



## **Minutes of Guelph City Council**

**May 9, 2023, 5:30 p.m.  
Council Chambers  
Guelph City Hall, 1 Carden Street**

**Council:**

Mayor C. Guthrie  
Councillor P. Allt  
Councillor C. Billings  
Councillor L. Busuttil  
Councillor L. Caron  
Councillor E. Caton  
Councillor K. Chew  
Councillor C. Downer  
Councillor D. Gibson  
Councillor R. Goller  
Councillor C. Klassen  
Councillor D. O'Rourke  
Councillor M. Richardson

**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  
K. Walkey, General Manager, Planning and Building Services  
M. Aldunate, Manager, Policy Planning and Urban Design  
D. McMahon, Manager, Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk  
J. da Silva, Council and Committee Coordinator  
G. Meades, Council and Committee Coordinator  
C. Murray-Sprague, Council and Committee Coordinator  
D. Tremblay, Board and Committee Coordinator

## **2. Call to Order**

Mayor Guthrie called the meeting to order. (5:31 p.m.)

## **3. Authority to move into closed meeting**

Moved By Councillor Allt

Seconded By Councillor Billings

That the Council of the City of Guelph now hold a meeting that is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 239(2) (b), (d), and (k) of the Municipal Act relating to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; labour relations or employee negotiations; and a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

Voting in Favour: (12): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Allt, Councillor Billings, Councillor Busuttill, Councillor Caron, Councillor Caton, Councillor Chew, Councillor Downer, Councillor Goller, Councillor Klassen, Councillor O'Rourke, and Councillor Richardson

Carried (12 to 0)

The following items were considered:

### **3.1 Call to Order (closed meeting)**

### **3.2 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof (closed items)**

### **3.3 Bargaining Mandate Update Report - Guelph Professional Firefighters Association Local 467 and Paramedic Services Union, the Ontario Public Service Employees Union Local 231 - 2023-177**

## **4. Open Meeting - 6:30 p.m.**

Mayor Guthrie called the meeting to order. (6:30 p.m.)

### **4.4 Closed Meeting Summary**

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

### **Bargaining Mandate Update Report - Guelph Professional Firefighters Association Local 467 and Paramedic Services**

**Union, the Ontario Public Service Employees Union Local 231 - 2023-177**

Council received information and provided staff direction.

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

There were no disclosures.

**5. Council Consent Agenda**

Moved By Councillor Caron

Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That the May 9, 2023 Council Consent Agenda identified below, be adopted:

**5.1 Building By-law Updates - 2023-134**

1. That the By-law, included as Attachment-1, Draft Building By-law Amending By-law, be enacted to amend the Building By-law (2015)-19985, as amended.

**5.2 47 Alice Street - Notice of Intention to Designate - 2023-153**

1. That the City Clerk be authorized to publish and serve notice of intention to designate 47 Alice Street pursuant to Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.
2. That the designation bylaw be brought before Council for approval if no objections are received within the thirty (30) day objection period.

Voting in Favour: (13): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Allt, Councillor Billings, Councillor Busuttill, Councillor Caron, Councillor Caton, Councillor Chew, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, Councillor Klassen, Councillor O'Rourke, and Councillor Richardson

Carried (13 to 0)

**7. Items for Discussion**

**7.1 Official Plan Amendment 80 - Minister's Decision - 2023 - 2023-175**

Melissa Aldunate, Manager, Policy Planning and Urban Design, provided an overview of the changes included in the Minister's Decision regarding Official Plan Amendment 80.

Councillor Allt raised a point of privilege and clarified his previous comments about staff's opinion of the Minister's decision.

Moved By Councillor Allt

Seconded By Councillor Caron

1. That report 2023-175, Official Plan Amendment 80 – Minister's Decision to approve, with modifications, Official Plan Amendment 80 to the City of Guelph Official Plan, as adopted by By-law (2022)-20731, be received.

