



Minutes of Guelph City Council

**August 24, 2020, 5:00 p.m.
Remote meeting live streamed
on guelph.ca/live**

Council:

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

Staff:

S. Stewart, Chief Administrative Officer
C. Clack, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Public Services
K. Dedman, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer,
Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise Services
T. Lee, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Corporate
Services
T. Baker, General Manager, Finance/City Treasurer
D. Evans, General Manager, Culture, Tourism and Community
Investment
T. Gayman, General Manager, Engineering and
Transportation Services/City Engineer
R. Gerus, General Manager, Transit Services
J. Simmons, Manager, Transit Operations
G. Zhang, Transportation Planning Engineer
S. O'Brien, General Manager, City Clerk's Office/City Clerk
L. Cline, Council and Committee Coordinator

D. Tremblay, Council and Committee Coordinator

Also Present: John Baley, Project Manager, IBI Group

1. Call to Order

Mayor Guthrie called the meeting to order (5:03 p.m.).

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

Councillor Gordon declared a pecuniary interest regarding the 104 Oliver Street Purchase - 2020-107, as he lives near the property in question.

3. Authority to move into closed meeting

Moved By Councillor O'Rourke
Seconded By Councillor Caron

That the Council of the City of Guelph now hold a meeting that is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 239 (2)(a), (c) and (f) of the Municipal Act relating to the security of the property of the municipality or local board; a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

The following matters were considered:

3.1 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

3.2 2020 Information Technology Security Report - 2020-88

3.3 Baker District Redevelopment Project Update

3.4 104 Oliver Street Purchase - 2020-107

4. Open Meeting

Mayor Guthrie called the meeting to order (6:49 p.m.).

4.1 Closed Meeting Summary

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

2020 Information Technology Security Report - 2020-88

Information was received on this matter.

Baker District Redevelopment Project Update

City Council did not complete the discussion on this item and will reconvene in closed session to address the matter at the end of the open portion of the meeting.

104 Oliver Street Purchase - 2020-107

Staff were given direction on this matter.

5. Confirmation of Open Minutes

Moved By Councillor Goller

Seconded By Councillor Gibson

That the minutes of the open Council Meetings held July 13, 15, 20 and 27, 2020, be confirmed as recorded and without being read.

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

Carried (13 to 0)

6. Council Consent Agenda

Moved By Councillor Hofland

Seconded By Councillor Billings

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

6.1 RideCo Pilot Project Transition to Permanent Program - 2020-91

1. That the Guelph Transit pilot project, as recommended through the Guelph Transit Business Service Review be approved and transitioned into a permanent program through a single source procurement award to RideCo.

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

Carried (13 to 0)

7. Items for Discussion

7.1 Procedural Considerations for Committee of the Whole

The following delegate spoke via telephone regarding this item:
Susan Watson

Moved By Councillor Hofland
Seconded By Councillor Gibson

1. That the Mayor be appointed as a Committee of the Whole vice-chair for all service areas for the purpose of chairing electronic Committee of the Whole meetings until the next Governance Review to be completed by the end of Q1 2021.
2. That staff be directed to review chairing in the context of electronic meetings and report back as part of the next Governance Review.

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

Carried (13 to 0)

7.2 Gordon Street Improvements (Edinburgh Rd-Lowes Rd) Schedule B Municipal Class Environmental Assessment - 2020-111

Gwen Zhang, Transportation Planning Engineer, provided a summary on the Gordon Street Improvements from Edinburgh Road to Lowes Road, which is categorized as a Schedule "B" Municipal Class Environmental Assessment.

The following delegates spoke via telephone regarding this item:
Pia Muchaal
Morgan Dandie-Hannah

The following delegate did not speak:
Mike Darmon

Moved By Councillor MacKinnon
Seconded By Councillor Goller

That staff be authorized to issue a notice of completion for the Gordon Street Improvements Schedule 'B' Class Environmental Assessment and place the Environmental Study Report on the public record for the

mandatory 30 day public review period prior to implementation of the preferred alternative.

