution instead of relying on the same plan and expecting a different result. It is time to stop looking inside the box and seeing only Loblaw's. We need to look outside the box to find real opportunity to replace the long touted but non-existent Loblaw opportunity.

Please support Dan Gibson's motion to explore other opportunities for the East End so that we may benefit from the commercial opportunities already enjoyed by the rest of our town.

Thank you,
Linda Coleman

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East end needs commercial growth

Katie Koehler

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We are in total agreement with Dan Gibson that we need to to explore opportunities to accelerate EAST END Commercial Development - we have been waiting far too long!!

Marjorie & Gordon McLean

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Hello,

I am writing in response to development in the east end. We live on and all though there are a ton of great residential areas being built up... There is a total lack of businesses & restaurants to go along with it all. It would be great to see it develop like the south end is with restaurants, a grocery store, etc!

Thank you,
Angela Cloakey

Good morning

I wish to add my voice to Mr Gibson's proposal for commercial expansion in the east end of Guelph. I was born and raised @ Stevenson & Grange & now live @ and am definitely disappointed to see in 50 years little has changed in regards to services in this community. I ask that you kindly support Mr Gibson so he may support our community.

Thank You,
Carmela van de Geyn

Hello,

Thank you for putting this into action and bringing it to everyone's attention. We have lived in several different areas of Guelph and have loved every minute of it. We recently purchased a home and moved to the east end as new home buyers. It would greatly improve this side of town to have a grocery store. It is very inconvenient to not have a shopping area closer to home.

Please let us know what we can do to help speed up this process.

Thanks,
Ryan & Kaitlynn Barrett

I moved to Guelph in 1999. I was a small-town girl and loved everything about Guelph, I still do, but I seem room for improvement.

I have lived on the West and North ends of the city but when my husband and I decided to build our home we chose the the East side. We built our home 10 years ago on . At that time, we were on the edge of town. The residential growth around has been exponential. We cannot understand why all other areas of Guelph have had commercial growth and we are still expected to access grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants in other areas of the city. It would be wonderful to

build a community feeling in East Guelph, places to meet for coffee with friends, enjoy dining in our area, grab quick groceries for my family after they go to sleep.

I hope to hear good news surrounding this motion for exploring opportunities to accelerate commercial growth in East Guelph.

Sincerely,
Julie Brownell

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I support the development of Commercial business for the East end of the city, namely Watson Road, York Road & the Eastview area.

Carolin Craine

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Please add to the record that I support the motion for debate March 6 set forward by Dan Gibson. Guelphs Watson/Grange area is in desperate need of commercial development. The residents there have been patient for far too long.

Thank you
Travis Sachs

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Hi,

I support the motion moved by Councillor Gibson for City staff to explore opportunities to accelerate large neighborhood growth in the East End of Guelph.

Thank you.
Jeff Hoffman

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I have lived on _____ for 20 years, still waiting for something to happen in my neighbourhood , it was posted that future development was to happen when our house was built, this year our mortgage is paid and we're still waiting!!!!!!

Regards
John Ewasick

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Dear Sir or Madam,

Please help counselor Gibson in his fight to secure a proper food store in the East End of Guelph. We want to shop local, and don't want to drive half way across town to do so! Some of us don't have cars....time to force Loblaws to do something with the land they bought, or allow other industrial land to be used instead.

Yours Sincerely,
Mrs Evans-Bitten

To whom it may concern,

The east end needs a commercial plaza or two terribly. Lots of people but nowhere to shop. Compared to all of the other areas in Guelph, especially the South and West there has been a huge lack of commercial development.

As a resident of Eden Mills in neighbouring Guelph/Eramosa I know that a large amount of people from my village, Rockwood and rural residents do the majority of their shopping in Guelph. The east is close to us and we would love to have options there.

Regards,
Janice Marshall

East end Watson and Starwood needs a grocery store and other commercial entities!

Let's do this!

Ryan Gerritsen

In response to / support of councillor Dan Gibson

I support the acceleration of the development of commercial amenities for Guelph East end. High time.

