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Coming up at 6:30, it's the regular meeting of city council. Short agenda on paper, but how long we're here is up to them! 🤔



**City Council Preview – What's on the Agenda for the Meeting on May 31?**

To end the month of May, literally, the regular council meeting looks to be relatively laid back with a simple review of decisions already made at Committee of the Whole, a decision to make about a...

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Mayor Guthrie calls the meeting to order.

Closed meeting items:

-June 2023 Public Appointments to the Guelph Police Services Board

-Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Guelph and the Ontario Public Service Employees' Union Local 231 - 2023-209

On the second item, Guthrie reports that they gave direction to staff to finalising and executing the agreement. Guthrie give appreciation to both bargaining groups, and looks forward to the done deal.

Motion to approve new appointment to the Guelph Police Services Board approved.

**June 2023 Public Appointments to the Guelph Police Services Board**



1. That Ajay Sharma be appointed to the Guelph Police Services Board for a term ending November 15, 2026 or until such time as successors are appointed.

No Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof.

Confirmation of open Council meetings held April 18, 25 and 26, 2023, and the open Committee of the Whole meeting held April 4, 2023 passed unanimously.

Consent agenda:

**6.1.1 2022 Year-end Operating Budget Monitoring and Surplus Allocation Report - 2023-157, 2023-172**

**Recommendation:**

- That the 2022 operating surplus of 13,698,567 be allocated to or funded from the City's reserve and reserve funds or grants as follows:
  - Transfer \$841,703 from Safe Restart Funding Transit Reserve Fund (344) to Transit Services to fully utilize this Grant in 2023.
  - Transfer \$155,862 from Safe Restart Funding Transit Phase 4 to Transit Services to fully utilize this Grant in 2022.
  - Transfer the Guelph Public Library surplus of \$140,000 to the Library Capital Reserve Fund (157).
  - Transfer \$540,000 to the WSIB Reserve (330) in accordance with the request from the Guelph Police Board.
  - Transfer \$790,000 to the Police Operating Contingency Reserve (115) in accordance with the request from the Guelph Police Board.
  - Transfer \$840,000 to the Police Capital Reserve Fund (158) in accordance with the request from the Guelph Police Board.
  - Transfer \$1,300,000 to the Tax Operating Contingency Reserve (180) to partially build back one-time funds used in the 2023 approved budget.
  - Transfer \$976,000 to 100RE Reserve Fund (355) for savings from corporate utilities.
  - Transfer \$1,200,000 to Environment and Utility Reserve (198) for revenue surplus for sale of recycled goods.
  - Transfer \$587,000 to the City Building Reserve Fund (159) to mitigate future tax impacts related to inflation.
  - Transfer \$1,370,000 to the Growth Reserve Fund (156) to mitigate future tax impacts related to inflation and growth revenue shortfalls associated with Bill 23.
  - Transfer \$4,569,092 to the Infrastructure Renewal Reserve Fund (150) to mitigate future tax impacts related to inflation.

**6.1.2 2022 Year-end Capital Budget Monitoring Report - 2023-154**

**Recommendation:**

- That the funding adjustments as detailed in Table 5 of Attachment-2 of the 2022 Year-end Capital Budget Monitoring Report dated May 2, 2023, be approved.
- That \$375,000 be approved for RD0449 Wildlife Crossing – Maltby Road and be funded from the Infrastructure Renewal Reserve Fund (#150) to install permanent wildlife crossing and fencing on Maltby Road between Gordon Street and Victoria Road South.

**6.1.3 2022 Long-term Financial Statement - Reserves and Debt - 2023-159**

**Recommendation:**

- That the 2022 Long-term Financial Statement: Reserves and Debt be received for information.

**6.2 E-scooter - Councillor Goller Motion**

**Recommendation:**

- That staff be directed to bring a report and draft bylaw/bylaw amendment to the Traffic Bylaw to the July 5th, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting to permit the operation of personal use e-scooters, meeting all Provincially required conditions and regulations, and including any other recommended conditions.
- That due to the Provincial e-scooter Pilot ending on January 1st 2025 and the opportunity to regulate e-scooters in 2023, City Council acknowledges that the City will not undertake the normal public pre-consultation. City Council encourages the public to provide feedback to Council directly, and to delegate at the July Committee of the Whole or City Council meetings.
- That City Council requests that Guelph Police Services provide input into the July staff report related to enforcement of the proposed bylaw, impacts for provincial reporting requirements concerning crash data, and recommendations regarding an e-scooter public education campaign.

Downer has asked to pull 2022 Year-end Capital Budget Monitoring Report. All other items approved unanimously.

