



Minutes of Guelph City Council

**August 28, 2024, 4:00 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:

J. Holmes, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
C. Clack-Bush, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Public Services
T. Lee, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Corporate Services
J. Charles, General Manager, Legal and Court Services/City Solicitor
D. Godfrey, General Manager, Operations
G. Lombard, General Manager, Strategic Communications and Community Engagement
G. Matthews, General Manager, Parks
D. Gronc, Manager, Corporate and Community Safety
A. Dolcetti, Housing Stability Advisor
M. Irish, Associate Solicitor
D. McMahon, Acting General Manager, City Clerk's Office/City Clerk

T. Di Lullo, Council and Committee Coordinator
J. McDonald, Council and Committee Assistant
S. Osborn, Administrative Coordinator
A. Sandor, Council and Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

Mayor Guthrie called the meeting to order (4:00 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 Busutil

Seconded By Councillor Richardson

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), regarding advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

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

Carried (12 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 Public Space Use Bylaw

3. Closed Meeting Summary

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

Public Space Use Bylaw

City Council received information.

4. Open Meeting - 4:30 p.m.

Mayor Guthrie called the meeting to order (4:57 p.m.)

4.4 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures.

5. Public Space Use Bylaw

Colleen Clack-Bush, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Public Services, presented.

The following delegates spoke:

Janice Folk Dawson

Liz Hales

Barb Minett

Denise Mansur

Melissa Kwiatkowski

Julio Rodriguez

Amelia Meister

Sarah Bayliss

Katherine Nixon

Paul Barson

Michael Kennedy

David Douglas

Donald Hay

Airen Milley Smith

Ron East

Carleen Paterson

Anne Phillips

Lin Grist

Council recessed at 7:32 p.m. Council reconvened at 7:51 p.m.

The following delegates spoke:

Dennis Waechter

Anthony Veder

Morgan Dandie

Mars Russell

Jamie Mendoza

Lorelei Root

Councillor Allt called a Point of Order. Councillor Allt asked whether it would be appropriate to ask questions of staff. Mayor Guthrie noted that questions be held until the end of the delegation period.

The following delegates spoke:

Horeen Hassan
Jason Ashdown
Matthew Burrows-Balka
Jeff Wilson
Pina Marfisi
Richard A. R. Overland
Derrick Rutherford
Matthew Masoti
Tamara Owen
Nadine Graham
Bree Woods
Tanya Gevaert
Stephanie Clendenning
Neil Foote
Dean Martin
Nik Valkov
Ella Elliott
Charles Nash
Kevin Polach

The following delegates did not speak:

Mark Beradine
Maya Helferty
Andrew Buubar

Moved By Councillor Caron

Seconded By Councillor Chew

1. In accordance with Section 4.13 (b) of the City of Guelph Procedure By-Law City Council continue the meeting until 11:59 p.m.

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)

First Motion

Moved By Councillor Richardson

Seconded By Councillor Goller

1. That City Council approve the draft Public Space Use By-law, as attached to staff memo 2024-359, and that staff be directed to place the by-law on the September 10, 2024 City Council agenda for final adoption after which the by-law will come into effect on October 1, 2024.

Amendment to First Motion

Moved By Councillor Klassen

Seconded By Councillor Goller

1. That staff amend the draft Public Space Use By-Law to include the entirety of both St. George's Square and Market Square as Sensitive Public Areas in Schedule "A".

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

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

Carried (10 to 3)

First Motion as Amended

Moved By Councillor Richardson

Seconded By Councillor Goller

1. That City Council approve the draft Public Space Use By-law as amended, and as attached to staff memo 2024-359, and that staff be directed to place the by-law on the September 10, 2024 City Council agenda for final adoption after which the by-law will come into effect on October 1, 2024.

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

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

Carried (10 to 3)

Second Motion

Moved By Councillor O'Rourke

Seconded By Councillor Goller

1. That up to \$450,000 be provided to the County of Wellington and funded from the Tax Rate Operating Contingency Reserve #180, to be

dispersed through the Wellington-Guelph Health and Housing Community Planning Table for the provision of basic needs for people experiencing homelessness in Guelph. The one-time funding is to be allocated for work commencing September 2024 and being completed no later than December 2025, and the funding is to be provided following receipt of interim and final reports from the Planning Table, subject to the satisfaction of the Deputy CAO of Public Services. The funding commitment will be reduced if offsetting federal and/or provincial funds are identified.

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 Caton

Seconded By Councillor Allt

1. That staff be directed to engage with the Health and Housing Community Planning Table to identify needs and develop a plan, including a budget and funding source, to provide and maintain portable washrooms, waste bins and sharps disposal to encampments in the City of Guelph (subject to site feasibility), reporting back to City Council in Q1 2025.

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. By-Laws

Moved By Councillor Allt

Seconded By Councillor Downer

1. That by-law (2024)-20968 be approved subject to Section 284.11 (4) of the Municipal Act.

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. Adjournment

Moved By Councillor Billings

Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That the meeting be adjourned (11:37 p.m.).

Carried

Mayor Guthrie

Dylan McMahon - Acting City Clerk