Elke Ruthig

To Whom It May Concern,

I'm writing this email to tell council to please support the motion to accelerate growth in the east end. I grew up on this side of Guelph in the township. When I was choosing where in Guelph to build a home, I chose the east end and my husband and I have built 2 homes in the Grange Starwood area. I have 3 boys who attend school here. I love this part of Guelph. I'm close to my family, close to

nature and schools - all within walking distance. I do wish; however, that we could walk to pick up a bag of milk or loaf of bread. Please support the motion to bring commercial options to us. It's about time we had the same shopping choices as the south and west ends.

Thank you - Allison Madill

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Hello,

I am writing this in support of Dan Gibson's motion for Guelph to look at other large commercial opportunities in the East end of Guelph. I am tired of Loblaws playing games and holding that piece of commercial land hostage to the detriment of East end residents.

I moved here from Milton, one of the fastest growing cities, and am dismayed at how long it is taking to provide this part of Guelph with commercial amenities compared to other areas in Guelph. I lived in the newest area of Milton and commercial amenities came within 2 or 3 years.

I disagree with councillors who say it sets a precedent of giving an area an "advantage" over other areas... if anything, they are the ones who have had all of the advantages and it's time to spread a little of the love to the East. We've been at a disadvantage for much too long now and it is actually kind of disturbing and quite difficult to understand why that is given the amount of residential growth we've seen here. It almost seems conspiratorial... and I am not normally one for conspiracy theories.

Frankly, it seems that Loblaws has been unfairly manipulating the situation, and it's time to take the power and control away from them... if at all possible. And it's time for other councillors to be a little more generous.

Sincerely,
Carla Rossit

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This is to express our support in moving forward to get some commercial retail outlets in the east end.

We've lived here many years, awaiting this to happen.

We support our counsellors decision to go forward on this.

Thanks

Scott and Kimi Corney

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Hi

I have lived in the East End for 9 years.

I am in favour of working to bring more Commercial development to the East End

Rick Bos

To whom it may concern,

I am emailing to endorse my support of the motion presented by Dan Gibson to support and explore the growth of commercial development in the east end of Guelph. I am surprised by the lack of commercial services in the east end, as it is the most under serviced areas in the entire city. Most especially, the lack of a grocery store makes it entirely inconvenient to live here and we need to attract more commercial development to the east end to benefit all the citizens who have chosen to raise their families here.

East end families pay the same taxes as those who live in other areas of the city, and so it would be in the city's best interest to explore how to bring more commercial opportunities to the citizens who need it. Currently, there is nothing within walking distance of most of the residents. Thus we rely on driving or bus transportation to get some of the most simple of items such as milk, eggs, or medications.

Thus I support the motion. Thank you.

Regards
Andrew Orlanski

i am in full support of the addendum that Dan Gibson has presented for commercial development in the East end. We have been neglected for too long.

Thanks
Lennie Diakiw

Please be advised that I am in total support of councilman Dan Gibson and his efforts to get things moving in the east end of the city. We have been waiting long

Signed..Claudette Young Sankey

Dear Sir,

I am in favour of Dan Gibson's motion for east end large commercial development. We have lived on _____ for 15 years on May 31st and have been waiting that long for a grocery store. I do not drive so when my husband is sick or our car is in the garage for 3 or 4 days it is very inconvenient shopping for food because I have to take 2 or 3 buses depending on which store I shop at and then the same amount of buses home. I am grateful for the bus service because I cannot afford to take a taxi on my government pension but if we had a grocery store in our area then I would only need to take 1 bus which would be great.

Considering there were supposed to be 4 nodes and so far there are only 3 nodes I suggest you stop wasting valuable time and get on with reconstructing York Road so we can have the promised shopping.

Yours truly,
Mrs. June Reid (Ken Reid)

Hi

I have lived in East Guelph for 7 years. My husband, our children and myself live on the boundary of ward 1 and 2. We live in ward 2. Previous to living in ward 2 I lived in ward 5 where I grew up. I travel to the south end university area to do my grocery shopping. I generally stop on my way home from work in Cambridge and travel through the south end. I find this to be the most convenient for myself and my busy family.

