



Minutes of Committee of the Whole Meeting

December 6, 2021, 2:00 p.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
J. Regan, General Manager, Economic Development and Tourism
J. Sales, General Manager, Strategy, Innovation and Intergovernmental Services
T. Sprigg, General Manager, Corporate Communications and Customer Service
K. Walkey, General Manager, Planning and Building Services
J. Krauter, Deputy Treasurer, Manager Taxation and Revenue
M. Aldunate, Manager, Policy Planning Urban Design
D. DeGroot, Senior Urban Planner

S. Laughlin, Senior Policy Planner
L. Munoz, Manager, Policy and Intergovernmental Relations
S. O'Brien, General Manager, City Clerk's Office/City Clerk
J. da Silva, Council and Committee Assistant
D. Tremblay, Council and Committee Coordinator

2. Call to Order - Mayor

Mayor Guthrie called the meeting to order. (2:01 p.m.)

2.1 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures.

3. Staff Recognitions

Councillor O'Rourke presented the following staff recognitions:

Anna Marie O'Connell was recognized for receiving the 2021 Ted Seeberg Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Canadian Parking Industry.

Graham Aikenhead was recognized for receiving the 2020 Energy Manager of the Year Award from the Independent Electricity Systems Operators (IESO).

Stephen Robinson was recognized for receiving the 2021 Canadian Association of Heritage Professionals (CAHP) Award of Merit.

Kurtis Wells and Tyson McMann were recognized for receiving the Bronze Award of Excellence from the International Economic Development Council.

5. Items for Discussion - Governance

5.1 Managing the impacts of COVID-19 update 10 - 2021-373

Dr. Nicola Mercer, Medical Officer of Health/Chief Administrative Officer, Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health provided a COVID-19 Public Health update.

Scott Stewart, Chief Administrative Officer, provided update number 10 on the impacts to the City of Guelph on managing COVID-19.

Moved By Councillor Caron

Seconded By Councillor Billings

That the report "Managing the Impacts of COVID-19: Update 10" dated December 6, 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)

New Motion

Moved By Councillor Goller

Seconded By Councillor Gibson

1. Staff are directed that notwithstanding the following sections of the City of Guelph By-law No. (2021)- 2026 ("Sign By-law"):
 - 18.1.5 (K) for C.1, NC, CC, RC, SC.1, SC.2 Zones
 - 18.3.4 (K) for OR, CR Zones
 - 18.4.4 (L) for B.1, B.2, B.3, B.4, B.5 Zones
 - 18.5.4 (K) for I.1, I.2, I.3 Zones
 - 19.1.4 (L) for Legal Non-conforming Commercial & Industrial Uses
 - 20.1.4 (L) for vehicle gas bar uses
 - 20.2.4 (L) for Vehicle Sales Establishments

Permits for Mobile Signs which are solely for Displaying employment opportunities may be issued for the remainder of the of calendar year 2021 without regard to restrictions relating to the number of display periods per year.
2. Staff are directed to prepare amendments to the Sign By-law to extend the above exemptions through the end of the 2022 calendar year.

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)

5.2 2022 Intergovernmental Priorities - 2021-343

The following delegates spoke:

John Fisher

Moved By Councillor Gibson

Seconded By Councillor Hofland

1. That Council approve the intergovernmental priorities proposed for 2022.
2. That Staff prepare an Information Report outlining the Provincial Election Advocacy Strategy in advance of the dropping of the writ for the Provincial Election in 2022.
3. That Staff provide an update on intergovernmental performance and priorities in the Fourth Quarter (Q4) of 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 3:28 and resumed at 3:40 p.m.

8. Items for Discussion - Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise Services

8.1 York Road-Elizabeth Street Draft Urban Design Concepts - 2021-315

David DeGroot, Senior Urban Planner provided a presentation summarizing the draft Urban Design Concepts for York Road-Elizabeth Street.

The following delegate spoke:

Mike Darmon

Moved By Councillor Gibson
Seconded By Councillor Hofland

1. That the draft York Road/Elizabeth Street Urban Design Concepts be received.

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)

8.2 Cities Race to Zero

The following delegates spoke:

Morgan Dandie-Hannah

Katie Nixon

Elizabeth Snell, on behalf of KAIROS Guelph

David Douglas

Ron East, on behalf of the Council of Canadians, Guelph Chapter

Patrick McAuley

Norah Chaloner, on behalf of Yorklands Green Hub

Sya VanGeest and Alison Mikelsons VanGeest

Susan Watson

Forrest Smith

Evan Ferrari

The following delegates did not speak:

Paloma Thompson

Alex Chapman

Tanya Gevaert

Main Motion

Moved By Councillor Gordon

Seconded By Councillor Caron

1. The City of Guelph declares support for the Cities Race to Zero as part of the United Nation's Race to Zero campaign by joining hundreds of other cities in fighting climate change.
2. The City of Guelph pledges to the following commitments:
 - a. We reaffirm our acknowledgement of the global climate crisis.