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

Carried (13 to 0)

8. Authority to move into closed meeting

Moved By Councillor O'Rourke

Seconded By Councillor MacKinnon

That the Council of the City of Guelph now hold a meeting that is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 239 (2)(c) of the Municipal Act relating to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.

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

Carried (13 to 0)

The following matter was considered:

Gordon Street Improvements (Edinburgh Rd-Lowes Rd) Schedule B Municipal Class Environmental Assessment - 2020-111

9. Open Meeting

Mayor Guthrie called the meeting to order (8:08 p.m.).

9.1 Closed Meeting Summary

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

Gordon Street Improvements (Edinburgh Rd-Lowes Rd) Schedule B Municipal Class Environmental Assessment - 2020-111

Staff were given direction on this matter.

Council recessed at 8:10 p.m. and reconvened at 8:21 p.m.

10. Items for Discussion

10.1 Affordable Housing and Funding Requests - 2020-116

The following delegates spoke via telephone regarding this item:

David Wormold, St. Joseph's Health Centre Guelph

Susan Watson

Gail Hoekstra, The Drop In Centre

Dominica McPherson, Guelph & Wellington Task Force for Poverty Elimination

Moved By Councillor Salisbury

Seconded By Councillor Bell

1. That a further financial incentive in the amount of \$800,000, funded from the Affordable Housing Reserve, be provided to St. Joseph's Housing Corporation for the Silver Maple Seniors Community affordable housing project subject to Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation final approval of the National Housing Co-Investment Fund and subject to 2020 funding from the County of Wellington Affordable Rental Housing Development fund.
2. That staff be directed to enter into an agreement with St Joseph's Housing Corporation to implement the municipal incentive to the satisfaction of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer of Public Services, the City Solicitor, and the Treasurer.
3. That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the Municipal Incentive agreement.
4. That staff be directed to explore transferring responsibility of distributing the municipal incentive funding for affordable housing in Guelph to the County of Wellington and report back by Q2 of 2021.
5. That staff be directed to work alongside the Drop In Centre to determine a source of funding to help with moving the Parkview Motel into supportive housing, and that this information come back to Council by the October regular Council meeting for further consideration.

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

Carried (13 to 0)

11. Special Resolution

Moved By Councillor Hofland
Seconded By Councillor Gordon

That the following motion be referred to the September 8, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting for consideration:

1. That the fenced off-leash dog parks at the Peter Misersky park and Bristol Street park be closed until such time as staff have reported back on the feasibility of a fenced dog park located in a non-residential area for consideration in the 2021 budget.

Voting in Favour: (5): Councillor Allt, Councillor Bell, Councillor Caron, Councillor Gordon, and Councillor Hofland

Voting Against: (8): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Billings, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, Councillor Salisbury, Councillor MacKinnon, and Councillor O'Rourke

Defeated (5 to 8)

12. Suspending the Procedural By-law

Moved By Councillor Billings
Seconded By Councillor Salisbury

That section 4.1 and 4.3 of the City's Procedural By-law be suspended to allow for discussion relating Metrolinx and Margaret Greene Park.

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

Voting Against: (1): Councillor MacKinnon

Carried (12 to 1)

Moved By Councillor Billings
Seconded By Councillor Salisbury

1. That Guelph City Council confirms and supports the City Staff position that, while improved rail service and the associated environmental benefits from electrification are an important part of our Strategic and Community Plans, locating traction power substation (TPS) infrastructure in a City Park is not supported and that it be requested that Metrolinx reconsider their site selection for TPS in a non-City park location.

2. That staff be directed to forward this resolution to Metrolinx, the Minister of Transportation and Guelph's MPP prior to August 28th, 2020.

