



Minutes of Guelph City Council

November 16, 2021

9:00 a.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. MacKinnon
Councillor D. O'Rourke
Councillor M. Salisbury

Staff:

S. Stewart, Chief Administrative Officer
C. Clack-Bush, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Public Services
J. Holmes, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise Services
T. Lee, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Corporate Services
T. Baker, General Manager, Finance/City Treasurer
S. Dewar, General Manager, Guelph Paramedic Services
G. Matthews, General Manager, Parks
J. Regan, General Manager, Economic Development and Tourism
J. Rose, General Manager, Environmental Services
G. Clark, Manager Financial Strategy Long Term Planning
K. Newland, Manager Finance Client Services

S. O'Brien, General Manager, City Clerk's Office/City Clerk
G. Meades, Council and Committee Coordinator
D. Tremblay, Council and Committee Coordinator

Call to Order - 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Guthrie called the meeting to order (9:01)

Open Meeting

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures.

Opening Remarks

Scott Stewart, Chief Administrative Officer, provided opening remarks for the 2022 and 2023 City Budget.

Budget Strategy Overview

Tara Baker, General Manager, Finance/City Treasurer, presented on the budget strategy and overview.

Council recessed at 10:51 a.m.

Council reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

Building Our Future

Building Our Future - City

Colleen Clack-Bush, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Public Services, presented on budget items related to the Building Our Future Strategic Pillar.

Building Our Future - Local Boards and Agencies

Guelph Public Library

Steve Kraft, Chief Executive Officer, Guelph Public Library presented on budget items related to the Guelph Public Library.

Guelph Police Services

Gordon Cobey, Chief of Police, Guelph Police Services presented on budget items related to the Guelph Police Services.

The Elliott Community

Michelle Karker, Chief Executive Officer, and Norman Wolff Director of Finance and Operations, The Elliot Community presented on budget items related to The Elliot Community.

Council Questions - Building Our Future

Council recessed at 12:48 p.m.

Council reconvened at 1:21 p.m.

Powering Our Future

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Scott Stewart, Chief Administrative Officer, presented on items within the Powering Our Future Budget Pillar.

Council Questions - Powering Our Future

Navigating Our Future

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Colleen Clack-Bush, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Public Services presented on budget items related to the Navigating Our Future Strategic Pillar.

Council Questions - Navigating Our Future

Sustaining Our Future

Sustaining Our Future - City

Jayne Holmes, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Infrastructure Development and Enterprise presented on the budget items related to the Sustaining our Future Strategic Pillar.

Sustaining Our Future - Grand River Conservation Authority

Samantha Lawson, Chief Administrative Officer, Grand River Conservation Authority presented on budget items related to the Grand River Conservation Authority.

Council Questions - Sustaining Our Future

Council recessed at 2:46 p.m.

Council reconvened at 2:52 p.m.

Working Together for Our Future

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Trevor Lee, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Corporate Services presented budgets items related to the Working Together for Our Future Strategic Pillar.

Council Questions - Working Together for Our Future

Closing Remarks

Trevor Lee, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Corporate Services provided closing remarks and next steps regarding the 2022, 2023 City Budget.

Council Remarks and Final Questions

2022 and 2023 City Budget - 2021-306

Moved By Councillor Goller

Seconded By Councillor Allt

That the following recommendations be referred to the December 2, 2021 City Council meeting:

1. That the 2022/23 operating budget be approved at a gross expenditure budget of \$481,067,796 and \$500,734,742 with a 2022 property tax and payment-in-lieu of taxes levy requirement of \$277,380,693 or 3.64 per cent over 2021 and a 2023 property tax and payment-in-lieu of taxes levy requirement of \$293,153,601 or 4.69 per cent over 2022 inclusive of the following:
 1. 2022-23 fees, rates and charges, and inclusive of:
 1. A stormwater base charge of \$7.00 per month equivalent residential unit or 9.37 per cent increase over 2021 and \$7.60 per month equivalent residential unit or 8.57 per cent increase over 2022.
 2. A water and wastewater basic service charge for each of 2022 and 2023 equivalent to 2021 rates.
 3. A water volume charge of \$1.87 per cubic meter, or 2.75 per cent increase over 2021 and \$1.95 per cubic meter, or 4.28 per cent increase over 2022.
 4. A wastewater volume charge of \$1.99 per cubic meter or 2.58 per cent increase over 2021 and \$2.05 per cubic meter or 3.02 per cent increase over 2022.
 2. City service budget requirement, net of proportionate share of assessment growth, totaling an increased net levy requirement in

2022 of \$5,570,312 or 2.10 per cent, and in 2023 of \$7,905,919 or 2.85 per cent.

3. Local Boards and Shared Services budget requirement, net of proportionate share of assessment growth, totaling an increased net levy requirement in 2022 of \$4,066,841 or 1.53 per cent, and in 2023 of \$5,093,182 or 1.84 per cent.
 4. Total transfers to/from Reserve and Reserve Funds in each of 2022 and 2023 in accordance with the reserve and reserve fund summary.
 5. No additional investment beyond base funding available for the Strategic City Building Investment Summary items.
2. That the Guelph General Hospital levy in the amount of \$750,000 be budgeted for the second of six years as approved on December 3, 2019, resulting in a net levy increase of 0.29 per cent.
 3. That the 2024–2025 operating budget forecast be received for information.
 4. That the 2022-2023 Capital Budget in the gross expenditure amount of \$141,423,650 and \$161,907,150 respectively and the required operating budget resulting from these projects totaling \$2,099,910 and \$919,340 respectively be approved, inclusive of the following:
 1. Funding transfers from capital reserve funds and other sources including partnerships and grants in each of 2022 and 2023.

Available city building reserve funding will be applied to capital projects in prioritized order as listed in the Strategic City Building Investment Summary.

5. That the 2024-2031 Capital Forecast in the gross amount of \$1,736,763,840, be received for information with the following implications:
 1. Operating budget impact from this forecast totaling \$8,417,210.
 2. A City Building Reserve Fund will reach a deficit position of \$34.2 million by 2031.
 3. A 100RE Reserve Fund deficit position of \$15.6 million by 2031.
 4. A debt forecast that leverages the City's available capacity in the eight-year period.

6. That the Downtown Guelph Business Association 2022 and 2023 budget with gross expenditures of \$699,252 and \$719,512 respectively, and a total levy of \$660,000 and \$679,800 respectively be approved.
7. That the Health Care Spending (Fire) Reserve (#103), the Evergreen Donation Bequest Reserve Fund (#134) and the Community Paramedicine Reserve Fund (#348) be created, and that the name of Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund be updated to the Canada Community-Building Reserve Fund (#343) and Appendix A of the Reserve and Reserve Fund Policy be amended accordingly.

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)

Adjournment

Councillor O'Rourke notified there will be a Ward 6 Budget Town on November 24 from 7-9 p.m. Information can be found on their website

Councillor Allt notified that there will be a budget presentation during their Breezy Break event on Thursday November 18.

Moved By Councillor Downer
Seconded By Councillor Caron

That the meeting be adjourned. (3:19 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)

Mayor Guthrie

Stephen O'Brien - City Clerk