- b. We are committed to doing our part to keep global heating below the 1.5°Celsius goal of the Paris Agreement.
 - c. We are committed to putting inclusive climate action at the centre of all urban decision-making, including the City of Guelph Official Plan, to create thriving and equitable communities for everyone.
 - d. We are committed to including our partners – community organizations, businesses, school boards, public institutions, labour unions, financial institutions, Indigenous leaders, and the public – to join us in recognising the global climate crisis and help us deliver on science-based action to overcome it.
3. The City of Guelph pledges to reach (net)-zero in the 2040s or sooner, or by mid-century at the latest, in line with global efforts to limit warming to 1.5 degree Celsius.
4. The City of Guelph creates four-year interim climate change targets that fall within each city council's term of office. The first set of interim targets will be established by the second quarter of 2022.
5. The City of Guelph modify our 2030 target in order to achieve Guelph's fair share of the global 50% reduction in CO₂ identified in the IPCC Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°Celsius.
6. The City of Guelph plan at least one inclusive and equitable climate action as listed on [citiesracetozero.org](https://citiesrace.tozero.org) that will help to place our city on a resilient pathway consistent with the 1.5°Celsius objective of the Paris Agreement and begin implementation no later than the fourth quarter of 2022.
7. The City of Guelph report progress annually, for the entire City of Guelph (and continue reporting on the corporation) beginning no later than 2022.
8. The City of Guelph empower all city staff to bring their ideas forward to fight climate change, engage and train staff on best practices, and allocate funding to reach our approved goals.
9. The City of Guelph will offer regular consultation meetings with treaty partners and local indigenous elders to review climate initiatives.
10. That staff be directed to report back on the resources and possible funding strategies to meet new 'fair share' interim targets as determined by the climate target methodologies of the Cities Race

to Zero, with an end target date of 2050 or sooner, for consideration prior to the 2023 budget.

First Amendment

Moved By Councillor Goller

Seconded By Councillor Allt

7. The City of Guelph report progress annually, for the entire "c"ity of Guelph (and continue reporting on the corporation) beginning no later than 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)

Point of Order

Mayor Guthrie raised a point of order requesting that the amendment to paragraph 5 be considered before moving to an amendment to other paragraphs. The Chair ruled that the amendment to paragraph 5 would be considered.

Second Amendment

Moved By Councillor Gibson

Seconded By Councillor MacKinnon

5. **That staff report back on the steps required to establish a 2030 target, in order to achieve Guelph's fair share of the global 50% reduction in CO2 identified in the IPCC Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°Celsius.**

Voting in Favour: (4): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Billings, Councillor Gibson, and Councillor MacKinnon

Voting Against: (9): Councillor Allt, Councillor Bell, Councillor Caron, Councillor Downer, Councillor Goller, Councillor Gordon, Councillor Hofland, Councillor O'Rourke, and Councillor Salisbury

Defeated (4 to 9)

Third Amendment

Moved By Councillor Gibson

Seconded By Councillor MacKinnon

10. That staff be directed to report back on the resources and possible funding strategies required to meet new 'fair share' interim targets as determined by the climate target methodologies of the Race to Zero, with an end target date of 2050 or sooner, for consideration prior to the 2023 budget. **Which includes a review of alignment with the strategic plan; and that funding be accommodated within the existing 10 year capital and operating budget forecasts.**

Point of Order

Councillor Allt raised a point of order stating that this clause binds further council decisions. Chair O'Rourke ruled that the amendment was in order as considerations come before the current council.

