



Minutes of Guelph City Council

February 24, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

Council Chambers, Guelph City Hall, 1 Carden Street

Council:

Mayor C. Guthrie
Councillor P. Allt
Councillor B. Bell
Councillor C. Billings
Councillor L. Caron Piper
Councillor C. Downer
Councillor D. Gibson
Councillor R. Goller
Councillor J. Gordon
Councillor J. Hofland
Councillor M. MacKinnon
Councillor D. O'Rourke
Councillor M. Salisbury

Staff:

S. Stewart, Chief Administrative Officer
C. Clack, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Public Services
T. Lee, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Corporate Services
A. Vilko, Acting Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise Services
H. Flaherty, General Manager, Parks and Recreation
C. Cooper, General Manager, Legal Realty and Court Services/City Solicitor
T. Baker, General Manager, Finance/City Treasurer
S. O'Brien, General Manager, City Clerk's Office/City Clerk
D. Tremblay, Council and Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

Mayor Guthrie called the meeting to order

2. Open Meeting

Mayor Guthrie called the meeting to order (6:34 p.m).

2.4 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures.

3. Confirmation of Open Minutes

Moved By Councillor Allt

Seconded By Councillor Hofland

That the minutes of the open Council Meetings held January 27, 2020 and Committee of the Whole meeting dated January 13, 2020 confirmed as recorded and without being read.

Voting in Favour: (13): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Allt, Councillor Bell, Councillor Billings, Councillor Caron Piper, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, Councillor Gordon, Councillor Hofland, Councillor MacKinnon, Councillor O'Rourke, and Councillor Salisbury

Carried (13 to 0)

4. Committee of the Whole Consent Report

Moved By Councillor Hofland

Seconded By Councillor Goller

That the February 24, 2020 City Council Consent Agenda as identified below, be adopted:

CS-2020-02 Debt Management Policy Update

That the Debt Management Policy as recommended through report titled 2020 Debt Management Policy Update dated February 3, 2020 and numbered CS-2020-02 be approved, as amended.

CS-2020-23 Development Charge Interest Policy

That the Development Charge Interest Policy as recommended through report titled Development Charge Interest Policy dated February 3, 2020 and numbered CS-2020-23 be approved.

CS-2020-04 2019 Financial Condition Assessment and Proposed Long-term Financial Framework

1. That the 2019 Financial Condition Assessment attached to report CS-2020-04 and dated February 3, 2020 be received.
2. That the Long-term Financial Framework included as Attachment-2 to report CS-2020-04, be approved.

PS-2020-01 238 Willow Road Application

That the matter be deferred to the April 6, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting or sooner.

Voting in Favour: (13): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Allt, Councillor Bell, Councillor Billings, Councillor Caron Piper, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, Councillor Gordon, Councillor Hofland, Councillor MacKinnon, Councillor O'Rourke, and Councillor Salisbury

Carried (13 to 0)

4.2 CS-2019-103 Development Fee Exemptions or Waivers

The following item was extracted from the Committee of the Whole Consent Agenda.

Moved By Councillor Allt

Seconded By Councillor Hofland

1. That staff be directed to explore the creation of a program and/or framework to support the exemption of development charges for non-profit organizations.
2. That this report identify a budget source, parameters and a process to facilitate such requests from the non-profit community.
3. That this report return to council after all information regarding Bill 108 is resolved and for further consideration by Council during the 2021 budget deliberations.
4. That this future policy be aligned with the City Strategic Plan principles and priorities.

Voting in Favour: (8): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Billings, Councillor Caron Piper, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, Councillor Gordon, and Councillor Salisbury

Voting Against: (5): Councillor Allt, Councillor Bell, Councillor Hofland, Councillor MacKinnon, and Councillor O'Rourke

Carried (8 to 5)

5. Items for Discussion

5.1 PS-2020-02 Leash Free Implementation Plan

Moved By Councillor Hofland

Seconded By Councillor Goller

1. That the Leash Free implementation plan as approved by Council on June 24, 2019 be amended to remove the proposed fenced leash free facility at Lee Street Park and Bristol Street Park.
2. That staff be directed to explore the feasibility of a fenced dog park located in a non-residential area, with the report coming to Council for consideration in the 2021 budget.
3. That the leash free dog area at Peter Misersky Park be closed and the infrastructure removed.

Chairs Ruling

The Chair ruled that the recommendations regarding Peter Misersky Park and Bristol Street Park are out of order and would require a Notice of Reconsideration.

Councillor Bell challenged the ruling of the Chair and requested a vote be called on the Chair's ruling regarding the requirement for a reconsideration.

