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Coming up at 6 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 September 24, 20...

The last meeting of September will present you, the Guelph resident, the opportunity to revisit just about anything previously discussed at this month's two Committee of the Whole meetings (a...

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Mayor Guthrie calls the meeting to order.

1 closed session item: Council Consideration - Authority to Commence Legal Claim. Guthrie says they received info and gave direction to staff. That is all.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof? None.

Regrets from Cllr Allt.

Consent agenda:

6.1 Downtown Collection Area Update - 2024-350

Recommendation:

1. That an enhanced level of service for waste collection in the Downtown Collection Area be approved, inclusive of enhanced public space containers and communal underground waste containers subject to the project budget, estimated at \$1.0 million, and associated operating budget increase of \$410,000, being adopted through the 2025 budget confirmation as outlined in report IDE 2024-350, dated September 4, 2024.

6.2 Downtown Guelph Heritage Conservation District Study - 2024-334

Recommendation:

1. That the recommendations of the Downtown Guelph Heritage Conservation District Study Report (prepared by ASI and dated June 2024) be approved.
2. That staff be directed to prepare a plan and guideline for the Downtown Guelph Heritage Conservation District in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act.

6.3 2024 Second Quarter Budget Monitoring Report, 2024-386

Recommendation:

1. That the adjustments detailed in Tables 4, 5 and 6 of Attachment-2 of the 2024 Second Quarter Budget Monitoring Report dated September 17, 2024 be approved.

***6.4 Municipal Scan of Renovation By-Laws - 2024-217**

*Please note that the recommendation for this item has changed.

Recommendation:

1. That staff immediately create an EVICTION SURVEY to shape and capture ongoing impacts of evictions occurring within the City of Guelph.
2. That staff be directed to immediately create a "Renting in Guelph" landing page to help guide renters of their rights, expectations and information from other orders of government and resources.

Gibson/Billings move those items and they're approved.

Minutes from open Council Meetings held July 9, 16, 23, and August 22 and 28, 2024, and the Committee of the Whole Meeting held July 3, 2024 approved.

Next, Indigenous Relations Framework. No new info, but a delegation from Morgan Dandie. She notes that her ancestors were indentured servants from Ireland and they were helped by the Haudenosaunee, who we honour in the territorial acknowledgement.

Dandie says that she's glad this framework is here and that everyone is able to explore their personal biases, which inform so much about what and how we think.

Recommendation: That the Indigenous Relations Framework for the City of Guelph, as attached to the report titled Indigenous Relations Framework, dated September 4 2024, be approved. Moved by Goller/Klassen. Approved.

Next, Downtown Streetscape Level of Service and Construction Mitigation. Same deal, no new info but a delegate. In this case, it's Mike Darmon from Guelph Coalition for Active Transportation.

He says that GCAT likes the direction of Wyndham, and agrees with Guthrie that this presentation is "the best I've ever seen."



THE DESIGN - WE LOVE IT!



But... there needs to be some better trail connectivity as your coming into downtown from the Trans Canada Trail. Connections are disconnected, and that makes using a bike more dangerous.



DIVERT BIKE TRAFFIC TO CARDIGAN



Goller asks about the preferred option for connecting the Royal City trail. Darmon says the Cardigan trail due to the fact that it has the least amount of slope. It will make things easier for cyclists and pedestrians both.

O'Rourke asks if Darmon is just here to prime the pump for continuing on with the Cycling Master Plan, Darmon says that's right, he doesn't want to see those recommendations delayed.

Goller/Caron move recommendations.

Recommendation:

1. That an enhanced level of streetscaping be approved for the Downtown Infrastructure Renewal Program giving priority to improved tree canopy, flexible streets, public seating, paving stones in highlighted areas, and a design that optimizes public space for the most efficient operating budget, subject to the project budget increase (estimated at \$17.1 million) being adopted through the 2025 budget confirmation.
2. That Staff prepare the design and tender of Wyndham Street North construction to expedite construction, with reasonable mitigation measures taken to minimize construction disruption and road closures.

Guthrie says he has a motion to save money on the sidewalk construction, but will only discuss it if someone puts in the floor. No one does, so we have no idea what this was pertaining to.



Caton asks about AAC feedback and how that would be incorporated, they've asked for no pavers. DCAO Holmes says that the pavers allow them to remark certain areas of the right-of-way but they're planning to go back to AAC when details design is underway.

Recommendations approved.