Amendment to the Third Amendment

Moved By Councillor Allt

Seconded By Councillor Downer

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Voting in Favour: (6): Councillor Allt, Councillor Caron, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gordon, Councillor Hofland, and Councillor O'Rourke

Voting Against: (7): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Bell, Councillor Billings, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, Councillor MacKinnon, and Councillor Salisbury

Defeated (6 to 7)

Third Amendment

Moved By Councillor Gibson

Seconded By Councillor MacKinnon

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determined by the climate target methodologies of the Race to Zero, with an end target date of 2050 or sooner, for consideration prior to the 2023 budget. **Which includes a review of alignment with the strategic plan; and that funding be accommodated within the existing 10 year capital and operating budget forecasts.**

Voting in Favour: (4): Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, and Councillor MacKinnon

Voting Against: (9): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Allt, Councillor Bell, Councillor Billings, Councillor Caron, Councillor Gordon, Councillor Hofland, Councillor O'Rourke, and Councillor Salisbury

Defeated (4 to 9)

It was requested that Clause 4 be voted on separately.

Main Motion as Amended - Clauses 1 to 3 and 5 to 10

Moved By Councillor Gordon

Seconded By Councillor Caron

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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 O'Rourke, and Councillor Salisbury

Voting Against: (1): Councillor MacKinnon

Carried (12 to 1)

Main Motion as Amended - Clause 4

Moved By Councillor Gordon

Seconded By Councillor Caron

4. The City of Guelph creates four-year interim climate change targets that fall within each city council's term of

office. The first set of interim targets will be established by the second quarter of 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 7:25 and reconvened at 7:50 p.m.

Suspend Procedural By-law

Moved By Mayor Guthrie

Seconded By Councillor Goller

That Section 4.14 (b) of the Procedural By-law be suspended for a motion of Council to continue past 9:00 p.m.

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

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

Carried (11 to 2)

Extension of Meeting per Procedural By-law

Moved By Councillor Goller

Seconded By Mayor Guthrie

That Section 4.14 (a) of the Procedural By-law be invoked to allow Committee of the Whole to continue past 8:00 p.m.

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

Voting Against: (1): Councillor Allt

Carried (12 to 1)

8.3 Downtown Improvement Area Review Process - 2021-372

The following delegations spoke:

David Starr

Pina Marfisi, on behalf of Aqua Salon

Councillor Salisbury left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Teija Tucker, on behalf of Aqua Salon

Point of Order

Councillor Allt raised a point of order stating that Council is considering receipt of the staff report and not dismantling of the DGBA and the delegate was not in order. The Chair ruled that the delegate was in order and could continue.

The following delegates spoke:

Richard Overland, on behalf of NV Kitchen Bar

Scott Coburn, on behalf of Scott Coburn Optical

Kevin Polach

Marty Williams, Executive Director, Downtown Business Association

Cara McKillop, on behalf of Plant

Chuck Nash, on behalf of Frankenstein's and 12 Wyndham

The following delegates did not speak:

Jennifer Hunt, on behalf of Modern Addiction Tattoos

John Van De Kamer, on behalf of Knar Jewellery

Derrick Rutherford, on behalf of Valentini's

Main Motion

Moved By Councillor Allt

Seconded By Councillor MacKinnon

1. That the report entitled "Downtown Business Improvement Area Review Process", dated December 6, 2021, be received.

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 Mayor Guthrie

Seconded By Councillor Caron

1. That staff be directed to proceed with a fulsome third-party review, as described in report 2021-372, to be funded by up to \$50,000 from the Tax Operating Contingency Reserve.
2. That staff be directed to report back to City Council in June, 2022 with the results of the third-party review.

Referral Motion

Moved By Councillor Downer

Seconded By Councillor Hofland

1. That the following motions be referred to the 2023 budget process:
 1. That staff be directed to proceed with a fulsome third-party review, as described in report 2021-372, to be funded by up to \$50,000 from the Tax Operating Contingency Reserve.
 2. That staff be directed to report back to City Council in June, 2022 with the results of the third-party review.

Voting in Favour: (6): Councillor Allt, Councillor Bell, Councillor Caron, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gordon, and Councillor Hofland

Voting Against: (6): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Billings, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, Councillor MacKinnon, and Councillor O'Rourke

Defeated (6 to 6)

Motion

Moved By Mayor Guthrie

Seconded By Councillor Caron

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2. That staff be directed to report back to City Council in June, 2022 with the results of the third-party review.

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

Voting Against: (2): Councillor Allt, and Councillor Bell

Carried (10 to 2)

9. Service Area Chair and Staff Announcements

Mayor Guthrie acknowledged the recent passing of Martha Rogers, former Director of Education for the Upper Grand District School Board.

10. Adjournment

Moved By Councillor Billings
Seconded By Councillor Gibson

That the meeting be adjourned. (10:20 p.m.)

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)

Mayor Guthrie

Stephen O'Brien - City Clerk