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Service Area Corporate Services

Date Friday, September 27, 2019

Subject **2019 Credit Rating**

Report Number CS-2019-24

Executive Summary

Purpose of Report

To provide an overview of the credit rating process undertaken by S&P Global Ratings (S&P) and to highlight the findings of their review.

Key Findings

S&P's review affirmed the City's credit rating of AA+ with a stable outlook, highlighting the City's low debt level, dynamic economy and healthy liquidity position for the seventh consecutive year.

A strong credit rating demonstrates that the City is well managed, financially healthy and able to meet all debt obligations. The rating influences the terms of the debt; such as the type of debt, the amortization period and the interest rate. The City's AA+ rating was instrumental in obtaining the extremely favourable \$33 million debenture over 20 years at 2.66 percent in July 2019. The annual credit rating review provides valuable, forward looking insight on the financial condition of the City that should be considered when developing the operating and capital budgets.

Financial Implications

An AA+ rating with a stable outlook signifies that the City's ability to meet its financial commitments is between very strong and extremely strong, and it aids in securing favourable interest rates when issuing debt.

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Details

This is the seventh year that the City received an AA+ rating with a stable outlook.

Guelph's Credit Rating: 2012-2019



Municipalities in Canada generally receive strong credit rating scores, with 29 of the 35 rated municipalities earning an AA or higher rating. Strong operating performances and relatively low debt burden are the key contributors to the good credit quality for this sector. The municipal sector overall benefits from a high degree of institutional stability, resulting from; being highly regulated by other levels of government, having predictable and well-balanced expenses and revenues, and a strong base of own source revenues.

The City's credit rating is relatively strong when compared to other municipalities of similar population and geographic qualities.

Table A: Ontario Municipal Credit Ratings

Municipality <500,000 inhabitants	Credit Rating
Barrie	AA
Kingston	AA
Niagara	AA
Windsor	AA
Guelph	AA+
Municipality > 500,000 inhabitants (Greater Toronto-Hamilton Area)	Credit Rating
City of Toronto	AA
Waterloo Region	AAA
Halton Region	AAA
Region of Peel	AAA
Mississauga	AAA
Region of Durham	AAA

S&P evaluates individual municipalities with 5 criteria; economy, financial management, budgetary performance, liquidity and debt burden.

Economy

The City of Guelph is located in an advantageous location, close to the Greater Toronto Area and along the 401 corridor. The population has grown 0.06 percent per year above the national average of 1.1 percent per year between 2013 and 2018. For the 12 months ending April 2019, an additional 8,100 net new jobs were added to the workforce to support the expanding economy. The City has a large manufacturing sector and a significant public sector consisting of; a large university; schools; hospitals; and municipal, county and provincial government offices, assists in stabilizing the employment base.

Financial Management

S&P found that the City demonstrates good financial management through well-defined and prudent financial policies that guide debt and liquidity management. The annual operating and capital budgets were determined to be detailed and realistic however, it was noted that the implementation of a multi-year operating budget would have a favourable impact on the credit rating.

Budgetary Performance

S&P viewed the City's budgetary performance as strong. Moderate annual surpluses reflect the City's ability to budget appropriately and effectively manage expenditures and revenues over the long-term. The City's 10-year capital plan forecasts increased capital spending over the next several years that will result in after-capital deficits that will have an unfavourable impact on the credit rating, unless accompanied by an increase in operating revenues (i.e. property taxes and user fees).

S&P noted that that a downgrade is possible over the next two years if "....the City were to pursue an aggressive capital plan absent of operating revenue growth sufficient to prevent a material erosion of operating balances, large after-capital deficits and a tax supported debt burden of greater than 30% of operating revenues."

Liquidity

The City has a healthy level of liquidity that provides a significant positive influence on the credit rating. Sufficient liquidity ensures the City can:

- meet debt servicing obligations;
- meet approved capital budget commitments;
- manage cash flow;
- address corporate liabilities and;
- provide financial contingency and rate stabilization.

The City has uncommitted reserve balances of 6.6 times the annual debt servicing requirement at the end of 2018. On average, rated Canadian municipalities have cash reserves worth 5.7 times their debt service and the AAA rated municipalities have cash reserves of 17.87 times the debt servicing.

Debt burden

The City's tax supported debt burden dropped to 22.6 per cent of operating revenues as at the end of 2018. There was a \$33 million debt issuance in 2019 that will increase that ratio to 26.4 percent in 2019. There is a risk that the City's credit score could be downgraded if the total debt to own source revenue ratio exceeds 30% in combination with an aggressive capital plan and an insufficient increase in operating revenue (i.e. property taxes and user fees). The financial impact of a downgrade is difficult to measure, however due to the highly regulated nature of Canadian municipalities, the cost of a single notch downgrade could be as minor as two basis points but as significant as five to 10 basis points.

Financial Implications

A strong credit rating demonstrates that the City is well-managed, financially healthy and able to meet all debt obligations. The rating influences the terms of the debt; such as the type of debt, the amortization period and the interest rate. The City's AA+ rating was instrumental in obtaining the extremely favourable \$33 million debenture over 20 years at 2.66 percent in July 2019. The annual credit rating review provides valuable, forward looking insight on the financial condition of the City that should be considered when developing the operating and capital budgets. For more information on the value of a crediting rating, please refer to Attachment-2.

Consultations

N/A

Corporate Administrative Plan

Overarching Goals

Financial Stability

Service Area Operational Work Plans

Our Resources - A solid foundation for a growing city

Attachments

Attachment-1: Research Update, S&P Global Ratings

Attachment-2: Public Sector Strategy, Quick Hit – What's a credit rating worth (now)?, National Bank of Canada

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Research Update:

City of Guelph 'AA+' Ratings Affirmed; Outlook **Remains Stable**

August 13, 2019

Overview

- We expect the City of Guelph to continue generating robust operating margins, although we believe that elevated capital spending will pressure its budgetary performance in the next two
- We expect that the city will finance its capital plan without material borrowing in the next two years, and that robust cash generation will allow it to maintain an extremely strong liquidity position.
- We are affirming our 'AA+' long-term issuer credit and senior unsecured debt ratings on Guelph and maintaining our stable outlook.

Rating Action

On Aug. 13, 2019, S&P Global Ratings affirmed its 'AA+' long-term issuer credit and senior unsecured debt ratings on the City of Guelph, in the Province of Ontario. The outlook is stable.

Outlook

The stable outlook reflects our expectation that, in the next two years, Guelph's after-capital balances will erode but remain in surplus on average. We also expect the city will maintain tax-supported debt well below 30% of operating revenues through 2021 while preserving a very healthy liquidity position.

Downside scenario

Although it is unlikely, we could lower the ratings in the next two years if the city were to pursue an aggressive capital plan absent operating revenue growth sufficient to prevent a material erosion of operating balances, large after-capital deficits, and a tax-supported debt burden greater than 30% of operating revenues.

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Upside scenario

We could raise the ratings in the next two years if, all else equal, Guelph's financial management practices strengthened in line with those of higher-rated peers, including the adoption of multi-year operating budgets, and we believed that the city would consistently generate after-capital surpluses.

Rationale

Guelph continues to benefit from an economy that is wealthy and stable, underpinned by sizable manufacturing and public sectors, although it is somewhat less diverse than that of higher-rated peers. We believe that the city will continue to generate robust operating surpluses in the next several years, with no additional debt issuance, but that elevated capital spending will pressure after-capital balances.

A stable economy, grounded by a large public sector, and strong financial management practices bolster the ratings.

Guelph benefits from its advantageous location close to the Greater Toronto Area and along the Highway 401 corridor. Although municipal GDP data are unavailable, we estimate that the city would generate GDP per capita in line with the national level of more than US\$45,000. Guelph has experienced stable population growth in the past several years, increasing 3.5% since 2016 to reach about 136,400 in 2018. The city has a large public sector, consisting of a university; schools; hospitals; and municipal, county, and provincial government offices, all of which helps stabilize employment.

In our view, Guelph's credit profile benefits from generally good political consensus in passing budgets without material delays and demonstrates prudent revenue and expenditure planning practices. The city annually approves one-year operating and capital budgets (with a 10-year outlook), which we view as detailed and realistic. Well-defined financial policies also guide debt and liquidity management. In addition, the civil service is experienced and qualified to effectively enact fiscal policies.

We believe Guelph, like other Canadian municipalities, benefits from a very predictable and well-balanced institutional framework that has demonstrated a high degree of institutional stability. Although provincial governments mandate a significant proportion of municipal spending, they also provide operating fund transfers and impose fiscal restraint through legislative requirements to pass balanced operating budgets. Municipalities generally have the ability to match expenditures well with revenues, except for capital spending, which can be intensive. Any operating surpluses typically fund capital expenditures and future liabilities (such as postemployment obligations and landfill closure costs) through reserve contributions.

Debt will remain very low but capital spending will increase pressure on budgetary performance.

We believe that Guelph will continue to generate strong operating balances, averaging close to 14% in our base-case scenario for 2017-2021. However, based on the city's capital plan, we estimate that capital spending will be higher than we had previously expected, which will pressure after-capital balances and could result in modest after-capital deficits in the next several years.

Research Update: City of Guelph 'AA+' Ratings Affirmed; Outlook Remains Stable

Guelph borrowed C\$33 million in July 2019 and we do not expect any additional material borrowing in the next two years. We believe that steady debt principal repayments over that period will bring total tax-supported debt down to about C\$90 million by the end of 2021, from C\$115 million in 2019. This is equal to 19% of estimated operating revenues, which we consider very low; and is also less than five years of operating balances, which in our view indicates significant capacity to support its debt burden. At the same time, we expect interest costs to remain very modest, at less than 1% of operating revenues in the outlook horizon. Effective Jan. 1, 2019, the city's wholly-owned electricity distribution company was acquired by Alectra Inc. The city now owns 4.6% of Alectra, through a holding company, and has no exposure to Alectra's debt. Guelph's contingent liabilities are very modest, in our opinion, and are not likely to affect the city's financial standing.

In addition to a modest debt burden, Guelph has exceptional liquidity. We estimate that the city will have free cash and liquid assets, totaling more than C\$260 million, sufficient to cover about 16x the estimated debt service requirements over the next 12 months. Similar to that of its domestic peers, the city's access to external liquidity is satisfactory, in our view.

