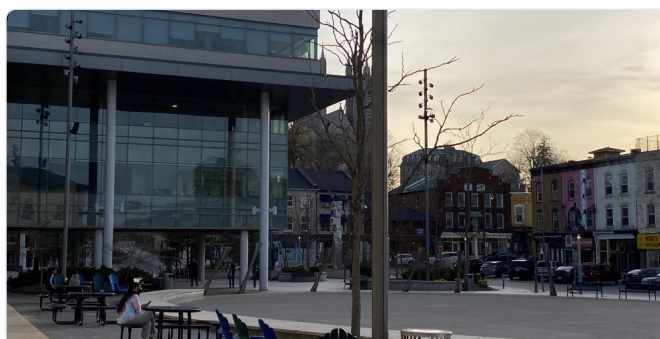




Adam A. Donaldson @adamadonaldson

Mar 28 · 26 tweets · [adamadonaldson/status/1640714319796277250](https://twitter.com/adamadonaldson/status/1640714319796277250)

Coming up at 10 am, it's this month's regular meeting of city council. This is what's coming up:



City Council Preview – What's on the Agenda for the March 28 Meeting?

This regular meeting of council will hold no real surprises (except, perhaps, the start time). Council will ratify the Committee of the Whole agenda, and there may be some attempted adjustments mad...

<https://guelphpolitico.ca/2023/03/17/city-council-preview-whats-on-the-agenda-for-the-...>

Reminder: We're meeting at 10 am for the next few weeks due to the fact it's the Holy Month of Ramadan for people of the Muslim faith who fast all day and eat at sundown. Holding meetings in the morning this month is a way of reaching out as an inclusion measure.

First, a closed meeting for City Council as Shareholder of Guelph Municipal Holdings Inc. The topic is Appointment of Guelph Representative to the Alectra Board of Directors.

Mayor Guthrie calls to order the open session.

Motion to appoint Jane Armstrong as the nominee for GMHI's rep to the Alectra Board. Allt moves, and O'Rourke seconds.

Appointment approved unanimously.

Minutes from GMHI meeting held June 27, 2022 confirmed.

Motion to appoint KPMG LLP as the shareholder's preferred auditor for Alectra approved unanimously.

We now move on to the actual regular meeting....

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof? Nope.

Approval of open Council Meeting minutes held November 12 and 13, 2022, February 7, 8, 14, 15, 22 and 28, 2023, and Committee of the Whole held February 7, 2023 approved unanimously.

Consent agenda.

4.1 2023 Property Tax Policy, 2023-89

Recommendation:

1. That the 2023 City of Guelph property tax ratios and corresponding tax rates, as set out in Attachment-2 to the report 2023-89 titled 2023 Property Tax Policy dated March 7, 2023, be approved.

4.2 Revenue Budgeting Policy, 2023-84

Recommendation:

1. That the Revenue Budgeting Policy attached to Report 2023-84 – Revenue Budgeting Policy, be approved.

***4.2.1 Council Memo - Revenue Budgeting Policy Update - 2023-123**

4.3 Transit Advisory Committee – Terms of Reference, 2023-40

Recommendation:

1. That the Terms of Reference for the Transit Advisory Committee dated January 19, 2023 be approved.

4.4 One Canopy Tree Planting Strategy, 2023-61

Recommendation:

1. That the One Canopy Tree Planting Strategy (TPS) dated January 2023, included as Attachment-1 to this report, and the proposed actions and recommendations noted within the plan be approved.
2. That the funding requirements for the One Canopy Tree Planting Strategy be considered in future operating and capital budgets in order to implement the recommendations of the strategy.

4.5 Implementation Strategy Report: South End Community Centre, 2023-64

Recommendation:

1. That the construction of the South End Community Centre be approved for a project cost of \$115.5 million, with the project scope as approved under the October 7, 2020 report.
2. That additional budget of \$35.5 million be approved for project RF0092 South End Community Centre Construction, funded \$33,725,000 from Parks and Recreation Development Charge Reserve Fund (#319) and \$1,775,000 from tax supported debt funded from the Infrastructure Renewal Reserve Fund (#150).

4.6 Internal Audit Work Plan 2023 – 2025, 2023-60

Recommendation:

1. That report titled 'Internal Audit Work Plan 2023- 2025' dated March 7, 2023 be approved.

4.7 COVID-19 General and Vaccine Expenses Grant - Paramedic Services - 2023-104

Recommendation:

That the 2022 and 2023 operating budget for Paramedic Services be updated and approved by Council as shown in Table 1 in CS-2023-104 COVID-19 General and Vaccine Expense Grant - Paramedic Services.

Cllr O'Rourke asks to pull SECC Implementation. She says this is a historic move forward and is thrilled that its being passed today. Thanks staff and council's past and present, plus community advocacy.

Consent agenda passed unanimously.

This leaves Business Licensing – Short-Term Rental Accommodations. There's no new information, but Morgan Dandie would like to delegate...

Dandie says she supports the staff recommendation. She notes that it's been a disruptor to hospitality whose business model depends on the commodification of homes. Notes that Guelph is 9th most expensive city in Canada to rent 1 bdrm apt.

Recommendation:

1. That staff be directed to create a new schedule under the City's Business Licensing By-law (2009)-18855 to regulate the licensing of short-term rental accommodations that incorporates the recommendations contained within this report.

Dandie says she was moved to come to council after Cllr Gibson at the CoW meeting proposed to increase the cap on number of properties in the proposed bylaw. It seems that Gibson isn't here today (at least he's not on screen presently).

Allt notes too that Gibson is not here today, and recognises that all points of view are important for democracy. Allt believes that there needs to some balance. Guthrie says he did not find Dandie's delegation disrespectful.

Downer/Allt move the recommendation.

Downer asks staff about enforcement. Staff says it would be compliant-based (reactive) and proactive. Staff will compare the complaints with list of licensees to stay on top of it.

Downer says that she's heard a rumour that some landlords use STR to get around Landlord Tenant Board, any truth to that? Staff says that they've heard about circumstances like that, and it was brought up during engagement.

Downer asks if the regulations will deter that activity. Staff says there's a possibility for abuse, but the intention of regulation is, in part, to deter abuse.

Recommendation passed unanimously.

Bylaws of the week passed unanimously.

***6.1**
By-law Number (2023) - 20782
A by-law to confirm the proceedings of meetings of Guelph City Council held March 21, 22 and 28, 2023

***6.2**
By-law Number (2023) - 20785
A by-law to repeal By-law (2022) - 20780, and amend By-law (2022) - 20698 - Traffic By-law, as amended, being a By-law to regulate the use of Highways within the City of Guelph and the Traffic and Parking thereon.

***6.3**
By-law Number (2023) - 20786
A By-law to set tax ratios and tax rate reductions for prescribed property subclasses for the Corporation of the City of Guelph for the year 2023.

***6.4**
By-law Number (2023) - 20787
A By-law to levy education tax rates for the year 2023.

***6.5**
By-law Number (2023) - 20788
A By-law to impose and levy a rate of taxation for the Board of Management for the Downtown Business Improvement Area of the City of Guelph for the 2023 taxation year.

***6.6**
By-law Number (2023) - 20789
A By-law to set the tax rates for City purposes for the year 2023 and to provide for a final tax levy and the payment of taxes.

Mayor's announcements? None, but there's one from Cllr Downer. Ward 5 town hall coming up on April 5, a hybrid format online and at Harcourt United Church. Info coming soon to the Ward 5 website: ward5.ca

With that, this relatively brief meeting is at an end.



[@threadreaderapp](https://twitter.com/threadreaderapp), unroll please!

...