A grocery store preferably a mid price range store and a pharmacy/ drug store, not necessarily part of the grocery store, would be great to have. I feel like I had been spoiled by having a grocery stores within close proximity growing up. Now that I see how many grocery stores are all within a minute of each plus another on the way in ward 6 I don't feel like I was spoiled.

I realize the many factors that go into a company deciding where to put their grocery chain and that a certain company has held the reigns for a while with land ownership. Within that company they have many options with the banners that they operate. It has been a long time since Loblaws first express interest in the property as my mother did the search on the property in her working days (she's been retired for over 7 years). Time to get movin!

Please help out us East end folks...my kids eat and drink way to much to not have one closer by.

Thank you
Christina Jackson

Please help support new commercial growth in the east end. We really have nothing but houses, pizza places and convenience stores. New homes keep being built which need amenities like a nearby grocery store. It would be great to bring something like a Farm Boy to the east end. It is not much farther to do my grocery shopping in Cambridge where I can get a better selection but would much prefer to support my own community and Farm Boy supports local farmers.

Thank you
Cindy Shackleton

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My husband (Derek Hodge) and myself (Jessica Hodge) urge the City of Guelph to give us the amenities we so desperately have been waiting for. The whole city is progressing it seems, besides the east end. It's time to stop talking a good game and implement a way of getting things done. Houses should not keep getting built until there are more resources. As for the bully "loblows" raise the taxes, force them to sell, tarnish their name, do what you have to do! Be creative. Where there is a will...

Sincerely, Jessica Hodge /Derek Hodge

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The East End commercial development is long over due. I support what ever our councillor is proposing.

Shirley Reynolds.

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Hi There,
As a Guelph East End resident and local realtor I think it's absolutely ridiculous that we don't have a grocery store in the East End. The city needs to step in and ensure that the residents in this area are supported.

Taniya Simpson

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Hello,
We moved into the East End 22 years ago, and we were told at that time the landfill would be closing within 5 years and a supermarket would be built.

Here is is 22 years later and landfill (dump) finally closed and we have a library!!! We have been very patient watching the north end, south end and even the west end getting stores and strip malls.

We have Big Bear(a convenience store) and a pizza place ! Woo hoo!!! Where are the supermarkets and stores?

Would love to see a Longos or Fortinos being built on our side of town!

Sincerely,
Dorothy Voss

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I fully support Councillor Gibson's efforts to revitalize commercial development along York Road. The East End, its residents, and existing businesses deserve all of the infrastructure and amenities that are found elsewhere in the City of Guelph, or any other urban centre for that matter.

Jamie Crichton

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Hi there,

I am a Ward 1 resident and am writing to express support for Councillor Gibson's motion to explore further commercial possibilities in the east end.

Thank you,
Julie Gill

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I strongly support commercial development in the East End, especially a grocery store!

Thanks,
Jill Felker

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To whom it may concern,

I have been keeping abreast of the local news surrounding the commercial development in the east end. In light of Councillor Gibson's efforts to encourage development in the east end, I am compelled to send you a message to support his calls for commercial growth in our neighbourhood.

In November 2014 I had moved to the east end of Guelph. We were strongly encouraged by the growth potential of the area especially with new housing and a large plot of land that is owned by Loblaws.

Unfortunately, despite statements made in the run-up in the 2014 election, commercial development appears to remain stagnant in our growing community. The houses are appearing but the shops are not.

I think I speak the same tone as many in our neighbourhood, that the ability for us to walk to close by amenities would be a tremendous improvement to the livability of our neighbourhood and would help further foster a sense of community by way of being able to interact with our community members on a daily basis.

On another note: Your hard work at city hall is greatly appreciated! While we always seek improvements, Guelph is truly one of the best places to live!! Thank you!

Warmest Regards,
Kevin Marley

Good afternoon,
My family have been living in the East End for 10 years now, we love the trails, so happy for a library, but when it comes to groceries, or even just a bag of milk, we are spending more money on gas just to get to the store. The population is full now, we have 2 Public Schools and 1 Catholic School, we don't need much more housing at this time, what we really need is access to affordable groceries and related services.

