



Minutes of Guelph City Council

**December 14, 2020, 4:00 p.m.
Remote meeting live streamed
on guelph.ca/live**

Council:

Mayor C. Guthrie
Councillor P. Alit
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, 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
M. Ellis, General Manager, Human Resources
J. Sales, General Manager, Strategy, Innovation and
Intergovernmental Services
A. Vilkkko, General Manager, Facilities and Energy
Management
S. O'Brien, General Manager, City Clerk's Office/City Clerk
I. Scott, Manager, Facility Design and Construction
L. Munoz, Manager, Policy and Intergovernmental Relations
B. Stewart, Manager, Procurement
D. McMahon, Manager, Legislative Services / Deputy City

Clerk
L. Cline, Council and Committee Coordinator
D. Tremblay, Council and Committee Coordinator

Also Present: John Mascarin, Aird and Berlis, LLP

2. Call to Order - 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Guthrie called the meeting to order. (4:00 p.m.)

3. Authority to move into closed meeting

Moved By Councillor Hofland
Seconded By Councillor Allt

That the Council of the City of Guelph now hold a meeting that is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 239 (2)(b) and (d) the Municipal Act, related to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and labour relations or employee negotiations.

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 MacKinnon, and Councillor O'Rourke

Carried (12 to 0)

The following matters were considered:

3.1 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

3.2 Confirmation of Minutes for the closed Council meetings held November 23, 2020.

3.3 December 2020 Public Appointments - Community Grant Allocation Panel - 2020-209

3.4 Chief Administrative Officer Sub-committee Performance Evaluation for 2020 and Performance Objectives Setting for 2021

4. Rise and Recess from Closed Meeting

Council recessed. (4:23 p.m.)

5. Open Meeting – 4:30 p.m.

Mayor Guthrie called the meeting to order. (4:30 p.m.)

5.1 Closed Meeting Summary

Mayor Guthrie spoke regarding the matters discussed in closed session and identified the following:

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof:

There were no disclosures.

Confirmation of Minutes for the closed Council meeting held November 23, 2020.

These minutes were adopted by Council.

December 2020 Public Appointments - Community Grant Allocation Panel - 2020-209

The Mayor advised that information was received and Council will report on this matter as part of the next item.

Chief Administrative Officer Sub-committee Performance Evaluation for 2020 and Performance Objective Setting for 2021.

The Mayor advised that Council received information and Council will report on this matter as part of the next item.

5.5 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

Councillor Gibson disclosed a pecuniary interest with respect to Item 8.1 Motion to Phase Out Gas Plants as he is employed by the provincially owned power generator in Ontario and did not believe it was appropriate to participate in provincial energy discussions as part of Guelph City Council.

6. Special Resolutions

6.1 December 2020 Public Appointments - Community Grant Allocation Panel - 2020-226

Moved By Councillor Allt

Seconded By Councillor Hofland

That Jill Cockburn, Kris Cummings, Daniella Johnson, Vanessa Lodge and Chidi Nwene be appointed to the Community Grant Allocation Panel, for a term ending December, 2021.

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 MacKinnon, and Councillor O'Rourke

Carried (12 to 0)

6.2 Chief Administrative Officer Sub-committee Performance Evaluation for 2020 and Performance Objectives Setting for 2021

Moved By Councillor Allt

Seconded By Councillor Hofland

1. That the 2020 Chief Administrative Officer 2020 performance evaluation from November 23, 2020 be approved; and
2. That the 2021 Chief Administrative Officer Performance Objectives, from December 7, 2020, be approved.

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 MacKinnon, and Councillor O'Rourke

Carried (12 to 0)

7. Confirmation of Open Minutes

Moved By Councillor Bell

Seconded By Councillor O'Rourke

That the minutes of the open Council Meetings held November 9 and 23, 2020 and Special Council Meetings held November 5, 17 and 25, 2020 and Committee of the Whole meeting held November 2, 2020 be confirmed as recorded and without being read.

