



## **Minutes of Guelph City Council**

**February 17, 2021, 6:00 p.m.  
Remote meeting live streamed  
on [guelph.ca/live](http://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. MacKinnon  
Councillor D. O'Rourke  
Councillor M. Salisbury

**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  
S. O'Brien, General Manager, City Clerk's Office/City Clerk  
J. Slater, Manager, Information, Privacy and Elections/Deputy City Clerk  
L. Cline, Council and Committee Coordinator  
T. Di Lullo, Council and Committee Coordinator  
G. Meades, Council and Committee Coordinator

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Guthrie called the meeting to order (6:00 p.m.).

**1.1 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**

There were no disclosures.

**2. Voting Systems and Alternative Voting Methods for the 2022 Municipal Election, 2021-30**

Stephen O'Brien, General Manager, City Clerk's Office/City Clerk, presented an overview of the voting system and alternative voting method options for the 2022 municipal election. He outlined the decision making criteria that were considered before making a recommendation. He highlighted the various remote voting options and indicated that vote by mail is the recommended alternative voting method for the City of Guelph as it fully upholds all principles of the Municipal Elections Act. He also provided a summary on engagement findings on remote voting methods and outlined various administrative considerations and election trends regarding the use of vote by mail.

The following delegates spoke via telephone:

- Brad Howcroft
- Aleksander Essex
- David Josephy
- Nicole Goodman
- Cameron Shelley
- Pia Muchaal
- Tanya Gevaert
- Morgan Dandie-Hannah
- Anne Gajerski-Cauley

Moved By Councillor Allt  
Seconded By Councillor Billings

1. That a by-law be adopted to support the use of vote tabulators in the 2022 municipal and school board election.
2. That a by-law be adopted to support the use of vote by mail as an alternative voting method in the 2022 municipal and school board election.

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 MacKinnon, Councillor O'Rourke, and Councillor Salisbury

Carried (13 to 0)

Moved By Councillor Downer  
Seconded By Councillor MacKinnon

That City Council supports the potential implementation of a pilot for the delivery of a home visit program during the 2022 municipal and school board election.

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 MacKinnon, Councillor O'Rourke, and Councillor Salisbury

Carried (13 to 0)

Moved By Councillor Gibson  
Seconded By Councillor O'Rourke

That Council direct the Mayor to work alongside the City Clerk to write a letter to the Provincial Government to advocate for province-wide, certification standards of online voting systems/platforms that can be adopted for future elections where online voting methods are implemented and that the letter be forwarded to Guelph's MPP, the MPP for Wellington-Halton Hills, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Ontario Big City Mayors.

Voting in Favour: (8): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Billings, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, Councillor MacKinnon, Councillor O'Rourke, and Councillor Salisbury

Voting Against: (5): Councillor Allt, Councillor Bell, Councillor Caron, Councillor Gordon, and Councillor Hofland

Carried (8 to 5)

### **3. By-laws**

Moved By Councillor MacKinnon  
Seconded By Councillor Gordon

That By-law numbered (2021)-20572 is 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 MacKinnon, Councillor O'Rourke, and Councillor Salisbury

Carried (13 to 0)

#### **4. Adjournment**

Moved By Councillor Billings

Seconded By Councillor Caron

That the meeting be adjourned (8:13 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 MacKinnon, Councillor O'Rourke, and Councillor Salisbury

Carried (13 to 0)

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Mayor Guthrie

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Stephen O'Brien - City Clerk