Key Statistics

Table 1

City of Guelph -- Selected Indicators

	Year ended Dec. 31					
(Mil. C\$)	2017	2018	2019bc	2020bc	2021bc	
Operating revenues	411	427	436	450	464	
Operating expenditures	343	369	380	393	405	
Operating balance	67	58	56	57	59	
Operating balance (% of operating revenues)	16.4	13.6	12.9	12.7	12.8	
Capital revenues	34	34	36	34	36	
Capital expenditures	88	91	95	90	95	
Balance after capital accounts	14	1	(3)	1	(0)	
Balance after capital accounts (% of total revenues)	3.0	0.3	(0.6)	0.2	(0.0)	
Debt repaid	25	15	14	12	13	
Gross borrowings	0	0	33	0	0	
Balance after borrowings	(11)	(14)	16	(12)	(13)	
Direct debt (outstanding at year-end)	112	96	115	103	90	
Direct debt (% of operating revenues)	27.2	22.6	26.4	22.9	19.4	
Tax-supported debt (outstanding at year-end)	112	96	115	103	90	
Tax-supported debt (% of consolidated operating revenues)	27.2	22.6	26.4	22.9	19.4	
Interest (% of operating revenues)	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.7	

Table 1

City of Guelph -- Selected Indicators (cont.)

		Yea	r ended Dec. 31		
(Mil. C\$)	2017	2018	2019bc	2020bc	2021bc
National GDP per capita (single units)	58,607	59,879	60,943	62,586	64,363

The data and ratios above result in part from S&P Global Ratings' own calculations, drawing on national as well as international sources, reflecting S&P Global Ratings' independent view on the timeliness, coverage, accuracy, credibility, and usability of available information. The main sources are the financial statements and budgets, as provided by the issuer. bc--Base case reflects S&P Global Ratings' expectations of the most likely scenario. dc--Downside case represents some but not all aspects of S&P Global Ratings' scenarios that could be consistent with a downgrade. uc-Upside case represents some but not all aspects of S&P Global Ratings' scenarios that could be consistent with an upgrade.

Ratings Score Snapshot

Table 2

City of Guelph -- Ratings Score Snapshot

Key rating factors	Scores
Institutional framework	2
Economy	1
Financial management	2
Budgetary performance	2
Liquidity	1
Debt burden	1
Stand-alone credit profile	aa+
Issuer credit rating	AA+

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Key Sovereign Statistics

- Sovereign Risk Indicators, July 11, 2019. An interactive version is available at http://www.spratings.com/sri

Related Criteria

- Criteria | Governments | International Public Finance: Methodology For Rating Local And Regional Governments Outside Of The U.S., July 15, 2019
- General Criteria: Use Of CreditWatch And Outlooks, Sept. 14, 2009

Related Research

- Guidance: Methodology For Rating Local And Regional Governments Outside Of The U.S., July 15. 2019
- Institutional Framework Assessments For International Local And Regional Governments, July
- Credit Conditions North America: Trade Tensions Cloud The Outlook, June 27, 2019
- Public Finance System Overview: Canadian Municipalities, July 18, 2018

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After the primary analyst gave opening remarks and explained the recommendation, the Committee discussed key rating factors and critical issues in accordance with the relevant criteria. Qualitative and quantitative risk factors were considered and discussed, looking at track-record and forecasts.

The committee's assessment of the key rating factors is reflected in the Ratings Score Snapshot above.

The chair ensured every voting member was given the opportunity to articulate his/her opinion. The chair or designee reviewed the draft report to ensure consistency with the Committee decision. The views and the decision of the rating committee are summarized in the above rationale and outlook. The weighting of all rating factors is described in the methodology used in this rating action (see 'Related Criteria And Research').

Ratings List

Ratings Affirmed

Guelph (City of)	
Issuer Credit Rating	AA+/Stable/
Senior Unsecured	AA+

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Public Sector Strategy

Fixed Income Trading Desk Strategy

March 27, 2018 - (Vol. II, No. 23)

Quick Hit - What's a credit rating worth (now)?

Back in June, we penned a <u>report</u> quantifying the value of a credit rating for sovereign, provincial and municipal issuers. But June 2017 feels like a world away; central bank policy normalization has progressed, North American credit spreads have gyrated and the majority of our provinces (7 of 10 in fact) have seen at least one rating or outlook change since then. Given the evolving valuation and ratings backdrop, we thought it a good time to reboot the credit rating model and see what, if anything, has changed.

Once again, we observe a very meaningful (i.e., statistically significant) relationship between long-term credit ratings (controlling for "positive" and "negative" outlooks) and relative bond valuations. As expected, the bonds of lower-rated issuers generally trade at higher yields, *ceteris paribus*. While the direction of this rating-yield relationship is obvious enough, what's typically less clear is *exactly how much* ratings influence yields/spreads across various issuers and sectors.

We continue to find that the value of a credit rating is far from constant across tenor, currency of issue and/or level of government. Chart 1 illustrates the estimated value of an average credit rating notch on provincial and municipal credit spreads, comparing fresh observations with our original discoveries. While estimates in the C\$ provi space are little changed, the spread sensitivity to an average credit rating notch has moderated somewhat for US\$ provis. After controlling for key fiscal metrics and relative liquidity, we now find that an average rating notch is worth about 5 bps for 5- and 10-year USD provi spreads. Today's smaller coefficient in the 10Y US dollar provi can be explained by a flatter credit curve south of border (vs June).

Although there's been a degree of convergence, we still observe a non-negligible discrepancy in the value of a credit rating for provincial issuers across the C\$ and US\$ markets. There are a few reasons why ratings could be more influential south of the border. Relative supply and demand mechanics play a role. Some international investors may be less likely/able to track day-to-day developments in provincial credit, relying to a greater extent on ratings and independent analysis.

In the muni sector, the number of basis points associated with a marginal rating notch has compressed (to 2.0 bps in 10s and 2.5 bps in 30s). Municipal spreads remain less elastic to ratings than their provincial counterparts, even more so today, owing to a tighter basis to provincials. For investors, up-tiering a full rating notch might cost you only 2 bps of yield in muni land, after controlling for relative liquidity and the home province. From the issuers' perspective, the impact of a municipal credit downgrade appears marginal as a proportion of overall funding costs. The notional penalty for being downgraded a single notch might add less than \$2,500 to a \$1 million capital project, equating to less than 1% of today's all-in funding costs. That's not a very strong incentive for fiscal prudence. Thankfully, Canada's municipal governments are subject to stringent financial controls and strong provincial oversight, which combined with additional bondholder safeguards, has meant strong/steady municipal credit ratings over time.

The downgrade penalty for provincials, while larger than for munis, still isn't terribly significant at less than 2% of all-in funding costs. Perhaps that's one of the factors contributing to looser fiscal policy in some provinces. For some governments, the perceived benefit (economic or political) tied to incremental spending and/or tax relief outweighs the cost of adding a few basis points to a bond coupon. Provincial rating developments speak for themselves; since 2016, downgrades have outnumbered upgrades 13:1. As we write this, there are three "negative" outlooks across the provincial sector (plus a couple "credit negative" warnings following recent fiscal announcements) vs just a single "positive" rating outlook (on Nova Scotia). The result: today's weighted average provincial credit rating continues to hover at its weakest level in over a decade (since a methodology change in late-2006) (Chart 2). Perhaps we need a more powerful financial incentive to bring about more rapid/meaningful fiscal repair in Canada's provincial government sector?

Chart 1: Value of a rating notch, then and now Coefficient related to one-notch change in avg credit rating score

8 bps ■ June 2017 ■ March 2018 6 4 3.0 0 30Y 5Y 10Y 10Y 30Y 5Y 10Y Provi US\$ Muni C\$ Provi C\$

Source: NBF, S&P, Moody's, DBRS

Chart 2: Average provi credit quality erodes

Weighted* average Credit Rating Score (CRS): Provincial aggregate



Source: NBF, S&P, Moody's, DBRS | * Based on share of bonds outstanding

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Chart 3: Actual vs fitted values in C\$ provincial bonds (10-year)

Dependent variable: C\$ constant maturity provincial government spread vs GoC curve

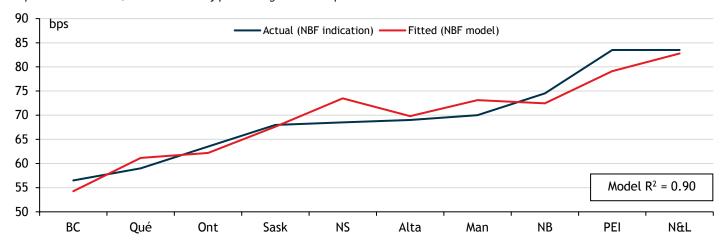


Chart 4: Actual vs fitted values in US\$ provincial bonds (10-year)

Dependent variable: US\$ constant maturity provincial government spread vs US Treasury curve

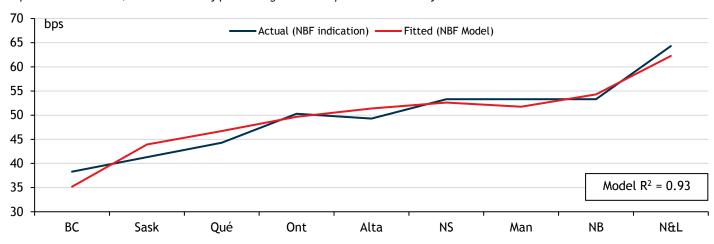
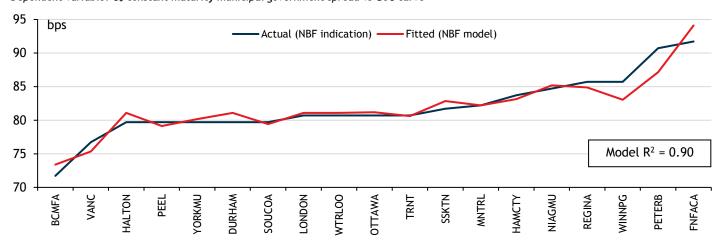


Chart 5: Actual vs fitted values in municipal bonds (10-year)

Dependent variable: C\$ constant maturity municipal government spread vs GoC curve



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Information Report



Service Area Corporate Services

Date Friday, September 27, 2019
Subject Litigation Status Report

Report Number CS-2019-85

Executive Summary

Purpose of Report

To provide information regarding the current status of litigation involving the City.

Key Findings

The amount of litigation, excluding Planning and insured matters, that the City is involved in remained static, more or less, throughout 2019. The number of matters, excluding insured matters, being handled by external counsel remained the same throughout 2019.

Financial Implications

N/A

Report

Details

The attached table sets out the details of the litigation the City is involved in and the resolutions that have occurred since the last report in March 2019.