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 MacKinnon, and Councillor O'Rourke

Carried (12 to 0)

8. Committee of the Whole Consent Report

The following reports from the December 14, 2020 Committee of the Whole and Council Consent Agenda were extracted:

Intergovernmental Relations Strategic Framework and 2021 Advocacy Plan, 2020-228 Appointment of Integrity Commissioner, 2020-230

Moved By Councillor Hofland
Seconded By Councillor Billings

The balance of the Committee of the Whole Consent Agenda as identified below be adopted:

8.1 Transition of Blue Box and Electrical and Electronic Equipment Programs to Individual Producer Responsibility, 2020-216

1. That the City of Guelph request that the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks accommodate the City's original request to transition its Blue Box program to full producer responsibility at the earliest transition date, January 1, 2023, or, in the event that this is not possible, that the City of Guelph receive full funding for the operation of the City's Blue Box program based on 100% of reported costs until such time as the program is transitioned to producer responsibility.
2. That the City's preceding resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.
3. That staff be authorized to enter into negotiations with producers or producer responsibility organizations for the purposes of developing transition strategies with respect to Blue Box services to be transitioned under the proposed Blue Box Transition regulation of the Waste Free Ontario Act once it is enacted.
4. That the City continue to provide a waste collection service for Electrical and Electronic Equipment at the Public Drop-off depot and analyze the program's performance during the first year to determine direction with respect to future program offerings.

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 MacKinnon, and Councillor O'Rourke

Carried (12 to 0)

10. Items for Discussion

10.1 Appointment of Integrity Commissioner - 2020-230

Moved By Councillor Goller
Seconded By Councillor Hofland

1. That Aird & Berlis LLP be appointed as the City of Guelph's Integrity Commissioner.
2. That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute an agreement to contract the services of Aird & Berlis LLP as the City of Guelph Integrity Commissioner.

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 MacKinnon, and Councillor O'Rourke

Carried (12 to 0)

10.2 Intergovernmental Relations Strategic Framework and 2021 Advocacy Plan, 2020-228

Moved By Councillor O'Rourke
Seconded By Councillor Billings

1. That Council approve the Intergovernmental Relations Strategic Framework to guide intergovernmental and advocacy activities for the rest of Council's term.
2. That Council approve the 2021 Advocacy Priorities as amended.
3. That Staff report back to Council in Q4 2021 to provide an update on intergovernmental activities in 2021 and to propose advocacy priorities for 2022.

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 MacKinnon, and Councillor O'Rourke

Carried (12 to 0)

10.3 Motion to Phase Out Gas Plants

Councillor Gibson did not participate in the discussion or vote on the matter.

The following delegations spoke:

Evan Ferrari
Alex Chapman, Our Energy Guelph
Jack Gibbons
Andrea Baker
Morgan Dandie-Hannah
Elizabeth Snell
Paloma Thompson
Lin Grist
Kellie Elrick
Indigo Kim
Eli Shifflett
Thomas McIlwraith

Main Motion

Moved By Councillor Gordon
Seconded By Councillor Caron

The City of Guelph moves that the Province of Ontario:

1. Establish an interim cap of 2.5 Megatonnes per year on our gas plant's greenhouse gas pollution and develop a plan to phase out all gas-fired electricity generation by 2030 to ensure Ontario meets its climate targets, and
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, MPP Mike Schreiner, and AMO.

First Amendment

Moved By Councillor MacKinnon
Seconded By Councillor Billings

1. **Develop a plan to phase out carbon-generating electricity generation to ensure Ontario meets its deadlines for its climate targets; and**
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, MPP Mike Schreiner, and AMO.

Point of Order

Councillor Allt raised a point of order stating that the motion was contrary to the main motion.

The Mayor ruled that the amendment was in order.

Councillor Allt appealed the Mayor's ruling.

Challenge to Chairs Ruling

That the Mayor's procedural ruling with regard to the amendment be upheld.

