

INFORMATION ITEMS

Week Ending December 21, 2018

REPORTS

1. Urban Forest Management Plan – 2018 Implementation Report

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1. Consultation – Ontario's Environment Plan

CORRESPONDENCE

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2. Minister's Annual Report on Drinking Water 2018

BOARDS & COMMITTEES

1. Guelph Police Services Board Open Meeting Minutes – November 15, 2018
2. Guelph Police Services Board Meetings Dates for 2019

ITEMS AVAILABLE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE

1. None

Information Report



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| Service Area | Public Services |
| Date | Friday, December 21, 2018 |
| Subject | Urban Forest Management Plan – 2018 Implementation Report |
| Report Number | PS-2018-42 |

Executive Summary

Purpose of Report

To advise Council of cumulative progress in implementing Guelph’s Urban Forest Management Plan

Key Findings

Implementation of the Urban Forest Management Plan is on track and having the intended result of evolving Guelph’s municipal forestry work to an inclusive, progressive, and proactive program.

Financial Implications

None

Report

The 2012 approval of the strategic Urban Forest Management Plan marked the City of Guelph’s committed to a new era in urban forestry. Built on a strong tradition of arboricultural excellence in Guelph, this plan is an expression of the community’s recognition for a more comprehensive and strategic approach to the management of the urban forest. Continued leadership and support throughout the implementation of the plan has resulted in the significant and effective achievements to this point.

Guelph’s Urban Forest Management Plan is a 20-year renewable roadmap for understanding and improving the management of Guelph’s urban forest, particularly that owned by, or under management agreement with the City. The plan, which was implemented in 2013, is a long-term plan with nested short-term management and operating plans. The plan has 22 recommendations, which address gaps and opportunities in four key areas:

- Management and monitoring
- Planning

- Protection, enhancement and planting
- Outreach, stewardship and partnerships.

As reported in previous years, implementation in 2018 continued to progress, due in large part to Council's budget approvals supporting increased staffing capacity in Forestry and support from other corporate divisions.

This year, significant headway has been made on ten of the recommendations. Two recommendations are complete, and five recommendations slated for 2019 or beyond that have not been started. Significant achievements in 2018 are described below, with status briefly described for each recommendation.

Recommendation #3: Increase capacity to complete an inventory of municipal street and park trees. The street and park tree inventory is now substantially complete. The inventory includes a database which is available as open source data and a publicly available online map that shows tree locations, characteristics, and ownership status. The online map is an invaluable tool for use by City staff and the public. Staff continually update the inventory through ongoing monitoring, service requests and tree maintenance. Moving forward the complete inventory is necessary to direct management of trees, service levels and asset management.

Recommendation #4: Undertake targeted vegetation assessment and management of City parks and natural areas. This year, the partnership project with University of Toronto and Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry established 104 permanent sample plots under the 'Vegetated Sampling Protocol', within City-owned forests during the 2018 field season in addition to the 103 plots established in 2016. These plots will form the basis for long-term monitoring of forest health within Guelph, helping to flag health trends related to climate change, invasive exotic organisms, and the impacts of urban intensification. The data from the plots will directly feed into the Natural Heritage Action Plan (NHAP), State of the Urban Forest Report (pending 2019) and Forest Management Plans (2020). Sample based inventory of privately owned trees is pending for 2019.

Recommendation #5: Expand the City's capacity for planting and maintenance of municipal trees. Replacement equipment purchased in 2018 specified upgraded features to allow for safer and more efficient removal of large caliper trees.

Recommendation #6: Undertake an urban tree cover study and potential plantable spaces analysis. The need to undertake an urban forest study is required to get a current canopy cover, identify potential plantable spaces, and assess the feasibility of 40% canopy cover. Staff have prepared the Terms of Reference for quantifying and qualifying the urban forest canopy.

Recommendation #7: Develop an Invasive Species and Pest Management Strategy. The fifth year of the ten-year emerald ash borer plan has been completed. The significant achievement in 2018 was again managing to handle the increased inspections and removals generated by the critical levels of mortality. This year, the estimated number of ash removals is 1,500 on streets and in parks,

and 3,800 in woodlands. An external contractor is carrying out woodland removals due to the large volume of trees required to be removed in a limited amount of time.