Legal Services continues to seek resolution of the litigation and LPAT matters in a timely fashion and has been successful in resolving a number of matters in the last six months.

Financial Implications

N/A

Consultations

N/A

Corporate Administrative Plan

Overarching Goals

Service Excellence

Service Area Operational Work Plans

Our Services - Municipal services that make lives better

Attachments

Attachment-1: Litigation Status Report as of September 18, 2019

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	-	URT ACTIONS		
Matter	Description	History	Current Status	Counsel
Ahmad Nasef v. City of Guelph (Superior Court of Justice Court File No. CV-19-068)	• Slip and Fall – March 2, 2017	 March 1, 2019 – City served with Statement of Claim March 15, 2019 – City served and filed Defence 	 Examinations for Discovery to be scheduled 	Legal Services
Huish and Hayston v. City of Guelph et al. (Superior Court of Justice Court File No. CV-19-048)	Malicious Prosecution	 February 26, 2019 – City served with Statement of Claim March 8, 2019 – City served and filed Notice of Intent to Defend 	Settlement Discussions Ongoing	Legal Services
Martin v. City of Guelph et al. (Superior Court of Justice Court File No. CV-18-425 SR)	Trip and Fall	January 3, 2019 – City served with Statement of Claim	Co-Defendant has indemnified the City and assumed its defence	Legal Services
Stewart v. City of Guelph (Superior Court of Justice Court File No. CV-18-422)	Property Standards Claim	 December 4, 2018 – City served with Statement of Claim January 4, 2019 - City served and filed Defence 	Examinations for Discovery to be scheduled	Legal Services
City of Guelph v. Huish and Hayston (Superior Court of Justice Court File No. CV 18-367)	Appeal decision of Property Standards Committee	October 11, 2018 – City served Notice of Application	Hearing date to be scheduled	Legal Services
Runstedler v. City of Guelph (Superior Court of Justice Court File No. 159/18 SR)	Flood Damage	 April 13, 2018 – City served with Notice of Action May 25, 2018 – City served Defence 	Examinations for Discovery to be scheduled	Legal Services
Marfisi v. City of Guelph et al. (Superior Court of Justice Court File No. 408/17 SR)	Bicycle Accident – October 13, 2015	 October 5, 2017 – City served with Statement of Claim November 28, 2017 – City filed Defence and Crossclaim 	 City to be indemnified by Co-Defendant 	Legal Services
642762 Ontario Inc. v. City of Guelph et al. (Superior Court of Justice Court File No. 85/17)	Alleged environmental contamination	 August 23, 2017 – City served with Notice of Action and Statement of Claim June 4, 2019 – City filed Defence and Crossclaim 	Examination for Discovery to be scheduled	Legal Services

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Matter	Description	History	Current Status	Counsel
Evering v. City of Guelph (Superior Court of Justice Court File No. 227/17)	Slip and Fall - February 2013	 May 23, 2017 – City served with Statement of Claim June 29, 2017 – City filed Defence November 23, 2017 – City requested scheduling of Examinations 	Examinations for Discovery to be scheduled	Legal Services
Evering v. City of Guelph (Superior Court of Justice Court File No. 228/17)	Slip and Fall – February 2017	 May 23, 2017 – City served with Statement of Claim June 29, 2017 – City filed Defence November 23, 2017 – City requested scheduling of Examinations 	• Examinations for Discovery to be scheduled	Legal Services
Jakel v. City of Guelph (Superior Court of Justice Court File No. 670/16)	Slip and Fall	 November 2, 2016 – City served with Notice of Action and Statement of Claim December 1, 2016 – City filed Defence November 8, 2017 – City requested scheduling of Examinations 	Examinations for Discovery to be scheduled	Legal Services
Smith v. City of Guelph (Superior Court of Justice Court File No. 18/16)	Claim for an order to remove and realign certain public utilities located under the plaintiffs' property at 16 Summerfield	 January 14, 2016 – Statement of Claim served on City March 2, 2016 – City served Defence 	Approval of settlement pending	Legal Services Rodrigues Paiva LLP
Westminister Woods v. City of Guelph (Superior Court of Justice Court File No. 707/13)	Claim re: Stage III Services pursuant to Subdivision Agreement	 October 4, 2013 – Statement of Claim served on City November 12, 2013 - City filed Statement of Defence November 25, 2013 – Reply served on City March 2014 – Discovery Agreement prepared May 30, 2014 - City served Affidavit of Documents November 27, 2014 - Plaintiff served Affidavit of Documents 	Pre-Trial Scheduled for November 22, 2019	Legal Services Aird & Berlis LLP

	COURT ACTIONS RE	SOLVED SINCE March 2	9, 2019	
Matter	Description	History	Current Status	Counsel
Whiteley et al. v. City of Guelph (Court of Appeal File No. M50090)	Appeal decision of Superior Court of Justice	 January 25, 2019 – Notice of Motion seeking leave to Appeal served on City March 25, 2019 – City served and filed responding materials June 17, 2019 – Received decision denying leave to Appeal 	This matter is complete	Legal Services
Kovarathananan Konesavrathan v. City of Guelph (Supreme Court of Canada File No. 38434)	Application for Leave to Appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada	 November 8, 2018 – City served with Application May 2, 2019 – Application dismissed 	This matter is complete	Legal Services

	LP/	AT MATTERS		
Matter	Description	History	Current Status	Counsel
435 Stone Road West (Cast No. MM190013)	Appeal by Stone Road Mall Holdings Inc.	July 24, 2019 – appeal received	No hearings scheduled	Legal Services
622 College Avenue West (Case No. PL190325)	Appeal by Jaspreet and Gurkirat Dhillon	July 16, 2019 – appeal received	No hearings scheduled	Legal Services
58 Memorial Crescent (Case No. PL190309)	Appeal by Annamaria Bartolomucci	July 2, 2019 – appeal received	No hearings scheduled	Legal Services
15 Dumbarton Street (Case No. PL190148)	Appeal by Andrew Westbrook	 March 29, 2019 – appeal received July 10, 2019 – Hearing held 	Awaiting decision	City not a party
Development Charge By-law (2019) - 20372 (Case No. DC190005)	Appeal by Hugh Whiteley	March 25, 2019 – appeal received August 9, 2019 – prehearing held	January, 2020 - Hearing to be scheduled	Garrod Pickfield LLP
89 Beechwood Avenue (Case No. PL190050)	Appeal by Tom Wood	 February 15, 2019 – appeal received August 8, 2019 – Case management conference held 	September 30, 2019 – City Response due	Legal Services
75 Dublin Street North (Case No. PL180546)	Appeal by Rykur Holdings Inc. from the refusal of a privately initiated Official Plan Amendment.	May 22, 2018 – Appeal Received November 8, 2018 – Case management conference held	No hearings scheduled at this time	Legal Services
132 Clair Road West (Case No. PL171454)	Appeals by Herbert Neumann, Frank Cerniuk, Sieben Holdings Limited, H	 December 4, 2017 – 2 appeals received June 10, 2019 – Prehearing held 	November 29, 2019 – Hearing scheduled	Legal Services

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Matter	Description	History	Current Status	Counsel
	and J Produce Limited, and McEnery Industries Limited			
144 Watson Road North (Case No. PL170803)	Appeal by CP REIT Ontario Properties and Loblaw Properties Limited	 July 12, 2017 – Appeal received January 31, 2018 – hearing date adjourned 	Awaiting new hearing date	Legal Services
75 Dublin Street North (Case No. PL161294)	Appeals by Upper Grand District School Board, Old Guelph Neighborhood Association Inc., and Rykur Holdings Inc.	 December 21, 2016 – appeal received August 14, 2017 – prehearing held November 17, 2017 – Motion hearing held May 11, 2018 – Interim decision on motions issued. 	No hearings scheduled at this time	Legal Services
OPA 48 (7 Appeals) (Case No. PL 140042)	Seven (7) Appeals received relating to Official Plan Amendment 48 (Envision Guelph) as approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.	 December, 2013 – OPA 48 Approved by Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing December, 2013 –	March 23, 2018 – decision issued confirming settlement of Niska Road Lands Phase No further hearings scheduled at this time	Legal Services
1159 Victoria Road South (Case No. PL121406)	Appeals by Victoria Park Village Ltd. regarding failure to make a decision within the prescribed time	 November 29, 2012 – Appeal received May 14, June 28, September 18 and November 15, 2013 – Prehearings held June 16, 2014 – hearing held by teleconference April 29 and August 18, 2015 – hearings held by teleconference November 5, 2015 - Status hearing held May 3, 2016 – hearing held by teleconference 	No hearings scheduled at this time	Legal Services Garrod Pickfield
580 Paisley Road – Armel Corporation (Case No. MM080050)	 Appeal by the owner, Armel Corporation, of a decision not to approve a site plan application for a proposed gas bar, car wash and kiosk. 	October 1, 2008 – Appeal received Matter in abeyance pending the completion of the Environmental	No hearings scheduled at this time	Legal Services

	LPAT MATTERS					
Matter	Matter Description History Current Status Counsel					
	The main issue relates to site	Assessment of				
	access. Silvercreek Parkway S.					

