



Minutes of Guelph City Council

November 29, 2023

9:00 a.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
T. Baker, General Manager, Finance/City Treasurer
K. Newland, Manager, Financial Client Services and Budget
S. O'Dwyer, Manager, Financial Strategy and Long Term Planning
S. O'Brien, General Manager, City Clerk's Office/City Clerk
D. McMahon, Manager, Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk
G. Meades, Council and Committee Coordinator
C. Murray-Sprague, Council and Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order - 9:00 a.m.

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

2. Authority to move into closed meeting

Moved By Councillor Goller

Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That the Council of the City of Guelph now hold a meeting that is closed to the public, pursuant to the Municipal Act, Section 239(2) (f) and (k) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose 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: (11): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Allt, Councillor Billings, Councillor Busuttil, Councillor Caron, Councillor Caton, Councillor Downer, Councillor Goller, Councillor Klassen, Councillor O'Rourke, and Councillor Richardson

Carried (11 to 0)

The following items were considered:

2.1 Call to Order (closed meeting)

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

2.3 10C/Farmers Market Contractual Obligations

3. Closed Meeting Summary

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

10C/Farmers Market Contractual Obligations

Council received information and provided direction to staff.

4. Open Meeting - 9:30 a.m.

Mayor Guthrie called the meeting to order. (10:23 p.m.)

4.4 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None.

5. Suspension of Procedure Bylaw to Permit Correspondence

Moved By Councillor O'Rourke

Seconded By Councillor Gibson

1. That Section 4.9 (a) of the City of Guelph Procedure Bylaw be suspended to permit correspondence submitted by November 24, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. to be received and added to the public record in relation to item 6 Guelph's 2024-2027 Multi-Year Budget.

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)

6. 2024-2027 Multi-Year Budget

6.1 Guelph's 2024-2027 Multi-Year Budget

In accordance with Section 284.16 of the Municipal Act (the Act), City Council may vote to amend the proposed 2024-2027 Multi-year Budget noted below. The 2024-2027 Multi-year Budget will be deemed adopted following the process of amendment, veto and override described in the Act. Accordingly, no mover or seconder is required to bring the proposed 2024-2027 Multi-year budget forward for debate.

1. A 2024 operating budget with a gross expenditure budget of \$556,280,013 with a 2024 property tax and payment-in-lieu of taxes levy requirement of \$329,828,159 or 10.32 per cent over 2023 inclusive of the following:
 - a. City service budget requirement, net of the proportionate share of assessment growth, totalling an increased net levy requirement in 2024 of \$14,700,752 or 4.97 per cent.
 - b. Local Boards and Shared Services budget requirement, net of the proportionate share of assessment growth, totalling an increased net levy requirement in 2024 of \$5,872,283 or 1.98 per cent.

- c. A Provincial housing, homelessness, and hospital budget requirement, totalling an increased net levy requirement in 2024 of \$9,969,945 or 3.37 per cent.
 - d. 2024 user fees, rates, and charges.
 2. A 2024 capital budget in the gross expenditure amount of \$208,666,722, inclusive of funding transfers from capital reserve funds and other sources including partnerships, grants, and debt financing.
 3. A 2025 operating budget with a gross expenditure budget of \$599,947,552 with a 2025 property tax and payment-in-lieu of taxes levy requirement of \$364,197,218 or 9.38 per cent over 2024 inclusive of the following:
 - a. City service budget requirement, net of the proportionate share of assessment growth, totalling an increased net levy requirement in 2025 of \$21,136,498 or 6.41 per cent.
 - b. Local boards and shared services budget requirement, net of the proportionate share of assessment growth, totalling an increased net levy requirement in 2025 of \$6,399,367 or 1.94 per cent.
 - c. A Provincial housing, homelessness, and hospital budget requirement, totalling an increased net levy requirement in 2025 of \$3,040,170 or 1.03 per cent.
 - d. 2025 user fees, rates, and charges.
 4. A 2025 capital budget in the gross expenditure amount of \$234,129,280, inclusive of funding transfers from capital reserve funds and other sources including partnerships, grants, and debt financing.
 5. A 2026 operating budget with a gross expenditure budget of \$647,249,988 with a 2026 property tax and payment-in-lieu of taxes levy requirement of \$399,946,642 or 8.67 per cent over 2025 inclusive of the following:
 - a. City service budget requirement, net of the proportionate share of assessment growth, totalling an increased net levy requirement in 2026 of \$22,069,306 or 6.06 per cent.
 - b. Local boards and shared services budget requirement, net of the proportionate share of assessment growth, totalling an

