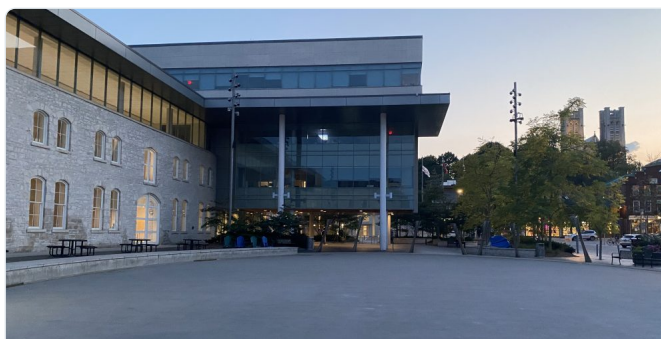




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Coming up at 5 pm, it's this month's regular council meeting. This is what's on the agenda:



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

In the third meeting of a three-meeting night, council will consider the most packed agenda of all. Council must revisit a couple of complicated agenda items from Committee of the Whole including t...

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Mayor Guthrie has called the meeting to order.

First up is a closed meeting agenda:

- a) Bargaining Mandate Report – Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1189
- b) Appointment to the Board of Trustees of the Elliott
- c) Southgate Business Park Lands - Revised Term Sheet

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof? Nope.

Regrets: Cllr Richardson.

Council has gone into closed. Back in a bit.



Yes, it is after 6 pm, but the council is still meeting in closed. Stand by for further updates...




Looks like we're getting ready to get things going in open. Get ready....



Guthrie calls the meeting to order again.

- a) Bargaining = Council gave direction to staff.
- b) Southgate = Received info, no direction
- c) Appointment....

Appointment to the Board of Trustees of the Elliott


Making a Difference

1. That Lise Betteridge be appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Elliott for a term ending June 2027 or until such time as a successor is appointed.

Consent agenda approved!

6. Committee of the Whole Consent Report

The following resolutions have been prepared to facilitate Council's consideration of various matters and are suggested for consideration. If Council wishes to address a specific report in isolation of the Committee of the Whole Consent Report, please identify the item. It will be extracted and dealt with separately as part of the Items for Discussion.

6.1 2024 Corporate Asset Management Plan and Levels of Service Study - 2024-93



Recommendation:

1. That Council approve the 2024 Asset Management Plan, including the baseline asset levels of service, and direct staff to submit it to the Ministry of Infrastructure on or before July 1, 2024.
2. That staff bring back an update to the projected year of reaching sustainable funding based on updates made to capital funding levels for infrastructure renewal and the associated implications for state of good repair and service levels through the 2025 budget confirmation process.

7. Joint Social Service and Land Ambulance Committee Consent Report

7.1 Paramedic Service Response Performance 2023 and Performance Plan 2025



Recommendation:

1. That the Response Time Performance Plan for 2025, as outlined in the report Paramedic Service Response Performance 2023 and Performance Plan 2025, dated June 12, 2024, be approved.

Confirmation of open Council Meetings held May 14 and 28, 2024, and the Committee of the Whole Meetings held April 3, May 7 and 15, 2024 approved!

On to discussion topics starting with 2023 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements.

Presenting are:

-Teisha Colley-Balgrave, Senior Corporate Analyst, Financial Reporting

-Matt Betik, Partner, KPMG

Colley-Balgrave is not going over all the info the report, that was covered at least month's meeting. Instead, she's going to focus on a couple of new reporting standards.

This report covers the full picture of the City and it's consolidated entities' capital and operating results, financial position, and cash flows. That means the corporation, and local boards like police and the library, and holdings like GMHI and GJR.

First new standard: Asset Retirement Obligation (ARO). This means a liability is recognised when it comes to retirement costs of an asset like landfills, tank, wells, or asbestos. The City has ARO of \$10.2 mn, 3/5 of which is landfill post-closure costs.

Other new standard: Financial Instruments and Related Standards. There were no changes b/c of this requirement, but there were new disclosures.

Highlights:

-City has healthy financial positions, low debt and healthy reserves, but this could change in the next couple of years as capital work ramps up. In 2023, there was a significant increase in "deferred contributions" and you can thank Bill 23 for that.

Key Financial Indicators

Sustainability: The ability to maintain services over an extended period of time, providing continuous service at the expected level to all intended customers.

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Vulnerability: The level of resiliency within the organization to mitigate unexpected negative factors while maintaining financial and service commitments.