We love living in Guelph and won't move anywhere else, but there is a time for everything and our time is now, if not Loblaws, then maybe the Sobeys chain needs to be contacted, we would love a Freshco or Food Basics, just something that will start building up this side of Guelph.

Thank you for taking the time to read this e-mail and have a fantastic day,

Stephanie McCreight

Hi,

I just want to write and say that I support exploring opportunities to accelerate large neighbourhood commercial development in our East End.

Thanks,
Deanna Felker

I would like my email below to Dan Gibson to be added to public record please.

Sydney Kay-Shallow

Hi Dan,

My name is Sydney Kay-Shallow. My husband, 2 year old daughter and I live in Ward 1. We are very happy and proud Guelphites and think this is a wonderful city to raise a family.

I just read the article about Loblaw being "uncooperative" and would like to thank you for putting your residents interests first. THANK YOU for speaking on our behalf the way you have. This is the first time I have sent a thank you letter to a councillor, and I just had to because I am very impressed.

I'm newer to the east end, but there are MANY residents who are not and who have been waiting for a long time for something to come to fruition with the Loblaw property here, not to mention other commercial development. A big draw to us picking our new build here (we were choosing between here and the North end) was because we were told we were going to have amenities literally down the road- and soon. It wasn't until after we moved in that someone in our neighbourhood on told us (Very frustratedly) that "they've been saying that for over 5 years now". Talk about feeling duped!

Salisbury and Wettstein need to understand that we in ward 1 deserve to have amenities similar to ward 4 and 6, and **Ward 1 residents have waited long enough**. We shouldn't have to drive across town to access what we need when there is commercial space that should be developed by now. Salisbury and Wettstein need to consider us residents rather than their personal agendas. It shocks me that they could find this unfair or worry that it's setting the wrong precedent. **How long do they expect everyone to sit around waiting for Loblaw? 5 more years? 10? 15?**

Something needs to be done, and well done you for getting the ball rolling!

Commercial development will be beneficial to everyone in the East end, especially those who rely on Guelph Transit. I know this because its been a major complaint from those I know who rely on Guelph Transit that the service stops at 6:45pm on Sundays. People taking the bus likely work places where they have to work on weekends. This is the case for my friend who lives in my neighbourhood, whose partner is being treated for Cancer and should she need anything from the grocery store or anything really on Sunday evening, her only options at that point is to pay for a cab, or uber, on top of her monthly bus fare or ask someone to drive her around (where she feels like an inconvenience). If we had close accessible amenities here she could walk to meet her household needs- and this is just 1 example!!

I'm going to end my email with once again a big Thank you for speaking on our behalf and doing a fine job putting **RESIDENTS** first. Thank you for being pro-active and working on **actually getting things done!** I look forward to hearing the results of the March 6 debate.

Sydney Kay-Shallow
Proud Ward 1 resident

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Greetings!

I am an east ender in this beautiful city of Guelph. Both my husband and I were born and raised in Guelph and we couldn't be prouder!

I'm writing to you now to support the push for further development in the East End. We are far behind on our amenities, and with so many residents here, we deserve them!!

Please help bring more to our community in the East End!!

Sincerely,
Melissa Haines

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I support Dan Gibson's motion to get the east end development moving forward. We bought here almost 20 years ago and have been patiently waiting for this promised amenity.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Williams

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Good afternoon,

As a residents of Guelph's East End, We wanted to email you to let you know that we have been waiting too long for amenities in our area. This quadrant of the city has been held from development far too long. While we are forced to drive to other areas for shopping, groceries etc. the South end, north end and West end all have these amenities provided. It is not fair to the tax payers in this area who have been promised development years ago. Whole families have grown up in the time Loblaws has wasted holding this property. Development should not solely depend on Loblaws. We are supportive of Councillor Dan Gibsons motion to Accelerate LARGE commercial development in our East end community. Not just pizza shoes and walk in clinics. We want access to stores, groceries, etc. Loblaws has dragged

its feet far too long, lets explore other opportunities now. We are just as deserving as other areas of the city. Please make this happen.

Shainna and Sean Poulin

Hey

I, Bhadresh Patel are living on east Guelph since 2011 .I will be full support for exploring to accelerate large neighbourhood commercial development on east guelph because compare to west end and south end we have no commercial development for it .

