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Coming up at 6 pm, it's this month's regular meeting of city council. This is what's on the agenda:



**City Council Preview – What's on the Agenda for the February 27 Meeti...**

Although we've technically not quite gotten to the end of the month, we've at least gotten to the agenda for the end of the month. At the regular council meeting on the last Tuesday in ...

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On the closed meeting items:

February 2024 Public Appointments to the Committee of Adjustment - motion coming.

2.5 Bargaining Mandate Report - International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE) - Direction given.

2.6 Comprehensive Zoning By-law (2023): Ontario Land Tribunal Update - direction given.

Mayor Guthrie calls the meeting to order.

Guthrie introduces Githmi Illamperuma to sing O Canada. Reminder, local artists and musicians are invited to apply to perform the national anthem as a way of promoting local music. Githmi is a U of G student.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof? Nope.

But wait, there's a recognition tonight too! Charlie Hunt from the 2023 World Tap Championship Under 12 Formation is getting a medal for representing Canada in a 4th place finish in Germany!!

Anisha Chowdhury is not here tonight!



Confirmation of minutes from open Council Meetings held November 6, December 5, and 12, 2023 and January 16, 2024 and the Committee of the Whole Meeting held December 5, 2023 is approved.

Consent agenda:

2024 CAO Performance Objectives

Expansion of the Governance Section at Committee of the Whole

Budget Impacts per Ontario Regulation 284 - 09 and Budget - Public Sector Accounting

Standards Reconciliation 2024

Physician Recruitment Initiative

and...

Financial Plan for Water and Wastewater Services

Payment-in-lieu of Parking Policy

Billings asks to pull the Payment in Lieu Parking policy. Goller/Busuttil move the rest and it's approved.

Billings says she's asked questions of staff before the meeting and wants to vote against the PiL. Goller/Downer move the recommendations. Billings says the way the policy should be worded to that all funds go to infrastructure (new parking).

Guthrie says he's struggled with this b/c he wants zero minimums, so it's hard to support something that he doesn't agree with. Recommendation passes 11-2 (Billings and Guthrie against).

Appointments to Committee of Adjustment approved.

**February 2024 Public Appointments to the Committee of Adjustment - 2024-78**



1. That Nicole Segal and Pamela Membreno be appointed to the Committee of Adjustment for a term ending in November 2026 or until such time as a successor is appointed.

Next, Wyndham Street North Cross Section and St George's Square Intersection. One delegate, and it's... oh \$#!t

## 9. Items for Discussion

The following items have been extracted from the Committee of the Whole Consent Report and the Council Consent Agenda and will be considered separately. These items have been extracted either at the request of a member of Council or because they include a presentation and/or delegations.

### 9.1 Wyndham Street North Cross Section and St George's Square Intersection - 2024-37

#### Delegations:

\*Adam Donaldson (In-person)

\*Chuck Nash, Downtown Guelph Business Association (Telephone)

#### Recommendation:

1. That Council direct staff to reconstruct the Wyndham Street North corridor as follows:
  - a. Wyndham Street – Carden Street to Woolwich Street as one lane of traffic in each direction with parallel parking and separated unidirectional bike paths along both sides of the road with flexibility to accommodate the seasonal patio program; and,
  - b. St. George's Square as an offset intersection similar to existing conditions with operational improvements and separated unidirectional bike paths.

Cllr Caron asks about the delegate's concern about transit having access through the Square. DCAO Clack-Bush says that transit staff have been well involved with transportation and engineering to maintain transit access with the new design.

DCAO Holmes says that they will be maintaining the stops that are there right now, and that they will be taking care to keep that in mind as they proceed to detail designed.

Caron asks if staff need formal direction to ensure transit is given coverage in the detailed design, like the bike paths. Holmes says they don't need direction.

Downer expresses uncertainty about whether transit lane-bys are in the finished designs. City engineer Gayman says they're shown in concept and the detailed design process will include transit staff.

Busuttill asks if there's improvement of transit service delivery. Clack-Bush says that they look at everything through the lens of improving transit, or at least not impacting transit negatively. She's confident that this does not negatively impact transit.

Goller asks about community feedback about transit and the plan. Clack-Bush says she doesn't know if this went to TAC, as for letter from TAAG they didn't get a chance to address it formally.

