Minutes of Guelph City Council

October 26, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
Remote meeting live streamed
on guelph.ca/live

Council:	Mayor C. Guthrie Councillor P. Allt Councillor B. Bell Councillor C. Billings Councillor L. Caron Councillor C. Downer Councillor D. Gibson Councillor R. Goller Councillor J. Gordon Councillor J. Hofland Councillor M. Salisbury Councillor M. MacKinnon Councillor D. O'Rourke
Staff:	S. Stewart, Chief Administrative Officer C. Clack-Bush, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Public Services K. Dedman, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise Services T. Lee, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Corporate Services T. Baker, General Manager, Finance/City Treasurer C. Cooper, General Manager, Legal Realty and Court Services/City Solicitor D. Evans, General Manager, Culture, Tourism and Community Investment K. Walkey, General Manager, Planning and Building Services S. O'Brien, General Manager, City Clerk's Office/City Clerk L. Cline, Council and Committee Coordinator D. Tremblay, Council and Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

Mayor Guthrie called the meeting to order (6:30 p.m.).

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

Councillor Gibson declared an interest regarding the Supportive and Affordable Housing Update - 2020-168, specifically related to the Habitat for Humanity/Cityview Village Project, as his wife is Chair of the Board for Habitat for Humanity Wellington Dufferin Guelph.

Councillor O'Rourke declared an interest regarding the Supportive and Affordable Housing Update - 2020-168, specifically related to the Kindle Communities Project, as her husband is a member of the Kindle Communities Board.

3. Confirmation of Open Minutes

Moved By Councillor Salisbury
Seconded By Councillor Caron

That the minutes of the open Council meetings held September 14, 21, and 28, 2020, and the open Committee of the Whole meeting held September 8, 2020, be confirmed as recorded and without being read.

Voting in Favour: (13): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Allt, Councillor Bell, Councillor Billings, Councillor Caron, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, Councillor Gordon, Councillor Hofland, Councillor Salisbury, Councillor MacKinnon, and Councillor O'Rourke

Carried (13 to 0)

4. Committee of the Whole and Council Consent Report

Moved By Councillor Downer
Seconded By Councillor Hofland

That the October 26, 2020 Committee of the Whole and Council Consent Report as identified below, be adopted:

4.1 Appointment of the External Auditor - 2020-146

1. That KPMG LLP be appointed as the external auditor for the City of Guelph for the fiscal years ending 2020 through 2024.

2. That the Treasurer be authorized to annually execute the engagement letter with KPMG LLP subject to the terms approved.

4.2 Sign By-law Variance for 292 Speedvale Avenue West - 2020-139

That the request for variance from Table 2, Row 1 of Sign By-law Number (1996)-154245, as amended, to permit one (1) internally illuminated freestanding sign with a sign area of 3.83m^2 and a height 1.5m above an adjacent roadway, to be 80 metres from another freestanding sign on the property of 292 Speedvale Avenue West, be approved.

4.3 Ministry of Transportation Connecting Links Program - 2021-2022 Application - York Road Reconstruction: Stevenson Street to Victoria Road - 2020-145

1. That staff be authorized to submit an application to the Ministry of Transportation with respect to the 2021-2022 Connecting Links Program for the reconstruction of York Road from Stevenson Street to Victoria Road.

2. That staff be authorized to confirm to the Ministry of Transportation that Council:

    a. supports of the project identified in the application;

    b. confirms that capital funding is available for the municipal contribution component; and,

    c. agrees that if the application is successful, the municipality will proceed with the project in accordance with the timelines specified in the application.

4.4 Draft Recommendation for the New Sign By-law - 2020-138

1. That Council direct staff to draft a new Sign By-law based on the draft recommendations outlined in Attachment 2 - Overview of Recommended Changes for the New Sign By-law and based on Councillor feedback.