	LPAT MATTERS RE	SOLVED SINCE March 29	9, 2019	
Matter	Description	History	Current Status	Counsel
12 Knevitt Place (Case No. PL180985)	Appeal by John Krikorian	 November 14, 2018 – appeal received March 27, 2019 – hearing held May 31, 2019 – Decision received 	This matter is complete	Legal Services
92 Clough Crescent (Case No. PL180128)	Appeal by Alexandra and Antony Savich	 January 25. 2018 – appeal received January 15, 2019 – Hearing held April 18, 2019 – Decision received 	This matter is complete	Legal Services
585 Hanlon Creek Boulevard (Case No. PL180785)	Appeal by Tom Seaman	 August 29, 2018 – appeal received April 3, 2019 – hearing held April 5, 2019 – Decision received 	This matter is complete	City not a party
Downtown Zoning By-law (2017) – 20187 (Case No. PL170951)	Appeal by Tom Lammer (Rykur Holdings Inc.)	 August 23, 2017 – Appeal received April 4, 2018 – pre hearing held June 1. 2018 – second pre-hearing held by teleconference. February 25, 2019 – Settlement hearing held March 5, 2019 – Decision received 	This matter is complete	Legal Services Garrod Pickfield

OTHER MATTERS						
Matter	Description	History	Current Status	Counsel		
Kovarthanan Konesavarathan Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario (File No. 2017- 28841-I)	Appeal by K. Konesavarathan	 November 30, 2018 – HRTO sent Application to Respondents July 5, 2017 – Application submitted to HRTO January 17, 2019 – City filed Response 	October 18, 2019 – Hearing scheduled	Legal Services		
The Corporation of the City of Guelph v. Director, Ministry of the Environment (Case No. 13-013)	City is appealing to the Environmental Review Tribunal (ERT) the issuance of Permit to Take Water Number 5080-8TAKK2 to River Valley Developments Inc.	 February 12, 2013 – City filed an application for Leave to Appeal with the ERT May 2, 2014 – Leave to Appeal to ERT granted City filed Appeal 	Mediation ongoing	Garrod Pickfield Legal Services		

OTHER MATTERS						
Description	History	Current Status	Counsel			
	• November 4, 2014 -					
	Status Update with ERT, held by teleconference.					
	Third-party mediation session held November 20, 2014					
	Description	Description History November 4, 2014 - Status Update with ERT, held by teleconference. Third-party mediation	Description History November 4, 2014 - Status Update with ERT, held by teleconference. Third-party mediation session held November			

OTHER MATTERS RESOLVED SINCE March 29, 2019					
Matter	Description	History	Current Status	Counsel	
NONE	•	•	•		

N	MATTERS BEING HANDLED BY INSURERS' LEGAL COUNSEL *						
Matter	Description	History	Current Status	Counsel			
Hartung et al v. City of Guelph et al (Superior Court of Justice Court File No. C-1341-17)	Personal Injury – September 30, 2016	July 8, 2019 – Served with Motion Record adding the City as a Defendant	Counsel to be assigned				
McIntosh v. City of Guelph (Superior Court of Justice Court File No. CV- 19-245)	Trip and Fall – December 27, 2018	June 27, 2019 – City served with Statement of Claim	Counsel to be assigned				
Griffith v. City of Guelph (Superior Court of Justice Court File No. CV- 19-169)	Trip and Fall – January 18, 2018	May 15, 2019 – City served with Statement of Claim	Insured's Legal counsel has been appointed	Insurer's legal counsel			
Azeb Kebede Birida v. City of Guelph et al. (Superior Court of Justice Court File No. CV-19-150)	Personal Injury – January 22, 2018	April 30, 2019 – City served with Statement of Claim	Counsel to be assigned				
1991333 Ontario Inc. v. City of Guelph (Superior Court of Justice Court File No. CV- 19-808	Alleged Negligent Misrepresentation	April 23, 2019 – City served with Statement of Claim	Examinations to be scheduled	Insurer's legal counsel			
Madgy Eldakiky v. City of Guelph et al. (Superior Court of Justice Court File No. CV-18-340)	Property Damage	February 26, 2019 – City served with Statement of Claim	Insured's Legal counsel has been appointed	Insurer's legal counsel			
Victoria Mann v. City of Guelph et al. (Superior Court of Justice Court File No. CV-19-027)	Slip and Fall – February 7, 2017	January 30, 2019 – City served with Statement of Claim	Examinations to be scheduled	Insurer's legal counsel			
Starlight Group Property Holdings Inc. et al. v. City of	Property Damage – March 17, 2017	January 28, 2019 – City served with Statement of Claim	Insured's Legal counsel has been appointed	Insurer's legal counsel			

MATTERS BEING HANDLED BY INSURERS' LEGAL COUNSEL *					
Matter	Description	History	Current Status	Counsel	
Guelph (Superior Court of Justice Court File No. CV- 19-026)					
Joshi v. City of Guelph (Superior Court of Justice Court File No. CV- 18-457)	• Slip and Fall – April 20, 2018	 January 21, 2019 – City provided Statement of Claim. 	Insured's Legal Counsel has been appointed	Insurer's legal counsel	
Artymowicz v. City of Guelph et al. (Superior Court of Justice Court File No. CV-19-020)	Personal Injury – August 31, 2017	January 7, 2019 – City served with Statement of Claim	Insured's Legal counsel has been appointed	Insurer's legal counsel	
Johnson v. City of Guelph et al. (Superior Court of Justice Court File No. CV-18-448)	• Slip and Fall – January 18, 2017	December 21, 2018 – City served with Statement of Claim	Insured's Legal counsel has been appointed	Insurer's legal counsel	
Burns v. City of Guelph et al. (Superior Court of Justice Court File No. CV-18-1303	• Slip and Fall – December 9, 2016	October 17, 2018 – City served with Statement of Claim	Insured's Legal counsel has been appointed	Insurer's legal counsel	
Smith v. City of Guelph (Superior Court of Justice Court File No. CV- 18-304)	Slip and Fall – February 7, 2017	August 28, 2018 – City served with Statement of Claim	Insured's Legal counsel has been appointed	Insurer's legal counsel	
Brunet v. City of Guelph (Superior Court of Justice Court File No. CV- 18-230)	Longboard accident – September 13, 2016	June 12, 2018 – City served with Statement of Claim	Insured's Legal counsel has been appointed	Insurer's legal counsel	
Simpson v. City of Guelph (Superior Court of Justice Court File No. CV- 18-192)	Slip and Fall – February 14, 2018	May 8, 2018 – City served with Statement of Claim	Insured's Legal counsel in the process of being appointed	Insurer's legal counsel	
Barry v. City of Guelph (Superior Court of Justice Court File No. 144/18)	Trip and Fall – November 14, 2016	April 5, 2018 – City served with Statement of Claim	Insured's Legal counsel has been appointed	Insurer's legal counsel	
Peacock v. City of Guelph (Superior Court of Justice Court File No. 34/18)	Slip and Fall – July 1, 2017	January 25, 2018 – City served with Statement of Claim	Insured's Legal counsel has been appointed	Insurer's legal counsel	
Cavanagh v. City of Guelph, Vinyl Jimmy Jazz, James Kritz and Jeffrey Bousfield (Superior	Slip and Fall – November 17, 2015	September 19, 2017 – City served with Statement of Claim	Co-Defendant has indemnified the City and assumed its defence	Insurer's legal counsel	

N	MATTERS BEING HANDLE	D BY INSURERS' LEGA	L COUNSEL *	
Matter	Description	History	Current Status	Counsel
Court of Justice Court File No. 379/17)		December 15, 2018 – Statement of Defence filed by City		
Sethupathi v. City of Guelph et al. (Superior Court of Justice Court File No. CV-17-576347)	Motor vehicle accident – January 12, 2016	June 15, 2017 – City served with Statement of Claim	Examinations for Discovery have been scheduled	Insurer's legal counsel
Livingston v. Guelph Transit et al. (Superior Court of Justice Court File No. 35/17)	Transit incident – January 28, 2015	May 29, 2017 – City served with Statement of Claim	Parties fulfilling undertakings	Insurer's legal counsel
Cooper (Stewart) v. City of Guelph et al. (Superior Court of Justice Court File No. 16-58756)	Motor vehicle accident – October 25, 2016	January 20, 2017 – Statement of Claim amended to include City as a party	Examinations for Discovery have been completed	Insurer's legal counsel

^{*} Does not include claims solely against Guelph Police Services (i.e., City not named as a party)

	INSURED MATTERS CO	OMPLETE SINCE March	29, 2019		
Matter	Description	History	Current Status	Counsel	
Gascon v. City of Guelph et al. (Superior Court of Justice Court File No. 652/15)	Accident – September 14, 2013	 August 12, 2015 – City served with Statement of Claim Insurer for co-Defendant, Coco Paving, agreed to take over City's defence and indemnify as of October 21, 2015 May 1, 2019 – advised matter had settled 	This matter is complete	Insurer's legal counsel	
Clark v. City of Guelph et al. (Superior Court of Justice Court File No. CV-18-329	Trip and Fall – October 31, 2016	 September 6, 2018 – City served with Statement of Claim April 26, 2019 – advised matter had settled 	This matter is complete	Insurer's legal counsel	
Szilvasy v. City of Guelph (Superior Court of Justice Court File No. 63/18)	Slip and Fall – April 6, 2016	 February 20, 2018 – City served with Statement of Claim April 1, 2019 – Order dismissing action without costs 	This matter is complete	Insurer's legal counsel	
McLeod v. City of Guelph (Superior Court of Justice Court File No. 140/18)	Trip and Fall – April 14, 2016	 May 11, 2018 – City served with Statement of Claim April 11, 2019 – advised matter had settled 	This matter is complete	Insurer's legal counsel	

Information Report



Service Area Corporate Services

Date Friday, September 27, 2019

Subject Parking Services Transition to a Blended Non-tax

Supported Enterprise

Report Number CS-2019-92

Executive Summary

Purpose of Report

The Downtown Parking Master Plan (DPMP) recommended that Parking follow an enterprise governance model where it would be self-sustaining through user rates. This report provides background information on the DPMP financial model and a summary of the transition of Parking Services (Parking) to a blended non-tax supported enterprise to be presented in 2020 as part of the non-tax supported budget. The enterprise model is anticipated to be fully non-tax funded (i.e. sustainable) by 2044. The update in the DPMP in 2021 will provide further analysis on this sustainability plan.

Key Findings

City staff developed a robust, well-articulated DPMP and financial model to support downtown parking in Guelph to 2035. The enterprise governance model as envisioned for Parking will enable a comprehensive, integrated and intentional program aimed at being responsive to growth and intensification requirements while contributing to the economic potential of the Downtown Secondary Plan. Further, the enterprise governance model seeks to achieve financial sustainability for the program as a whole, and position Parking for possible future public/private partnerships.

As Parking is transitioned to this enterprise governance and non-tax supported budget model, the following considerations have been addressed:

- 1. Parking operating costs and revenues
- 2. Parking enforcement costs and revenues
- 3. Parking operating and capital reserve and reserve fund strategy
- 4. Allocation for support services provided to Parking from tax supported departments
- 5. Property tax contribution of \$1.4 million to Parking representing 22.6% of the total annual expenditures
- 6. Parking permits issued to City staff

There will be no tax levy impact in 2020 from this budget presentation change.

Financial Implications

The 2020 Parking budget will be included and discussed as part of the 2020 non-tax budget presentation. There will be no tax levy impact in 2020 from this budget presentation change as the tax supported funding of Parking Services remains the same in either budget presentation.

The enterprise model will ensure that all future Parking capital and operating decisions are self-sustaining and affordable within the user fees earned with the long-term goal of reducing the property tax contribution to parking. The DPMP completed in 2015 suggested that Parking could be self-sustaining by 2037, however due to a number of changes including Baker district and the removal of paid on-street parking, that year is now estimated to be 2044. The update in the DPMP in 2021 will provide further analysis on this sustainability plan.