Goller asks about future opportunities for public feedback. Gayman says there will be another opportunity as soon as March, and then in April there's a streetscaping workshop. There will be public info centres as we closer to construction.

Goller asks if public will have opportunity to comment on detail design before finalised. Gayman says they won't go out at 100 per cent design, but they will go out when they've got 60 so that people can comment on process. Consultant contract should be awarded in next few weeks.

Gayman responds to a question from Downer that there's no council feedback on detailed design. Downer asks about the streetscaping workshop, and Gayman says the discussions from that workshop will be incorporated into design.

O'Rourke asks about assurances to make sure transit runs on time. CAO Stewart says that there's a lot of work coming to downtown Guelph. Lots of considerations, but there will be a

tonne of opportunities as they update about all things that are coming.

Stewart: Can we accommodate all the things that happen every day on Wyndham? No, but they will be able to roll with the punches. There are a lot of questions that the City doesn't have an answer to tonight, there's no way that transit's on bottom of list, but lots to consider.

Stewart says that they won't deviate away from this plan because these EAs take way too long to complete.

O'Rourke asks if there will be an opportunity to look at transit holistically, b/c there are changes coming to Central Station too. What's the right forum? Stewart says there are current discussions with Metrolinx about the station that's "not ready for prime time yet."

Stewart says there will something separate for that, things that are making a change like addition of 5k students at Conestoga. There might be other opportunities when it comes time for other big capital expenditures.

Guthrie asks if there will touchpoints for transit concerns. Stewart says yes.

Recommendations are approved.

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Next, 2023 Annual Report of the Integrity Commissioner with John Mascarin, the Integrity Commissioner.

Mascarin tells council to consider this a health report. They provide education to staff, members of council and local boards, and to the public. They also examine allegations of wrongdoing, and they offer advice to council and local boards on specific questions.

3 complaints received last year, down from the year before. Only one was reported in this report and it was about a local board member who was found not to have contravene the Code of Conduct.

There were two other complaints filed at the end of the year, plus another one reported last month, all about the same member. The complaints are similar and on the same matter, so it's still ongoing and it will be reported on next year.

Mascarin says that he's been pleased with the requests for advise from Guelph council and praises councillors for asking really good questions about their own conduct (usually people are asking about the conduct of others). There were 8 requests from 6 members in 2023.

Mascarin notes that there are provisions in the Code of Conduct that said council members have no unilateral authority, which kinda contravenes the Strong Mayor Powers, who has certain specific executive powers. They had to amend the CoC, which was among work last year.

Mascarin says that they also found out that it was optional to provide contact information on the complaint form to the Integrity Commission. It was admin change that didn't require

council-approval fyi.

As the "ethical doctor" Mascarin says that council has a clean bill of health!

Goller moves receipt of the report, Richardson seconds. Report received unanimously.

Last item. Joint Social Services and Land Ambulance Committee Update Report. Stewart is presenting.

This comes from a directive from council passed Oct 17 to work with County CAO Wilson and Warden Lennox to rejigger the governance of social services.

From the county side there will be policy matters, operational reporting, and proposed budgeting for social services (housing, childcare and Ontario Works), while the City will bring forward all that stuff for ambulances.

Final decisions about social services will be made by county council and the final decisions about ambulances will be ratified by Guelph council.

There will be eight members, four from Guelph and four from Wellington. There will be two chairs and two-vice chairs, one each from the city and the county, and they will rotate responsibility for overseeing the monthly meetings.

From the Guelph side, the 4 members of the new joint committee will include the Mayor (as the service area chair of Governance), plus the service area chairs of Public Services and Infrastructure, Development and Environment, and the service area vice-chair of Governance.

For the record, right now that's Cam Guthrie, Cathy Downer, Dominique O'Rourke and Linda Busuttill respectively.

GM Vilko will be involved in addition with DCAO Clack-Bush and Paramedic Chief Dewar because facilities for ambulances and staff play a part of this too.

Stewart reminds that this is how it used to be, "this is a great step back," he says. It might not be perfect on day one, he says, but staff are onboard to try and make this work. There will co-ordination between the two clerks too.

Goller/Klassen move the recommendations.