Flexibility: The ability of the org to adapt to a changing environment to both capitalize on opportunities & avoid threats.

Sustainability and Vulnerability:

Sustainability

Metric	2023 Change from 2022	Comparison with Target
Cash + investments to reserves + reserve funds ratio		
Consolidated net financial assets		N/A
Asset consumption ratio	No Change	N/A

Vulnerability

Metric	2023 Change from 2022	Comparison with Target
Federal + Provincial contributions as a % of total revenue		N/A
Tax arrears as a % of taxes levied		
Return on investment		N/A

Now we throw it to Betik who's appearing remotely. He notes that they're building tech into their audits to improve quality and response to risk. Increased volume of electronic activity, they need more tools to repose to risks.

They're at the final stages of this audit, and will issue final statement in next day or two. It's expected to be a clean audit, no changes or qualifications.

Revenue on DC is different from the cash received, so there is some judgement on how things are allocated, which can lead to error, but there was none in this report.

Final analysis: Clean audit, no corrected amounts, no significant control deficiencies. In other words, this report card is all aces!

Allt, as chair of audit, moves the recommendation That the City of Guelph 2023 Consolidated Financial Statements and External Audit Findings Report, dated June 25, 2024, be approved. Busuttil seconds.

Allt asks about trends of tax arrears. Batik says they are seeing a general increase across ON, increased interest rates and affordability issues. A low risk zone is under 10% and Guelph is well below that.

Allt asks about contaminated sites, will never get to zero on that right? Batik says it could get to zero, a couple of properties are source of majority of liability.

Allt asks about reporting threshold of misstatements. It's about 5% or \$500,000.

Allt notes that '23 is showing the downloading from upper govts and even the private sector. Despite that it seems Guelph is doing well.

Batik does not that *any* error they find is brought to staff and submitted for testing.

O'Rourke asks about balancing reserves and investments. O'Dwyer says that much of the reserve is waiting to fund action in future capital budget, so those numbers will be coming down in the years to come. The funds are earmarked.

Next, Single-Use Items Strategy Phase 2. Temp CAO Holmes notes that a memo was sent out after CoW asked to include reusable containers in the next phase. No engagement done with area restaurants, but they immediately had concerns around standardisation, cleaning & labour.

The recommendation now is to revert back to the original version of what was brought to council at beginning of the month.

Okay, so we just moved something but we're deciding on what.

So we're going back to the original recommendations on the June CoW agenda:

Recommendation:

1. That the phase 2 recommendations for the Single-Use Items Reduction Strategy, as included in report 2024-245, dated June 4, 2024, be approved.
2. That the Single-Use Items By-law (2024) – 20938, as amended, be approved.

#1 moved and approved.

So it looks like we have two additional motions. First, #2 is moved and seconded.

O'Rourke's motion is about a response to the Retail Council of Canada about asking people to remember to ask for a sleeve. Wants to remove the reference to sleeves, and more precise wording.

Amendment:

Single-Use Items Strategy Phase 2, 2024-245 (Councillor O'Rourke Amendment)



Amendment to clause two:

That the Single-Use Items By-law (2024)-20938 be amended to remove sleeves from the "Accessory Foodware Item" definition and that clause 5.1 be amended to state "5.1 A Business must accept a customer's Reusable Drink Cup for beverage orders made in-store for beverages consumed on or off a business' premises unless served through a window to a customer at a drive-through or purchased for delivery."

Amendment approved.

And #2 as amended is approved.

In terms of those containers, Guthrie notes that it was unanimous endorsement, and there was some understandable concerns from business owners. Is there validity and doing engagement around this issue, or do we end up back here? That's the question.

Here's the Klassen/Goller motion:

Single-Use Items Strategy Phase 2, 2024-245 (Councillor Goller Additional Clause)



3. That staff be directed to conduct additional engagement and research with respect to the inclusion of re-useable containers as part of the Single-Use Items By-law (2024)-20938, and report back to Council prior to the effective date of the Single-Use Items Phase 2 timeline of March 1, 2025.

Klassen notes that Banff has done this, have staff been in touch. Holmes says that they have not done any fulsome engagement yet with anyone, have had some convos with Banff, but there's a need for extensive engagement here.

Klassen asks if there's a way to not make it mandatory and still do more engagement.

Holmes says that they were prepared to do the engagement and they can still proceed with that, and they could build in a component to make it optional.

