



## **Minutes of Committee of the Whole Meeting**

**March 1, 2021, 2:00 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  
D. Evans, General Manager, Culture, Tourism and Community Investment  
R. Gerus, General Manager, Transit Services  
D. Godfrey, General Manager, Operations  
J. Regan, General Manager, Economic Development and Tourism  
S. Anderson, Manager, Transportation Engineering  
C. Chapman, Manager, Economic Development  
M. Hardy Thomas, Manager, Tourism and Destination

Development

A. Thornton, Associate Solicitor

S. O'Brien, General Manager, City Clerk's Office/City Clerk

T. Di Lullo, Council and Committee Coordinator

D. Tremblay, Council and Committee Coordinator

Also Present: Dr. Nicola Mercer, Medical Officer of Health, Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health

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## **2. Call to Order - Mayor**

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

### **2.1 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**

There were no disclosures.

## **3. Staff Recognitions**

Mayor Guthrie introduced and presented the following staff recognitions:

City of Guelph staff members, Jean Starchuk, Project Manager, Facilities and Energy Management and Prasoon Adhikari, Environmental Engineer, Engineering and Transportation Services, on receipt of the Ontario Public Works Association Award in the category of Historical Restoration/Preservation (\$2 to \$20 million) for the Goldie Mill Stabilization Project.

City of Guelph staff member Ike Umar, Project Manager, Design and Construction, on receipt of the Ontario Public Works Association Award in the category of Structures (\$10 to \$50 million) for the Arthur Street Trunk Sanitary Sewer and Road Reconstruction project.

City Of Guelph staff member Prasoon Adhikari, Environmental Engineer, Engineering and Transportation Services, Ontario Public Works Association Award in the category of Environmental (\$2 to \$10 million) for the Snow Management Facility project.

City of Guelph staff member Raid Eissa, Project Manager, Facilities and Energy Management, on receipt of the Project Manager Professional Designation.

## **4. Service Area - Governance**

## **5. Items for Discussion - Governance**

### **5.1 Managing the Impacts of COVID-19 - Update Number 7, 2021-61**

Dr. Nicola Mercer, Medical Officer of Health, Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health, provided an update regarding Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health's efforts to control the spread of COVID-19. She detailed the seven-day moving rate, rate of confirmed cases by age and risks by age group. She outlined the COVID-19 vaccine program including number of individuals who have received vaccine, who will be receiving the vaccines and when they can expect to receive the vaccination. She detailed the vaccine priority group and pre-registration website.

Scott Stewart, Chief Administrative Officer, outlined many of the efforts the City has undertaken to managing the impacts of COVID-19 including community, workforce and organization supports and a summary of the financial implications and ongoing recovery efforts.

Moved By Councillor Hofland

Seconded By Councillor O'Rourke

That report "Managing the Impacts of COVID-19: Update 7" dated March 1, 2021 be forwarded to the local Member of Parliament and Member of Provincial Parliament, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Association of Municipalities Ontario, Ontario Big City Mayors and the Federal Minister of Finance and the Ministers of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Minister of Finance for the Province of Ontario.

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)

## **8. Consent Agenda - Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise Services**

Moved By Councillor O'Rourke

Seconded By Councillor Billings

That the March 1, 2021 Consent Agenda - Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise Services, as identified below, be adopted:

**8.1 Sign By-law Variance Report for 190 Hanlon Creek Boulevard - 2021-46**

1. That the request for variance from Table 2, Row 3 of Sign By-law Number (1996)-15245, as amended, to permit an illuminated freestanding sign to be located distance of 16m and 112m from other freestanding signs on the property of 190 Hanlon Creek Boulevard, be approved. (Sign B)
2. That the request for variance from Table 2, Row 3 of Sign By-law Number (1996)-15245, as amended, to permit a non-illuminated freestanding sign to be located a distance of 16m and 96m from other freestanding signs on the property of 190 Hanlon Creek Boulevard, be approved. (Sign C)
3. That the request for variance from Table 1, Row 3 of Sign By-law Number (1996)-15245, as amended, to permit a non-illuminated building sign with an area of 1.71 m<sup>2</sup> to be a height of 2.1m above the ground surface at 190 Hanlon Creek Boulevard, be approved. (Sign D)

**8.2 Sign Variance Report for 1886 Gordon Street - 2021-44**

1. That the request for variance from Table 1, Row 5 of Sign By-law Number (1996)-15245, as amended, to permit a non-illuminated building sign facing Gordon Street with an area of 2.22m<sup>2</sup> to be located on the second storey of a building at 1886 Gordon Street, be approved.

