



## **Minutes of Committee of the Whole Meeting**

**March 4, 2026, 9:30 a.m.**

**Council Chambers**

**Guelph City Hall, 1 Carden Street**

Council:

- Councillor P. Allt
- Councillor C. Billings
- Councillor L. Busuttil
- Councillor L. Caron
- Councillor E. Caton
- Councillor K. Chew
- Councillor C. Downer
- Councillor R. Goller
- Councillor K. Hauser
- Councillor C. Klassen
- Councillor M. Richardson

Absent:

- Mayor C. Guthrie
- Councillor D. Gibson

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
- D. Evans, General Manager, Culture and Recreation
- D. McMahon, General Manager, City Clerk's Office/City Clerk
- S. O'Dwyer, General Manager, Finance/City Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer
- R. Giles, Manager, Sleeman Centre
- J. Krauter, Manager, Revenue and Treasury/Deputy Treasurer
- J. Wei, Manager, Financial Strategy and Reporting/Deputy Treasurer

L. Gatto, Supervisor, Taxation Revenue  
P. Pizziola, Recreation Supervisor, Bookings, Events and Promotions  
D. Prince, Senior Financial Analyst, Financial Strategy and Reporting  
K. Yaraskavitch, Senior Financial Analyst, Financial Strategy and Reporting  
E. Barber, Board and Committee Coordinator  
G. Brennan, Council and Committee Coordinator  
A. Sandor, Council and Committee Coordinator

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## **2. Call to Order**

Chair Downer called the meeting to order (9:34 p.m.).

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

There were no disclosures.

## **3. Authority to move into closed meeting**

Moved By Councillor Caron  
Seconded By Councillor Busuttil

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:

### **Guelph Storm Hockey Club Operating Agreement - 2026-13**

As per section 239(2) (f) and (k) of the Municipal Act, regarding advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose and a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

### **Corporate Cybersecurity Briefing 2026 - 2026-68**

As per section 239(2) (a) of the Municipal Act, regarding the security of the property of the municipality or local board.

Voting in Favour: (10): Councillor Allt, Councillor Billings, Councillor Busuttil, Councillor Caron, Councillor Caton, Councillor Chew, Councillor Downer, Councillor Hauser, Councillor Klassen, and Councillor Richardson

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 Guelph Storm Hockey Club Operating Agreement - 2026-13**

**3.4 Corporate Cybersecurity Briefing 2026 - 2026-68**

**4. Closed Meeting Summary**

Chair Goller called the meeting to order (10:19 a.m.) and the noted the following:

**Guelph Storm Hockey Club Operating Agreement - 2026-13**

Council gave direction to staff.

**Corporate Cybersecurity Briefing 2026 - 2026-68**

Council gave direction to staff.

**5. Open Meeting**

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

There were no disclosures.

**6. Staff Recognitions**

**6.1 PMP (Project Management Professional) Certification**

Chair Caron recognized Adeline Ishimwe for their achievements.

**6.2 Leadership Academy Cohort #5**

Chair Caron recognized the following staff for their achievements:

Abby Spielmacher

Adam Wiltschek

Bill Bond

Diane Inkster

Eleanor Gillon

Eric Lucko

Jane Gurney

Ken Pyper

Kimberly Krawczyk

Michael Bartholomew

Monica Silva  
Rebecca Thaler  
Savan Harsh  
Sheena Switzer  
Stacey Laughlin  
Stephanie Guy  
Susan O'Toole

**7. Service Area - Governance**

Councillor Busuttil assumed the Chair.

**8. Consent Agenda - Governance**

**8.1 Lobbyist Registry One Year Review - 2026-54**

Moved By Councillor Caron  
Seconded By Councillor Richardson

1. That the Lobbyist Registry One Year Review report, dated March 4, 2026, be received.

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

Carried (11 to 0)

**10. Service Area - Corporate Services and Office of the Chief Administrative Officer**

Councillor Caron assumed the Chair.

**11. Items for Discussion - Corporate Services and Office of the Chief Administrative Officer**

**11.1 2026 Administrative Development Charge By-law Update - 2026-76**

Justin Wei, Manager, Financial Strategy and Reporting/Deputy Treasurer and Shanna O'Dwyer, General Manager, Finance/City Treasurer presented on the 2026 Administrative Development Charge By-law Update.

Council recessed for additional delegations (10:48 a.m.). Council reconvened (10:49 a.m.).