**Recommendation:**

1. That City Council endorse the Joint Social Services and Land Ambulance Committee Terms of Reference, included as Attachment-1 to report 2024-83 dated February 27, 2024.
2. That the Mayor, the service area chairs of Public Services and Infrastructure, Development and Environment, and the service area vice-chair of Governance be appointed to the Joint Social Services and Land Ambulance Committee as described in report 2024-83 dated February 27, 2024.
3. That \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed as the Joint Social Services and Land Ambulance Committee chair/vice-chair for a term ending November 30th, 2024, or until such time as a successor is appointed.

Goller asks for clarity, when the County is chairing it's at the County and vice-versa. Stewart says he's not sure if it will be a forever thing that the County hosts, but if they host it's their rules. It might be something that the committee talks about over time.

Goller asks about the selection of the chairs and not an open contest. Stewart says they wanted to do better than "putting our thumb in the air and guessing." The chairs of public services and IDE have connections to key areas like the Elliott and facilities and energy.

Goller asks Clerk O'Brien about looking at composition later. O'Brien says there will probably be an evaluation to see if it's working, and there will likely be other natural junctures to make a change.

Caron asks about jurisdiction when fire responds to emergency calls. Stewart says ambulance is there in the title, so fire has no part of this even though that is in Clack-Bush's portfolio.

Allt asks about changes to the standing committees because of this. O'Brien says they considered looking at PS terms of references, but this address those things and the CoW rules on PS is pretty light on details so there wasn't a need to update. May need to change if City hosts.

Allt says that it's important to note that the City and the County each control their own services, and that's something that the chairs will have to carefully walk around. O'Brien says that's a good point, the County is still the CSM for social services.

Guthrie calls the vote on recommendation #1, and it's approved.

Recommendation #2, the appointments. Guthrie asks if there's any disagreement with that make-up and there's not. He calls the vote and it's approved.

Chair and vice-chair appointments in recommendation #3. Guthrie notes that council is putting up a candidate, and then the County will put up a candidate. The committee will then determine who's chair and vice.

Guthrie says he would be comfortable with Busuttil being the candidate from council and notes keen interest in the subject and has built a relationship with the county. Caton formally nominates Busuttil, Goller seconds.

Busuttil says she's willing to stand. No other candidates step up. So the recommendation to appoint Busuttil to the committee is approved.

Guthrie thanks Stewart and the staff, and thanks Warden Lennox for welcoming the convo. This governance stuff doesn't make the headlines, but this is really important and he made this a goal of his when he became the mayor to restore relations with the County.

Guthrie says he's always said that the citizens of Guelph write a \$20m+ cheque to the County every year and we need to be at the table as a true and equal partner when it comes to things that money pays for. Thanks council for the back-up, and says this is a good thing for Guelph

Bylaws of the week pass unanimously.

**\*10.1**

**By-law Number (2024) - 20860**

A By-law of the Corporation of the City of Guelph updating the Standard Market Values (Schedule A) to the Parkland Dedication By-Law



**\*10.2**

**By-law Number (2024) - 20916**

A by-law to confirm the proceedings of a meeting of Guelph City Council held February 14, 2024.



**\*10.3**

**By-law Number (2024) - 20922**

A by-law to amend the Traffic and Parking By-law Number (2022) – 20698, as amended, being a By-law to regulate the use of Highways within the City of Guelph and the Traffic and Parking thereon



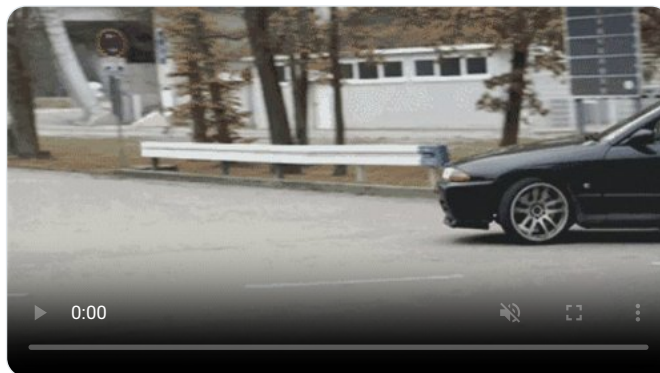
**\*10.4**

**By-law Number (2024) - 20924**

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And that's a wrap for this meeting!



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