



Minutes of Guelph City Council

December 20, 2021, 6:00 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
T. Baker, General Manager, Finance/City Treasurer
C. Cooper, General Manager, Legal Realty and Court Services/City Solicitor
M. Ellis, General Manger, Human Resources
S. O'Brien, General Manager, City Clerk's Office/City Clerk
D. Tremblay, Council and Committee Coordinator
G. Meades, Council and Committee Coordinator

Also Present: Michelle Karker, Chief Executive Officer, The Elliott Community
Norman Wolfe, Director of Finance, The Elliott Community
William Koornstra, Chair, The Elliott Board of Trustees

2. Call to Order - 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Guthrie called the meeting to order. (6:01 p.m.)

3. Authority to move into closed meeting

Moved By Councillor Goller

Seconded By Councillor Caron

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) of 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: (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)

The following matters were considered:

3.1 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof (closed items)

3.2 Confirmation of Minutes for the closed Council meetings held October 25, 2021.

3.3 Chief Administrative Officer Sub-committee Performance Evaluation for 2021 and Performance Objectives Setting for 2022

4. Open Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Guthrie called the meeting to order. (6:41 p.m.)

4.1 Closed Meeting Summary

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

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

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

8. Special Resolutions

8.1 Chief Administrative Officer Sub-Committee Performance Evaluation for 2021 and Performance Objective Setting for 2022

Moved By Councillor Allt

Seconded By Councillor O'Rourke

1. That the Chief Administrative Officer 2021 performance evaluation as presented in the Closed Council session held on December 20, 2021 be approved; and,
2. That the 2022 Chief Administrative Officer Performance Objectives be approved and that the Chief Administrative Officer be directed to prepare and make a presentation to the January 10, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting.

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)

4.5 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures.

5. Confirmation of Open Minutes

Moved By Councillor Hofland

Seconded By Councillor Gibson

That the minutes of the open Council Meeting held October 25, 2021, Special Council Meetings held November 15, 16 and 18 and Committee of the Whole meeting dated November 1, 2021 be confirmed as recorded and without being read.

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)

6. Committee of the Whole Consent Report

The following reports from the December 20, 2021 Committee of the Whole were extracted:

Cities Race to Zero

Downtown Improvement Area Review Process - 2021-372

Moved By Councillor Billings

Seconded By Councillor Hofland

That the balance of the December 20, 2021 Committee of the Whole Consent Agenda as identified below be adopted:

6.1 2022 Intergovernmental Priorities - 2021-343

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.

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

1. 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.
2. 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.

3. 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)

7. Council Consent Agenda

7.1.2 The Elliott Long-Term Care Residence Report - The Business Case to Support a Non-Binding Application for Long Term Care Home Redevelopment - December 20, 2021

Colleen Clack, Deputy Chief Officer, provided an update regarding the Elliott's applications for the Ministry of Long-Term Care approval additional beds.

Point of Order

Councillor Goller raised a point of order and requested that the motions be displayed before voting.

The Chair ruled that the motions would be displayed.

Moved By Councillor O'Rourke

Seconded By Councillor Hofland

1. That on behalf of the City of Guelph, the Deputy CAO of Public Services be directed to sign a non-binding application to the Ministry of Long-Term Care for an additional 29 beds to be added to the Minister's granted approval of The Elliott Long-Term Care facility.
2. That Elliott staff be directed to provide an update to the comprehensive business case for the Committee of Management, satisfying the information requested in the City Memo dated December 6, 2021, detailing the final operational and capital budget impacts and any financial loan requests of City for the additional long-term care beds, prior to the City entering into any contribution agreement with the Ministry of Long-Term Care.
3. That City staff be directed to provide a funding strategy and budget impact of The Elliott's requested service expansion for approval and inclusion in the multi-year budget as part of Council's final decision to enter into a contribution agreement for additional long-term care beds.

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)

6.3 Cities Race to Zero

The following delegates spoke:

David Douglas

Tanya Gevaert

Thomas McIlwraith

Mackenzie Harris

Andrea Baker

Paloma Thompson

Desmond MacNeal

Lin Grist

Katerina Coveny

Susan Watson

Steven Petric, on behalf of Transit Action Alliance of Guelph

Horeen Hassan

Jordan Thakar
Lidia Rajcan
Evan Ferrari
Morgan Dandie-Hannah

The following delegates did not speak:
Jill Francis

It was requested that clause 4 be voted on separately.

Main Motion

Moved By Councillor Caron
Seconded By Councillor Gordon

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 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 MacKinnon

Seconded By Councillor Billings

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 **for consideration prior to the 2023 budget.**

Voting in Favour: (2): Councillor Billings, and Councillor MacKinnon

Voting Against: (11): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Allt, Councillor Bell, Councillor Caron, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, Councillor Gordon, Councillor Hofland, Councillor O'Rourke, and Councillor Salisbury

Defeated (2 to 11)

Clauses 1 to 3 and 5 to 10

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Seconded By Councillor Gordon

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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)

Clause 4

Moved By Councillor Caron

Seconded By Councillor Gordon

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 8:41 p.m. and resumed at 8:57 p.m.

6.4 Downtown Improvement Area Review Process - 2021-372

The following delegates spoke:

Rick Zuccato, on behalf of The Olive Experience Inc.

Steven Petric

Lauryn Conlon, on behalf of Barres and Bells, 20 Douglas Street and Downtown Guelph Business Association Board Member

Scott Coburn, on behalf of Scott Coburn Optical

John Van de Kamer, on behalf of Knar Jewellery

The following delegates did not speak:

Kevin Polach

Point of Personal Privilege

Councillor Caron raised a point of personal privilege as she was named

in Councillor Gibson's comments. Councillor Caron provided her contact number 519-835-1136 and stated that during the 5 years she has been a member of the Downtown Business Association Board, she has never been contacted by a downtown business owner regarding concerns about to the Downtown Guelph Business Association and invited business owners with any concerns to contact her.

Moved By Councillor Billings

Seconded By Councillor Gibson

1. That City Council respectfully request the DGBA to include in their next annual report to Council an update on steps taken to address the concerns raised within the DGBA survey results.

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

Voting Against: (7): Councillor Allt, Councillor Bell, Councillor Caron, Councillor Downer, Councillor Goller, Councillor Gordon, and Councillor Hofland

Defeated (6 to 7)

9. By-laws

Point of Order

Councillor Goller raised a point of order seeking clarification regarding the Downtown Guelph Business Association motions.

The Chair requested clarification from the City Clerk. The City Clerk advised that Council's actions regarding the Downtown Guelph Business Association motions are captured in the December 20, 2021 Council Minutes and adoption of the Confirmatory By-law.

Moved By Councillor Billings

Seconded By Councillor O'Rourke

That By-law number (2021)-20662 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)

10. Mayor's Announcements

Mayor Guthrie wished everyone the best for the holiday season, with congratulations to Councillors Caron and Hofland on their festive background displays. He thanked staff for their work in 2021, stressed the importance of vaccinations and to stay safe over the holidays.

11. Adjournment

Moved By Councillor Billings
Seconded By Councillor Salisbury

That Council is adjourned. (9:53 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