Increased efforts were made this year to remove significant amounts of invasive vegetation (Buckthorn, Japanese Knotweed, Poison Ivy) in various locations throughout the city. This includes projects ongoing since 2016 such as Crane Park and Silvercreek Park buckthorn removal to allow for establishment of natural forest elements in place of invasive species.

The broader Invasive Species and Pest Management Strategy has been deferred but is included as a future action in the Natural Heritage Action Plan. Planning is the lead on this initiative with Parks Operations and Forestry as implementation support.

Recommendation #8: Development of a tree risk management policy and training City Arborists in risk assessment. Removal of 3,800 hazard (ash) trees in seven wooded natural areas by a qualified contractor began in November. Parks Operations and Forestry responded to six major weather/storm events, which included ice accumulation, heavy rains and excessive winds, and received 20 claims for damage to property from trees.

A draft storm response protocol was developed for Parks Operations and Forestry. However, increased preventative and preparedness measures must be integrated into regular operations to address the current and anticipated increasing frequency and intensity of weather events. Additionally, a Risk Management Strategy for street and park trees as well as natural areas is to be drafted in late 2019.

Recommendation #10: Establishing a green infrastructure asset valuation. The significant development here is that trees are being included in the nascent 2019 corporate asset management plan and protocol. This is a substantial challenge, as trees are unlike most other assets: their initial installation value and service values are a tiny fraction of their eventual value, through growth, whereas most assets begin with maximum value and steadily decline.

Recommendation #14: Implement and assess use of the new Tree Technical Manual. The Draft Tree Technical Manual was presented to the community, open for comment in November/December 2018, and will be presented to Council in spring 2019. The manual will establish guidelines, standards and specifications for the preservation, protection and operational activities involving trees on public and private land. The manual's project scope does not include a review or revision of existing City policies, such as the Official Plan or the Private Tree Bylaw.

Five pending recommendations are as follows:

- #9 Complete a State of the Urban Forest report every five years;
- #10 Establish a green infrastructure asset valuation;
- #11 Assess the effectiveness of current tree-related policies and legislation;

- #13 Develop a public tree bylaw;
- #16 Develop a greening strategy.

Since the implementation of the Urban Forest Management Plan in 2013, our understanding of Guelph's urban forest has substantially improved and we have consistently transitioned towards proactive management. The tree inventory and monitoring of natural areas has significantly improved our knowledge of the City's urban forest structure, composition and value. Coordination of tree issues across the corporation and external stakeholders has increased through the formation of the tree team and urban forest working group and the addition of management, operational and technical staff. Substantial communication about urban forest initiatives have created a new awareness and engagement in urban forest issues within the community. New research partnerships include green infrastructure, climate change and forest health research on a provincial scale.

As Guelph prepares for the second, five-year plan (2019-2023) we will need to consider the current state of the urban forest and the changes that have occurred since the plan's inception, as well as aligning the plan with current federal and provincial policy and ensure connectivity to new corporate policies and directives. Re-aligning the plan will also require coordination with the needs other corporate divisions.

Financial Implications

None

Consultations

The Tree Team (internal stakeholders) and the Urban Forest Working Group (external stakeholders) meet three or four times per year, and are an important communication mechanism from stakeholders to the City, and from the City to the community of interest. Additionally, stakeholders from the community, including the general-public, development community, and other relevant experts, have been included for development of various new and ongoing initiatives in 2018.

Corporate Administrative Plan

Overarching Goals

Service Excellence

Service Area Operational Work Plans

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Attachments

ATT-1 UFMP Recommendations Update 2018

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Urban Forest Management Plan Recommendations Update 2018

MANAGEMENT AND MONITORING

| <i>#</i> | <i>Recommendation</i> | <i>Year Initiated</i> | <i>Status</i> | <i>2013-2017</i> | <i>2018</i> |
|----------|---|---------------------------|---------------|--|---|
| 1 | Create a Senior Urban Forester position | 2013 | Complete | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Position secured since March 2015 overseeing Parks Operations in addition to Forestry | |
| 2 | Create an interdepartmental "Tree Team" of City staff | 2013 | Complete | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarterly meetings since June 2014 – combined with Urban Forest Advisory Committee since 2015 | |
| 3 | Increase capacity to complete an inventory of municipal street and park trees | 2013 | Complete | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical staff added (2014) Online tree ownership map available to the public (2016) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tree inventory complete |
| 4 | Undertake targeted vegetation assessment and management of City parks and natural areas | 2015 | Ongoing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural Areas Monitoring established and baseline report/data complete (2016) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional Natural Areas Monitoring established and baseline report/data complete Acquired data to feed into future urban forest structure, function and valuation analysis and subsequent Forest Management Plans and |