Voting in Favour: (13): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Allt, Councillor Billings, Councillor Busuttill, Councillor Caron, Councillor Caton, Councillor Chew, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, Councillor Klassen, Councillor O'Rourke, and Councillor Richardson

Carried (13 to 0)

### **Main Motion**

Moved By Councillor Caron

Seconded By Councillor Goller

1. That City Staff be directed to:
  - a. Report back through the multi-year budget process on the financial and human resource impacts in response to provincial amendments to OPA 80 and Bill 23,
  - b. Notwithstanding the removal of the legislative role of the GRCA, that city planning applications continue to be circulated to the GRCA as a valued stakeholder for their input and expertise,
  - c. Bring forward through the multi-year budget process the necessary resources to expedite recommendations in the Cultural Heritage Action Plan (CHAP) on lands affected by the OPA 80 provincial amendments, including financial incentives for conservation/restoration of designated properties,
  - d. During the next five-year OP amendment process, initiate a public consultation exercise and bring forward recommendation(s) for additional future View Corridors that may be appropriate to protect sightlines for significant municipal landmarks, including, but not limited, to the

Basilica of our Lady Immaculate (ie. from Turfgrass, Starkey Hill, etc.) for inclusion in the next OPA cycle,

- e. That a plan for a future Downtown Park be reflected in the 2024-2027 multi-year budget, in response to higher heights and densities in the downtown major transit station area.
2. That the Mayor be directed to send a letter to the Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, expressing City Council's response regarding the impact of the amendments made to Guelph OPA 80 "Shaping Guelph" and OPA review process, as outlined in the draft letter attached.
3. And that the letter be copied to MPP Mike Schreiner and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA), Ontario's Big City Mayors, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Minister of Finance, Minister of Infrastructure, Minister of Transportation, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks.

Mayor Guthrie requested that all clauses of the motion be voted on separately.

**Clause a of the Main Motion**

Moved By Councillor Caron

Seconded By Councillor Goller

- a. Report back through the multi-year budget process on the financial and human resource impacts in response to provincial amendments to OPA 80 and Bill 23.

Voting in Favour: (12): Councillor Allt, Councillor Billings, Councillor Busuttill, Councillor Caron, Councillor Caton, Councillor Chew, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, Councillor Klassen, Councillor O'Rourke, and Councillor Richardson

Voting Against: (1): Mayor Guthrie

Carried (12 to 1)

**Clause b of the Main Motion**

Moved By Councillor Caron

Seconded By Councillor Goller

b. Notwithstanding the removal of the legislative role of the GRCA, that city planning applications continue to be circulated to the GRCA as a valued stakeholder for their input and expertise.

Clause b was withdrawn.

**Clause c of the Main Motion**

Moved By Councillor Caron

Seconded By Councillor Goller

c. Bring forward through the multi-year budget process the necessary resources to expedite recommendations in the Cultural Heritage Action Plan (CHAP) on lands affected by the OPA 80 provincial amendments, including financial incentives for conservation/restoration of designated properties.

**First Amendment to Clause c of the Main Motion**

Moved By Councillor O'Rourke

Seconded By Councillor Chew

c. Bring forward through the multi-year budget process the necessary resources to expedite recommendations in the Cultural Heritage Action Plan (CHAP).

Mayor Guthrie ruled the amendment out of order.

**Clause c of the Main Motion**

Moved By Councillor Caron

Seconded By Councillor Goller

c. Bring forward through the multi-year budget process the necessary resources to expedite recommendations in the Cultural Heritage Action Plan (CHAP) on lands affected by the OPA 80 provincial amendments, including financial incentives for conservation/restoration of designated properties.

Voting in Favour: (8): Councillor Allt, Councillor Busuttil, Councillor Caron, Councillor Caton, Councillor Downer, Councillor Goller, Councillor Klassen, and Councillor Richardson

Voting Against: (5): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Billings, Councillor Chew, Councillor Gibson, and Councillor O'Rourke

Carried (8 to 5)

**Clause d of the Main Motion**

Moved By Councillor Caron

Seconded By Councillor Goller

d. During the next five-year OP amendment process, initiate a public consultation exercise and bring forward recommendation(s) for additional future View Corridors that may be appropriate to protect sightlines for significant municipal landmarks, including, but not limited, to the Basilica of our Lady Immaculate (ie. from Turfgrass, Starkey Hill, etc.) for inclusion in the next OPA cycle.