4.5 Phase 2 Safe Restart Funding - Municipal Operating Relief - 2020-177

1. Council endorse the following resolution which approves seeking additional funding for Phase 2 of the municipal operating stream, subject to Treasurer confirmation that eligibility criterion have been satisfied, as part of the federal-provincial Safe Restart Agreement;

"Whereas on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization and the Canadian Government declared COVID-19 a global pandemic; and,

Whereas on March 12, Ontario ordered schools closed and by March 17, began a more extensive shut down; and,

Whereas the pandemic has led to the closure of public spaces, and the cancellation of events around the world, throughout the country, our province and right here within our own community, causing additional financial cost and pressures to the City; and

Whereas in response to the significant financial impacts of COVID-19, the City has taken steps to reduce expenditures. These steps include halting all discretionary spending; employee layoffs and placement of full-time employees on declared emergency leave; halting non-critical hiring; and prioritizing capital projects; and

Whereas staff are actively advocating with municipal counterparts to higher levels of government for emergency financing to assist with the projected losses rather than depleting the City's reserves in one year; and

Whereas on July 27, 2020, as part of the federal-provincial Safe Restart Agreement, the Ontario government announced that it has secured up to $4 billion in emergency financial assistance to provide Ontario's 444 municipalities with the support they need to respond to COVID-19; and

Whereas the City's COVID-19 financial impacts projected up until December 31, 2020 surpassed the Phase 1 funding of the municipal operating stream after taking into consideration City-owned reserves and expenditure savings successfully mitigated;

Therefore be it resolved:

That, subject to Treasurer confirmation that eligibility criterion have been satisfied, Guelph City Council is seeking additional funding for Phase 2 of the municipal operating stream to support financial operating costs and pressures related to COVID-19."

Voting in Favour: (13): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Allt, Councillor Bell, Councillor Billings, Councillor Caron, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, Councillor Gordon, Councillor Hofland, Councillor Salisbury, Councillor MacKinnon, and Councillor O'Rourke

Carried (13 to 0)

5. Items for Discussion

5.1 Supportive and Affordable Housing Update - 2020-168

Colleen Clack-Bush, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Public Services, provided introductory remarks regarding the Supportive and Affordable Housing Update.

The following delegates spoke via telephone regarding this item:
Margo Davis
Bob Davis
Sheila Markle, CEO, Kindle Communities
Gregory Jones, SkyDev, part of the Skyline Group of Companies
Jeanette Brown
Kelly Postma
Bill Wootton
Lin Grist
Brittany Kent
Sarah Harwood
Marco Del Rosario
Susan Watson
Travis Raw
Cathryn Haight
Gail Hoekstra, Welcome In Drop In Centre

Council recessed at 8:39 p.m. and reconvened at 8:46 p.m.

The following delegates spoke via telephone regarding this item:
Katie McNair
Matthew Stanley, Welcome In Drop In Centre
Barb McPhee
Clyde Bond
Dominica McPherson, Guelph and Wellington Task Force for Poverty Elimination
Suzanne Swanton, Tim Welch Consulting Inc.
Tanja Gevaert
Kat Pilgrim

Councillor Gibson left the remote meeting and did not participate in the following three votes.

Councillor O'Rourke left the remote meeting and did not participate in the following vote.

Moved By Councillor Hofland
Seconded By Councillor Billings

That the Supportive Housing and Affordable Housing Update report be received.

Voting in Favour: (11): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Allt, Councillor Bell, Councillor Billings, Councillor Caron, Councillor Downer, Councillor Goller, Councillor Gordon, Councillor Hofland, Councillor Salisbury, and Councillor MacKinnon

Carried (11 to 0)

Councillor O'Rourke rejoined the remote meeting as a participant.

Moved By Councillor Allt
Seconded By Councillor Billings

That Habitat for Humanity be permitted to pay Development Charges of $282,631 over a six year installment plan on phase one of Cityview Affordable Homeownership Housing Project.

Voting in Favour: (12): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Allt, Councillor Bell, Councillor Billings, Councillor Caron, Councillor Downer, Councillor Goller, Councillor Gordon, Councillor Hofland, Councillor Salisbury, Councillor MacKinnon, and Councillor O'Rourke

Carried (12 to 0)

Moved By Councillor Allt
Seconded By Councillor Hofland

That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the six year installment plan agreement with Habitat for Humanity.