Urban Forest Management Plan Recommendations Update 2018

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| 5 | Expand the City's capacity for planting and maintenance of municipal trees | 2013 | Partial | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One of two recommended additional arborists approved in 2015 budget | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purchase of upgraded equipment / vehicles for additional operational capacity |
| 6 | Undertake an Urban Tree Cover and Potential Plantable Spaces Analysis | 2013 | Partial | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepared Terms of Reference for Request for Proposal for Urban forest canopy study: quantify (analysis), qualify (assessment), planting priority index (2019) |
| 7 | Develop and implement an Invasive Species and Pest Management Strategy, starting with an Emerald Ash Borer Strategy | 2013 | Partial / Ongoing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition of Supervisor, Trails and Natural Areas (2016) Removal to date of 764 ash trees 1.051 replacements planted | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emerald Ash Borer Plan, completed year five of implementation 1,500 in process of marking for removal Continued progress on several projects ongoing since 2016 such as Crane Park and Silvercreek Park buckthorn removal to allow for establishment of natural forest elements in place of invasive species. |

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| | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of Integrated Pest Management Strategy pending (2020) | |
| 8 | Develop tree risk management policy and train City Arborists in risk assessment | 2015 | Partial | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hiring of Inspector Arborist, November – Tree Risk Assessment Qualification (TRAQ) training through the International Society of Arborists (ISA) completed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Began removal of 3,800 hazard (ash) trees in seven wooded natural areas by qualified contractor (November, 2018) • Pending Risk Management Strategy assessment strategy (2019) and Tree Storm Response Plan • Response to six major weather events and 20 claims of damage by trees |
| 9 | Complete a State of the Urban Forest report every five years | 2017 | Pending | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Began review of second five-year management plan, 2019-2023 (of 20-year Strategic Plan) target date September 2019 • State of the Urban Forest Report target date fall 2019 |
| 10 | Establish a green infrastructure asset valuation | 2018 | Pending | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trees included in Corporate Asset Management Process (2019) |

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PLANNING

| # | Recommendation | Year Initiated | Status | 2013-2017 | 2018 |
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| 11 | Assess the effectiveness of current tree-related policies and legislation | 2013 | Pending | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council approved Tree Ownership and Maintenance Standards (2017) | |
| 12 | Update City documents to be consistent with new tree-related policies, guidelines and legislation | 2014 | Partial | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council approved Urban Design Manual (2017) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2018 update of Linear Infrastructure Standards |
| 13 | Develop and implement a Public Tree Bylaw | 2018 | Pending | | |

PROTECTION, ENHANCEMENT, PLANTING

| # | Recommendation | Year Initiated | Status | 2013-2017 | 2018 |
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| 14 | Implement and assess use of the new Tree Technical Manual | 2013 | Partial | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft in process | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft Tree Technical Manual complete and released for community engagement November 2018. Target completion: Q2 2019 |
| 15 | Implement and monitor success of new rooting technologies | 2013 | Ongoing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-work and monitor tree cells on Carden Street | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integration of cell technology (Silva Cell) into Wilson Street reconstruction (2018) |

Urban Forest Management Plan Recommendations Update 2018

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| | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revise recommendation to include all green infrastructure (going forward for 2019) |
| 16 | Develop a Greening Strategy building on the Potential Plantable Spaces Analysis | 2018 | Pending | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pending Priority Planting Index (included in State of Urban Forest report, 2019) |
| 17 | Track municipal tree removals and plantings | 2018 | Ongoing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3,800 ash / hazard tree removals in wooded natural areas (2018/2019) and estimated 1,500 street and park trees • Estimated 1,000 trees planted by Forestry crew |
| 18 | Expand the City’s capacity to undertake tree-related plan review and site inspections | 2015 | Ongoing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity improved with the 2014 hiring of two technologists |