Voting in Favour: (9): Councillor Allt, Councillor Busuttil, Councillor Caron, Councillor Caton, Councillor Chew, Councillor Downer, Councillor Goller, Councillor Klassen, and Councillor Richardson

Voting Against: (4): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Billings, Councillor Gibson, and Councillor O'Rourke

Carried (9 to 4)

Councillor Caron raised a Point of Order suggesting that a question asked by Councillor Gibson was out of order.

Mayor Guthrie ruled that the question was in order.

**Clause e of the Main Motion**

Moved By Councillor Caron

Seconded By Councillor Goller

e. That a plan for a future Downtown Park be reflected in the 2024-2027 multi-year budget, in response to higher heights and densities in the downtown major transit station area.

**First Amendment to Clause e of the Main Motion**

Moved By Councillor Gibson

Seconded By Councillor Billings

e. That a plan for a future Downtown Park be **referred to** the 2024-2027 multi-year budget, in response to higher heights and densities in the downtown major transit station area.

Voting in Favour: (13): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Allt, Councillor Billings, Councillor Busuttil, Councillor Caron, Councillor Caton, Councillor Chew, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, Councillor Klassen, Councillor O'Rourke, and Councillor Richardson

Carried (13 to 0)

**Clause e of the Main Motion as Amended**

Moved By Councillor Caron

Seconded By Councillor Goller

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Voting in Favour: (9): Councillor Allt, Councillor Busuttil, Councillor Caron, Councillor Caton, Councillor Downer, Councillor Goller, Councillor Klassen, Councillor O'Rourke, and Councillor Richardson

Voting Against: (4): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Billings, Councillor Chew, and Councillor Gibson

Carried (9 to 4)

**Clause 2 of the Main Motion**

Moved By Councillor Caron

Seconded By Councillor Goller

2. That the Mayor be directed to send a letter to the Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, expressing City Council's response regarding the impact of the amendments made to Guelph OPA 80 "Shaping Guelph" and OPA review process, as outlined in the draft letter attached.

Voting in Favour: (12): Councillor Allt, Councillor Billings, Councillor Busuttil, Councillor Caron, Councillor Caton, Councillor Chew, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, Councillor Klassen, Councillor O'Rourke, and Councillor Richardson

Voting Against: (1): Mayor Guthrie

Carried (12 to 1)

### **Clause 3 of the Main Motion**

Moved By Councillor Caron

Seconded By Councillor Goller

3. And that the letter be copied to MPP Mike Schreiner and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA), Ontario's Big City Mayors, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Minister of Finance, Minister of Infrastructure, Minister of Transportation, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks.

Voting in Favour: (12): Councillor Allt, Councillor Billings, Councillor Busuttil, Councillor Caron, Councillor Caton, Councillor Chew, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, Councillor Klassen, Councillor O'Rourke, and Councillor Richardson

Voting Against: (1): Mayor Guthrie

Carried (12 to 1)

### **Motion as Carried**

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## **8. By-laws**

Moved By Councillor Allt  
Seconded By Councillor Richardson

That By-law numbered (2023)-20792 is hereby passed.

Voting in Favour: (13): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Allt, Councillor Billings, Councillor Busuttil, Councillor Caron, Councillor Caton, Councillor Chew, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, Councillor Klassen, Councillor O'Rourke, and Councillor Richardson

Carried (13 to 0)

### **8.1 By-law Number (2023)-20792**

## **10. Adjournment**

Moved By Councillor Klassen  
Seconded By Councillor Richardson

That the meeting be adjourned. (9:10 p.m.)

Carried

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Mayor Guthrie

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Dylan McMahon - Deputy City Clerk