



Minutes of Committee of the Whole Meeting

February 3, 2020, 1:30 p.m.

Council Chambers, Guelph City Hall, 1 Carden Street

- Council:
- Mayor C. Guthrie
 - Councillor B. Bell
 - Councillor C. Billings
 - Councillor C. Downer
 - Councillor D. Gibson
 - Councillor R. Goller
 - Councillor J. Gordon
 - Councillor J. Hofland
 - Councillor M. Salisbury
 - Councillor L. Piper
 - Councillor M. MacKinnon
 - Councillor D. O'Rourke
- Absent:
- Councillor P. Allt
- Staff:
- S. Stewart, Chief Administrative Officer
 - C. Clack, 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
 - G. Clark, Manager, Financial Strategy and Long Term Planning
 - C. Gregson, Senior Corporate Analyst, Financial Strategy
 - K. Merkley, Policy Analyst
 - L. Jefferson, Manager, Open Space Planning
 - S. Ilic, Park Planning Technologist
 - S. O'Brien, General Manager, City Clerk's Office/City Clerk
 - L. Cline, Council and Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order - Mayor Guthrie

The Mayor called the meeting to order (1:48 p.m.).

1.1 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures.

2. Authority to move into closed meeting

Moved By Councillor Hofland

Seconded By Councillor Bell

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

Guelph Innovation District Lands Update

Section (239 (2)(h) of the Municipal Act related to information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them.

Voting in Favour: (10): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Bell, Councillor Billings, Councillor Downer, Councillor Goller, Councillor Gordon, Councillor Hofland, Councillor Salisbury, Councillor MacKinnon, and Councillor O'Rourke

Carried (10 to 0)

3. Open Meeting

The Mayor called the meeting to order (2:00 p.m.).

4. Closed Meeting Summary

The following matter was considered:

Guelph Innovation District Lands Update

Information was received and staff was given direction on this matter.

6. Consent Agenda - Corporate Services

Councillor MacKinnon assumed the Chair.

The following items were extracted:

CS-2020-02 Debt Management Policy Update

CS-2020-23 Development Charge Interest Policy

7. Items for Discussion - Corporate Services

7.1 CS-2020-02 Debt Management Policy Update

Moved By Councillor Billings

Seconded By Councillor Hofland

That the Debt Management Policy as recommended through report titled 2020 Debt Management Policy Update dated February 3, 2020 and numbered CS-2020-02 be approved, as amended.

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

Carried (12 to 0)

7.2 CS-2019-103 Development Fee Exemptions or Waivers

The following delegates spoke regarding this matter:

John Leacock, Guelph Black Heritage Society

Helen Fishburn, CMHA Waterloo Wellington

Adrienne McBride, Guelph Humane Society

Moved By Mayor Guthrie

Seconded By Councillor Downer

1. That staff be directed to explore the creation of a program and/or framework to support the exemption of development charges for non-profit organizations.
2. That this report identify a budget source, parameters and a process to facilitate such requests from the non-profit community.
3. That this report return to council after all information regarding Bill 108 is resolved and for further consideration by Council during the 2021 budget deliberations.

First Amendment

Moved By Councillor Piper

Seconded By Mayor Guthrie

4. That this future policy be aligned with the City Strategic Plan principles and priorities.

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

Carried (12 to 0)

Second Amendment

Moved By Councillor Piper

Seconded By Councillor Hofland

That clause 3, as stated below, be removed:

3. That this report return to council after all information regarding Bill 108 is resolved and for further consideration by Council during the 2021 budget deliberations.

Voting in Favour: (1): Councillor Gordon

Voting Against: (10): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Bell, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, Councillor Hofland, Councillor Salisbury, Councillor Piper, Councillor MacKinnon, and Councillor O'Rourke

Defeated (1 to 10)

Main Motion as Amended

Moved By Mayor Guthrie

Seconded By Councillor Downer

1. That staff be directed to explore the creation of a program and/or framework to support the exemption of development charges for non-profit organizations.
2. That this report identify a budget source, parameters and a process to facilitate such requests from the non-profit community.
3. That this report return to council after all information regarding Bill 108 is resolved and for further consideration by Council during the 2021 budget deliberations.
4. That this future policy be aligned with the City Strategic Plan principles and priorities.

Voting in Favour: (10): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Bell, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, Councillor Gordon, Councillor Hofland, Councillor Salisbury, Councillor Piper, and Councillor O'Rourke

Voting Against: (2): Councillor Billings, and Councillor MacKinnon

Carried (10 to 2)

Council recessed at 3:35 p.m. and reconvened at 3:45 p.m.

7.3 CS-2020-23 Development Charge Interest Policy

Moved By Councillor Hofland

Seconded By Councillor O'Rourke

That the Development Charge Interest Policy as recommended through report titled Development Charge Interest Policy dated February 3, 2020 and numbered CS-2020-23 be approved.

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

Carried (12 to 0)

7.4 CS-2020-04 2019 Financial Condition Assessment and Proposed Long-term Financial Framework

Tara Baker, General Manager, Finance/City Treasurer, provided introductory remarks to the Financial Condition Assessment and Proposed Long-term Financial Framework.

Greg Clark, Manager, Financial Strategy and Long Term Planning, provided an overview of BMA Consulting's Financial Condition Assessment and outlined the Long-term Financial Framework and Debt Management Policies.

Moved By Councillor Downer

Seconded By Councillor O'Rourke

1. That the 2019 Financial Condition Assessment attached to report CS-2020-04 and dated February 3, 2020 be received.
2. That the Long-term Financial Framework included as Attachment-2 to report CS-2020-04, be approved.