Downer has an additional motion, so we're passing the original two recommendations first:

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Now the new motion, which Cllr Caron is seconding.

**2022 Year-end Capital Budget Monitoring  
Report - 2023-154**  
Councillor Downer Motion



1. That \$500,000 be approved for PL0076 Heritage Initiatives and be funded from the Growth Reserve Fund (#156) to expedite the timing of the Ward West Cultural Heritage Study and assist with heritage initiatives tied to changes to the Heritage Act and the associated deadlines contained in Bill 23.

Downer acknowledges that the Ontario government hasn't been entirely anti-heritage; they supported the HCD review of the OR Lands and preserved the site lines for the Basilica of Our Lady. They also gave us a two year deadline as opposed to pulling the rug outright.

Reminder: Staff paused the HCD study of Ward West in order to tackle the OR Lands, and now the Downtown HCD. Downer notes that this is probably going to save more looking at whole heritage landscapes versus going property by property.

Downer also notes that because consultants are used for the HCD, staff time can be used for those individual designations. And no, Heritage Guelph did not see this because there May meeting was cancelled. Downer says the committee is in favour of the motion.

No questions or comments from staff or council, and the motion passes unanimously.

"Easy peasy" Guthrie says!

Next, Guelph Police Service Downtown Initiative. There's a motion in the report and a motion to receive the report.

Cllr Caton asks how the police service is balancing equity with the program and helping feel safe with uniformed police. Cllr Allt, who's on the police board, says he may not be in a position to answer this and directs her to ask for a response from Chair McSherry or Chief Cobey.

Guthrie asks Caton if she has reached out to them. Caton says no because she wasn't sure what the process might be. Guthrie adds that this would be similar if a process question about public health came up.

Motion to receive the memo passes unanimously.

Goller and O'Rourke move this motion:

**Recommendation:**

If Council supports this in-year reserve request, the following motion can be used by Council for the approval:

That the Guelph Police Services Board request dated April 20, 2023, to utilize \$260,000 of the Police Operating Contingency Reserve (115) be approved.

Allt asks about clarification for the request. Goller, who sits on the DGBA board, says that they've heard from business and constituents downtown who have concerns about community members accessing services downtown vis-a-vis mental health and addictions.

Goller says that the police presence give people someone they can access on scene if there's a concern, and the extra proverbial man power has had a positive impact. In the absence of other help, the police are being asked to fill the gaps.

Allt asks if Goller is implying that downtown isn't safe? Goller says it's challenging, if your downtown and see someone having a mental health crisis, they may not feel safe.

Allt says he doesn't want to start a debate, but he does feel safe downtown, and doesn't want the community to think that the city's answer to a mental health crisis is more policing. Goller agrees and notes again that there's timing issues. This is one of many tools.

Guthrie feels the need to say something. He doesn't want to see a narrative that people experiencing crisis = an unsafe atmosphere or police response. Notes that several police chiefs have said that we can't police out of the process.

Guthrie also notes that police are collecting data through this pilot phase, understanding the types of interactions and responses needed so that it can inform more long-term solutions.

Caton asks if this is moving money from the police reserves, or if this is new money. Goller says that this may come though the budget for permanent funding at the end of the year.

Caton asks if there will be a presentation about next step. Guthrie says there will be.

O'Rourke asks about Goller bringing the motion instead of it coming from the two council reps on the board. Guthrie notes that he can't move motions, and Goller took the initiative to bring it forward.

O'Rourke asks for clarity, this is money from the police surplus? GM of Finance Tara Baker says that this is correct.

O'Rourke notes that in the past, officers have been very active downtown and have become well loved members of the community. Also notes the hazards of policing demonstrated in the last few months.

Cllr Caron notes that she hopes people don't take the message away that downtown isn't safe, and invites everyone to come to the core.

The motion is approved unanimously.

Bylaws of the week approved as amended. (Amended because of the typo - try and find it!)

#### 9. By-laws

Resolution to adopt the By-laws. (Councillor Billings)

##### **Recommendation:**

1. That By-laws numbered (2023) - 20792 and (2023) - 20803, are hereby passed.

##### **\*9.1**

###### **By-law Number (2023) - 20797**

A by-law to repeal By-law (2023) - 20796, 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.

##### **\*9.2**

###### **By-law Number (2023) - 20803, 2023-212**

A by-law to confirm the proceedings of meetings of Guelph City Council held April 26, 2023, May 9, 17 and 31, 2023.

Mayor's announcements: Great flag raising for [#NationalAccessibilityWeek](#). Has taken commentary about keep accessibility awareness all week long to heart.

Meeting adjourned!



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