Point of Privilege

Councillor Salisbury raised a point of privilege regarding comments that the chairs ruling regarding reconsideration had not been challenged at the February 3, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Vote on Chairs Ruling

Moved By Councillor Bell

Seconded By Councillor Gordon

That the recommendations regarding Peter Misersky Park and Bristol Street Park are out of order and require a Notice of Reconsideration.

Voting in Favour: (4): Councillor Allt, Councillor Bell, Councillor Gordon, and Councillor Hofland

Voting Against: (9): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Billings, Councillor Caron Piper, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, Councillor MacKinnon, Councillor O'Rourke, and Councillor Salisbury

Defeated (4 to 9)

Motion

Moved By Councillor Caron Piper

Seconded By Councillor Gordon

That section 5.8 of the procedural by-law be suspended to permit a motion of reconsideration to be heard.

Voting in Favour: (2): Councillor Caron Piper, and Councillor Gordon

Voting Against: (11): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Allt, Councillor Bell, Councillor Billings, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, Councillor Hofland, Councillor MacKinnon, Councillor O'Rourke, and Councillor Salisbury

Defeated (2 to 11)

Chairs Ruling

The chair ruled that no delegations would be heard on this item, as a proper notice of reconsideration would be required to clarify what the delegations would be speaking to.

Point of Privilege

Councillor Caron Piper advised that she will bring a notice of reconsideration as an item on the agenda for either the March 9th or March 23rd meeting and will work with staff to bring that forward.

Motion

Moved By Councillor Billings
Seconded By Councillor Goller

That the Leash Free implementation plan as approved by Council on June 24, 2019 be amended to remove the proposed fenced leash free facility at Lee Street Park.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Caron Piper
Seconded By Councillor Billings

That any construction of Bristol Street park be paused for 60 days.

Point of Order

Councillor Salisbury raised a point of order that this motion is out of order.

Chairs Ruling

The Chair ruled that this motion is out of order.

Main Motion

Moved By Councillor Billings
Seconded By Councillor Goller

That the Leash Free implementation plan as approved by Council on June 24, 2019 be amended to remove the proposed fenced leash free facility at Lee Street Park.

Voting in Favour: (10): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Bell, Councillor Billings, Councillor Caron Piper, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, Councillor Gordon, Councillor MacKinnon, and Councillor O'Rourke

Voting Against: (3): Councillor Allt, Councillor Hofland, and Councillor Salisbury

Carried (10 to 3)

Motion

Moved By Councillor Gibson
Seconded By Councillor Billings

That staff be directed to explore the feasibility of a fenced dog park located in a non-residential area, with the report coming to Council for consideration in the 2021 budget.

Voting in Favour: (12): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Allt, Councillor Bell, Councillor Billings, Councillor Caron Piper, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, Councillor Gordon, Councillor Hofland, Councillor MacKinnon, and Councillor O'Rourke

Voting Against: (1): Councillor Salisbury

Carried (12 to 1)

Motion

Moved By Councillor MacKinnon

Seconded By Councillor Gibson

That staff be directed to report back to Council by the end of Q2 2020 on potential options and costs to lock fenced dog park gates daily from approximately dusk to dawn, which is when the facilities are considered closed to the public.

Voting in Favour: (13): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Allt, Councillor Bell, Councillor Billings, Councillor Caron Piper, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, Councillor Gordon, Councillor Hofland, Councillor MacKinnon, Councillor O'Rourke, and Councillor Salisbury

Carried (13 to 0)

6. By-laws

Moved By Councillor Caron Piper

Seconded By Councillor Downer

That By-law Numbers (2020)-20476 and (2020)-20482 to (2020)-20483 are hereby passed.

Voting in Favour: (13): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Allt, Councillor Bell, Councillor Billings, Councillor Caron Piper, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, Councillor Gordon, Councillor Hofland, Councillor MacKinnon, Councillor O'Rourke, and Councillor Salisbury

Carried (13 to 0)

7. Mayor's Announcements

Councillor Goller advised that staff will be holding two open houses regarding a community road safety strategy for Guelph at City Hall on Tuesday, February 25 from 5:30-8 p.m., or Wednesday, February 26 from 2-4:30 p.m.

8. Adjournment

Moved By Councillor Bell

Seconded By Councillor O'Rourke

That Council adjourn at 8:44 p.m

Voting in Favour: (13): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Allt, Councillor Bell, Councillor Billings, Councillor Caron Piper, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, Councillor Gordon, Councillor Hofland, Councillor MacKinnon, Councillor O'Rourke, and Councillor Salisbury

Carried (13 to 0)

Mayor Guthrie

Stephen O'Brien - City Clerk