Voting in Favour: (11): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Bell, Councillor Billings, Councillor Downer, Councillor Goller, Councillor Gordon, Councillor Hofland, Councillor Salisbury, Councillor Piper, Councillor MacKinnon, and Councillor O'Rourke

Carried (11 to 0)

10. Items for Discussion - Public Services

Councillor Hofland assumed the Chair.

10.1 PS-2020-01 238 Willow Road Application

The following delegate spoke regarding this matter:
Janet Redman, Guelph Independent Living

Moved By Mayor Guthrie
Seconded By Councillor Bell

That the matter be deferred to the April 6, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting or sooner.

Voting in Favour: (10): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Bell, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, Councillor Gordon, Councillor Salisbury, Councillor Piper, Councillor MacKinnon, and Councillor O'Rourke

Voting Against: (1): Councillor Hofland

Carried (10 to 1)

10.2 PS-2020-02 Leash Free Implementation Plan

The following delegates spoke regarding this matter:

Jan Brown
John Farley
Lise Rodgers
Chris Arthey
Julie Arthey
Anne Valliant

Moved By Councillor Gordon
Seconded By Councillor Piper

That the Leash Free implementation plan as approved by Council on June 24, 2019 be amended to remove the proposed fenced leash free facility at Lee Street Park.

Point of Order

Councillor Downer raised a point of order as to whether a motion to reconsider is required to amend the Leash Free implementation plan.

Chair Hofland ruled that a motion to reconsider is not required.

Councillor Salisbury requested that a vote be called on the Chair's ruling regarding the requirement for a reconsideration.

Vote on Chair's Ruling

Moved By Councillor Salisbury

Seconded By Mayor Guthrie

That a motion to reconsider be required on the matter of removing additional fenced leash free facilities.

Voting in Favour: (5): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Salisbury, and Councillor O'Rourke

Voting Against: (7): Councillor Bell, Councillor Billings, Councillor Goller, Councillor Gordon, Councillor Hofland, Councillor Piper, and Councillor MacKinnon

Defeated (5 to 7)

First Amendment

Moved By Councillor Piper

Seconded By Councillor Gordon

That the Leash Free implementation plan as approved by Council on June 24, 2019 be amended to remove the proposed fenced leash free facility at Lee Street Park **and Bristol Street Park.**

Voting in Favour: (8): Councillor Bell, Councillor Billings, Councillor Goller, Councillor Gordon, Councillor Hofland, Councillor Piper, Councillor MacKinnon, and Councillor O'Rourke

Voting Against: (4): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, and Councillor Salisbury

Carried (8 to 4)

Second Amendment

Moved By Councillor Bell

Seconded By Councillor Gibson

2. That the leash free dog area at Peter Misersky Park be closed and the infrastructure removed.

3. That staff be directed to locate a fenced leash free area at Eastview Park.

Amendment to the Second Amendment

Moved By Mayor Guthrie

Seconded By Councillor Gordon

That clauses 2 and 3 be reversed and amended as follows:

2. That staff be directed to **explore the feasibility of a fenced dog park located in a non-residential area, with the report coming to Council for consideration in the 2021 budget.**

3. That the leash free dog park at Peter Misersky Park be closed and the infrastructure removed.

It was requested that clauses two and three be voted on separately.

Moved By Mayor Guthrie

Seconded By Councillor Gordon

2. That staff be directed to explore the feasibility of a fenced dog park located in a non-residential area, with the report coming to Council for consideration in the 2021 budget.

Voting in Favour: (11): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Bell, Councillor Billings, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, Councillor Gordon, Councillor Hofland, Councillor Piper, Councillor MacKinnon, and Councillor O'Rourke

Voting Against: (1): Councillor Salisbury

Carried (11 to 1)

Moved By Mayor Guthrie

Seconded By Councillor Gordon

3. That the leash free dog area at Peter Misersky Park be closed and the infrastructure removed.

Voting in Favour: (10): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Bell, Councillor Billings, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, Councillor Gordon, Councillor Hofland, Councillor Piper, Councillor MacKinnon, and Councillor O'Rourke

Voting Against: (2): Councillor Downer, and Councillor Salisbury

Carried (10 to 2)

Second Amendment as Amended

Moved By Councillor Bell

Seconded By Councillor Gibson

2. That staff be directed to explore the feasibility of a fenced dog park located in a non-residential area, with the report coming to Council for consideration in the 2021 budget.

3. That the leash free dog area at Peter Misersky Park be closed and the infrastructure removed.

Voting in Favour: (11): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Bell, Councillor Billings, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, Councillor Gordon, Councillor Hofland, Councillor Piper, Councillor MacKinnon, and Councillor O'Rourke

Voting Against: (1): Councillor Salisbury

Carried (11 to 1)

Main Motion as Amended

Moved By Councillor Gordon

Seconded By Councillor Piper

1. That the Leash Free implementation plan as approved by Council on June 24, 2019 be amended to remove the proposed fenced leash free facility at Lee Street Park and Bristol Street Park.

2. That staff be directed to explore the feasibility of a fenced dog park located in a non-residential area, with the report coming to Council for consideration in the 2021 budget.

3. That the leash free dog area at Peter Misersky Park be closed and the infrastructure removed.

Voting in Favour: (11): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Bell, Councillor Billings, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, Councillor Gordon, Councillor Hofland, Councillor Piper, Councillor MacKinnon, and Councillor O'Rourke

Voting Against: (1): Councillor Salisbury

Carried (11 to 1)

11. Service Area Chair and Staff Announcements

Councillor Goller announced a Ward 2 Town Hall meeting on Saturday, February 8, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. at the Evergreen Seniors Centre.

12. Adjournment

Moved By Councillor Billings
Seconded By Councillor Goller

That the meeting be adjourned (7:21 p.m.)

Carried

Mayor Guthrie

Stephen O'Brien - City Clerk