I have full support to my ward councillor Dan Gibson .

Thanks
Bhadresh Patel

Good afternoon,
I am writing to show support for more commercial development in the east end of Guelph.

I purchased my house on this side of town in 2006 with the hopes that the developments talked about at the corner of Starwood and Watson would be completed. Having more amenities on this end of town would just bring us equal to the rest of the city. We pay taxes just as they do and a whole other part of town has developed fully since I purchased my home While all we see are new houses, a library and a doctors office. We have the residential growth to support many new businesses such as a supermarket and really hope the motion put in place my Dan Gibson will move forward and solve this issue of the jealous older sibling of the South end.

Thank you for the opportunity to show my support.

Lynnette Churchill

You can count this letter as support from 52 realtors in this community for Dan Gibson's motion to explore what can be done in East Guelph. As realtors, we hear it EVERY DAY - why are there no amenities in East Guelph. Something needs to be done

Alan Mason

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To Whom it May Concern,

I am supporting Dan Gibson's push to have the East End of Guelph to have much, MUCH more commercial development.

I have lived in this part of Guelph for almost 18 years and have been promised for this amount of time that commercial development would come to our side of the city. I have seen every other part of Guelph be supported by commercial development while the East End continues to be ignored. Enough is enough already. Please support Dan Gibson's plan to have REAL commercial development brought to the East End of Guelph.

Thank-You,
Daniel Brasil

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Hello,

This email is to express my support to explore opportunities to accelerate East End Commercial Development. As a resident in the East end, I see many advantages and conveniences of having businesses such as a grocery store, bank, gas station etc. close by.

Thank you,
Sabrina Circelli

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Hi,

My name is Sean Felker. I'd like to note my approval for commercial development in the East end.

Sean Felker

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This email is to give my support for exploring opportunities to accelerate large neighbourhood commercial development in our East End.

Patricia Lodder

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We support the East End Commercial Development,

Guglielmo and Franca DaMaren

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Hello,

This email is to formally express support of Dan Gibson's motion to accelerate large neighbourhood commercial growth in east end.

The east end of Guelph is in desperate need for amenities and job opportunities. It is just shocking to see how vastly different the east end and south end are. It is time to change this.

Thank you,
Heather Morgan

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of Dan Gibson's motion to explore opportunities to accelerate East End Commercial Development. My family has lived in this area for the better part of 20 years with hope of having a grocery store in our neighbourhood. The east end has been neglected for too long and it is frustrating to see commercial growth burgeoning in all other areas of town. It is ridiculous that Loblaw company has given hope to residents with zero follow through. It is clear residents in the east are want these services and if Loblaw is not willing to develop the property, it should be opened up to someone that would. Residents in this area are clearly lacking in services - a couple of pizza joints, convenience stores, library and optometrist is not enough!

Sylvia Mollison

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I am writing this email in support of directing staff to explore opportunities to accelerate East End Commercial Development to be debated on March 6th at Committee of the Whole.

I have advocated for many years for further development in the East End. I do not feel we should rely on one retailer (Loblaws) or allow any one retailer to direct our city's development as has been done in the past. In particular in this area (ie Starwood and Watson Rd at the Library site).

Both city staff and council need to act urgently in this regard, as the East End has been neglected for far too long.

Thank you
Angela Picot

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I am in full support of Dan Gibson's motion. WE MUST HAVE COMMERCIAL in the EAST END OF GUEPH.

Thanks,
Nelvia Diakiw

Let's get moving on the development of York Rd east of Victoria!

Someone has to take charge here!

Sandy Patten

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you today to express my support for my Councillor, Dan Gibson's motion to explore opportunities to accelerate East End Commercial Development. I have lived in east end for nearly 3 years and would be very happy to finally see commercial development happen. It is frustrating to watch residential dwellings continuing to be built while we still go without things like grocery stores, restaurants, dry cleaners, coffee shops, etc. - I hope that with Dan Gibson's motion, it will not be much longer before these things start to pop up!

Sincerely,
Lindsey Glavaz

I support this motion.

