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Tonight, it's the last council meeting... before summer break.  
Preview:



**City Council Preview – What's on the Agenda for the Meeting on July 25?**

This is the regular meeting for July, and you know what that means... Yes, this is the last meeting of city council before summer vacation but there's a lot of work that has to be done be...

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Before the final vote Guthrie says that at some point they knew this was coming, and that there was always going to be a cost to permanency. We will need to see how this goes and encourages businesses to work with staff to try and make it work.

Amended recommendation passes unanimously.

Klassen/Chew move a motion that staff come back to council with an annual report on the patio program.

Holmes suggest maybe every other year given downtown renewal. Guthrie disagrees, he wants to see the year-to-year and asks if council wants to change to every two years. Nobody does. The motion is approved.

Next, By-law Review Update. Staff have proposed new wording for the recommendations:

1. That staff report back by October 2023 with additional information on the current workplan of by-law reviews being undertaken by the Operations Department, so that Council can consider any potential deletions or deferrals from the workplan.
2. That staff report back by October 2023 on potential timelines and resources required to undertake a review of the existing noise by-law as it pertains to vehicle noise and the use of noise cameras.
3. That staff report back by October 2023 on potential timelines and resources required to undertake a review of a potential outdoor recreational fire by-law.
4. That staff report back by October 2023 on potential timelines and resources required to undertake a review of the existing by-law to regulate the display, sale, and setting off of fireworks.

There is a delegate for this item, and it's Donna Jennison. We seem to be having some technical difficulties again.

Goller puts the new motions on the floor:

**By-law Review Update – 2023-256**  
Staff Recommendation



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Klassen seconds the motion, and Guthrie proposes to take each of the four motions one at a time.

1) Work plan. Goller says that his concern was that there a number of bylaw reviews waiting for years. Wonders if they're still relevant.

Guthrie asks if #1 goes into effect if the other motions fail. Goller says that's a good question.

DCAO Clack-Bush says if council is interested in looking at the work plan, they can still do that. The info report was about status not direction. They can do the work w/o the other motions, but they can't do the other motions w/o #1.

#1 passes unanimously.

We've got Donna Jennison on the line! She says this delegation will sound familiar if you were at her delegation to the Police Board or CoW.

tl;dr: The amount of noise is



Goller asks how many people are in No More Noise Guelph. Jennison says that there are about 20, and they have a "sister group" in Toronto called No More Noise Toronto. She thinks that there are a lot of people in Guelph who acknowledge that this is a problem.

O'Rourke says she's trying to understand how noise cameras will be effective. People will just speed up another street. Jennison notes that the tech is still new, but notes that Edmonton and NYC are leaders and issuing fines.

O'Rourke that the noise cameras are not legal in Ontario Highway Act, but it not be better to wait until after they're allowed? Jennison says that someone needs to advocate, and the City of Toronto's asked to amend legislation. Guelph could support that effort.

Back to council, Allt says he's sympathetic to the concerns of the delegate, and offers an amendment by substitution so that the wording is "after noise cameras are legal" or something to that affect.

Richardson seconds. Goller says his issue is that there needs to be some advocacy. Proposes amendment to the substitution about advocating, which Allt seconds. It passes unanimously.

Goller says that the noise bylaw was originally going to come up in 2025, and asks about the considerations. Clack-Bush says that only schedule B, which is the map, is scheduled to be reviewed in 2025, and not the whole bylaw.

Goller asks about advocacy, is AMO a good time. Guthrie says that the motion does note "opportunities as arise." CAO Stewart says they have to prioritise topics when consultations with ministers come up, don't always get an audience. Need to put some thought in it.

Stewart wonders if noise cameras is the "Guelph ask" when it comes to face time with the Minister of Transportation. Noise cameras may not be the number one priority when it comes to matters with the MoT.

Guthrie says that the point is that this is not being ignored. This is a gesture to people in the community worried about noisy cars and vehicles: There is a problem, and the City will take opportunities to advocate.

Goller says that we will vote against the amendment, because it sounds like it will not be the priority his constituents wants it to be. Guthrie notes that the motion does read "when they're available in Ontario" and they're doing advocacy on top.

Allt says that this not a gesture, this is Guelph being ahead of the curve and having so set the stage to tackle an important nuisance. He wants to move this forward and that Guelph should be leaders and ready to act when the tech arrives.

Guthrie says that you can have a lot of gestures in good faith, he doesn't want anyone to get the impression that he wasn't in earnest supporting the motion.