Voting in Favour: (6): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Bell, Councillor Billings, Councillor Goller, Councillor MacKinnon, and Councillor O'Rourke

Voting Against: (6): Councillor Allt, Councillor Caron, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gordon, Councillor Hofland, and Councillor Salisbury

Defeated (6 to 6)

First Amendment

Moved By Councillor MacKinnon

Seconded By Councillor Billings

1. **Develop a plan to phase out carbon-generating electricity generation to ensure Ontario meets its deadlines for its climate targets; and**
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, MPP Mike Schreiner, and AMO.

Voting in Favour: (4): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Billings, Councillor MacKinnon, and Councillor O'Rourke

Voting Against: (8): Councillor Allt, Councillor Bell, Councillor Caron, Councillor Downer, Councillor Goller, Councillor Gordon, Councillor Hofland, and Councillor Salisbury

Defeated (4 to 8)

Second Amendment

Moved By Councillor Billings

Seconded By Councillor Bell

The City of Guelph moves that the Province of Ontario:

1. Establish an interim cap of 2.5 Megatonnes per year on our gas plant's greenhouse gas pollution **as soon as possible** and develop a plan to phase out all gas-fired electricity generation by 2030 to ensure Ontario meets its climate targets, and
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, MPP Mike Schreiner, and AMO.

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)

Main Motion as Amended

Moved By Councillor Gordon

Seconded By Councillor Caron

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1. Establish an interim cap of 2.5 Megatonnes per year on our gas plant's greenhouse gas pollution as soon as possible and develop a plan to phase out all gas-fired electricity generation by 2030 to ensure Ontario meets its climate targets, and
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, MPP Mike Schreiner, and AMO.

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 O'Rourke

Voting Against: (1): Councillor MacKinnon

Carried (11 to 1)

10.4 Real Estate Assets Update, 2020-208

The following delegations spoke:

Morgan Dandie-Hannah

James Smith

Main Motion

Moved By Councillor Caron

Seconded By Councillor Hofland

1. That the property at 65 Delhi Street be deemed a surplus asset and be put up for sale.
2. That a market sounding study to determine potential uses for the Drill Hall be completed by 2022, to coincide with the completion of the building stabilization efforts.
3. That the porch at 341 Forestell Road be removed and catalogue for future restoration under the Ontario Heritage Act.
4. That staff report back to City Council in Q4 2021 to provide an update on the listed properties of interest.

First Amendment

Moved By Councillor Caron

Seconded By Councillor Downer

That paragraph 3 be amended as follows:

3. That the porch at 341 Forestell Road be removed and catalogued for future restoration under the Ontario Heritage Act; and **that the cost of reconstruction of the porch be forwarded to the 2022 budget process.**

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

Voting Against: (1): Councillor Bell

Carried (12 to 1)

Main Motion as Amended

Moved By Councillor Caron

Seconded By Councillor Hofland

1. That the property at 65 Delhi Street be deemed a surplus asset and be put up for sale.
2. That a market sounding study to determine potential uses for the Drill Hall be completed by 2022, to coincide with the completion of the building stabilization efforts.
3. That the porch at 341 Forestell Road be removed and catalogue for future restoration under the Ontario Heritage Act and that the cost of reconstruction of the porch be forwarded to the 2022 budget process.
4. That staff report back to City Council in Q4 2021 to provide an update on the listed properties of interest.

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)

New Motion

Moved By Councillor Downer

Seconded By Councillor Caron

That staff be directed to prepare a stabilization plan by Q3 2021 for any stranded or under-utilized City owned heritage assets and that it include a review of the condition of the building, identify maintenance measures to be undertaken and provide a schedule and budget for ongoing monitoring, inspection and maintenance.

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)

12. By-laws

Moved By Councillor Downer
Seconded By Councillor Caron

That by-laws numbered (2020)-20553 and (2020)-20559 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)

14. Adjournment

Moved By Councillor Allt
Seconded By Councillor Caron

That the meeting be adjourned. (7:02 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)

Mayor Guthrie

Dylan McMahon - Deputy City Clerk