OUTREACH, STEWARDSHIP AND PARTNERSHIPS

| # | <i>Recommendation</i> | <i>Year Initiated</i> | <i>Status</i> | <i>2013-2017</i> | <i>2018</i> |
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| 19 | Create an Urban Forest Advisory Committee | 2013 | Ongoing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting quarterly since early 2014 – combined with internal Tree Team (City staff) since 2015 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renamed Urban Forest Working Group |

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| 20 | Pursue targeted urban forest education and outreach | 2012 | Ongoing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosted 2017 Ontario Professional Foresters Association Conference and City Tours • Forests Ontario: Forestry in the Classroom – deliver forestry education at local schools | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed draft content for development of new ‘Tree’ Website content – target completion 2019 |
| 21 | Increase municipal capacity for coordination of volunteers for stewardship activities | 2014 | Ongoing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased with technical staff (2014), Trails and Natural Areas Supervisor (May, 2016) and Part-time Community Stewardship coordinator position (2017) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed protocol for beaver protection and damage mitigation; implemented by community volunteers • Increased volume of stewardship activities |
| 22 | Pursue targeted stewardship initiatives, partnerships and funding sources | 2015 | Ongoing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University of Toronto (Vegetative Sampling Protocol) (2015) • University of Guelph (Potential Plantable Spaces Analysis) (2015) • Received 2017 TD Green Streets grant for Tree Planting and Stormwater Education in partnership with Engineering and Waterworks | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University of Toronto (Vegetative Sampling Protocol) continued • Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) partnership with Green Infrastructure (GI) Foundation to provide education and awareness of GI to municipalities |

Provincial/Federal Consultation Alert

| Title | Ministry | Consultation Deadline | Summary | Proposed Form of Input | Rationale | Lead | Link to Ministry Website |
|--|---|-----------------------|---|------------------------|---|----------------|---|
| Consultation- Ontario's Environment Plan | Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks | January 25, 2019 | To address the challenges the province faces to protect our air, land and water, reduce litter and waste, and support Ontarians to continue to do their share to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and help communities and families prepare for climate change. | Online submission | <p>The environment and the impacts of climate change are a key policy concern for the City of Guelph. In responding to the proposed Plan, the City will be able to highlight areas of potential opportunity, as well as areas where the province should provide additional attention to.</p> <p>Comments to the province will also invite the City of Guelph as a potential partner in supporting the province develop regulations and programs related to this program in the coming term.</p> | Melissa Bauman | https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/013-4208 |

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THE INFORMANT



WINTER
2018/2019

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IN THE NEWS

AWARDS

For a second year in a row, Crime Stoppers Guelph Wellington (CSGW) has won awards at the International level! *This year we take home five!*



(pictured above: CSGW Program Coordinator, Sarah Bowers -Peter and Canadian Crime Stoppers Association President, Dave Forster)

1. **TV-Best Special Report/Feature—Cogeco TV**
2. **Radio-Best Special Report/Feature—The Grand at 101**
3. **Best Website**
4. **Best Digital Platforms**
5. **Best Youth Engagement Program**

BOARD MEMBERS WANTED

CSGW is looking for citizens from Guelph and Wellington County to join their volunteer Board of Directors. We are in need of people with connections in the community, who are willing to share their knowledge and experience with the team. CSGW hopes to offer you a rewarding experience in return. If you have some time to give and would like to get involved in your community, visit www.csgw.tips to learn more and to apply.

Moving on: THANK YOU to **Peter Canning** for his contributions and service of six years on the Board, including positions of Secretary, Vice-Chair and most recently Chair. **Bonnie Facklam** is also stepping down from the Board, however she will continue to support CSGW in a Bookkeeper role and Friend of Crime Stoppers.

PROGRAM STATISTICS

Stats since 1988 through November 2018 for
Guelph and Wellington County

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| Total # of Tips | 20,315 |
| Arrests | 1,548 |
| Charges Laid | 4,284 |
| Narcotics Seized | \$27,308,087 |
| Property Recovered | \$10,181,196 |
| Authorized Rewards | \$167,690 |



FUNDRAISING AND AWARENESS

UPCOMING EVENTS



Join us for our third annual **TRIVIA NIGHT** at the Grand River Raceway in Elora. This year's event will take place on **Saturday February 9th, 2019**.

CSGW will also be holding a silent auction as in past years. Come out for a night of fun and see if you can beat the experts with your knowledge on crime!

