



Minutes of Guelph City Council

**January 27, 2026, 4:30 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 K. Hauser
Councillor M. Richardson

Absent: Councillor C. Klassen

Staff: T. Baker, Chief Administrative Officer
C. Clack-Bush, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Public Services
T. Gayman, Acting Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Infrastructure, Development and Environment
S. O'Brien, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Corporate Services
J. Charles, General Manager, Legal Realty and Court Services/City Solicitor
G. Matthews, General Manager, Parks
D. McMahon, General Manager, City Clerk's Officer/City Clerk
I. Scott, General Manager, Facilities and Energy Management
B. Ho-Yan, Manager, Energy and Climate Change
E. Barber, Board and Committee Coordinator
G. Brennan, Council and Committee Coordinator

A. Sandor, Council and Committee Coordinator
S. Osborn, Administrative Coordinator

1. Call to Order

Mayor Guthrie called the meeting to order (4:32 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 Richardson

Seconded By Councillor Allt

1. That the Council of the City of Guelph now hold a meeting that is closed to the public, pursuant to the Municipal Act, to consider:

Chief Administrative Officer 2026 Performance Objectives Update

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

Sloan Hill Park - Encroachments - 2026-06

As per section 239(2)(f) of the Municipal Act, regarding advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

Voting in Favour: (11): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Allt, Councillor Billings, Councillor Busuttil, Councillor Caron, Councillor Caton, Councillor Chew, Councillor Downer, Councillor Goller, Councillor Hauser, and Councillor Richardson

Carried (11 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 Confirmation of Closed Minutes

2.4 Chief Administrative Officer 2026 Performance Objectives Update

2.5 Sloan Hill Park - Encroachments - 2026-06

3. Closed Meeting Summary

Mayor Guthrie called the meeting to order (6:16 p.m.).

Mayor Guthrie noted the following:

Sloan Hill Park - Encroachments - 2026-06

Council gave direction to staff.

Chief Administrative Officer 2026 Performance Objectives Update

Moved By Councillor Caron

Seconded By Councillor Richardson

1. That the report 2026 Chief Administrative Officer Performance Review – Proposed Objectives dated January 20, 2026, be approved.

Voting in Favour: (8): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Caron, Councillor Caton, Councillor Chew, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, and Councillor Richardson

Carried (8 to 0)

4. Open Meeting

4.4 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures.

5. Confirmation of Open Minutes

Moved By Councillor Busuttil

Seconded By Councillor Hauser

1. That the minutes of the open Council meetings held November 25, December 9 and 16, 2025, and the open minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held December 2, 2025, be confirmed as recorded and without being read.

Voting in Favour: (12): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Allt, Councillor Billings, Councillor Busuttil, Councillor Caron, Councillor Caton, Councillor Chew, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, Councillor Hauser, and Councillor Richardson

Carried (12 to 0)

6. Items for Discussion

6.1 Corporate Climate Action Plan - 2026-24

Ian Scott, General Manager, Facilities and Energy Management and Bryan Ho-Yan, Manager, Energy and Climate Change, presented on the Corporate Climate Action Plan.

The following delegates spoke:

Martin Collier

Evan Ferrari

Moved By Councillor Goller

Seconded By Councillor Allt

1. That Council approve the Corporate Climate Action Plan, with implementation of the Corporate Climate Action Plan subject to the pace of capital investment.

Voting in Favour: (11): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Allt, Councillor Billings, Councillor Busuttil, Councillor Caron, Councillor Caton, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, Councillor Hauser, and Councillor Richardson

Carried (11 to 0)

6.2 Petition - Parkland Development Fees at 53 Woodside Road

The following delegates spoke:

Gary Scandlan

Main Motion

Moved By Councillor Caron

Seconded By Councillor Downer

1. That City Council, per Section 32(j) of Parkland Dedication By-law (2022) – 20717 as amended, exempts the project completed pursuant to Building Permit 24 0010280 000 2BRC

from payment of parkland dedication cash-in-lieu in connection with the renovation of 53 Woodside Drive as specified therein.

2. That City Council further directs City staff to issue a reimbursement to the property owners of the payments previously made in connection therewith.

Council recessed (7:52 p.m.). Council reconvened (8:02 p.m.).

Authority to Move into Closed Meeting

Moved By Councillor Allt

Seconded By Councillor Busuttil

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Petition - Parkland Development Fees at 53 Woodside Road

As per section 239(2)(f) of the Municipal Act, regarding advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

Voting in Favour: (11): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Allt, Councillor Billings, Councillor Busuttil, Councillor Caron, Councillor Caton, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, Councillor Hauser, and Councillor Richardson

Carried (11 to 0)

Closed Meeting Summary

Mayor Guthrie called the meeting to order (8:19 p.m.).

Mayor Guthrie noted the following:

Petition - Parkland Development Fees at 53 Woodside Road

Council received information from staff.

Main Motion

Moved By Councillor Caron

Seconded By Councillor Downer

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2. That City Council further directs City staff to issue a reimbursement to the property owners of the payments previously made in connection therewith.

Voting in Favour: (6): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Billings, Councillor Caron, Councillor Downer, Councillor Goller, and Councillor Hauser

Voting Against: (5): Councillor Allt, Councillor Busuttil, Councillor Caton, Councillor Gibson, and Councillor Richardson

Carried (6 to 5)

7. By-laws

Moved By Councillor Goller
Seconded By Councillor Allt

1. That by-laws (2026) – 21199 through by-law (2026) - 21202, (2026) - 21204 and (2026) - 21205, be approved subject to Section 284.11 (4) of the Municipal Act.

Voting in Favour: (11): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Allt, Councillor Billings, Councillor Busuttil, Councillor Caron, Councillor Caton, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, Councillor Hauser, and Councillor Richardson

Carried (11 to 0)

9. Adjournment

Moved By Councillor Hauser
Seconded By Councillor Busuttil

That the meeting be adjourned (8:28 p.m.).

Carried

Mayor Guthrie

Dylan McMahon - City Clerk