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Coming up at 6 pm, a special August edition of city council...



City Council Preview – What's on the Agenda for the Meeting on August...

A council meeting in August? It doesn't usually happen, but if you are a dedicated reader in this space, you have been expecting the announcement. If you're familiar with the events at ...

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Mayor Guthrie has called the meeting to order.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof? Nope.

One item on this agenda, Funding Support for Kindle Communities Supportive Housing. You might recall that this item was deferred at the last meeting.

DCAO Clack-Bush begins a brief presentation by thanking everyone from pulling things together so fast. This was a very time sensitive issue and staff didn't feel like they had enough time to bring a proper recommendation forward, which they have since put together.

Clack-Bush says that staff have since met with Kindle, United Way and the Community Foundation, and they support the recommendations. They read the report in advanced and provided feedback before it went to council.

Recommendation:

1. That an additional \$500,000 be awarded to Kindle Communities for the supportive housing project at 10 Shelldale Crescent from the Affordable Housing Reserve (#119)
2. That to the satisfaction and authority of the City Solicitor and Deputy Chief Administrative Officer of Public Services, the necessary agreements be updated and executed with Kindle Communities to fund, outline, and monitor project criteria for the supportive housing project at 10 Shelldale Crescent.

Clack-Bush said that she knows that the original recommendation July was about going to Home for Good, but all parties agreed that giving it directly to the Kindle project means more stability for the project, and Kindle also completed a full RFP process previously.

Clack-Bush says that staff feel comfortable given that Kindle has already jumped through all the hurdles. Also, the City was able to work with CMHC who gave leeway past the original deadline of August 15 knowing that this meeting was coming.

Clack-Bush adds that HFG has committed to raising the remaining \$287k for the balance of the campaign. She also notes that this recommendation in no reflects any hesitancy about HFG, and are fully in support of their efforts to finish the fundraiser.

We will now go to the first of two delegations. Susan Watson says that she's hoping to see an end to "gotcha" politics with things dropped at the last minute. She didn't like councillors being called out on social media for having concerns about process.

Watson says that she knows everyone elected to council has commitment to affordable & supportive housing. She notes that City has contributed \$56k per unit on Kindle, while covering \$85k per unit for new detached houses on open market with Bill 23 changes.

Watson adds that we need to have a debate about that contribution to the province's wealthiest homeowners. Also, 90 Carden is being evicted and that's going to be a lot of people needing affordable housing.

There's a second delegate, Morgan Dandie, but there seems to be a tech snafu, or that she's not available.

Since this is a Ward 3 project so Richardson/Allt move the recommendation.

Guthrie asks for questions, there appears to be none.

Guthrie asks for comments...

O'Rourke thanks staff for moving quickly to come up with a solution. Everyone wanted to see people housed and it's really important to mobilise networks to continue support for HFG.

Gibson also thanks everyone, including the mayor. We got to a good resolution with a minimum pause, and that's a credit to the mayor, council and staff.

Guthrie thanks everyone involved for getting to yes, and thanks staff for clarifying and validating the urgency.

Council votes unanimously in favour of the two recommendations.

Bylaw of the week is approved.

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By-law (2023) - 20822

A by-law to confirm the proceedings of a meeting of Guelph City Council held August 16, 2023.

This meeting is adjourned.



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