Advance ticket sales only - buy online:
www.GrandRiverRaceway.com/events/grand-trivia-nights (\$35/person, online booking fee extra)

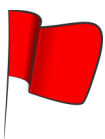
DARREN'S DAY

Crime Stoppers Guelph Wellington is helping an event that will celebrate the love of family and community in honor of **Darren More**. Darren was killed in July 2018 when his vehicle was struck by a stolen vehicle, which was driven by an individual who was impaired by drug. This loss has been profound for both his family, and the Town of Minto Community as a whole.

DARREN'S DAY will be held on Family Day, **Monday February 18, 2019 from 8am - 2pm**. Community partners include: Palmerston Lions, Palmerston Marlins, Minto Fire Service, Wellington County OPP, Town of Minto, and Crime Stoppers Guelph Wellington. There will be numerous events, including a Fire Fighter's Breakfast, Winter Festival Games, Sno Pitch & Plunger Toss and a lunch booth.

Admission is by donation, however food items are not included. All proceeds from this event will go to Minto Minor Sports, Community Improvement and Crime Stoppers Guelph Wellington. For more information about this event, check in to www.csgw.tips

CRIME STOPPERS MONTH



CSGW will be holding two **Flag Raising** events in January 2019. The first is at **2pm on Monday January 7th** at **Guelph City Hall**. The second will be at **Mount Forest Museum & Archives**, on **Thursday January 10th** at **3pm**.

Continue to look for us on social media—Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, along with our website www.csgw.tips for information about our program throughout the month.

PAST EVENTS

Thank you to everyone who came out to the 4th annual **Shredding Event** on October 27th in **Mount Forest**. A very successful year, taking in **\$1,482.00** in donations! Thanks to our volunteers who worked tirelessly in the dismal weather. A lot of fun had by all!

CSGW HH BUCKET SALE

CSGW held their 4th Annual Bucket Sale fundraiser on December 1st at **Youngs Home Hardware** in Mount Forest. We raised **\$1,283.10** for our program. **THANK YOU** to everyone who participated and came out for a great deal!



SANTA CLAUS PARADE

CSGW participated in the **Mount Forest Christmas parade** on Friday December 7th.



Merry Christmas!



PARTNERS AND SPONSORS

CSGW wishes to recognize the community for their support throughout 2018! **THANK YOU!**

For a full listing, visit our website at www.csgw.tips

Minister's Annual Report on Drinking Water 2018 / Rapport annuel 2018 du ministre sur l'eau potable

From: Water, Drinking (MECP) <Drinking.Water@ontario.ca>

Sent: December-18-18 4:17 PM

To: Stephen O'Brien <Stephen.O'Brien@guelph.ca>

Today, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks released the [Minister's Annual Report on Drinking Water 2018](#).

It showcases how Ontario is taking action to protect drinking water and water resources.

Supporting data on [Drinking Water Quality and Enforcement](#) is available on the Open Data Catalogue.

Le ministère de l'Environnement, de la Protection de la nature et des Parcs a publié aujourd'hui le [Rapport annuel 2018 du ministre sur l'eau potable](#).

Ce rapport souligne les mesures prises par l'Ontario pour protéger l'eau potable et les ressources hydriques.

On trouve des données à l'appui sur la [qualité de l'eau potable et l'application des règlements](#) dans le catalogue des données ouvertes.



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OPEN MEETING

MINUTES – NOVEMBER 15, 2018

An Open meeting of the Guelph Police Services Board was held on November 15, 2018.

Present: D. Drone, Chair
L. Griffiths, Member
C. Guthrie, Member
C. Billings, Member
C. Polonenko, Executive Assistant

J. DeRuyter, Chief of Police
P. Martin, Deputy Chief of Police
S. Purton, Financial Services Manager

Regrets: J. Sidlofsky Stoffman, Legal Services

Guests: Guelph Police Service: Inspector Pat Milligan, Inspector Andrea Ninacs, Sergeant Julie Meier, Detective Sergeant Benjamin Bair.

1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

2. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Chair Drone called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. in Meeting Room C, Guelph City Hall, 1 Carden Street, Guelph.

3. **MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION**

Moved by L. Griffiths

Seconded by C. Billings

THAT the Guelph Police Services Board convene in closed session to discuss matters that it is of the opinion falls under Section 35(4) (a) or (b) of the *Police Services Act*.