O'Rourke notes that Guelph Police can enforce loud mufflers, and do "Muffler May". People can report if they know of a vehicle that's especially loud.

Vote on the amendment to the amendment passes 12-1

Amendment as substitution vote passes 12-1.

Goller against on both.

**By-law Review Update – 2023-256**

New Motion – Councillor Allt as amended by  
Councillor Goller's motion



1. That Council direct staff to report back to Council for further consideration when noise enforcement cameras become available in the Province of Ontario and that Council direct the Mayor and Staff to advocate for noise vehicle camera technology to be legislated in Ontario when opportunities arise.

On outdoor fires, Downer wants to vote against. This is fine as it stands with wildfire smoke and sensitivities.

O'Rourke asks about POV of staff. Clack-Bush says they've talked about risk, the acting and incoming fire chief both told her that they do not support any changes to the bylaw right now.

O'Rourke says that if the fire chief is not going to support a different outcome, it doesn't seem right to waste staff time. Goller says this is harm reduction. Fires are happening and bylaw is complaint driven. Need clear guidelines.

#3 fails 3-9. Gibson Chew and Goller in favour

Finally, fireworks. Downer says she supports b/c she gets a lot of complaints about people improperly using fireworks and would like to look to a review to get more insight and info.

Motion #4 approved unanimously.

Next, E-scooter By-law. There was an administrative error on the date. It says August 1 in the memo, but it will actually go into effect today:

**E-scooter By-law - 2023-276**  
Staff Recommendation



1. That Council approve the draft by-law and any required amendments to the Traffic By-law Number (2022) - 20698 to permit the operation of personal use e-scooters, on city streets and designated multi-use paths and cycling tracks, effective July 25, 2023.

Goller thanks staff for the quick turnaround.

The motion is passed unanimously.

Municipal Elections Act - Publication of Home Address has been withdrawn by Cllr O'Rourke, so the last item is Home for Good Campaign - Supportive Housing.

And we will get to that, after the break!



Mayor Guthrie has called the meeting back to order.

So this Home for Good Campaign - Supportive Housing item. It's summed up in this letter from the two chair people of the campaign: <https://pub-guelph.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=39175>

Goller/Klassen move the motion:

**Recommendation:**

That, in alignment with the "Building Our Future" pillar of the Strategic Plan, staff be directed to partner with the Guelph Community Foundation, to the satisfaction of the DCAO of Corporate Services, to leverage up to \$500,000 from the Affordable Housing Reserve for a matching funds program alongside the "Home for Good" supportive housing campaign with a start date of August 1, 2023, and an end date of March 31, 2024, and that the City's contribution be front-ended with a requirement for any matching funds not realized by March 31, 2024 to be paid back to the City by May 31, 2024 and that staff report back in June 2024 on the results of the City's contribution to the campaign through 2022 to 2024, informing City Council of the outcomes, lessons learned or other relevant information.

Not sure of the wording is different in this motion that was on screen:

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Guthrie explains that HFG is one of the funders of the three major supportive housing projects in Guelph. Guthrie says he was told about struggles in "getting things together" to meet those obligations, specifically around Kindle. The "struggles" are trying to get it to the end.

Because of the success of the matching campaign approved last summer by council, Guthrie wants to further those efforts, and Goller pushed to add the \$500k to the Affordable Housing Reserve earlier this year for such an effort. "It's just sitting there," he says.

Guthrie says that HFG has shown that they can turn \$500k into \$1 million and there is a time crunch. Can't wait till September. Guthrie notes that we are all supportive about supportive housing here.

Guthrie points out that there are guest available to answer questions as necessary.

Busuttil says she's been trying to get a handle on "how things came to be". Specifically, how the County typically informs the allocation of the Affordable Housing Reserve. Kindle got \$1.3 million in that process.

Clack-Bush says historically, the City has allowed the fund to get bigger before they seek tenders. The thinking of staff was to maybe seek out RFPs for the fund in 2024 when the amount in the reserve was closer to a million.

How is the funding paid out:

50% is paid at the start of the project

40% is paid out when the project is halfway through, Kindle hit that last week

10% at the end of the project when occupation permit is issued, it notes that all goals have been met.

Current balance of the AHR: just over \$575,000.

Busuttil says that she feels quite comfortable with the RFP process, where she's struggling is the process around the way that the \$500k was offered last summer. She feels less comfortable with the lack of structure there.

Busuttil says she's not a gambler by nature, and does a lot of work in poverty, but she would be more comfortable working with the RFP process and not voting in favour of something like this.