**8.3 2020 Water Services Annual and Summary Report - 2021-33**

1. That Council approve the 2020 Water Services Annual and Summary Report.

**8.4 Building By-law Update - 2021-29**

1. That the Amending By-law, included as Attachment 1, be enacted to amend the Building By-law.

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)

Council recessed at 3:25 p.m. and resumed at 3:35 p.m.

**9. Items for Discussion - Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise Services**

**9.1 2021-2023 Seasonal Patio Program - 2021-50**

Kealey Deadman, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Infrastructure, Design and Enterprise Services, provided opening remarks in relation to the proposed 2021-2023 Seasonal Patio Program.

Christine Chapman, Manager, Economic Development, provided a summary of the 2021-2023 Seasonal Patio Program, including information on the 2020 temporary seasonal patio program, the City's engagement efforts and feedback received from surveys, economic impact, safety, and a summary of the proposed options for road closures and patio program changes.

The following delegates spoke:

Adam Donaldson

Mike Darmon, on behalf of Guelph Coalition for Active Transportation

Adriano Salvatore

Marty Williams, on behalf of Downtown Guelph Business Improvement Area

Brianna Cook, on behalf of Aqua Salon Co.

Bryan Steele, on behalf of La Reina

Kim Hodgson

Richard Overland

Adriano Sorella

Bob Dehu, on behalf of McCabes Irish Pub

Lorenz Calcagno, on behalf of Allen's Millpond Neighbourhood Group

Cara McKillop

Dominic Marra

Colton Proveau, on behalf of Brothers Brewing Company

Steve Petric

The following delegates did not speak:

Paul Smith

Stephanie Parisi

Council recessed at 5:33 p.m. and resumed at 6:00 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Goller

Seconded By Councillor Hofland

1. That the 2021-2023 Seasonal Patio Program as described in the 2021-2023 Seasonal Patio Program report be approved.
2. That staff be directed to implement road closure Option 1 (Special Events Only) included as part of the 2021-2023 Seasonal Patio Program.
3. That a one-time total transfer of \$112,500 from the Tax Operating Contingency Reserve #180 be approved for the purpose of delivering the Seasonal Patio Program in 2021 with expected future program costs being presented as part of the budget process.
4. That a new annual seasonal patio parking stall rental fee be created in the amount of \$3.00 per square meter, and that staff be directed to waive fees associated with the approval of seasonal patio applications for the 2021 year to support economic recovery due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
5. That the Chief Administration Officer, or designate, be delegated authority until October 31, 2023, to implement, administer and revise any City Council approved form, guideline or requirement associated with the City of Guelph's Seasonal Patio Program, including any modifications which may be necessary to the forms prescribed in connection with Commercial Patio Premises by the City Lands Encroachment By-law (2009)-18799.
6. That staff shall be directed to prepare a temporary use by-law as authorized under section 39 of the Planning Act and O. Reg. 345/20 in connection with the 2021-2023 Seasonal Patio Program. And further, to liaise with Provincial representatives from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, and Ministry of Finance for the purpose of extending the authority to maintain this temporary use by-law in full force and effect for the duration of the 2021-2023 Seasonal Patio Program.

First Amendment

Moved By Councillor Goller

Seconded By Councillor Gibson

That paragraphs 2 and 3 be amended as follows:

2. That staff be directed to implement road closure **Option 2 (Seasonal Road Closure)** included as part of the 2021-2023 Seasonal Patio Program.

3. That a one-time total transfer of **\$429,720.00** from the Tax Operating Contingency Reserve #180 be approved for the purpose of delivering the Seasonal Patio Program 2021 with expected future program costs being presented as part of the budget process.