- increased net levy requirement in 2026 of \$8,018,181 or 2.20 per cent.
- c. A Provincial housing, homelessness, and hospital budget requirement, totalling an increased net levy requirement in 2026 of \$1,473,670 or 0.40 per cent.
 - d. 2026 user fees, rates, and charges.
6. A 2026 capital budget in the gross expenditure amount of \$338,394,567, inclusive of funding transfers from capital reserve funds and other sources including partnerships, grants, and debt financing.
 7. A 2027 operating budget with a gross expenditure budget of \$688,808,424 with a 2027 property tax and payment-in-lieu of taxes levy requirement of \$431,233,766 or 6.67 per cent over 2026 inclusive of the following:
 - a. City service budget requirement, net of the proportionate share of assessment growth, totalling an increased net levy requirement in 2027 of \$19,355,854 or 4.84 per cent.
 - b. Local boards and shared services budget requirement, net of the proportionate share of assessment growth, totalling an increased net levy requirement in 2027 of \$6,635,252 or 1.66 per cent.
 - c. A Provincial housing, homelessness, and hospital budget requirement, totalling an increased net levy requirement in \$696,630 or 0.17 per cent.
 - d. 2027 user fees, rates, and charges.
 8. A 2027 capital budget in the gross expenditure amount of \$482,381,206, inclusive of funding transfers from capital reserve funds and other sources including partnerships, grants, and debt financing.
 9. A 2028-2033 Capital forecast in the gross amount of \$1,918,985,045.

First Motion

Moved By Councillor Gibson

Seconded By Councillor Klassen

1. That Council amend Guelph's 2024 – 2027 operating budget by reducing 2024 by \$1,005,300 for the County of Wellington's

revised budget submission relating to the housing and homelessness plan.

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)

Second Motion

1. That Council amend Guelph's 2024-2027 operating budget by reducing 2024 by \$236,706 to reflect the impact of additional assessment growth revenue.

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)

Third Motion

Moved By Councillor Goller

Seconded By Councillor Gibson

1. That Council amend Guelph's 2024-2027 operating budget by increasing 2024, one-time, by \$43,335 and increasing 2025, one-time by \$43,335, to provide a grant to the Guelph-Wellington Ontario Health Team for physician recruitment, subject to the receipt of the corresponding contributions for this initiative from the County of Wellington, and Guelph Chamber of Commerce, funded through the tax levy.

Amendment to the Third Motion

Moved By Councillor O'Rourke

Seconded By Councillor Goller

1. That Council amend Guelph's 2024-2027 operating budget by increasing 2024, one-time, by \$43,335 and increasing 2025, one-time by \$43,335, to provide a grant to the Guelph-Wellington Ontario Health Team for physician recruitment,

subject to the receipt of the corresponding contributions for this initiative from the County of Wellington, and Guelph Chamber of Commerce, funded through the **Tax Operating Contingency Reserve**.

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)

Third Motion as Amended

Moved By Councillor Goller

Seconded By Councillor Gibson

1. That Council amend Guelph's 2024-2027 operating budget by increasing 2024, one-time, by \$43,335 and increasing 2025, one-time by \$43,335, to provide a grant to the Guelph-Wellington Ontario Health Team for physician recruitment, subject to the receipt of the corresponding contributions for this initiative from the County of Wellington, and Guelph Chamber of Commerce, funded through the Tax Operating Contingency Reserve.

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)

Fourth Motion

Moved By Councillor Goller

Seconded By Councillor Klassen

1. That Council amend Guelph's 2024-2027 operating budget by increasing 2024 by \$1,000,000 for the Affordable Housing Reserve (increase from 500k to \$1.5M) funded by the Tax Base.

Voting in Favour: (3): Councillor Caton, Councillor Goller, and Councillor Klassen

Voting Against: (10): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Allt, Councillor Billings, Councillor Busuttil, Councillor Caron, Councillor Chew, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, Councillor O'Rourke, and Councillor Richardson

Defeated (3 to 10)

Fifth Motion

Moved By Councillor O'Rourke

Seconded By Councillor Allt

1. That Council amend the 2024 – 2027 operating budget by increasing each of 2024 to 2027 by \$50,000 for the completion of at least two value-for-money reviews each year funded by the efficiency, innovation and opportunity reserve fund (#351); AND that staff be directed to bring a proposed terms of reference to the audit committee no later than Q1 2024.