Voting in Favour: (12): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Allt, Councillor Bell, Councillor Billings, Councillor Caron, Councillor Downer, Councillor Goller, Councillor Gordon, Councillor Hofland, Councillor Salisbury, Councillor MacKinnon, and Councillor O'Rourke

Carried (12 to 0)

Councillor Gibson rejoined the remote meeting as a participant.

Councillor O'Rourke left the remote meeting and did not participate in the following vote.

Moved By Councillor Hofland
Seconded By Councillor Downer

That staff be directed to put resources into the processing of the Kindle Communities proposed development application to meet a 90-day timeline, once a complete application is received.

Voting in Favour: (12): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Allt, Councillor Bell, Councillor Billings, Councillor Caron, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, Councillor Gordon, Councillor Hofland, Councillor Salisbury, and Councillor MacKinnon

Carried (12 to 0)

Councillor O'Rourke rejoined the remote meeting as a participant.

Moved By Councillor Hofland
Seconded By Councillor Allt

That staff be directed to put resources into the processing of the Drop-In Centre's Parkview Motel proposed development application to meet a 90-day timeline, once a complete application is received.

Voting in Favour: (13): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Allt, Councillor Bell, Councillor Billings, Councillor Caron, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, Councillor Gordon, Councillor Hofland, Councillor Salisbury, Councillor MacKinnon, and Councillor O'Rourke

Carried (13 to 0)

Mayor Guthrie left the chair and Councillor Downer assumed the chair.

Moved By Mayor Guthrie
Seconded By Councillor Goller

That Council transfer $630k from the social housing contingency reserve and $370k from the tax rate operating reserve into the affordable housing reserve for a total of $1,000,000 to be considered

by Council for future supportive housing projects within the City of Guelph.

Extension of Meeting per Procedure By-Law

Moved By Councillor Caron
Seconded By Councillor Hofland

That Section 4.13 (a) and (b) of the Procedural By-Law be invoked to allow Council to continue to 11:59 p.m.

Voting in Favour: (13): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Allt, Councillor Bell, Councillor Billings, Councillor Caron, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, Councillor Gordon, Councillor Hofland, Councillor Salisbury, Councillor MacKinnon, and Councillor O'Rourke

Carried (13 to 0)

Referral

Moved By Councillor Allt
Seconded By Councillor Billings

That the motion be referred to the 2021 budget process.

Voting in Favour: (6): Councillor Allt, Councillor Billings, Councillor Caron, Councillor Downer, Councillor Hofland, and Councillor O'Rourke

Voting Against: (7): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Bell, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, Councillor Gordon, Councillor Salisbury, and Councillor MacKinnon

Defeated (6 to 7)

Moved By Mayor Guthrie
Seconded By Councillor Goller

That Council transfer $630k from the social housing contingency reserve and $370k from the tax rate operating reserve into the affordable housing reserve for a total of $1,000,000 to be considered by Council for future supportive housing projects within the City of Guelph.

Voting in Favour: (13): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Allt, Councillor Bell, Councillor Billings, Councillor Caron, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, Councillor Gordon, Councillor Hofland, Councillor Salisbury, Councillor MacKinnon, and Councillor O'Rourke

Carried (13 to 0)

Mayor Guthrie resumed the chair.

6. By-laws

Moved By Councillor Allt
Seconded By Councillor Hofland

That By-laws Numbered (2020)-20535 to (2020)-20537 are hereby passed.

Voting in Favour: (13): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Allt, Councillor Bell, Councillor Billings, Councillor Caron, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, Councillor Gordon, Councillor Hofland, Councillor Salisbury, Councillor MacKinnon, and Councillor O'Rourke

Carried (13 to 0)

7. Adjournment

Moved By Councillor Downer
Seconded By Councillor Gordon

That the meeting be adjourned (11:08 p.m.).

Voting in Favour: (13): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Allt, Councillor Bell, Councillor Billings, Councillor Caron, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, Councillor Gordon, Councillor Hofland, Councillor Salisbury, Councillor MacKinnon, and Councillor O'Rourke

Carried (13 to 0)

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Mayor Guthrie

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Stephen O’Brien - City Clerk