Councillor Allt raised a point of order stating that Councillor Goller's amendments are contrary to paragraph 1.

The Chair ruled that Councillor Goller's amendments are in order.

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Seconded By Councillor Gibson

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Voting in Favour: (3): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Gibson, and Councillor Goller

Voting Against: (10): Councillor Allt, Councillor Bell, Councillor Billings, Councillor Caron, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gordon, Councillor Hofland, Councillor MacKinnon, Councillor O'Rourke, and Councillor Salisbury

Defeated (3 to 10)

Extension of Meeting per Procedural By-law

Moved By Councillor Bell

Seconded By Councillor O'Rourke

That Section 4.14 (a) and (b) of the Procedural By-Law be invoked to allow Committee to continue to 9:00 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)

#### Second Amendment

Moved By Councillor Gibson

Seconded By Councillor Downer

That paragraphs 2 and 3 be amended as follows:

2. That staff be directed to implement road closure **Option 3 (Intermittent Road Closure)** included as part of the 2021-2023 Seasonal Patio Program.
3. That a one-time total transfer of **\$294,700.00** from the Tax Operating Contingency Reserve #180 be approved for the purpose of delivering the Seasonal Patio Program 2021 with expected future program costs being presented as part of the budget process.

Voting in Favour: (5): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, and Councillor Gordon

Voting Against: (8): Councillor Allt, Councillor Bell, Councillor Billings, Councillor Caron, Councillor Hofland, Councillor MacKinnon, Councillor O'Rourke, and Councillor Salisbury

Defeated (5 to 8)

#### Main Motion

Moved By Councillor Goller

Seconded By Councillor Hofland

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4. That a new annual seasonal patio parking stall rental fee be created in the amount of \$3.00 per square meter, and that staff be directed to waive fees associated with the approval of seasonal patio applications for the 2021 year to support economic recovery due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
5. That the Chief Administration Officer, or designate, be delegated authority until October 31, 2023, to implement, administer and revise any City Council approved form, guideline or requirement associated with the City of Guelph's Seasonal Patio Program, including any modifications which may be necessary to the forms prescribed in connection with Commercial Patio Premises by the City Lands Encroachment By-law (2009)-18799.
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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)

New Motion

Moved By Councillor Downer

Seconded By Councillor Caron

That Council direct staff to complete traffic studies on streets impacted by downtown road alterations before and during the Seasonal Patio Program and implement mitigating measures as required.

First Amendment

Moved By Councillor Caron

Seconded By Councillor O'Rourke

That Council direct staff to complete traffic studies on streets impacted by downtown road alterations before and during the Seasonal Patio

Program **that are greater than 48 hours in duration** and implement mitigating measures as required.

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

Voting Against: (1): Councillor Hofland

Carried (12 to 1)

Main Motion as Amended

Moved By Councillor Downer

Seconded By Councillor Caron

That Council direct staff to complete traffic studies on streets impacted by downtown road alterations before and during the Seasonal Patio Program that are greater than 48 hours in duration and implement mitigating measures as required.

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

Voting Against: (1): Councillor Hofland

Carried (12 to 1)

New Motion

Moved By Councillor Salisbury

Seconded By Councillor Bell

That Council direct staff to report back with an Information Items Report on the Seasonal Patio Program in Q1 2022.

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)

Council recessed at 8:39 p.m. and resumed at 8:45 p.m.

## **12. Consent Agenda - Corporate Services**

Moved By Councillor Goller  
Seconded By Councillor Billings

That the March 1, 2021 Consent Agenda - Corporate Services, as identified below, be adopted:

### **12.1 2021 Property Tax Policy - 2021-60**

That the 2021 City of Guelph property tax ratios, subclass discounts and corresponding tax rates, as set out in Attachment-1 to the report titled 2021 Property Tax Policy dated March 1, 2021, be approved.

### **12.2 Property Tax Relief and Deferral Program Options - 2021-65**

That the City of Guelph does not implement any property tax deferral programs other than those legislatively required.

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)

## **14. Adjournment**

Moved By Councillor Billings  
Seconded By Councillor Caron

That the meeting be adjourned (8:47 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