Report

Details

City staff developed a robust, well-articulated DPMP and financial model to support downtown parking in Guelph to 2035. Following extensive community engagement, Council approved the DPMP (2016 to 2035) at its meeting of November 18, 2015. Report <u>IDE-BDE-1510 Downtown Parking Master Plan</u> contains the full plan and recommendations.

Staff provided an update to the DPMP on May 28, 2018 in report <u>IDE-2018.69</u> <u>Downtown Parking Master Plan Update</u> at which time Council removed on-street paid parking from the original plan. At that time, Council also adopted a new mix of revenues to support the downtown parking operations including permit fee increases, periphery parking revenues and increased property taxes.

Business Model and Operational Goals

The DPMP represents a transition from what was historically an operationally focused service area to an enterprise governance model; a business unit that incorporates accountability for all costs, revenues, and strategic service delivery.

The enterprise governance model as envisioned for parking will enable a comprehensive, integrated and intentional program aimed at being responsive to growth and intensification requirements while contributing to the economic potential of the Downtown Secondary Plan. Further, the enterprise governance model seeks to achieve financial stability for the program as a whole, and position Parking for possible future public/private partnerships.

To provide Council with further background and context, the following observations should be considered while reading this report.

1. The development of a comprehensive parking program is a strategic component to implement the Downtown Secondary Plan;

- 2. The City made a significant capital investment to increase downtown parking capacity with the construction of the Market Parkade on Wilson Street;
- 3. The City made a significant investment in new parking technology and equipment in 2019, which will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of parking operations, specifically with respect to parking enforcement, turnover and revenue generation;
- Increased capital and operational investments are required to improve Guelph's parking program, and possibly position it for future private/public partnership opportunities;
- 5. As Guelph continues to invest in infrastructure, there may be opportunities to leverage assets to achieve the required economies of scale to make private sector investment in parking more attractive;
- 6. There is a need to establish sufficient reserves to address aging infrastructure and that enable future parking requirements;
- 7. Best practice review of municipal parking indicates that parking programs need to be flexible and adaptive to ever changing conditions, and therefore the monitoring of such programs is critical.

From 2017 to 2019, staff focused on modernizing the parking operation, improving and streamlining business processes, improving customer service and better controlling and capturing revenue. The City has created new channels for public and user feedback through a Downtown Parking Advisory Committee and have improved communications and outreach initiatives.

The next step in this process is to position the operation for self-sufficiency and growth. To ensure the future viability of the parking operation, the City must establish an enterprise governance model and move the business into a non-tax supported budget supported by user fees. This realignment will allow the operation to achieve its revenue goals while generating funds to provision a capital reserve fund dedicated to infrastructure development, rehabilitation and replacement.

Transitional Considerations

At the time of writing, the 2020 operating and capital budgets are in development. This report provides background information and explains the transitional budget considerations to successfully implement Parking as a non-tax supported budgeted service.

Parking Enforcement and Fine Revenues

Parking enforcement is currently performed by the By-law department. By-law issues parking tickets and Court Services is responsible for the collection of parking ticket fines. As payment for collection services, Court Services retains a portion of all parking fines collected and transfers the balance to By-law. Those fines are retained by By-law as payment for performing enforcement operations with the net benefit reducing the net property tax levy otherwise required. The 2020 Parking budget will not include any costs or revenues related to these functions. At this time, the cost of downtown parking enforcement cannot be segregated from the parking enforcement in the rest of the city with any degree of accuracy due to the data that is currently available.

Operating Reserve

Similar to other non-tax departments, Parking will now be required to manage all operating variances and unexpected business matters within its own resources. For this reason, Parking will require an operating reserve to manage operational business risk over time. Any budget variances will result in a year-end surplus or deficit which will be transferred to or from a parking operating reserve. A recommendation to create a Parking Contingency Reserve will be presented as part of the 2020 non-tax supported budget report.

Capital Planning and Sustainability

Contributions to a parking capital reserve are required to grow the capital funding and reserve balances to meet current and future parking capital needs while also eliminating the parking-related infrastructure gap. Over the next 25 years \$125 million is forecasted to be needed to meet the current capital needs of which \$42 million will need to be funded from parking's capital reserve. Previously, this transfer was part of the tax supported capital transfer to the Infrastructure Renewal Reserve Fund. In 2020, the parking amount has been apportioned out of the tax supported transfer and will now appear as transfer within the Parking operating budget.

Support Service Allocations

Similar to other non-tax departments, Parking will have to pay support service allocation charges to the tax supported budget. These allocations are to recover support services that Parking receives from tax supported departments and include charges for Finance, Human Resources, Legal, Communications, Clerks, Internal Audit, Information Technology and Facilities Management.

Tax Contribution

Historically Parking was funded through the tax supported budget and was subsidized partly through the tax levy as the user fees for parking did not fully support its operating and capital programs.

Without a substantial increase in revenues, the Parking enterprise will not be sustainable for many years which means that parking will continue to require a contribution from property taxes of \$1.4 million annually, until the point of being self-sustaining (currently anticipated by 2044).

Cost of Parking Provided to City Staff

With the movement of Parking to an enterprise model, there is now a requirement for the permits issued to City staff to be accounted for through a charge to the tax supported budget from the Parking budget. This has been included as a reconciling item in this transition. Beginning in the 2020 operating budget, parking will now be included as one of the costs to be included for a new full-time equivalent.

Financial Implications

The 2020 Parking budget will be included and discussed as part of the 2020 non-tax budget presentation. There will be no tax levy impact in 2020 from this budget

presentation change as the tax supported funding of Parking remains the same in either budget presentation.

The enterprise model will ensure that all future Parking capital and operating decisions are self-sustaining and affordable within the user fees earned with the long-term goal of reducing the property tax contribution to parking. The DPMP completed in 2015 suggested that Parking could be self-sustaining by 2037, however, due to a number of changes including Baker district and the removal of paid on-street parking that year is now estimated to be 2044. The update in the DPMP in 2021 will provide further analysis on this sustainability plan.

Consultations

None noted.

Corporate Administrative Plan

Overarching Goals

Financial Stability

Service Area Operational Work Plans

Our Services - Municipal services that make lives better

Our Resources - A solid foundation for a growing city

Attachments

None

Departmental Approval

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			Provinc	ial/Federal Consulta	tion Alert		
Title	Ministry	Consultation Deadline	Summary	Proposed Form of Input	Rationale	Lead	Link to Ministry Website
Proposed changes to Provincial laws on Joint and Several Liability	Ministry of the Attorney General	September 27, 2019	The Ministry of the Attorney General is seeking input from municipalities on joint and several liability, insurance costs, and the 'liability chill' affecting the delivery of everyday public services.	Written comments submitted to the Ministry of the Attorney General	Changes could see lower insurance costs and reduced liability exposure for Ontario municipalities	Legal, Realty, and Court Services	https://www.attorneygeneral.jus.gov.on.ca/english/

	Provincial/Federal Consultation Alert						
Title	Ministry	Consultation Deadline	Summary	Proposed Form of Input	Rationale	Lead	Link to Ministry Website
ERO#019-0279 Proposed Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) Changes	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing	October 21, 2019	The Province is proposing changes to the PPS to support Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plan and recent changes to the land use planning system including Bill 108, More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019 and A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe. Proposed changes include: 1) Increasing Housing Supply and Mix including increasing the planning horizon from 20 to 25 years, increasing housing land supply from 10 to 12 years, and adding flexibility to the settlement area boundary expansion process. 2) Protecting the Environment and Public Safety including enhancing direction to prepare for the impacts of a changing climate, and enhancing stormwater management policies. 3) Reducing Barriers and Costs including requiring municipalities to fast-track development applications for certain proposals (e.g. housing), and refocusing energy policies to support a broad range of energy types and opportunities. 4) Supporting Rural, Northern and Indigenous Communities including enhanced municipal engagement with Indigenous communities on land use planning. 5) Supporting Certainty and Economic Growth including encouraging municipalities to assess locally-identified	Written comments submitted through ERO. Council will be requested to endorse a proposed response at the October 16 Planning Meeting prior to submitting comments through the ERO.	The PPS is the consolidated statement of the provincial government's policies on land use planning that guides municipal decision making. Under the Planning Act municipal decisions on land use planning matters "shall be consistent with" the PPS. An endorsed Council response ensures that Council members are informed of the proposed changes and have an opportunity to contribute to the City's response.	Planning and Building Services	https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-0279

	employment areas when undertaking an official plan update, and providing municipalities with greater control over employment area conversions.		

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY

RESOLUTION #	DATE DATE	: Septem	ber 23, 2019
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SECONDED BY:			
WHEREAS, the Pupil Accommodation considerations.	Review Guideline (PAI	RG) in 201	6 ignored important
And WHEREAS, Glengarry District Hig Glengarry were reviewed for possible cl	_	Public Sch	nool in the Township of North
And WHEREAS, the Government of On	ntario is currently worki	ng on new	PARG guidelines.
Be it resolved that the Education Subcor Township of North Glengarry proposes Guideline:		•	-
1. That the economic impact of a school 2. That there be proven value to the stud amenities, services, and learning opports 3. That multiple options be allowed to b	lent when considering a unities (i.e., after school	school clo work, coo	sure, including greater access to p programs etc.)
4. That students being removed from the exhausted for school boards to share am community.			
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Councillor: Jacques Massie			
Councillor: Brenda Noble Councillor: Jeff Manley		·	
Councillor: Michel Depratto			
Councillor: Johanne Wensink			
Mayor: Jamie MacDonald			

Section 9 Item a



September 26, 2019

Ministry of the Attorney General McMurtry-Scott Building 720 Bay Street, 11th Floor Toronto ON, M7A 2S9

Re: Joint and Several Liability Consultation

Please be advised that in response to your letter dated July 12, 2019, the Township of Springwater provides the following comments in regards to Joint and Several Liability.