-CARRIED-

4. **MOTION TO RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSISON**

Moved by L. Griffiths

Seconded by C. Guthrie

THAT the Guelph Police Services Board reconvene at 2:24 p.m. in Open Session.

-CARRIED-

5. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OR PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no declarations of conflict or pecuniary interest.

6. **CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTIONS** - There were no closed session resolutions.

7. **PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

7.1 **Guelph Police Service Promotion – Sergeant Julie Meier**

Chief DeRuyter introduced Sgt. Julie Meier, noting that she commenced her career with the Guelph Police Service in June 2002, and has worked in patrol, property, sexual assault, and serious crime. He noted that she was proficient at writing warrants. She now instructs and develops new officers as Sergeant of D Platoon. Chair Drone thanked her for being an outstanding leader and Board members offered their congratulations.

Sgt. Julie Meier left the meeting at 2:37 p.m.

7.2 **Detective Sergeant Benjamin Bair of the GPS Drug Unit – Presentation on the Drug Fentanyl**

Chief DeRuyter introduced Detective Sergeant Ben Bair, who has provided tremendous leadership to the Drug Unit since 2013. The role of the Drug Unit is to reduce and disrupt the supply of illicit drugs in our community. Sgt. Bair gave a very detailed presentation on the fentanyl crisis in our community. A few interesting highlights included:

- Currently the big problem is the use of opioids, which are derived from the poppy (opium, codeine, morphine and heroin) or made synthetically (percocet, oxycodone, methadone, demerol and fentanyl). He described the differences between the drugs and how they affect the body.
- There are more opiod-related deaths in Canada than there are motor vehicle deaths. Fentanyl accounts for over 65% of opiod-related deaths, with there being 4,000 last year. In Wellington Dufferin Guelph, 65% of opiod-related deaths in 2017 were fentanyl-related, up from 12% in 2014.
- Currently, there is no other illicit drug as profitable as fentanyl. At the street level, a gram costs \$240, the same as heroin. D/Sgt. Bair described the history of the drug trade, as well as the origins and trafficking routes. In 2015, the Service started to see large increases in fentanyl seizures and an increase in property crimes.
- Dependency often begins with prescribed oxycodone, with a very short transition time to more potent opioids. The Canadian Medical Association has become more stringent about prescribing opioids and the record-keeping of pharmacies is being audited by provincial agencies.
- D/Sgt. Bair described four pillars to dealing with opioids: Prevention, Treatment, Harm Reduction, and Enforcement.
- The broad distribution of naloxone has given drug users a false sense of safety – they see that it works and some will move onto stronger drugs.

- In 2018 to date, the Guelph Police Service seized the equivalent of 1,450,000 lethal doses for an average person. It takes only .002 g. to kill an average person without tolerance, but an addict uses .1 g. per hit.
- As Guelph is surrounded by large city centres, it is central for the illegal drug trade; however, trade can be disrupted by preventing one exclusive gang from controlling the city.
- Heavy sentences are being commuted for fentanyl trafficking, so some are giving it up.
- The Guelph Police Service investigated 20 projects per year since 2015, arrested 146 drug traffickers, and each project requires 15-30 search warrants. It is predicted that the death rate will triple in the near future if society does not step up the war against drugs.

Efficiencies to consider:

1. Add a civilian analyst to the Drug Unit;
2. Acquire updated equipment, such as ion scanners and raman scanners; and
3. Assign more members to the Drug Unit;

These initiatives have not been included in the 2019 budget.

D. Drone thanked D/Sgt. Bair for the very informative presentation.

Insp. P. Milligan, Insp. A. Ninacs and D/Sgt. B. Bair left the meeting at 3:52 p.m.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by C. Billings

Seconded by L. Griffiths

THAT the Minutes of the Open Meeting held Thursday, October 25, 2018 be approved as presented.

- CARRIED -

9. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by C. Billings

Seconded by L. Griffiths

THAT the Guelph Police Services Board approve the Open Meeting agenda.

- CARRIED -

Moved by C. Billings

Seconded by L. Griffiths

THAT the Guelph Police Services Board adopt **Part 1 – Consent Agenda** as identified below.

- CARRIED -

9.1 Headquarter Renovation and Expansion

That the Report titled “Police Headquarters Renovation and Expansion Project” and dated November 15, 2018, be received for information.

