



## **Minutes of Guelph City Council**

**November 26, 2024, 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:**

T. Baker, 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  
J. Charles, General Manager, Legal and Court Services, City Solicitor  
T. Gayman, General Manager, Engineering and Transportation Services  
K. Gibson, Manager, Technical Services  
D. McMahon, Acting General Manager, City Clerk's Office/City Clerk  
C. Murray-Sprague, Council and Committee Coordinator  
A. Sandor, Council and Committee Coordinator

S. Osborn, Administrative Coordinator

Also Present: John Mascarin, Integrity Commissioner

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**2. Call to Order**

Mayor Guthrie called the meeting to order (5:30 p.m.).

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

Councillor Caron declared pecuniary interest as she has a family member that is a member of CUPE 241.

Councillor Downer declared pecuniary interest as she has a family member that is a member of CUPE 973.

**3. 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 Section 239(2)(b)(d) of the Municipal Act, regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and labour relations or employee negotiations.

Voting in Favour: (12): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Allt, Councillor Billings, Councillor Busuttill, Councillor Caron, Councillor Caton, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, 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 Confirmation of Closed Council Minutes**

**3.4 November 2024 Public Appointments – The Elliott Community Board of Trustees**

**3.5 Bargaining Mandate Report Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 241 and 973, 2024-506**

#### **4. Closed Meeting Summary**

Mayor Guthrie called the open meeting to order (6:00 p.m.).

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

##### **Bargaining Mandate Report Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 241 and 973**

Council received information and provided staff direction.

##### **November 2024 Public Appointments – The Elliott Community Board of Trustees**

Moved By Councillor O'Rourke

Seconded By Councillor Busuttil

1. That Joanne Hohenadel and Lisa Woolley be appointed to The Elliott Community Board of Trustees for a 3-year term ending November 26, 2027, or until such time as a successor is appointed.

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)

#### **5. Open Meeting – 6:00 p.m.**

##### **5.4 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**

There were no disclosures.

#### **6. Recognition**

##### **6.1 Community Presentation – Nathan Skoufis**

Mayor Guthrie congratulated Nathan Skoufis for winning Gold in the world championships.

#### **7. Confirmation of Open Minutes**

Moved By Councillor Busuttil

Seconded By Councillor Allt

1. That the minutes of the open Council Meetings held October 8, 29, 30, 2024, and the Committee of the Whole Meeting held October 1, 2024, be confirmed as recorded and without being read.

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. Items for Discussion**

### **8.1 Report to Council re Code of Conduct: Gifts and Benefits - November 19 2024**

John Mascarin, Integrity Commissioner, introduced Report to Council re Code of Conduct: Gifts and Benefits - November 19 2024.

Moved By Councillor Klassen  
Seconded By Councillor Gibson

1. That the report to Council re Code of Conduct: Gifts and Benefits dated November 19, 2024, be received.

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)

### **8.2 Code of Conduct Amendment in Relation to Integrity Commissioner Report to Council re Code of Conduct Gifts and Benefits**

Mayor Guthrie introduced Code of Conduct Amendment in Relation to Integrity Commissioner Report to Council re Code of Conduct Gifts and Benefits.

Moved By Councillor Goller  
Seconded By Councillor Richardson

1. That Section 5 of the Code of Conduct for Council and Local Boards be amended to include an exception for 'food, lodging, transportation and entertainment provided by third-party organizations for attendance at events which are targeted to a municipal government audience' and, when the total benefit

exceeds \$300, require reporting in the City Council and Local Boards Gift Disclosure within 30 days.