1. Please describe the nature of the problem as you see it?

In response to the Province's request for consultation, the Township has a significant issue with Joint and Several Liability (JSL) and the impact it has on the municipality.

a. No Requirement of Proof

JSL is a tool that is used by the legal industry without any discretion to the point that this municipality feels that its use is negligent and in fact unethical. Most law suits that municipalities see are frivolous and vexations as lawyers cast their nets wide and attempt to use shotgun justice for their clients that are more than often the sole cause of a claim. A statement of claim does not require any proof that there is fault. A plaintiff only has to state who they think is involved and a significant amount of court time is spent determining who should be a party to the legal claim.

b. No Consequence for Being Wrongly Identified in a Statement of Claim

To add to this, there is no consequence that lawyers and their clients face for submitting a claim against a municipality when it is clear that a municipality is not involved. Municipalities incur significant administrative costs in managing these claims and the municipalities and their insurers pay significant costs to go through a lengthy process to prove that a claim was made in error (intentionally) only to find that a judge sees no reason to compensate a municipality for cost for incorrectly being named in a lawsuit by a plaintiff. Municipalities are seen as having deep pockets by the legal industry as well as the judicial system that makes decisions on these claims. Proof of innocence is often furnished to the plaintiff and lawyer by a municipality immediately upon notification of a pending legal action of statement of claim. This information is ignored by the plaintiff's lawyer. A plaintiff and their lawyer should have to reimburse a municipality for

all administrative and legal costs when the municipality is cleared of liability. Judges rarely compensate municipalities for being wrongly named in a legal action.

A recent example from 2019 occurred when a statement of claim was made against the Township of Springwater for an accident on a County Road (not the jurisdiction of Springwater). After legal and administrative costs totaling more than \$5,000, Springwater was dismissed from the claim. Unfortunately no costs were assigned to the plaintiff for wrongly naming Springwater in the statement of claim. The current system is broken and Springwater tax payers are left paying the bill.

2. What are the problems that you need addressed to benefit your community?

a. Ethical Standard of Due Diligence Required Before Submitting a Legal Action

Lawyer's representing plaintiff's should be required to submit documentation that provides significant research into why a claim is being made and a municipality is being named in a law suit. The claim should clearly prove authority and responsibility. The current practice of naming every party under the sun in a legal claim is negligent and unethical.

b. Frivolous and Vexatious Suits are Costing Taxpayers

The Township of Springwater is seeing a significant waste of administrative time and cost in managing legal claims against the municipality that are predominantly frivolous and vexatious due to JSL. Over the last seven years, the municipality has had 55 claims made against the municipality. These claims range from trips/falls resulting in broken eyeglasses to cases that unfortunately involve loss of life. The Township has no problem dealing with claims that the municipality is responsible for; however the Township does have a problem dealing with claims it does not have any responsibility for. Of the 55 claims against the municipality, 42 of these claims are frivolous and vexatious. Claims that the municipality has no responsibility for. Over the past 7 years, Springwater has paid more than \$100,000 on these frivolous and vexatious claims as they work themselves through the legal process. Many of these files are still open. This does not include additional costs paid by Springwater's insurance company that are beyond the municipality's deductible.

c. Negligent Legal Actions (Beyond Frivolous and Vexatious)

The Township of Springwater is currently named in 4 legal actions and an additional legal action (recently abandoned) for claims that occurred in another municipality (no where near Springwater). The Township is currently named in 3 claims that occurred in the Township of Clearview west of Stayner and one claim in the Township of Brock that have nothing to do with the Township. Springwater was named in a claim that occurred

in Wasaga Beach that was abandoned recently. All of these claims cost the Springwater taxpayer in administrative and legal costs as they work their way through the process.

d. Triage System for Claims

Before a claim makes it to a court date, the file should be triaged. It is at this stage that negligent of frivolous and vexatious claims will be filtered or thrown out. This process will trigger the reimbursement of costs to municipalities by unethical law firms.

e. Law Society of Ontario Charges

Lawyers that use JSL in an unethical way should be charged by the Law Society of Ontario. If a lawyer names a municipality in a legal action that should not be named, these lawyers should be suspended and potentially lose their license to practice law. There is a significant commonality when comparing frivolous and vexatious claims and the law firms/lawyers that submit them. The current code of ethics of the Law Society of Ontario should be updated by the Province to reprimand lawyers and law firms that negligently use JSL. The Province of Ontario should be involved in creating a new Code of Ethics for Ontario's legal industry.

3. Is it increased premiums? Rising deductibles?

A recent survey by CAO's in Simcoe County shows that insurance premiums are going up between 10% at the lowest to 59% being the highest in 2019. The Township of Springwater experienced a 10.8% increase in its 2019 insurance renewal. The area that typically sees an annual increase is related to the Municipal General Liability and Excess Liability lines of the business. The municipality was advised by its insurance broker that "over the past several years, insurance companies' appetite for Municipal Insurance has remained fairly stable. Insurance rates across all lines have seen only modest increases intended to simply keep pace with inflation and the rising cost of claims. Larger rate increases have been reserved for those accounts experiencing adverse claims development; either in frequency or severity (or both). However, starting in June 2018, the insurance market as a whole has shown clear signs of "hardening". Insurance companies for all sectors are putting stricter rules in place regarding the amount and breadth of coverage they will provide, and to which clients. Since the overall insurance supply is being reduced, the demand for insurer capacity is increasing, and as such, prices are elevating."

The table below provides at a high level (includes all lines of coverage) the Township's annual insurance premiums over the past five years.

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
\$234,942	\$247,262	\$254,388	\$274,936	\$304,688

The Township continues to consult with its insurance broker in an effort to ensure that Springwater's constituents are receiving the best value for their tax dollar; however, the rising costs of insurance are not sustainable over the long run. Staff and its insurance broker have looked at increasing our deductibles in an effort to reduce the overall premium; however this has led to minimal reductions in the overall annual premium to the Township.

4. Being unfairly named in lawsuits?

As detailed above, Springwater continues to be unfairly named in legal actions. Issues here range from a complete absence of research by legal firms on causality to the municipality being named in legal action in completely separate jurisdictions (other municipalities).

5. Feeling you cannot offer certain services because of liability risks?

More recently, with the advice of the Township's insurance broker, the Township has changed the way in which it delivers some of its recreational programs/services, especially as it relates to children's programs/activities. For example, the Township in partnership with its Community Recreation Associations will host a number of community based events throughout the year, which includes children's activities. In order to allow inflatable Bouncy castles at community events, the Township now requires the service provider to indemnify the Township and to also provide staff to monitor the safety of participants while in the inflatable Bouncy castle. Some vendors are reluctant to take on this risk.

Thank you for allowing the Township to participate in this consultation. We are open to further dialogue should you feel it necessary.

Yours truly,

Jeff Schmidt, CPA, CGA, B.A.S. Chief Administrative Officer

Cc: Ontario Municipalities



COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT MINUTES

The Committee of Adjustment for the City of Guelph held its Regular Hearing on Thursday September 12, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall, with the following members present:

K. Ash, Chair

D. Kendrick, Vice Chair

S. Dykstra L. Janis K. Meads J. Smith

Regrets: D. Gundrum

Staff Present: J. da Silva, Council and Committee Assistant

T. Di Lullo, Secretary-Treasurer
P. Sheehy, Program Manager-Zoning

A. Watts, Planner M. Witmer, Planner

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by D. Kendrick Seconded by S. Dykstra

THAT the Minutes from the August 8, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Committee of Adjustment, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

Requests for Withdrawal or Deferral

There were no requests.

Current Applications

Application: A-76/19

Owner: Suncor Energy Inc.

Agent: Robert Elliot

Location: 282 Victoria Road North

In Attendance: R. Elliot

Chair K. Ash questioned if the sign had been posted in accordance with Planning Act requirements and if the staff comments were received. R. Elliot, agent, responded that the sign was posted and comments were received.

R. Elliot explained the application as well as background surrounding the previous minor variance application.

Member L. Janis arrived at 4:04 p.m.

No members of the public spoke.

Chair K. Ash indicated that the condition recommended by staff may be redundant. Member L. Janis moved that the condition be removed.

Having considered whether or not the variance(s) requested are minor and desirable for the appropriate development and use of the land and that the general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law and the Official Plan will be maintained, and that this application has met the requirements of Section 45(1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13 as amended,

Moved by L. Janis Seconded by J. Smith

THAT in the matter of an application under Section 45(1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P13, as amended, a variance from the requirements of Section 6.2.1.1 of Zoning By-law (1995)-14864, as amended, for 282 Victoria Road North, to permit a commercial school use in the existing commercial building to a maximum of 75 percent of the gross floor area, being 895.56 metres, when the By-law does not permit a commercial school use in the Specialized Neighbourhood Shopping Centre (NC-1) zone, be **APPROVED**.

REASONS:

This application is approved, as it is the opinion of the Committee that this application meets all four tests under Section 45(1) of the Planning Act.

Any and all written submissions relating to this application that were made to the Committee of Adjustment before its decision and any and all oral submissions related to this application that were made at a public hearing, held under the Planning Act, have been, on balance, taken into consideration by the Committee of Adjustment as part of its deliberations and final decision on this matter.

CARRIED

Application: A-77/19

Owner: Guelph Black Heritage Society

Agent: Joel Bartlett Architect Inc.

Location: 83 Essex Street

In Attendance: J. Bartlett

Chair K. Ash questioned if the sign had been posted in accordance with Planning Act requirements and if the staff comments were received. J. Bartlett, agent, responded that the sign was posted and comments were received.

J. Bartlett explained the application.

No members of the public spoke.

Having considered a change or extension in a use of property which is lawfully non-conforming under the By-law as to whether or not this application has met the requirements of Section 45(2) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13 as amended, and

Having considered whether or not the variance(s) requested are minor and desirable for the appropriate development and use of the land and that the general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law and the Official Plan will be maintained, and that this application has met the requirements of Section 45(1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13 as amended,

Moved by J. Smith Seconded by D. Kendrick

THAT in the matter of an application under Section 45(2)(a)(i) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, C.P13, as amended, permission to enlarge/extend the legal non-conforming use at 83 Essex Street to permit an addition to the existing public hall, and

THAT in the matter of an application under Section 45(1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P13, as amended, variances from the requirements of Section 4.13.4.4 and Table 5.1.2 Row 7 of Zoning By-law (1995)-14864, as amended, for 83 Essex Street, to permit:

- a minimum of 3 off-street parking spaces, when the By-law requires a minimum of 1 off-street parking space per 10 square metres of gross floor area, being 9 off-street parking spaces; and
- b) a left side yard setback of 1.2 metres, when the By-law requires a minimum side yard setback of 1.5 metres,

be **APPROVED**, subject to the following condition:

1. That the rear yard addition be located in general accordance with the Public Notice sketch.

REASONS:

This application is approved, as it is the opinion of the Committee that, with the above noted condition of approval, this application meets all four tests under Section 45(1) of the Planning Act.