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)

Sixth Motion

Moved By Councillor Gibson

Seconded By Councillor O'Rourke

1. That Council amend Guelph's 2024-2027 operating budget by amending the following net amounts (compensation reduction offset by reduction in revenues and reserve transfers) to reflect a phased-in approach of budgeting 50 per cent of permanent staffing resources in year one and the remaining 50 per cent in the second year:
 - 2024 decrease of \$2,413,217
 - 2025 increase of \$60,493
 - 2026 decrease of \$2,083,350

- 2027 increase of \$1,806,113
- 2028 increase of \$2,972,050

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)

Seventh Motion

Moved By Councillor Gibson

Seconded By Councillor Billings

1. That Council amend Guelph's 2024-2027 operating budget by reducing the 2024 Library budget by \$257,111 and increasing the 2025 Library budget by \$257,111. Furthermore, the 2026 Library budget be reduced by \$331,200 and 2027 increased by \$331,200 as a result of the City phase in of corporate building maintenance positions for the new Library.

Voting in Favour: (9): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Billings, Councillor Busuttil, Councillor Caton, Councillor Chew, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, Councillor O'Rourke, and Councillor Richardson

Voting Against: (4): Councillor Allt, Councillor Caron, Councillor Downer, and Councillor Klassen

Carried (9 to 4)

Eighth Motion

Moved By Councillor Downer

Seconded By Councillor Goller

1. That Council amend the 2024-2027 operating budget by increasing 2024 by \$100,000 funded from the tax supported operating contingency reserve to provide any necessary health and safety supports as part of the actioning of the October 17th, 2023 motion, calling on the County of Wellington to form and lead an integrated team approach to undertake regular wellness checks on any existing or new unstructured encampments with the City of Guelph. The disbursement of funds shall be done following recommendations from the County

of Wellington and under the delegated authority of the DCAO of Public Services, and that a report on how these funds were used be provided to City Council by the County of Wellington no later than June 2024.

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)

Ninth Motion

Moved By Councillor O'Rourke
Seconded By Councillor Gibson

1. That Council amend Guelph's capital budget for project TC0072 – Digital Signs (ICIP-GUE-06) by:
 - a. Deferring 2024 operating impacts of \$257,600 to 2025
 - b. Eliminating the 2025 capital budget of \$600,000 and eliminating the 2025 operating impacts of \$134,500
 - c. Eliminating the 2026 capital budget of \$600,000 and eliminating the 2026 operating impacts of \$234,500
 - d. Eliminating the 2027 capital budget of \$600,000
 - e. Eliminating the 2028 to 2031 capital forecast of \$1,250,000 each year and eliminating the 2029 operating impacts of \$300,000

Voting in Favour: (8): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Billings, Councillor Busuttil, Councillor Chew, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, Councillor O'Rourke, and Councillor Richardson

Voting Against: (5): Councillor Allt, Councillor Caron, Councillor Caton, Councillor Downer, and Councillor Klassen

Carried (8 to 5)

Tenth Motion

Moved By Councillor Billings
Seconded By Councillor Gibson

1. That Council amend the 2024-2027 operating budget by reducing 2024 by \$49,500 for budget request 1351 Mayor and Council training.

Amendment to the Tenth Motion

Moved By Councillor O'Rourke

Seconded By Councillor Gibson

1. That Council amend the 2024-2027 operating budget by reducing 2024 by **\$25,000** for budget request 1351 Mayor and Council training.

Voting in Favour: (9): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Billings, Councillor Busuttill, Councillor Caton, Councillor Chew, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, Councillor O'Rourke, and Councillor Richardson

Voting Against: (4): Councillor Allt, Councillor Caron, Councillor Goller, and Councillor Klassen

Carried (9 to 4)

Tenth Motion as Amended

Moved By Councillor Billings

Seconded By Councillor Gibson

1. That Council amend the 2024-2027 operating budget by reducing 2024 by \$25,000 for budget request 1351 Mayor and Council training.

Voting in Favour: (9): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Billings, Councillor Busuttill, Councillor Caton, Councillor Chew, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, Councillor O'Rourke, and Councillor Richardson

Voting Against: (4): Councillor Allt, Councillor Caron, Councillor Goller, and Councillor Klassen

Carried (9 to 4)

Councillor Goller raised a point or order. Councillor Goller requested he be able to bring forward a motion. Mayor Guthrie ruled that Councillor Goller could introduce his motion.