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

Carried (13 to 0)

Moved By Councillor Allt

Seconded By Councillor Hofland

1. That Council request staff to bring forward to Council the study on rail crossing closures and modifications between the Guelph VIA station including Alma St, Glasgow St, Yorkshire Rd and adjacent neighbourhoods and the Hanlon Expressway due to electrification.
2. That staff request that Metrolinx provide, in cooperation with City Staff, an opportunity for public input on concerns regarding the impact of potential increased traffic on Edinburgh Rd and the eventual reopened Silvercreek crossing and on adjacent neighbourhoods due to electrification.
3. That staff report on cost, if any, to the Municipality from electrification and street modifications stemming from the construction of the Metrolinx sub generation facility in Guelph.
4. That staff report to Council on the electrification of the GO line and the impact of the Breslau Regional Station on the potential for express trains to bypass Guelph and thereby travel at higher speeds through residential areas.

It was requested that the clauses be voted on separately.

Moved By Councillor Allt

Seconded By Councillor Hofland

1. That Council request staff to bring forward to Council the study on rail crossing closures and modifications between the Guelph VIA station including Alma St, Glasgow St, Yorkshire Rd and adjacent neighbourhoods and the Hanlon Expressway due to electrification.

Voting in Favour: (7): Councillor Allt, Councillor Billings, Councillor Caron, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gordon, Councillor Hofland, and Councillor Salisbury

Voting Against: (6): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Bell, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, Councillor MacKinnon, and Councillor O'Rourke

Carried (7 to 6)

Moved By Councillor Allt

Seconded By Councillor Hofland

2. That staff request that Metrolinx provide, in cooperation with City Staff, an opportunity for public input on concerns regarding the impact of potential increased traffic on Edinburgh Rd and the eventual reopened Silvercreek crossing and on adjacent neighbourhoods due to electrification.

Voting in Favour: (6): Councillor Allt, Councillor Billings, Councillor Caron, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gordon, and Councillor Hofland

Voting Against: (7): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Bell, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, Councillor Salisbury, Councillor MacKinnon, and Councillor O'Rourke

Defeated (6 to 7)

Moved By Councillor Allt

Seconded By Councillor Hofland

3. That staff report on cost, if any, to the Municipality from electrification and street modifications stemming from the construction of the Metrolinx sub generation facility in Guelph.

Voting in Favour: (10): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Allt, Councillor Billings, Councillor Caron, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Gordon, Councillor Hofland, Councillor Salisbury, and Councillor O'Rourke

Voting Against: (3): Councillor Bell, Councillor Goller, and Councillor MacKinnon

Carried (10 to 3)

Moved By Councillor Allt

Seconded By Councillor Hofland

4. That staff report to Council on the electrification of the GO line and the impact of the Breslau Regional Station on the potential for express trains to bypass Guelph and thereby travel at higher speeds through residential areas.

Voting in Favour: (1): Councillor Allt

Voting Against: (12): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Bell, Councillor Billings, Councillor Caron, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, Councillor Gordon, Councillor Hofland, Councillor Salisbury, Councillor MacKinnon, and Councillor O'Rourke

Defeated (1 to 12)

13. Authority to move into closed meeting

Moved By Councillor Gordon

Seconded By Councillor O'Rourke

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

Carried (13 to 0)

The following matters were considered:

Baker District Redevelopment Project Update

Confirmation of Minutes for the closed Council meetings held July 15 and 20, 2020

14. Open Meeting

Mayor Guthrie called the meeting to order (10:47 p.m.).

14.1 Closed Meeting Summary

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

Baker District Redevelopment Project Update

Staff were given direction on this matter.

Confirmation of Minutes for the closed Council meetings held July 15 and 20, 2020

These minutes were adopted by City Council.

15. By-laws

Moved By Councillor Gordon
Seconded By Councillor Goller

That By-law Numbered (2020)-20523 is hereby passed.

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

Carried (12 to 0)

16. Mayor's Announcements

Mayor Guthrie congratulated Marilyn Hoffmann, Administrative Coordinator, on her upcoming retirement after 40 years of service in the City Clerk's Office.

Mayor Guthrie also announced that the City's Council Composition and Employment Status Review is underway and a virtual town hall will be held on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Details can be found at haveyoursay.guelph.ca.

17. Adjournment

Moved By Councillor Goller
Seconded By Councillor Gordon

That the meeting be adjourned (10:54 p.m.).

Mayor Guthrie

Stephen O'Brien - City Clerk