Any and all written submissions relating to this application that were made to the Committee of Adjustment before its decision and any and all oral submissions related to this application that were made at a public hearing, held under the Planning Act, have been, on balance, taken into consideration by the Committee of Adjustment as part of its deliberations and final decision on this matter.

CARRIED

Application: A-78/19

Owner: Brittany Green and Daniel Mohle

Agent: N/A

Location: 80 Pleasant Road

In Attendance: B. Green

D. Mohle

Chair K. Ash questioned if the sign had been posted in accordance with Planning Act requirements and if the staff comments were received. D. Mohle, owner, responded that the sign was posted and comments were received.

D. Mohle briefly explained the application.

No members of the public spoke.

Having considered whether or not the variance(s) requested are minor and desirable for the appropriate development and use of the land and that the general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law and the Official Plan will be maintained, and that this application has met the requirements of Section 45(1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13 as amended,

Moved by J. Smith Seconded by S. Dykstra

THAT in the matter of an application under Section 45(1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P13, as amended, a variance from the requirements from Table 5.1.2 Row 7 of Zoning By-law (1995)-14864, as amended, for 80 Pleasant Road, to permit a right side yard setback of 0.6 metres for the proposed attached garage, when the By-law requires a minimum side yard of 1.5 metres, be **APPROVED**, subject to the following conditions:

1. That the attached garage height be limited to one storey in height.

2. That prior to issuance of a building permit, the applicant make arrangements with the Technical Services Department of Alectra Utilities, formerly Guelph Hydro, for the possible relocation of the existing overhead hydro services at the applicant's expense.

REASONS:

This application is approved, as it is the opinion of the Committee that, with the above noted conditions of approval, this application meets all four tests under Section 45(1) of the Planning Act.

Any and all written submissions relating to this application that were made to the Committee of Adjustment before its decision and any and all oral submissions related to this application that were made at a public hearing, held under the Planning Act, have been, on balance, taken into consideration by the Committee of Adjustment as part of its deliberations and final decision on this matter.

CARRIED

Application: A-79/19

Owner: Victoria Park Village

Agent: IBI Group

Location: 1159 Victoria Road South

In Attendance: T. Tucker

J. Moudakis

Chair K. Ash questioned if the sign had been posted in accordance with Planning Act requirements and if the staff comments were received. T. Tucker, agent, responded that the sign was posted and comments were received.

T. Tucker briefly explained the application.

No members of the public spoke.

Having considered whether or not the variance(s) requested are minor and desirable for the appropriate development and use of the land and that the general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law and the Official Plan will be maintained, and that this application has met the requirements of Section 45(1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13 as amended,

Moved by D. Kendrick Seconded by L. Janis

THAT in the matter of an application under Section 45(1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P13, as amended, a variance from the requirements of Section 4.21.5 of Zoning By-law (1995)-14864, as amended, for 1159 Victoria Road South, to permit a real estate sales office for a period of 5 years, when the By-law requires that, despite Section 4.21.1, a real estate sales office shall be permitted as an occasional use on a

construction site until such construction is completed or a final building inspection is conducted, whichever even occurs first, be **APPROVED**, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. That the temporary sales trailer be permitted for a maximum of three (3) years from the date of issuance of a building permit.
- 2. That the owner enters into an agreement registered on the title of the property prior to the issuance of a building permit, requiring that the temporary sales trailer be removed within three (3) years of the date of issuance of a building permit.
- 3. That the existing agreement registered February 8, 2019 as Instrument No. WC495211 be released off title once the new agreement is registered at the sole cost of the owner.
- 4. That a site plan application for a temporary sales trailer and parking area be submitted to the City and approved.

REASONS:

This application is approved, as it is the opinion of the Committee that, with the above noted conditions of approval, this application meets all four tests under Section 45(1) of the Planning Act.

Any and all written submissions relating to this application that were made to the Committee of Adjustment before its decision and any and all oral submissions related to this application that were made at a public hearing, held under the Planning Act, have been, on balance, taken into consideration by the Committee of Adjustment as part of its deliberations and final decision on this matter.

CARRIED

Application: A-80/19

Owner: Sean Nicholas Carroll

Agent: Larry Carroll

Location: 51 Mountford Drive

In Attendance: S. Carroll

Chair K. Ash questioned if the sign had been posted in accordance with Planning Act requirements and if the staff comments were received. S. Carroll, owner, responded that the sign was posted and comments were received.

No members of the public spoke.

Having considered whether or not the variance(s) requested are minor and desirable for the appropriate development and use of the land and that the general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law and the Official Plan will be maintained, and that this

application has met the requirements of Section 45(1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13 as amended,

Moved by S. Dykstra Seconded by K. Meads

THAT in the matter of an application under Section 45(1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P13, as amended, a variance from the requirements of Section 4.15.1.4.1 of Zoning By-law (1995)-14864, as amended, for 51 Mountford Drive, to permit 3 parking spaces in a stacked arrangement, when the By-law requires that the required off-street parking space for an accessory apartment may be stacked behind the required off-street parking space of the host dwelling in the driveway to a maximum of 2 parking spaces permitted in a stacked arrangement, be **APPROVED**, subject to the following condition:

1. That prior to the issuance of a building permit for the accessory apartment, the owner extends the length of the driveway so that it is a minimum of 16.5 metres measured from the property line to accommodate 3 stacked parking spaces (being 5.5 metres each in length).

REASONS:

This application is approved, as it is the opinion of the Committee that, with the above noted condition of approval, this application meets all four tests under Section 45(1) of the Planning Act.

Any and all written submissions relating to this application that were made to the Committee of Adjustment before its decision and any and all oral submissions related to this application that were made at a public hearing, held under the Planning Act, have been, on balance, taken into consideration by the Committee of Adjustment as part of its deliberations and final decision on this matter.

CARRIED

Application: A-81/19

Owner: 1876698 Ontario Inc.

Agent: Corey Wehrle, Orchard Design Studio Inc.

Location: 1131 Gordon Street

In Attendance: K. Byoungki

C. Wehrle

Chair K. Ash questioned if the sign had been posted in accordance with Planning Act requirements and if the staff comments were received. C. Wehrle, agent, responded that the sign was posted and comments were received.

C. Wherle briefly explained the application.

No members of the public spoke.

Having considered whether or not the variance(s) requested are minor and desirable for the appropriate development and use of the land and that the general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law and the Official Plan will be maintained, and that this application has met the requirements of Section 45(1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13 as amended,

Moved by K. Meads Seconded by S. Dykstra

THAT in the matter of an application under Section 45(1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P13, as amended, a variance from the requirements from Table 5.3.2 Row 8 of Zoning By-law (1995)-14864, as amended, for 1131 Gordon Street, to permit a maximum building coverage of 32.58 percent of the lot area, when the By-law requires that that the maximum building coverage in a Residential Cluster Townhouse (R.3A) Zone is 30 percent of the lot area, be **APPROVED.**

REASONS:

This application is approved, as it is the opinion of the Committee that, this application meets all four tests under Section 45(1) of the Planning Act.

Any and all written submissions relating to this application that were made to the Committee of Adjustment before its decision and any and all oral submissions related to this application that were made at a public hearing, held under the Planning Act, have been, on balance, taken into consideration by the Committee of Adjustment as part of its deliberations and final decision on this matter.

CARRIED

Application: A-82/19

Owner: George Staikos and Margaret Strybosch

Agent: Terra View Construction Ltd.

Location: 12 Forbes Avenue

In Attendance: D. Brix

Chair K. Ash questioned if the sign had been posted in accordance with Planning Act requirements and if the staff comments were received. D. Brix, agent, responded that the sign was posted and comments were received.

D. Brix explained the application.

Member S. Dykstra recommended that a condition be added to ensure the proposal is in accordance with the public notice sketch.

D. Brix requested that the exterior side yard setback be further reduced from 5.62 metres to allow for flexibility in foundation placement.

No members of the public spoke.

Having considered whether or not the variance(s) requested are minor and desirable for the appropriate development and use of the land and that the general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law and the Official Plan will be maintained, and that this application has met the requirements of Section 45(1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13 as amended,

Moved by J. Smith Seconded by K. Meads

THAT in the matter of an application under Section 45(1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P13, as amended, a variance from the requirements of Table 5.1.2 Row 6a and Section 5.1.2.7 i) of Zoning By-law (1995)-14864, as amended, for 12 Forbes Avenue, to permit a new detached dwelling with an exterior side yard setback of 5.6 metres, when the By-law requires,

- a) a minimum exterior side yard setback of 4.5 metres and in accordance with Section 5.1.2.7; and
- b) a minimum exterior side yard of 6 metres in accordance with Table 5.1.2 Row 6a,

be **APPROVED**, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. That prior to the issuance of a building permit, the applicant make arrangements with the Technical Services Department of Alectra Utilities, Formerly Guelph Hydro for the newly created lot at the applicant's expense.
- 2. That the proposed dwelling be located in general accordance with the Public Notice sketch.

REASONS:

This application is approved, as it is the opinion of the Committee that, with the above noted conditions of approval, this application meets all four tests under Section 45(1) of the Planning Act.

Any and all written submissions relating to this application that were made to the Committee of Adjustment before its decision and any and all oral submissions related to this application that were made at a public hearing, held under the Planning Act, have been, on balance, taken into consideration by the Committee of Adjustment as part of its deliberations and final decision on this matter.

CARRIED

Applications: A-83/19, A-84/19 and A-85/19

Owner: Terra View Construction Inc.

Agent: N/A

Location: 212, 214 and 216 Carrington Drive

In Attendance: D. Brix

Secretary-Treasurer T. Di Lullo noted that a revised public notice were circulated on August 30, 2019 to correct the minor variance requests. These revisions were to amend the requested variances for files A-84/19 and A-85/19 to indicate that the required parking space be to the front of the front wall of the dwelling, and to amend the requested variance for file A-85/19 to indicate that the required parking space be 0.1 metres from the street line. She also noted that the right side yard setback variance for file A-85/19 is not required.

Chair K. Ash questioned if the sign had been posted in accordance with Planning Act requirements and if the staff comments were received. D. Brix, representative for owner, responded that the sign was posted and comments were received.

D. Brix briefly explained the applications.

No members of the public spoke.