Eleventh Motion

Moved By Councillor Goller

Seconded By Councillor Gibson

1. That Council amend the 2024-2027 operating budget by reducing 2024 by \$750,000 for the removal of plan request 001185 Guelph General Hospital Transfer, and increasing the 2025 operating budget by \$750,000 for the addition of plan request 001185 Guelph General Hospital Transfer, resulting in the final three payments to the hospital in 2025 to 2027.

Voting in Favour: (2): Councillor Chew, and Councillor Goller

Voting Against: (11): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Allt, Councillor Billings, Councillor Busuttil, Councillor Caron, Councillor Caton, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Klassen, Councillor O'Rourke, and Councillor Richardson

Defeated (2 to 11)

Twelfth Motion

Moved By Councillor Billings

Seconded By Councillor Gibson

1. That Council amend the 2024-2027 operating budget by transferring \$750,000 of funding from the tax rate contingency reserve to fund the 2024 installment to the Guelph General Hospital.

Voting in Favour: (10): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Billings, Councillor Busuttil, Councillor Caton, Councillor Chew, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Klassen, Councillor O'Rourke, and Councillor Richardson

Voting Against: (3): Councillor Allt, Councillor Caron, and Councillor Goller

Carried (10 to 3)

Thirteenth Motion

Moved By Councillor Caton

Seconded By Councillor Allt

1. That an amount up to \$10,000 be allocated from the Tax Operating Contingency Reserve to fund further investigation of resources required, and costs associated with the creation of a financial needs-based application program for waived penalties and the suspension of interest on unpaid amounts of property taxes to reduce burdens on low-income homeowners during

2024-2027 multiyear budget cycle and to report back to council prior to the end of Q2 of 2024.

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)

Fourteenth Motion

Moved By Councillor O'Rourke

Seconded By Councillor Richardson

1. That Council amend Guelph's 2024-2027 operating budget by reducing 2024 by \$400,000 for the transfer to the Affordable Housing Reserve #119.

Councillor O'Rourke raised a point of personal privilege. Councillor O'Rourke noted they took exception to the mischaracterization of their comments.

Councillor Allt raised a point of personal privilege. Councillor Allt apologized and restated their comments with additional explanation.

Voting in Favour: (7): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Billings, Councillor Busuttill, Councillor Chew, Councillor Gibson, Councillor O'Rourke, and Councillor Richardson

Voting Against: (6): Councillor Allt, Councillor Caron, Councillor Caton, Councillor Downer, Councillor Goller, and Councillor Klassen

Carried (7 to 6)

Council recessed. (11:57 a.m.)

Council reconvened. (12:31 p.m.)

Fifteenth Motion

Moved By Councillor Goller

Seconded By Councillor Gibson

1. That Council amend the 2024-2027 operating budget by reducing 2025 by \$88,020, reducing 2026 by \$163,150, and reducing 2027 by \$65,023 from plan request 001166 – Guelph Bi-centennial Enhancement Events, leaving a total combined

project budget of \$250,000 over the three years, funded from the tax operating contingency reserve.

Councillor O'Rourke raised a point of order. Councillor O'Rourke asked for Councillor Goller to reclarify their earlier statement. Mayor Guthrie requested Council keep their comments focused towards the items at hand and then continued with the discussion.

Voting in Favour: (2): Councillor Gibson, and Councillor Goller

Voting Against: (11): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Allt, Councillor Billings, Councillor Busuttil, Councillor Caron, Councillor Caton, Councillor Chew, Councillor Downer, Councillor Klassen, Councillor O'Rourke, and Councillor Richardson

Defeated (2 to 11)

Sixteenth Motion

Moved By Councillor Goller

Seconded By Councillor Gibson

1. That Council amend the 2024-2027 operating budget by reducing 2025 by \$24,020, reducing 2026 by \$154,900, and reducing 2027 by \$73,523 from plan request 001166 – Guelph Bi-centennial Enhancement Events, leaving a total combined project budget of \$450,000 over the three years, funded from the tax operating contingency reserve, with any adjustments required to the operating budget and funding strategy to be made through the 2025 or 2026 budget confirmations.