Peter Leblanc

To whom this may concern,

Both my husband and I live in the east end on _____ Street. We agree with Dan Gibson's motion to accelerate commercial growth in the east end. We shouldn't have to wait to see what Loblaws does with their land and we should embrace healthy commercial competition and growth.

Jennifer Kaufman & Soma Nathan

Hello:

As a resident of the East End for many years now , I would like to express my wholehearted support to Dan Gibson and his opinions expressed in the below email. It is absolutely terrible how little commercial development has occurred in the East End. When I first moved into the East End (2006), we were told that a grocery store was coming very shortly. I don't believe that 11 years counts as "very shortly". PLEASE expand commercial development in the east end. ASAP. Thank you.

Kind regards,
Sharon McDougall

Good Morning;

I have been living in the East end (Drive) area for almost 6 years. I have seen extensive residential growth, but no commercial. There is no close by grocery store within walking distance like there is in every other area of Guelph. My real estate rep when I was looking at this house, told me that Loblaws owned property and a Zehrs or, at least a grocery store was in the talks and should be built soon. Well, nothing yet. It's about time that the vacant spot sitting on our east end be used for what it was planned for. Residential growth has not seemed to be stalled. I had no idea that there was to be so much residential growth. That really is no issue to me, but lack of nearby shopping is. We need it.

Thank you,
Cheryl Buchanen

To whom it may concern :

Please move forward with the East end development . This corridor is nothing but an eyesore in its current state . York road is an entrance to Guelph from Highway 7 and it looks uninviting and run down . As far as the land that Loblaws holds , because of the lack of vision and common sense from the former mayor and councillors , this land will sit until every other piece of land has been developed . I want some amenities after living in the east end for 11 years and refuse to wait any longer . Develop the east end !

Regards,
Andrea Campbell

Good afternoon,
Please be advised that I support the east end commercial development.

Kathleen Robinson

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to declare my full support for the motion presented by Dan Gibson to take steps toward accelerating the commercial development in the east end of Guelph.

As a long time resident of east Guelph, commercial development in this are is sorely needed.

I encourage the Committee of the Whole to fully endorse the motion.

Kind Regards,
Michelle Fitt

Good afternoon,

As a resident in Ward 1, I would like to express my support for the upcoming discussion on the proposed York Road commercial development project.

This section of town is seeing a lot of change in demographic due to the housing in the area generally being cheaper than elsewhere....although this is changing. What's happening across Ward 1 is an influx of young families, and this should be supported by infrastructure. We need more amenities, and our part of town needs to be taken more seriously in this regard.

I would think it highly appropriate to give this subject the time that it deserves before council. Thank you.

Robert Graham.

Good afternoon,

I am writing you today as an east end resident (grange and fleming area) in support of the development that is being proposed in this area. It is time as we have long awaited for residency to build up and support local commercial development. I am also a new home specialist for a local builder Granite Homes and have personally had a hand in securing new home ownership to many east end residents as part of the Morning Crest and Highlands communities. Many of these

residents are commuters to the 401 via highway 7 during the early morning hours and late evening hours. To have drive through coffee, fast food and a grocery store for a last minute pick up for fresh produce and meat on the way home after a long day of work would be absolutely ideal. Within walking distance for a lot of residence or by bike as well. Let's get some commercial company for the east end Guelph Public Library branch and revitalize the area along the York Road corridor and transform old abandoned buildings and open vacant land into functioning space. I support the motion. Thank you for your time in this matter.

With thanks,
Christine Brady

Hello there ,

My name is Fazl A Ashkar(Faz) investor and owner of Road . Our company is fully support the plan for York Road . We strongly believe that eastend needs commercial hub and York Road as .

Regards,
Faz Ashkar

To Whom It May Concern

I am writing to let you know that major frustration has set in with many residents in the East End due to the lack of major commercial amenities. When I moved to Guelph 8 years ago I was informed that there would be a major grocery store, bank, etc on Starwood.

My husband and I attend at town hall meeting about 1 year after moving here and was told by Loblaws representatives that they would starting building in 2009. Well that date has come and gone. I believe they told us just to shut us up. There was a Real Estate Agent and she voiced her opinion on the matter. She told the two gentleman that more and more housing will be built in the East End and all buyers ask the same question.