Klassen asks how this \$500k will accelerate getting people into supportive housing. Glenna Banda,

E.D. of United Way, says that they proved in the last year that they can match City's funding. There are some things getting in the way of their goal to opening Kindle this fall.

Klassen asks about the impact on people moving into Kindle if opening pushed from fall. Chris Willard, E.D. of Guelph Community Foundation, says it brings people in from living rough.

Klassen says the significance a few months can make are significant, so she will support so that people have some place to go this winter.

Goller asks why Banda and Willard are doing this work. Willard says that someone has to, charities only exist because of times that government and institutions fill the gap.

Goller says this is the way, they're working up the continuum from focusing on the funding of shelter to now supportive housing and we're moving up the continuum.

Richardson notes that she's with Busuttil on the rapid pace of this motion, which dropped on Friday. She also feels like she's being asked to make a decision blind. She asks HFG why they didn't come forward sooner if they knew they weren't going to make targets?

Banda says they didn't know about the status of one gift until last Thursday, and they had some confidence about reaching the targets at that time. There's been a lot of change in the situation in the last week.

Richardson asks if they've reached out to the County and others. Banda says they are actively pursuing other fundraising opportunities, but they wanted to seize this one when it was presented to them by Mayor Guthrie.

Downer asks if the Kindle project is delayed w/o this funding. Daria Allan-Ebron from FCSGW says that the project is on time and on budget.

Downer asks again about delay. Allan-Ebron says they would have to have a conversation with HFG about the options because the project was based on various contribution agreements. It's challenging b/c they don't want to be delayed and HFG is working on it.



Downer asks why the funding can't go directly to Kindle. Banda says that there is other funding that's contingent on HFG good making good on their commitment, so that's a risk. Many people gave last year b/c of matching and its urgency.

Willard adds that partners all committed to using HFG as fund-raising platform. They're a unified front, and the HFG has been key to mining the costs of fundraising for these projects, and allows partners to focus on building and service delivery.

Downer says it's a problem that this is the second year in a row that they've gotten this request, and the second year in a row that they've got this last minute. Council has a fiduciary responsibility so they need to figure out a better way of doing this.

Downer says that she wants to give the money, doesn't want the 30 rooms to their waiting for people, but giving the money to HFG is outside of the council's land where as the RFP process was in their lane. Wants to find something that works for everyone.

Allt asks Guthrie when the mayor was made aware. Guthrie says he met with Allan-Ebron on Thursday.

Allt ask about total cost of this project. Allan-Ebron says \$12 million. Allt notes that the City share is 10-15%.

Allt asks about the cost of the units. Allan-Ebron says that they're working with the County and 10C on that right now.

Allt asks if \$2.3 million of City funds have gone into the project? Clack-Bush notes that the original grant was \$1.3 million. \$500k went to HFG matching, which went to fund-raising for Grace Gardens, Bellevue, and Kindle.

So where's this \$500k going? Clack-Bush says this is going to Kindle thru HFG to honour the commitment they made to that project. Allt says so that's \$1.8 million plus a portion of \$500k.

Banda says \$205k of the original \$500 went to Bellevue, the rest Kindle.

Allt asks staff about the point of the RFP process if they do this piecemeal? Clack-Bush says the process was born out of a lack of expertise @ allocating housing funds, council can still allocate funds thru any process they live. As her own opinion, she notes this is not ideal

Allt says that is sounds like staff didn't have the time to make a formal recommendation. Clack-Bush says yes, they heard about this on Thursday too, and only managed to have the time to work out the motion.

Allt asks if there's any documentation right now. Clack-Bush says just the letter in the package.

Allt says he's struggle the idea of entertaining this before the big Sept housing meeting. C-B says there's an August deadline that puts project in jeopardy.

Banda says there is funding that's contingent on these other funds. The commitment to raise \$2 million locally unlocked funding from CMHC.

Guelph CHC and Stonehenge are working on the operating costs of the project.



Gibsons asks if the \$500k is being leveraged for more giving. Guthrie says the intent is to recreate what they did last year and turn \$500k into \$1 million and change.

Gibson says he's \*slightly\* out of comfort zone, but he got an email from someone living in the eastern most end of the city about police and fire responding to an encampment. He's focused on the end game for capital and sees it as a "must".

Caton says she has issues with the timeline and the process without the help of the County. How would waiting for Sept impact the development? Allan-Ebron says that they're reliant on the contribution agreements to pay for project. Still months from finishing & need cashflow.