**Amendment**

Moved By Councillor O'Rourke

Seconded By Councillor Richardson

1. That Section 5 of the Code of Conduct for Council and Local Boards be amended to include an exception for 'food, lodging, transportation and entertainment provided by third-party organizations for attendance at events which are targeted to a municipal government audience **with the prior approval of City Council when the benefit exceeds \$300' and, when the total benefit exceeds \$300**, require reporting in the City Council and Local Boards Gift Disclosure within 30 days.
2. **That, in accordance with Section 5 of the Code of Conduct for Council and Local Boards, City Council approves an exception for food, lodging, transportation and entertainment provided by the Global Covenant of Mayors to Mayor Guthrie for attendance at events which are targeted to a municipal government audience**

Voting in Favour: (4): Councillor Caron, Councillor Caton, Councillor O'Rourke, and Councillor Richardson

Voting Against: (9): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Allt, Councillor Billings, Councillor Busuttill, Councillor Chew, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, and Councillor Klassen

Defeated (4 to 9)

**Main Motion**

Moved By Councillor Goller

Seconded By Councillor Richardson

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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)

### **8.3 Municipal Franchise Agreement with Enbridge Gas Inc. - 2024-416**

The following delegates spoke:

Indigo Moran

Murray Costello and Patrick McMahon

Henry Moran and Gyruus Valerioté

Gaby Kalapos

Gina Lammel

Evan Ferrari

Moved By Councillor Caron

Seconded By Councillor Klassen

1. That the report entitled Municipal Franchise Agreement with Enbridge Gas Inc. dated November 5, 2024, be received for information.
2. That Council request the Province of Ontario to amend section 9 of Regulation 584/06 under the Municipal Act, 2001, to permit municipalities to charge fair fees to for-profit gas utilities for their use of public property, as municipalities do in most other provinces.
3. That Council direct staff, to the satisfaction of the DCAO of IDE, to negotiate a Franchise Agreement with the gas distribution company that:
  - a. will allow the City of Guelph to charge fees for use of public property if and when Ontario Regulation 584/06 is amended to allow such charges,
  - b. will ensure that the City of Guelph is not liable to pay for any gas infrastructure relocations needed due to conflicts with municipal infrastructure, and

- c. will ensure future charges for use of municipal property is not passed on to Guelph customers of the gas distribution company.
4. That the City of Guelph supports, in principle, the Bill 219, "No Free Ride for Fossil Fuels Act, 2024" tabled November 4, 2024 by Guelph MPP Mike Schreiner.
5. That the above referenced motions and a letter of support for Bill 219, be circulated to MPP Mike Schreiner, Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra, Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Electrification, the Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and its member municipalities.

The motions were requested to be voted on separately.

Moved By Councillor Caron

Seconded By Councillor Klassen

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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)

Moved By Councillor Caron

Seconded By Councillor Klassen

2. That Council request the Province of Ontario to amend section 9 of Regulation 584/06 under the Municipal Act, 2001, to permit municipalities to charge fair fees to for-profit gas utilities for their use of public property, as municipalities do in most other provinces.

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

Voting Against: (2): Councillor Billings, and Councillor Gibson

Carried (11 to 2)

Moved By Councillor Caron

Seconded By Councillor Klassen

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- b. will ensure that the City of Guelph is not liable to pay for any gas infrastructure relocations needed due to conflicts with municipal infrastructure, and
- c. will ensure future charges for use of municipal property is not passed on to Guelph customers of the gas distribution company.

Voting in Favour: (10): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Allt, Councillor Busuttil, Councillor Caron, Councillor Caton, Councillor Downer, Councillor Goller, Councillor Klassen, Councillor O'Rourke, and Councillor Richardson

Voting Against: (3): Councillor Billings, Councillor Chew, and Councillor Gibson

Carried (10 to 3)

Moved By Councillor Caron

Seconded By Councillor Klassen

4. That the City of Guelph supports, in principle, the Bill 219, "No Free Ride for Fossil Fuels Act, 2024" tabled November 4, 2024 by Guelph MPP Mike Schreiner.

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

Voting Against: (2): Councillor Billings, and Councillor Gibson

Carried (11 to 2)

Moved By Councillor Caron

Seconded By Councillor Klassen

5. That the above referenced motions and a letter of support for Bill 219, be circulated to MPP Mike Schreiner, Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra, Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Electrification, the Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and its member municipalities.

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. By-laws**

Moved By Councillor Caton

Seconded By Councillor Caron

1. That by-laws (2024)-21005, (2024)-21012 and (2024)-21017 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)

## **11. Adjournment**

Moved By Councillor Billings  
Seconded By Councillor Busuttil

1. That the meeting be adjourned (7:51 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)

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Mayor Guthrie

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Dylan McMahon - Acting City Clerk