I think it is about time and most deserving for the East End residents, after all the south end has one of everything and they still keep complaining. I have come to the decision the more you complain the more you get.

I sincerely do hope that the reality of of a large commercial plan will come true.

Janet Currie.

Hello

I live on _____ St and I am in full support of any future development in my area. I would love to see a gas station or restaurants. I think the grocery store off Eramosa is close enough so no need for that :) hope this helps.

Thank you
Sandra Swietochowska

I am writing to express my support for the acceleration of commercial growth in East Guelph. I have lived in the East end of Guelph for the past 15 years and throughout that time there has been consistent rumour that a grocery store would be opening soon but nothing ever happens. The East end of Guelph is desperately in need of amenities. The population is increasing such that multiple new schools have been built over the past few years. Recent construction projects have been making driving across the city take longer (e.g. reducing lanes on Watson and Woodlawn) so it has become even more frustrating not to have access to the grocery stores, banks, and other services available in most other parts of the city

I encourage the City of Guelph to take action to accelerate commercial growth in east of Victoria.

Regan Avis

As a Guelph east end resident, I wish to express my support for Councillor Gibson's motion to accelerate large neighbourhood commercial growth to be debated at the March Committee.

Best regards,
Kelly Zago

Hello

I am in full support of this motion to develop the commercial property at Starwood and Watson. Please add my name to the list and send any updates.
Thank you.

Kellie Barzotti

Hello!

As an East-End, I couldn't be happier about the motion supporting commercial development over here!

Keep up the support and consideration for us underserved residents!

Abby-Rose Follon

Good morning,

I would just like to say that I have lived in the East End of Guelph for over 8 years now. I am getting very frustrated with the lack of groceries stores that are close to me and even gas stations. The closest gas station is the one on York just down from Victoria and with that being said that guy is always at least 5 cents HIGHER than others in the city. The fact that I have to drive 10mins out of my way to grab a loaf of bread or milk when needed is ridiculous. An errand that should only take 15 mins is double the time to get to and from the closest grocery store.

I have watched the South end get built up fast... they will soon have **3** grocery stores... while us here have NONE. They have restaurants and coffee shops, little shops.... And us in the East end get nothing but more housing for us all to fight to get the stuff we need at grocery stores that our not near us.

I am hoping that in the near future Guelph can help us East Enders out!

Thank you for your time,

Lynda Bentley

I live on the easy end of Guelph and 100% support the potential commercial development on our end of town! It is much needed and we have been waiting far too long for a grocery store, gas station, bank, restaurants etc.

Michelle Longo

I am totally in support of the motion to expand retail development in the east end.

Thanks

Jared Ferrall

Hello,

I just wanted to express my desire for commercial development in the East end, particularly York Road and Starwood/Watson intersection.

Cheers,
Rosa Contini

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I support Councillor Gibson and his motion of exploring Opportunities to Accelerate Large Neighborhood Commercial Growth in the East Guelph

Lianne Keais

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I am a resident of the east end of Guelph. We are desperate for more amenities on this side of town. Stores, gas, grocery..places for our kids to work and frequent. The development at Watson and Eastview is not enough. Please use the York Rd. areas and those along Watson to build up commercial sites over more housing...the schools are full and houses are taking over land...we need something for those who already live here.

Melissa Dale

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Hi there,

As a resident of _____ Drive, I welcome this idea. As long as it doesn't involve encroaching upon the south side of the road where there should only be untouched nature. As for the other side of the road, have at it!

Watson Rd. By the library would be ideal for commercial development. I think Loblaw's should be told they must build or sell the land. The law as it stands should be updated to reflect the current state of the East end, please make it so. The city should be holding the cards with its own land, not any large corporation that isn't affected by holding the land hostage. It means nothing to them, but the neighbourhood, which is made up of mostly families with young children, would really benefit. Maybe then the new cycling lanes that were put in may actually get used.

If you need anymore input/involvement feel free to email me. I would really like to support these changes.

Thank you,
Penelope Knox