



Minutes of Committee of the Whole Meeting

May 7, 2024, 12:00 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 Environment
T. Lee, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Corporate Services
S. O'Brien, Acting General Manager, Human Resources
A. Fischer, General Manager, Information Technology
D. McMahon, Acting General Manager City Clerk's Office/City Clerk
J. Slater, Manager, Information, Privacy and Elections/Deputy City Clerk
S. Osborn, Administrative Coordinator, City Clerk's Office
E. Barber, Board and Committee Coordinator
G. Meades, Acting Manager, Legislative Services/Deputy

Clerk
C. Murray-Sprague, Council and Committee Coordinator
J. Tang, Legislative Coordinator

1. Call to Order - Mayor

Mayor Guthrie called the meeting to order (12:04 p.m.).

1.1 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures.

2. Authority to move into closed meeting

Moved By Councillor Allt

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)(b) (d) (e) and (f) of the Municipal Act, personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; labour relations or employee negotiations; litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

Carried

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 Service Rationalization Review – Centralization of Back-Office Support Functions - Follow Up Review

2.4 1859 Victoria Road South – Ontario Land Tribunal Update , 2024-181

3. Closed Meeting Summary

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

Service Rationalization Review – Centralization of Back-Office Support Functions - Follow Up Review

Staff direction was given.

1859 Victoria Road South – Ontario Land Tribunal Update

Staff direction was given.

Council recessed at 1:31 p.m.

4. Open Meeting - 2:00 p.m.

Mayor Guthrie called the open meeting to order (2:00 p.m.).

4.4 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures.

5. Staff Recognitions

5.1 Leadership Academy Managers Supervisors Program

Chair Caron, recognized the following staff:

Jeff Beaton, Manager, Labour Relations and Customer Service

Viva Batista, Supervisor, IT Service Desk

Marcus Bell, Supervisor, Corporate Building Maintenance

Evan Bonnah-Hawkes , Supervisor, Technical Services, River Run

Laura Catalano-Bragues, Supervisor, Scheduling, Service Planning

Kyle Gagne, Supervisor, Public Works

Stacey Hare, Program Manager, Customer Service and Customer Experience

Alex Jaworiwsky, Manager, Tourism and Destination Development

Luke Jefferson, Strategic Property Advisor

Ashley Kassian, Program Manager, Operations Admin

Jeremy Laur, Chief Building Official

Glen Lombard, Manager, Community Engagement

Patty Pizziola, Recreation Supervisor, Bookings, Events and Promotions

Kristin Pressey, Supervisor, Compliance

Peggy Robertson, Manager, Fire Communications

5.2 2023 Lean Green Belt (Wave 2) Graduates

Mayor Guthrie recognized the following staff:

Amarjit Singh, Business Analyst, ERP

Ashley Kassian, Program Manager, Operations Administration

Harjeet Sehgal, Operations Coordinator, Parks
Janet Gerrath, Project Manager, Information Technology
Jennifer Burch, Program Coordinator Technical Services
Mathew Walden, Water Operations Technician
Sharoon Patrick, Comp Maint Management Systems CMMS Specialist

6. Service Area - Public Services

Councillor Downer assumed the position of Chair.

7. Consent Agenda - Public Services

7.1 Ontario Health – Multi-Sector Service Accountability Agreement, Declaration of Compliance, 2024-214

Moved By Councillor Allt

Seconded By Councillor Richardson

1. That the Mayor be authorized to sign the Declaration of Compliance for the Ontario Health Multi-Sector Service Accountability Agreement for the period of April 1, 2023 to March 31, 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)

9. Service Area - Corporate Services

Councillor Caron assumed the position of Chair.

10. Items for Discussion - Corporate Services

10.1 2026 Municipal Election Alternative Voting Methods and Accessible Voting Service Enhancements, 2024-201, 2024-201

Stephen O'Brien, Acting General Manager, Human Resources, introduced the presentation.

Jenn Slater, Manager, Information, Privacy and Elections/Deputy City Clerk, presented the engagements that have been conducted over the past year.

Lorelei Root, Chair, Accessibility Advisory Committee, presented the opinion of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Councillor O'Rourke raised a Point Of Order, asking if questions were for Chair Root only. Chair Caron stated questions could be asked of staff or Chair Root.

The following delegates spoke:

Anordul Cameron

Susan Watson

Lin Gist

Brad Howcroft

The following delegate did not speak:

Meg Harding

Council recessed at 4:13 p.m.

Council reconvened at 4:21 p.m.

Motion

Moved By Councillor Allt

Seconded By Councillor O'Rourke

1. That Council approve free Guelph Transit service and free parking at Market Parkade on Election Day to support access and remove barriers to voting for the 2026 municipal and school board election.
2. That Council approve the use of vote tabulators in the 2026 municipal and school board election.
3. That Council approve the use of vote by mail and vote from home as the alternative voting methods for the 2026 municipal and school board election.

Amendment to the Motion

Moved By Councillor Caton

Seconded By Councillor Goller

4. That Guelph City Council directs the City Clerk's Office to offer internet voting as an alternative voting method for the 2026 municipal and school board election subject to all security requirements and testing meeting the satisfaction of the City Clerk.

Voting in Favour: (9): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Billings, Councillor Caron, Councillor Caton, Councillor Chew, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, and Councillor Klassen

Voting Against: (4): Councillor Allt, Councillor Busuttil, Councillor O'Rourke, and Councillor Richardson

Carried (9 to 4)

Amendment

Moved By Councillor Downer

Seconded By Mayor Guthrie

1. That Council approve the use of Vote from Home as the alternative voting method for the 2026 municipal and school board elections.

Voting in Favour: (6): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Billings, Councillor Caron, Councillor Chew, Councillor Downer, and Councillor Gibson

Voting Against: (7): Councillor Allt, Councillor Busuttil, Councillor Caton, Councillor Goller, Councillor Klassen, Councillor O'Rourke, and Councillor Richardson

Defeated (6 to 7)

Main Motion as Amended

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Seconded By Councillor O'Rourke

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Clause 4 was requested to be voted on separately.

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Seconded By Councillor O'Rourke

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Carried (13 to 0)

Moved By Councillor Allt

Seconded By Councillor O'Rourke

4. That Guelph City Council directs the City Clerk's Office to offer internet voting as an alternative voting method for the 2026 municipal and school board election subject to all security requirements and testing meeting the satisfaction of the City Clerk.

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

Voting Against: (3): Councillor Allt, Councillor Busuttil, and Councillor Richardson

Carried (10 to 3)

12. Adjournment

Moved By Mayor Guthrie

Seconded By Councillor Busuttill

That the meeting be adjourned (5:25 p.m.).

Carried

Mayor Guthrie

Garrett Meades - Acting Deputy City Clerk