File A-83/19

Having considered whether or not the variance(s) requested are minor and desirable for the appropriate development and use of the land and that the general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law and the Official Plan will be maintained, and that this application has met the requirements of Section 45(1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13 as amended,

Moved by K. Meads Seconded by L. Janis

THAT in the matter of an application under Section 45(1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P13, as amended, a variance from the requirements of Table 5.1.2 Row 7 of Zoning By-law (1995)-14864, as amended, for 212 Carrington Drive, to permit a right yard setback of 0 metres for the proposed building connection, when the By-law requires that a minimum side yard setback of 1.5 metres, be **APPROVED**, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. That the temporary building connections between 212 and 214 Carrington Drive be demolished prior to the transfer of lease/title to a subsequent owner(s) or within 3 years of the issuance of a building permit, whichever occurs first.
- 2. That prior to the issuance of a building permit, the owner enters into an agreement registered on title to the properties, requiring that the building connections be removed and the sales offices restored to garages to accommodate the legal parking spaces for each dwelling, prior to the transfer of title to a subsequent owner or within 3 years of the issuance of a building permit, whichever occurs first.

REASONS:

This application is approved, as it is the opinion of the Committee that, with the above noted conditions of approval, this application meets all four tests under Section 45(1) of the Planning Act.

Any and all written submissions relating to this application that were made to the Committee of Adjustment before its decision and any and all oral submissions related to this application that were made at a public hearing, held under the Planning Act, have been, on balance, taken into consideration by the Committee of Adjustment as part of its deliberations and final decision on this matter.

CARRIED

File A-84/19

Having considered whether or not the variance(s) requested are minor and desirable for the appropriate development and use of the land and that the general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law and the Official Plan will be maintained, and that this application has met the requirements of Section 45(1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13 as amended,

Moved by K. Meads Seconded by L. Janis

THAT in the matter of an application under Section 45(1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P13, as amended, variances from the requirements of Table 5.1.2 Row 7 and Section 4.13.2.1 of Zoning By-law (1995)-14864, as amended, for 214 Carrington Drive,

- a) to permit a right and left side yard setback of 0 metres for the proposed building connection, when the By-law requires that a minimum side yard setback of 1.5 metres; and,
- b) to permit the required parking space to be 0.3 metres from the street line and to the front of the front wall of the main building, when the By-law requires that in a R.1, R.2 and R.3B Zone, every required parking space shall be located a minimum distance of 6 metres from the street line and to the rear of the front wall of the main building,

be **APPROVED**, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. That the temporary sales office at 214 and 216 Carrington Drive be restored to a garage and the legal parking space restored prior to the transfer of lease/title to a subsequent owner(s) or within 3 years of the issuance of a building permit, whichever occurs first.
- 2. That the temporary building connections between 212 and 214 Carrington Drive and 214 and 216 Carrington Drive be demolished prior to the transfer of lease/title to a subsequent owner(s) or within 3 years of the issuance of a building permit, whichever occurs first.

3. That prior to the issuance of a building permit, the owner enters into an agreement registered on title to the properties, requiring that the building connections be removed and the sales offices restored to garages to accommodate the legal parking spaces for each dwelling, prior to the transfer of title to a subsequent owner or within 3 years of the issuance of a building permit, whichever occurs first.

REASONS:

This application is approved, as it is the opinion of the Committee that, with the above noted conditions of approval, this application meets all four tests under Section 45(1) of the Planning Act.

Any and all written submissions relating to this application that were made to the Committee of Adjustment before its decision and any and all oral submissions related to this application that were made at a public hearing, held under the Planning Act, have been, on balance, taken into consideration by the Committee of Adjustment as part of its deliberations and final decision on this matter.

CARRIED

File A-85/19

Having considered whether or not the variance(s) requested are minor and desirable for the appropriate development and use of the land and that the general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law and the Official Plan will be maintained, and that this application has met the requirements of Section 45(1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13 as amended,

Moved by K. Meads Seconded by L. Janis

THAT in the matter of an application under Section 45(1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P13, as amended, variances from the requirements of Table 5.1.2 Row 7 and Section 4.13.2.1 of Zoning By-law (1995)-14864, as amended, for 216 Carrington Drive,

- a) to permit left side yard setback of 0 metres for the proposed building connection, when the By-law requires that a minimum side yard setback of 1.5 metres; and,
- b) to permit the required parking space to be 0.1 metres from the street line and to the front of the front wall of the main building, when the By-law requires that in a R.1, R.2 and R.3B Zone, every required parking space shall be located a minimum distance of 6 metres from the street line and to the rear of the front wall of the main building,

be **APPROVED**, subject to the following conditions:

1. That the temporary sales office at 214 and 216 Carrington Drive be restored to a garage and the legal parking space restored prior to the transfer of lease/title to a subsequent owner(s) or within 3 years of the issuance of a building permit, whichever occurs first.

- 2. That the temporary building connections between 214 and 216 Carrington Drive be demolished prior to the transfer of lease/title to a subsequent owner(s) or within 3 years of the issuance of a building permit, whichever occurs first.
- 3. That prior to the issuance of a building permit, the owner enters into an agreement registered on title to the properties, requiring that the building connections be removed and the sales offices restored to garages to accommodate the legal parking spaces for each dwelling, prior to the transfer of title to a subsequent owner or within 3 years of the issuance of a building permit, whichever occurs first.

REASONS:

This application is approved, as it is the opinion of the Committee that, with the above noted conditions of approval, this application meets all four tests under Section 45(1) of the Planning Act.

Any and all written submissions relating to this application that were made to the Committee of Adjustment before its decision and any and all oral submissions related to this application that were made at a public hearing, held under the Planning Act, have been, on balance, taken into consideration by the Committee of Adjustment as part of its deliberations and final decision on this matter.

CARRIED

Application: A-86/19

Owner: Darin Bryce and Kerri Bryce

Agent: Corinne Maloney

Location: 24 Durham Street

In Attendance: D. Bryce

Chair K. Ash questioned if the sign had been posted in accordance with Planning Act requirements and if the staff comments were received. D. Bryce, owner, responded that the sign was posted and comments were received.

D. Bryce indicated that he was working on addressing the condition from Alectra Utilities.

No members of the public spoke.

Having considered whether or not the variance(s) requested are minor and desirable for the appropriate development and use of the land and that the general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law and the Official Plan will be maintained, and that this application has met the requirements of Section 45(1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13 as amended,

Moved by D. Kendrick Seconded by L. Janis

THAT in the matter of an application under Section 45(1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P13, as amended, a variance from the requirements of Sections 4.13.2.1 and 5.1.2.7 of Zoning By-law (1995)-14864, as amended, for 24 Durham Street, to permit a proposed carport to be 4.32 metres away from the front property line, when the By-law requires that,

- a) every required parking space shall be located a minimum distance of 6 metres from the street line and to the rear of the front wall of the main building; and
- b) the minimum front or exterior side yard for dwellings located within defined Area Map Number 66 of Schedule "A" of the By-law, shall be 6 metres or the average of the setbacks of the adjacent properties, and where the off-street parking space is located within a garage or carport, the setback for the garage or carport shall be a minimum of 6 metres from the street line,

be **APPROVED**, subject to the following condition:

1. That prior to issuance of a building permit, the applicant make arrangements with the Technical Services Department of Alectra Utilities, formerly Guelph Hydro, for the possible relocation of the existing overhead hydro services at the applicant's expense.

REASONS:

This application is approved, as it is the opinion of the Committee that, with the above noted condition of approval, this application meets all four tests under Section 45(1) of the Planning Act.

Any and all written submissions relating to this application that were made to the Committee of Adjustment before its decision and any and all oral submissions related to this application that were made at a public hearing, held under the Planning Act, have been, on balance, taken into consideration by the Committee of Adjustment as part of its deliberations and final decision on this matter.

CARRIED

Application: B-12/19

Owner: 328 Speedvale Commercial Centre Inc.

Agent: Jonathan Kitchen, Filiz Tamer; Dillon Consulting Ltd.

Location: 328-386 Speedvale Avenue East

In Attendance: F. Tamer

Chair K. Ash questioned if the sign had been posted in accordance with Planning Act requirements and if the staff comments were received. F. Tamer, agent, responded that the sign was posted and comments were received.

No members of the public spoke.

Having had regard to the matters under Section 51(24) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13 as amended, and having considered whether a plan of subdivision of the land in accordance with Section 51 of the said Act is necessary for the proper and orderly development of the land,

Moved by S. Dykstra Seconded by J. Smith

THAT in the matter of an application under Section 53(1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P13, as amended, consent for a long-term lease in excess of 21 years for Division F, Part of Broken Front Lot B, for a building municipally known as 386 Speedvale Avenue East, a parcel occupied by a Tim Horton's restaurant and associated drive-through comprising an area of 599 square metres, shown as proposed Part 1 and substantially in accordance with a sketch prepared by Black, Shoemaker, Robinson and Donaldson Limited dated April 11, 2019, project number 19-14-893, be **APPROVED**, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. That all required fees and charges in respect of the registration of all documents required in respect of this approval and administration fee be paid, prior to the issuance of the Certificate of Official.
- 2. That the Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee of Adjustment be provided with a written undertaking from the applicant's solicitor, prior to the issuance of the Certificate of Official, that he/she will provide a copy of the registered instrument as registered in the Land Registry Office within two years of issuance of the Certificate of Official, or prior to the issuance of a building permit (if applicable), whichever occurs first.
- 3. That prior to the issuance of the Certificate of Official, a Reference Plan be prepared, deposited and filed with the Secretary-Treasurer which shall indicate the boundaries of the leased parcel(s), any easements/rights-of-way and building locations. The submission must also include a digital copy of the deposited Reference Plan (version ACAD 2010) which can be forwarded by email (cofa@guelph.ca).
- 4. That upon fulfilling and complying with all of the above-noted conditions, the documents to finalize and register the transaction be presented to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee of Adjustment along with the administration fee required for the issuance of the Certificate of Official.

REASONS:

This application is approved, as it is the opinion of the Committee that, with the above noted conditions of approval, this application meets the criteria of section 51(24) of the Planning Act to which all consent applications must adhere.

Any and all written submissions relating to this application that were made to the Committee of Adjustment before its decision and any and all oral submissions related to this application that were made at a public hearing, held under the Planning Act,

have been, on balance, taken into consideration by the Committee of Adjustment as part of its deliberations and final decision on this matter.

CARRIED

Staff Announcements

In response to a question from member D. Kendrick, Planner A. Watts indicated that staff are already looking into parking concerns on Essex Street.

Chair K. Ash reminded the members that the next hearing is September 26, 2019.

<u>Adjournment</u>

Moved by K. Meads Seconded by S. Dykstra

THAT the hearing of the Committee of Adjustment be adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

CARRIED

"Original signed by"

K. Ash

Chair

Chair

"Original signed by"

T. Di Lullo

Secretary-Treasurer