Klassen says we're not going to lower our waste unless we try, and Guelph has always been a leader on this. She also doesn't want to burden businesses either but we need to look at all opportunities to reduce waste.

Guthrie asks if the intention is to engage for the purpose of creating a bylaw? Klassen says that perhaps the motion in the memo is the one she wanted to get at:

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Guthrie still senses confusion, how is staff interpreting this? Staff says they would be engaging with the creation of a bylaw, which would be different from education and encouragement.

Allt says he's still confused about what they're trying to do. Asks clerks if you can have a bylaw that's voluntary. McMahon says that most bylaws don't prescribe enforcement, but it would be very unusual. Allt says that the motion is too ambiguous to proceed.

O'Rourke asks how this plugs in to the blue box transition. Staff says the regulation only applies to residential sector, and 40% of waste in ONT is residential.

O'Rourke asks about capacity. Staff says that they have students starting in the fall who are doing education campaign, so this engagement would be wrapped up in that.

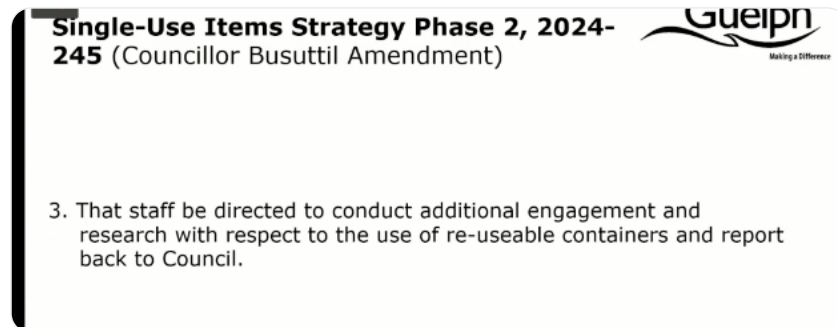
O'Rourke asks why not make it educational and leave it as a promotional advantage? Klassen notes that the staff report refers specifically to Banff and their bylaw so she was kind of following in their example. She didn't want to leave a bylaw off the table.

Guthrie says that he wants to build consensus, so why not taking wording out about making a bylaw and just direct staff to do engagement?

So the motion will remove language about including in bylaw and the timeline. Gibson asks if this is redundant work, and staff says no, they only did beverage containers.

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New motion:



What about timeline?

Staff says that once they finish the engagement they will know whether or not they'll have to right a bylaw, and they would write the bylaw as they right the report.

Amendment moved by Busuttil/Allt approved.

Main motion as amended approved.

Next topic, Drill Hall Responses to Expressions of Interest and Planned Future Use.

Back at Committee of the Whole, council decided not to put the Drill Hall up for sale, but to give the Guelph Centre of Visual Art more time to get their ducks in a row.

About that, it seems that the GCVA has concerns about the end of the year deadline to organize those ducks, so they're recommending that the deadline for a report be pushed back to Q1 2025.

There are three delegates starting with Stephanie Bryenton. She says that urban Indigenous members have been asking for years for indoor space, and the engagement process on RFP for the Drill Hall was unacceptable.

Bryenton says it was inappropriate to ask Indigenous people to appeal through a process built on a system meant to destroy them, and they also shouldn't have to apply to use land stolen from them. Also, the \$10k for the GCVA is a sticking point.

Bryenton notes that her wife is one of the founders of the Necessary Arts collective and managed to do it without the support. She also says that their support for the GCVA has been mischaracterised. Need to remember cultural genocide too.

Michelle Peek is next. She's the e.d. of Art not Shame and works as a photographer. She reps 43 members of the arts community that have concerns about CoW, and working exclusively with GCVA and giving them \$10k. That decision should be made in community engaged way.

Peek notes that the RFP noted that no funds were available, and the CoW decisions comes at a time when numerous Guelph art groups are struggle for support. This is only one proposal, but this process has excluded equity seeking groups.

Peek says that the GCVA has created an opportunity, but they need to centre values of access, equity and community engagement. Need to open this up to anyone that wants to make the Drill Hall an arts/culture space.

Allt asks about who equity seeking groups are. Peek says that there's been research done about who are the least advantaged: people under 30, BIPOC artists, people with visible/invisible disabilities, francophones, ppl outside T.O.

Allt asks about maximise arts funds. Peek says that Art Not Shame has been renovating a space downtown for 2 years so she knows about the challenges. There are funds out there, but the threshold for getting this funds is very high.