Voting in Favour: (6): Councillor Billings, Councillor Chew, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, Councillor O'Rourke, and Councillor Richardson

Voting Against: (7): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Allt, Councillor Busuttil, Councillor Caron, Councillor Caton, Councillor Downer, and Councillor Klassen

Defeated (6 to 7)

Seventeenth Motion

Moved By Councillor O'Rourke

Seconded By Councillor Goller

1. That Council amend Guelph's 2024-2027 multi-year budget by:

- a. Reducing the 2024 operating impact for TC0079 – Route Review – Year 3 (ICIP-GUE-01) replaced TC0064-010 by \$134,800.
- b. Reducing the 2024 capital budget for project TC0064-011 – Route Review Year 4 by \$1,377,000 and reducing the 2025 operating impact by \$280,300.
- c. Reducing the 2025 capital budget for project TC0064-012 – Route Review Year 5 by \$2,810,000 and reducing the 2026 operating impact by \$206,400.
- d. Reducing the 2026 capital budget for project TC0064-013 – Route Review Year 6 by \$2,866,000 and reducing the 2027 operating impact by \$824,200.
- e. Reducing the 2027 capital budget for project TC0064-014 – Route Review Year 7 by \$2,924,000 and reducing the 2028 operating impact by \$1,208,800.

The motion was withdrawn by the mover and seconder.

6.2 2024-2027 Multi-Year Budget Companion Report - Council Budget Decisions, 2023-370

Moved By Councillor Allt

Seconded By Councillor Klassen

1. That the 2024-2027 rates, fees and charges be approved, subject to amendments during the budget confirmation years.
2. That the Downtown Guelph Business Association budget be approved, subject to any amendments in budget confirmation years, as follows:
 - a. A 2024 budget with gross expenditures of \$697,955 and a total levy of \$700,194.
 - b. A 2025 budget with gross expenditures of \$686,480 and a total levy of \$721,200.
 - c. A 2026 budget with gross expenditures of \$706,055 and a total levy of \$672,836.
 - d. A 2027 budget with gross expenditures of \$726,655 and a total levy of \$695,121.

3. That in accordance with the General Reserve and Reserve Fund Policy, total transfers to and from reserves and reserve funds for 2024 to 2027 are approved, subject to amendments during the confirmation budget years.
4. That the following reserves and reserve fund changes be approved, and Appendix A of the Reserve and Reserve Fund Policy be amended accordingly:
 - a. Contaminated Sites Reserve Fund (155) be renamed to Brownfield Renewal Reserve Fund
 - b. City Building Reserve Fund (159) be renamed to Service Enhancement Reserve Fund, and
 - c. Industrial Land Reserve (332) be renamed to Strategic Property Reserve and that the purpose and terms be updated to broaden the source and use of funds.
5. That Council acknowledges the City's operating contingency reserve balances are below approved targets, and that staff be directed to replenish these reserves as a first priority through the allocation of year-end surplus until such point that they reach a minimum of 75 per cent of target over the multi-year budget period.
6. That Council acknowledges that the 2025 to 2033 Capital Budget and Forecast is creating reserve fund deficits and that staff be directed to balance the capital budget and forecast within available funding and report back to Council on the changes required through the 2025 budget confirmation.
7. That staff be directed to report quarterly on the actual development charge collections and exemptions and overall funded status of the development charge reserve funds through the budget monitoring reports effective immediately as part of the third quarter 2023 reporting.

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)

7. Additional Motions

First Additional Motion

Moved By Councillor Goller

Seconded By Councillor Caton

1. That staff be directed to bring options for downtown streetscaping to Council for consideration in the first half of 2024, with any adjustments required to the capital budget and funding strategy to be made through the 2025 budget confirmation.

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

Carried (13 to 0)

Second Additional Motion

Moved By Councillor Caron

Seconded By Councillor Allt

1. That Council directs staff to develop a Terms of Reference for a new, time-limited Guelph 200 Community Working Group for the purpose of bringing together community stakeholders to guide and lead civic celebrations in 2027.
2. That staff report back in Q1 of 2024 with the Terms of Reference and implementation timeline.

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

Carried (13 to 0)

Third Additional Motion

Moved By Councillor Downer

Seconded By Councillor Klassen

1. That Park staff be directed to initiate discussions with the Guelph Trail Users Coalition to consider a Community led / City supported approach toward the implementation of the Guelph to Goderich / Trans Canada North trail connection.

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. Shortening the 30-Day Budget Amendment Period

Moved By Councillor Richardson

Seconded By Councillor Caron

1. That the 30-day budget amendment period prescribed in Ontario Regulation 530/22 Section 7 (3) be shortened and the final day for amendments be November 29th, 2023.

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)

9. Adjournment

Moved By Councillor Allt

Seconded By Councillor Caron

That the meeting be adjourned. (1:43 p.m.)

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)

Mayor Guthrie

Stephen O'Brien - City Clerk