Moved By Councillor Goller  
Seconded By Councillor Hauser

1. That the 2026 Development Charges Update Study dated January 30, 2026, included as Attachment-1 to report 2026-76 - 2026 Administrative Development Charge By-law Update, be approved.
2. That the Administrative By-law revisions set out in Chapter 3 of the 2026 Development Charges Update Study dated January 30, 2026, be approved.
3. That, in accordance with the Development Charges Act, 1997, as amended, Council determine that no further public meeting is required in respect of the proposed 2026 Amending Development Charges By-law.
4. That By-law Number (2026) – 21203 included as Attachment-2 to report 2026-76 – 2026 Administrative Development Charge By-law Update dated March 31, 2026, be approved.
5. That the updated Development Charge Interest Policy included as Attachment-3 of report 2026-76 - 2026 Administrative Development Charge By-law Update, be approved.
6. That Council direct staff to update the City's Local Service Policy by May 27, 2027, as described in report 2026-76 – 2026 Administrative Development Charge By-law Update.

Voting in Favour: (11): Councillor Alt, Councillor Billings, Councillor Busuttill, Councillor Caron, Councillor Caton, Councillor Chew, Councillor Downer, Councillor Goller, Councillor Hauser, Councillor Klassen, and Councillor Richardson

Carried (11 to 0)

## **11.2 2026 Property Tax Policy - 2026-93**

James Krauter, Manager, Revenue and Treasury/Deputy Treasurer presented on the 2026 Property Tax Policy.

Moved By Councillor Goller  
Seconded By Councillor Richardson

1. That, with the continued extension by the province of the 2017-2020 assessment cycle, tax ratios for all tax classes including the Multi-Residential ratio will remain consistent until a province

wide reassessment occurs or provincial legislation forces such change.

2. That the 2026 City of Guelph property tax ratios and corresponding tax rates, as set out in Attachment-1 to the report titled 2026 Property Tax Policy dated March 4, 2026, be approved.

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

Carried (11 to 0)

### **13. Service Area - Public Services**

Councillor Downer assumed the Chair

### **14. Presentations**

#### **14.1 Service Profile - Culture and Recreation**

Danna Evans, General Manager, Culture and Recreation, presented the Culture and Recreation Service Profile.

### **16. Items for Discussion - Public Services**

#### **16.1 Recreation Facilities Allocation Process Update - 2026-28**

Danna Evans, General Manager, Culture and Recreation, provided introductory remarks to the Recreation Facilities Allocation Process Update.

Moved By Councillor Busuttil  
Seconded By Councillor Goller

1. That the Recreation Facilities Allocation Process be approved.

Voting in Favour: (10): Councillor Billings, Councillor Busuttil, Councillor Caron, Councillor Caton, Councillor Chew, Councillor Downer, Councillor Goller, Councillor Hauser, Councillor Klassen, and Councillor Richardson

Carried (10 to 0)

## **16.2 Sleeman Centre Operating Model - 2026-48**

Danna Evans, General Manager, Culture and Recreation, presented on the Sleeman Centre Operating Model.

### **Clauses one and two of Main Motion**

Moved By Councillor Hauser

Seconded By Councillor Richardson

1. That the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer of Public Services, or designate, have the authority to negotiate all Sleeman Centre rates and fees when revenue can be recovered through rental profit share or ticket sales.
2. That Sleeman Centre capital reserve fund ticket service charge increase to between \$2.00 and \$3.00 starting September 1, 2026.

Voting in Favour: (10): Councillor Billings, Councillor Busuttil, Councillor Caron, Councillor Caton, Councillor Chew, Councillor Downer, Councillor Goller, Councillor Hauser, Councillor Klassen, and Councillor Richardson

Carried (10 to 0)

### **Clause three of Main Motion**

Moved By Councillor Busuttil

Seconded By Councillor Billings

3. That the Youth Facility Discount no longer be applicable for rentals at Sleeman Centre, as of September 1, 2026.

### **Referral of clause three of Main Motion**

Moved By Councillor Goller

Seconded By Councillor Caron

3. That the following motion be referred to the March 31, 2026 City Council meeting:

That the Youth Facility Discount no longer be applicable for rentals at Sleeman Centre, as of September 1, 2026.

Voting in Favour: (4): Councillor Caron, Councillor Chew, Councillor Goller, and Councillor Hauser

Voting Against: (6): Councillor Billings, Councillor Busuttil, Councillor Caton, Councillor Downer, Councillor Klassen, and Councillor Richardson

Defeated (4 to 6)

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Voting in Favour: (6): Councillor Billings, Councillor Busuttil, Councillor Caton, Councillor Downer, Councillor Klassen, and Councillor Richardson

Voting Against: (4): Councillor Caron, Councillor Chew, Councillor Goller, and Councillor Hauser

Carried (6 to 4)

**18. Adjournment**

Moved By Councillor Busuttil

Seconded By Councillor Richardson

That the meeting be adjourned (12:38 p.m.).

Carried

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Mayor Guthrie

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Dylan McMahon - City Clerk