Caton asks if the CMHC funding deadline is movable. Banda says they don't have a direct relationship with CMHC, they just provided the letter. Haven't had an conversations.

Clack-Bush says that this motion is different b/c it's asking the City to payout now, and not wait for matching. This is in response to a Q from Caton about delay the payout.

O'Rourke says everyone sitting around the table wants the project completed, and the City waved DCs. The \$500k last year was meant to create momentum, but there's no documentation on any of the things being talked about.

O'Rourke says that she served on both board of the orgs for HFG, and that we need to cautious that the City is being leaned on to make up the funds on a project.

O'Rourke asks about the letter that says that construction is behind when she said it's on time. Allan-Ebron says that the project is on target for fall completion, the HFG has specific dates for funding.

O'Rourke asks whey it wouldn't be helpful to give the money directly to Kindle and leave HFG to close the \$275k gap. Banda says she's not sure how that would impact the other conditional funding because that's not going to the \$2 million commitment from HFG.

O'Rourke asks if there's construction financing in place. Allan-Ebron says that there are contribution agreements in place from numerous funders based on timelines. If anyone of those pieces of funding is unavailable, they would have to talk about what that means.

O'Rourke asks if the project has debt capacity that could give council and HFG more time. Allan-Ebron says that they would have to look at what the options are, and that would have a strain on the project. They've been very confident about the campaign thus far.

O'Rourke asks if making up shortfall by Aug 15 is a reasonable expectation. Willard says that ideally this would be a five-year campaign, not 15 months. There's no plan B for HFG, and if there was money easy to get, they would have gotten it.

O'Rourke asks if there's a plan to go to the County. Banda says that they're reaching out to all of their funding partners.

O'Rourke asks about waving the admin fees for City funding. Banda says there's a min 5% admin fees, which have been used to cover direct expenses (\$82k worth). United Way and GCF have received \$0, but it's unreasonable to expect to raise \$5mn w/o expertise.

O'Rourke says it's tough to get to yes with this limited information they have. Stewart says that there's no reflection on the campaign, but there's a lack of commentary from staff and council is used to working with that advice.

Stewart says they're out of the loop, so they can't give advice. What if they were to sit down with the three guest to understand these things and call an emergency meeting later? Everyone's committed, so let's sit down with County staff/other partners and bring something back

Stewart says at sometime council doesn't want to be a backstop to all campaigns are in trouble, need to determine why this situation is different. Asks council to let staff document this, there's no due diligence o the staff end, maybe they can get some.

Guthrie says that there seems to be some "positive vibes" from council about the possibility of referral.

O'Rourke says that she would like to refer the matter to staff to come back to council for an emergency meeting.

Goller asks about timing. Guthrie says that's clear that the Aug 15 date is the hard deadline. Stewart says that's right, and staff will "operate with a sense of urgency".

Downer asks if these are "targets" or "deadlines". Banda says they're targets outlined in letters to the CMHC.

Guthrie asks if they're deadlines. Clack-Bush says this is part of the convo they'll have likely tomorrow morning. CMHC is connected through Kindle.

Guthrie says they're trying to figure out how to get to yes, and that's a good position to start with. This is better than a no, it's a "We'll see."

Busuttill thanks the CAO because she started off by talking about process and feels validated.

O'Rourke/Busuttill move referral to an emergency meeting to named later. It passes unanimously.

Bylaws of the week pass unanimously.

**\*7.1 By-law Number (2023)-20804**

A by-law to amend By-Law Number (2021)-20655, being a User Fees or Charges By-Law.

**\*7.2 By-law Number (2023)-20814**

A by-law to amend By-law Number (2023) – 20794, as amended, being a by-law to delegate certain administrative powers and duties to City staff, to govern the execution of documents.

**\*7.3 By-law Number (2023)-20815**

A by-law to adopt Amendment Number 91 to the City of Guelph Official Plan to Delegate Authority for Minor Zoning By-law Amendments.

**\*7.4 By-law Number (2023)-20816**

A by-law to repeal By-law (2023) – 20805, 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.

**\*7.5 By-law Number (2023)-20818**

A by-law to confirm the proceedings of a meeting of Guelph City Council held July 25, 2023.

**\*7.6 By-law Number (2023)-20819**

Being a by-law to regulate the operation and use of electric kick-scooters in the City of Guelph

I was going to tweet that this is the last meeting of council before September, but we've now got an emergency meeting sometime in the next council of weeks. So...



To wrap up, here's Marc Richardson and Jennifer Allan getting their medals from the City of Guelph.



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