Third and final delegate is Norma Mendoza. She's aware of the obstacles b/c she's worked in the arts her whole life. She's also co-chair of Art Not Shame. The mandate is to create space for creativity in community, and these orgs save lives.

She supports use of the Drill Hall as an arts space, but has notes. Is the City following its own standards, and public engagement policies and it's incumbent on staff to follow those policies and not just follow one group or party, like the GCVA.

Mendoza says that the City often doesn't engage with affected communities on matters of concern, like in the case of the public spaces use bylaw in Feb. The result was community outrage so there's room for the City to follow their practices.

Guthrie notes that there were six motions from CoW, none of which came from staff. He says the whole reason for CoW is to take a deep dive and figure out how to move forward and give themselves time to figure \$#!t out. He believes that's taken place.

Guthrie says that there is unity to a point: They don't want to see the Drill Hall sold right now, and there's a desire for something arts-based. He recommends looking to not table the slate from CoW, but to look at new direction.

Downer says there's a lot of agreement in recognising there's opportunity, and how it aligns with the culture plan. She says 'kudos' to the GCVA to keep the idea alive, but there's now a realisation that there's a broader role to play for the city.

New motions: \$25k for a feasibility study and report back by March 31, 2025. Also, the City holds on to Drill Hall. Downer hopes that this will be an inclusive process and that will include Indigenous engagement. Caron seconds.

Drill Hall Responses to Expressions of Interest and Planned Future Use - 2024-261
(Councillor Downer)

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Making a Difference

1. That staff be directed to allocate up to \$25,000 from the unspent 2024 Community Investment Strategy account, to be used towards conducting a City led feasibility study and community engagement process for potential future arts and culture uses of the Drill Hall, with a report back to City Council no later than March 31, 2025.
2. That the City of Guelph continue to own the Drill Hall building, and continue to be responsible to fund and maintain the current state of the structural elements and primary systems, estimated at approximately \$125 000 annually.

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Caron says there's a package or really great things, and if the City doesn't get this right then they've lost this opportunity forever. There may be no other building like this downtown.

Allt supports the motion and thanks the GCVA for starting the effort, and tonight's delegates for pointing out the gaps in the proposal.

Busuttill asks about "feasibility", does that include governance and not just economic? DCAO Clack-Bush says that's a consideration, though they haven't really scoped this yet.

Gibson thanks the members of the community for speaking about the process at CoW and being the "conscience of council". He's concerned about clause #2 because he doesn't want to take selling the Hall off the table.

Clack-Bush says that #2 is the result of #1, in that they will own the hall until a final report comes back to council about feasibility. Could come back to the same place and go back to the original recommendation to sell.

Gibson: So there will not be need for a reconsideration vote?

Clack-Bush: No, this just puts things on hold until the report comes back 31/03/25.

McMahon confirms that this is the case.

Guthrie says that he thinks that this is best route to take and he's excited to see what happens.

The motions are approved.

Drill Hall Responses to Expressions of Interest and Planned Future Use - 2024-261 (Councillor Downer)



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Bylaws of the week approved as amended with 9.1.

*9.1 By-law Number (2024) - 20938

A by-law to amend By-law Number (2022)-20701, being a By-law of single-use plastic shopping bags and certain other harmful single-use items within the City of Guelph so as to further the environmental well-being of the City of Guelph.

*9.2 By-law Number (2024) - 20940

A by-law to amend By-law Number (2015)-19985, as amended, being a by-law respecting Building, Demolition, Conditional, Change of Use and Occupancy Permits, Payment of Fees, Inspections, Appointment of Inspectors and a Code of Conduct.

*9.3 By-law Number (2024) - 20952

A by-law to authorize the use of vote tabulators, internet voting, vote by mail and vote from home for the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election.

*9.4 By-law Number (2024) - 20954

A by-law to confirm the proceedings of a meeting of Guelph City Council held June 25, 2024

*9.5 By-law Number (2024) - 20955

A By-law to dedicate certain lands known as One Foot Reserve, Plan 672, City of Guelph as part of Mason Court.

*9.6 By-law Number (2024) - 20956

A By-law to dedicate certain lands known as Part Lot 11, Concession 7, formerly Township of Puslinch, designated as Part 2, Reference Plan 61R-11368, City of Guelph as part of Gosling Gardens.

*9.7 By-law Number (2024) - 20957

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

That's a wrap for this week!



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