

Attachment-2 December 2024 Advocacy Issues and Outcomes Snapshot

The following list represents a snapshot of the key issues that are the focus of the City's advocacy as of December 2024, organized by Future Guelph Strategic Plan themes, and Future in Focus advocacy directions. The categorization and prioritization of issues, as well as the identification of advocacy outcomes throughout this list was conducted in accordance with the principles and procedures set out in the Future in Focus Advocacy Plan. This list is dynamic, and will continue to be updated internally as advocacy efforts are actioned and as new issues arise.

Foundations

Table 1: Future in Focus Advocacy Direction - Supporting Guelph's Fiscal Sustainability

Advocacy Issue	Advocacy Outcome	Priority Level
Infrastructure Renewal Funding	Dedicated, allocation-based funding towards the renewal and replacement of aging municipal infrastructure	A
New Municipal Funding Framework	A formal review of the division of roles and responsibilities between municipal, regional, provincial and federal governments, and the creation of income-based revenue tools for municipalities that align with the level of responsibility	A
Local Share (Municipal contribution to Hospitals)	The elimination of the municipal share of the capital costs of new hospital construction, or the introduction of an alternative municipal hospital construction funding source that is not the municipal property tax base	B
MPAC Assessment Process	Provincial commitment to a Property Assessment Update before 2026	B
Heads in Beds Levy Increase	The Heads & Beds levy payable to municipalities is increased to \$170 per head/bed, and indexed to inflation going forward	C

Advocacy Issue	Advocacy Outcome	Priority Level
Payment in Lieu of Taxes - Ontario Reformatory	Amend O.Reg. 807 to remove the Ontario Reformatories' status as a correctional institution to make it eligible for Provincial Payments in Lieu of Taxes	C
Payment in Lieu of Taxes - Federal Education Component	That the Federal government pays the education component of the PILT based on provincial legislation	C

Table 2: Future in Focus Advocacy Direction - Enabling Effective Municipal Operations

Advocacy Issue	Advocacy Outcome	Priority Level
Indigenous Relations	Unified guidance from the province regarding the City's Indigenous consultation and engagement obligations	A
NG911 Program Design	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More flexible funding to allow the City to respond to market conditions 2. Provincial support for municipalities to undertake a coordinated communications campaign in advance of the rollout of NG911, or province-wide communications campaign. 3. (FUTURE): improved training and mental health supports/accommodations for 911 operators 	B
Section 20 of the DC Act Revision	Remove the requirement for Development-Charge related complaints to go before municipal councils, and direct complaints directly to the Ontario Land Tribunal	B

Advocacy Issue	Advocacy Outcome	Priority Level
Provincial Offences Act Administration	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clarity regarding the timelines and provincial prosecutor fees associated with the transition of the prosecution of Part III Provincial Offences Act offences to municipalities 2. Additional Justices of the Peace to oversee municipal POA cases 3. An updated case management system to replace the Integrated Court Offences Network (ICON) 4. Increased fees under O.Reg. 945/90 and 679/92 to reflect the municipal costs associated with operating Provincial Offences Courts 	B

City Building

Table 3: Future in Focus Advocacy Direction - Increasing Housing Supply and Maintaining Local Infrastructure

Advocacy Issue	Advocacy Outcome	Priority Level
Growth-related funding shortfall as a result of Development Charge exceptions for Affordable Housing	Provincial compensation to municipalities for lost Development Charge revenues as a result of the development charge exemption for new affordable residential units	A
Long-term, sustainable Housing Enabling Infrastructure Funding	Dedicated, flexible funding sources for new housing-enabling infrastructure projects that is administratively simple and allows municipalities to direct spending towards local priorities	A
Increasing Water Supply	Regional coordination and funding support to increase water supply capacity available in Guelph to enable growth	A

Table 4: Future in Focus Advocacy Direction - Improving Connectivity and Supporting Transportation

Advocacy Issue	Advocacy Outcome	Priority Level
Highway 6/7 Interchange/ CN Track Removal	Re-routing of CN-owned tracks crossing the Hanlon Expressway to allow for the construction of the Highway 6-Highway 7 interchange, and the construction of a fully grade separated Highway 7 to Kitchener	B
Dedicated Cycle Infrastructure Construction	Ability for Guelph to efficiently plan and build cycling infrastructure informed by local needs and context	B
Presto integration funding	Provincial funding and coordination to support the adoption of Presto by Guelph Transit in the coming years	C
Guelph-Cambridge GO Train Service	The creation of a regular passenger train service between Guelph and Cambridge	C
Re-opening of Guelph Central Station	Re-opening of the Guelph Central Station building for public access during transit operating hours	C

Environment

Table 5: Future in Focus Advocacy Direction - Mitigating Climate Change and Protecting the Environment

Advocacy Issue	Advocacy Outcome	Priority Level
Blue Box IC&I Legislation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Modernization of producer responsibility regulations to include Industrial, Commercial and Institutional waste sources 2. Implementation of recommendations from AMO's 2023 Baseline Waste and Recycling Report 3. Establishment of a Waste Disposal Working Group with large municipalities and waste management industry stakeholders 	B
Small Fleet Vehicle Electrification	Provincial funding and/or incentives towards the procurement of small electric municipal fleet vehicles	C

People and Economy

Table 6: Future in Focus Advocacy Direction - Supporting Community Health, Safety and Wellbeing

Advocacy Issue	Advocacy Outcome	Priority Level
Homelessness, Mental Health, and Substance Use	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increased provincial funding for Wellington County as Guelph's Consolidated Municipal Service Manager to provide more housing services, and for health and social service agencies 2. Increased availability of low-barrier wraparound support services for individuals experiencing homelessness, mental health and/or substance use challenges 	A
Affordable and Supportive Housing - Operating Funding	Dedicated funding for Wellington County as Guelph's Consolidated Municipal Service Manager to support the ongoing operational costs of supportive housing.	A
Affordable and Supportive Housing - Capital Funding and Land	Dedicated funding to support the acquisition of land and construction of new affordable and supportive housing	A
Renovictions/Landlord-Tenant Issues	A strengthened and more strictly enforced Residential Tenancies Act which places additional responsibilities on landlords to justify the need for renovation-related evictions, and ensures that tenants are appropriately compensated	A

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IMPACT Program Funding	Additional annual funding for the IMPACT program to be able to provide 24/7 emergency response to mental health and addictions related 911 calls	B
Ontario Works/ODSP Rates	Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program social assistance rates increased to above the provincial poverty line	B
Community Paramedicine Program Permanent Funding	Permanent, predictable and consistent funding for the Community Paramedicine for Long Term Care (CPLTC) program to allow GWPS to hire staff on a permanent basis and acquire a land base	B

Table 7: Future in Focus Advocacy Direction - Investing in Strong Local Economies

Advocacy Issue	Advocacy Outcome	Priority Level
Brownfield Remediation Funding	Dedicated funding to remediate municipally-owned contaminated sites	B
Employment Lands	Infrastructure funding to enable the City to provide shovel-ready land for business and manufacturing	B
Sustainable funding for the Boundless Accelerator	Extension of Boundless Accelerator funding terms beyond 2 years to allow for better future planning and staff retention	C
Heritage Building Façade Improvement	Provincial grant funding to preserve designated heritage properties	C