9.2 Human Resources Report

That Richard Ching be appointed as a full-time civilian member of the Guelph Police Service effective October 30, 2018; and

That Rachel McCabe be appointed as a part-time civilian member of the Guelph Police Service effective November 7, 2018.

9.3 Board Correspondence Report

That the report titled “Open Meeting – November 15, 2018 Board Correspondence Report” be received for information.

Part 2 – Discussion Agenda

9.4 September 2018 Financial Variance Report

S. Purton presented the Operating variance results for the third quarter, that being July 1 – September 30, 2018. The Operating deficit as of September 2018 was \$313,000 but this deficit will be corrected by the end of the year. Two factors related to the current deficit is the over-budget status of Overtime and the fact that confirmation of funding from the Police Effectiveness and Modernization Grant, which partially funds the salaries of 12 officers, has not yet been received from the Ministry. A \$100,000 year-end surplus is forecasted.

Capital spending was \$6.02M, with most of the spending related to the Headquarter Renovation and Expansion project. All projects are trending to be on budget except Body Armour. This budget is established based on those body armour that are expiring within the calendar year, but can be impacted by a higher or lower than anticipated number of retirements, new hires or existing officers finding that their armour is no longer fitting properly. It is recommended that the overage in this project be funded by a surplus in the Firearms Replacement project. The Vehicle Replacement project will appear over budget until the approval of 2019 budget.

Moved by C. Guthrie

Seconded by L. Griffiths

THAT the Guelph Police Services Board approve the transfer of \$12,200 to PS0045 Body Armour from PS0070 Firearms Replacement to fund the projected overage in the PS0045 Body Armour project.

-CARRIED-

9.5 Chief’s Monthly Report

Chief DeRuyter provided his schedule of upcoming internal and external community events and meetings. He invited the Board to join him at any events.

- The legalization of cannabis has had minimal effect on the Police Service and the community. There have been a few medical calls due to edibles and driving offences due to using cannabis while driving. The Service has indicated interest in obtaining the Drager testing devices funded by the Federal Government.
- R.I.D.E. Festive campaign has kicked off for the season. Funding is provided by the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services.

9.6 New Business – There was no new business noted.

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

- Next Open Meeting: Thursday, December 13, 2018 2:30 p.m., Guelph City Hall, Meeting Room C
- Youth Engagement Program Graduation: Tuesday, December 4, 2018, Bishop Macdonell High School (D. Drone)
- Ontario Association of Police Services Boards Spring Conference and AGM – May 22-25, 2019, Windsor, Ontario
- Canadian Association of Police Governance Conference and AGM – August 8-11, 2019, Calgary, Alberta

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by C. Billings

Seconded by L. Griffiths

THAT the Open meeting of the Guelph Police Services Board adjourn as at 4:01 p.m.

- CARRIED –

The minutes of this meeting were adopted this 13th day of December, 2018.

“D. Drone”

D. Drone , Chair

“C. Polonenko”

C. Polonenko, Executive Assistant

Guelph Police Services Board Meeting Dates for 2019

The meeting schedule for the Guelph Police Services Board for 2019 will continue to be the 3rd Thursday of each month with the exception of August (no meeting), and an earlier date in December. Meetings will commence with a Closed Meeting at 1:00 p.m. or at a time to be determined, followed by an Open Meeting at 2:30 p.m. The scheduled meeting dates will be adhered to as closely as possible, however, on occasion may be subject to change.

All meetings in 2019 have been scheduled to take place at City Hall, 1 Carden Street, in the public meeting rooms due to Headquarter renovations. Should the Board room at headquarters be completed prior to the end of 2019, meetings will move from City Hall. The following schedule indicates which room is currently booked; however, is subject to change. Any deviation from the schedule below will be updated on the website and in the agenda.

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| January 17 | Meeting room C |
| February 21 | Meeting room C |
| March 21 | Margaret McKinnon Room 112 |
| April 18 | Meeting room C |
| May 16 | Meeting room C |
| June 20 | Meeting room C |

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| July 18 | Meeting room C |
| No August meeting | |
| September 19 | Margaret McKinnon Room 112 |
| October 17 | Meeting room C |
| November 21 | Meeting room C |
| December 12 * | Meeting room C |

**** The regular meeting should be held December 20th but will be scheduled for the 1st week to accommodate Christmas celebrations.***

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