

**The Corporation of the City of Guelph  
Planning & Building, Engineering and Environment Committee  
Monday, July 16, 2012 at 12:30 p.m.**

A meeting of the Planning & Building, Engineering and Environment Committee was held on Monday, July 16, 2012 in Council Chambers at 12:30 p.m.

Present: Councillors Bell, Guthrie, Piper and Mayor Farbridge

Also Present: Councillors Furfaro and Van Hellemond

Absent: Councillor Burcher

Staff in Attendance: Dr. J. Laird, Executive Director of Planning & Building, Engineering and Environment; Mr. A. Horsman, Executive Director, Finance & Enterprise; Mr. B. Labelle, City Clerk; and Ms. D. Black, Council Committee Coordinator.

There was no disclosure of pecuniary interest.

1. Moved by Councillor Bell  
Seconded by Mayor Farbridge  
THAT the minutes of the Planning & Building, Engineering and Environment Committee meeting held on June 18, 2012 be confirmed as recorded and without being read.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Guthrie, Piper and Mayor Farbridge (4)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

**Presentations**

Ms. Robyn Hamlyn, a high school student from Kingston, delivered a presentation regarding the Blue Communities Project, an initiative led by the Council of Canadians to support publicly-owned and delivered water. Ms. Hamlyn recommended that the Committee and Council designate Guelph a Blue Community by recognizing water as a human right, promoting the public ownership and operation of water and wastewater infrastructure and ban bottled water at municipal facilities.

Mr. John Challinor, Nestle Waters Canada, provided an overview of the materials attached as part of the addendum agenda. He noted support of the use of potable water in an office setting, but argued that the public should have freedom of choice when it comes to beverages available for purchase. Mr. Challinor advised that several municipalities have opposed the ban or are considering rescinding

their previously imposed bans on bottled water. He also suggested that banning bottled water sales will not change behaviour as people will simply replace water with other less healthy drinks.

Staff noted support of formally recognizing water as a human right. Staff also advised that water fountains have, or are, being installed in municipal facilities prior to the phasing out of bottled water. It was also noted that a water tanker is available at various community events to further supplement ongoing education to the public with respect to the promotion of reusable water containers.

2. Moved by Mayor Farbridge  
Seconded by Councillor Bell

REPORT

THAT the City of Guelph recognizes and affirms that access to clean water is a fundamental human right;

AND THAT Council will call on the federal and provincial governments to enshrine water as a human right in federal and provincial law;

AND THAT Council will call on the government of Canada to support the recognition of water as a human right in international law.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Guthrie, Piper and Mayor Farbridge (4)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

### **Consent Agenda**

The following items were extracted from the July 16, 2012 Consent Agenda to be voted on separately:

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| PBEE 2012-A.30 | Limiting Distance Agreement between Skyline Real Estate Holdings Inc., Barrel Works Guelph Ltd. and The Corporation of the City of Guelph      |
| PBEE 2012-A.31 | Proposed Lease Agreement with University of Guelph Southern Ontario Water Consortium Platform Research Facility at Waste Water Treatment Plant |

### **Proposed Lease Agreement with University of Guelph Southern Ontario Water Consortium Platform Research Facility at Waste Water Treatment Plan**

Ms. Brenda Lucas, Southern Ontario Water Consortium, provided information regarding the facilities and the expected benefits to the City of Guelph as outlined in the staff report attached to the meeting agenda.

REPORT

3. Moved by Councillor Guthrie  
Seconded by Councillor Bell

THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute a Lease Agreement between the University of Guelph and the City, as outlined in the report by the Manager of Realty Services entitled " *Proposed Lease Agreement with University of Guelph- Southern Ontario Water Consortium Platform – Research Facility at Waste Water Treatment Plant*" and dated July 16, 2012, subject to the final form of the Lease Agreement being satisfactory to the Manager of Realty Services and the Executive Director of Planning, Building, and Environmental Services.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Guthrie, Piper and Mayor Farbridge (4)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

**Limiting Distance Agreement Between Skyline Real Estate Holdings Inc., Barrel Works Guelph Ltd. and The Corporation of the City of Guelph**

REPORT

4. Moved by Councillor Guthrie  
Seconded by Councillor Bell

THAT Council authorize the execution of a Limiting Distance Agreement which would allow for the required limiting distance to be measured to a point beyond the actual property line to permit the construction of the north face of the new Gummer Building to include unprotected openings such as 26 exterior windows and one exterior door;

AND THAT the Report on Limiting Distance Agreement between Skyline Real Estate Holdings Inc., Barrel Works Guelph Ltd. and the Corporation of the City of Guelph from Planning, Building, Engineering and Environment dated July 16, 2012, be received.

5. Moved by Mayor Farbridge  
Seconded by Councillor Bell

THAT the Planning & Building, Engineering and Environment Committee now hold a meeting that is closed to the public with respect to:

**Potential Acquisition of Land**

S. 239 (2) (c) proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land

Carried

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6. Moved by Mayor Farbridge  
Seconded by Councillor Bell  
THAT staff be given direction with respect to the potential acquisition of land.

Carried

*The Committee rose from its closed meeting*

7. Moved by Mayor Farbridge  
Seconded by Councillor Guthrie  
THAT the Planning & Building, Engineering and Environment Committee meeting of July 16, 2012 be adjourned.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

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Chairperson