Next, Improving Access to Public Washrooms in Guelph. No new info, just Morgan Dandie again. She thanks everyone for their work on these motions and has been fighting for equitable access to washrooms and fountains. Knows that pain after 7 pm most nights.

Recommendations moved by O'Rourke/Caron.

Recommendation:

1. That the inclusion of appropriate underground infrastructure to facilitate the installation of self-cleaning, autonomous prefabricated public washroom structures be incorporated for each phase of the Downtown Infrastructure Renewal Program, including the design of St. George's Square, as appropriate.
2. That staff work with the Downtown Guelph Business Association to explore opportunities to provide public access to washrooms through a "Community Toilet Scheme."
3. That portable washrooms continue to be used to expand access to washrooms in public spaces until permanent facilities are provided.
4. That staff continue to explore opportunities to make new and existing permanent washroom facilities in parks and other locations available during all seasons as these facilities are constructed, modified or upgraded.
5. That staff incorporate public washroom locations into the City's wayfinding strategy.
6. That the inclusion of accessible and gender-neutral options be prioritized for new, modified or upgraded public washroom facilities.
7. That the provision of publicly accessible washrooms be considered during the planning of future capital projects in order to continuously expand the City's network of public washrooms.
8. That staff include the installation of a self-cleaning public washroom as part of the Wyndham St./ St. George's Square redevelopment, subject to budget adoption through the 2025 budget confirmation.
9. That staff explore incorporation of a drinking water fountain/water refill station as part of any future self-cleaning public washroom provided in downtown or as part of any constructed, modified or upgraded permanent washroom facilities in city-owned parks and, that in the interim, it explore temporary solutions for the provision of drinking-water fountains, subject to consultation with Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health and subject to budget adoption through the appropriate future budget confirmation.
10. That staff be directed to discuss an innovation opportunity with the University of Guelph to design a fluid alternative to the current perfumed options for portable toilets to increase the accessibility of these options, and report back to council.

O'Rourke asks about process and timeline. Holmes says they've had some discussions about that but can loop O'Rourke and the Basic Needs Table in when they've got it figured out.

Recommendations approved.

Bylaws of the week approved.

***8. By-laws**

Recommendation:

1. That by-laws (2024) - 20991 to (2024) - 20923 be approved subject to Section 284.11 (4) of the Municipal Act

***8.1 By-law Number (2024) - 20991**

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

***8.2 By-law Number (2024) - 20992**

A by-law to confirm the proceedings of a meeting of Guelph City Council held September 24, 2024.

***8.3 By-law Number (2024) - 20993**

A by-law to amend By-law Number (2024) - 20927 in respect of the imposition of special charges on private residential property under the Guelph Greener Homes Program

Announcements?

-Klassen notes Oct 2 is the downtown renewal open house at 6 pm at city hall

-Next construction cafe is Oct 17 at Cornerstone 9:30-11:30.

Caton says that she sent out a motion earlier today. Guthrie says that he asked if there was anything further about streetscape and she didn't say anything. Caton says it wasn't strictly about streetscape but the ONgows bike lanes plans.

Guthrie says the moment is closed, so Caton would have to do notice of motion, suspend the bylaw or find somewhere else to squeeze that in at a future meeting. Caton will bow to the mayor's wisdom.

Clerk McMahon says that council will have to suspend 5.1.1 of the procedural bylaw. Guthrie asks council to consider it since this is, at least partially, his fault. Council will need to approve with 9 votes to suspend.

Golfer/Klassen move and it's approved. (Gibson votes against)

Guthrie gives floor to Caton. She says that this is about the Ongov plan to limit where bike lanes can go, which Caton calls "micromanaging". Not all cities have side streets that run the length of the Main Streets.

Dangerous b/c a cyclist was just killed on Victoria in Guelph.



Senior cyclist who died in hit-and-run in Guelph identified | CTV News

Tributes to Susan Bard have been popping up online after she died in a hit-and-run crash in Guelph last week.

<https://kitchener.ctvnews.ca/senior-cyclist-who-died-in-hit-and-run-in-guelph-identified-...>

Caton's motion seconded by Goller.

Downtown Streetscape Level of Service and Construction Mitigation, 2024-353

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1. That the mayor be directed to write a letter to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Transportation, AMO, OBCM and MPP Mike Schreiner on behalf of Guelph City Council to oppose the media reported planned provincial legislation to restrict municipal bike lane placement as counter to: Guelph's Vision Zero goals; best practices in transportation management; climate change initiatives; cost management for future infrastructure maintenance; Bill 185's development goals; and economic benefits to businesses. Further that the mayor request the provincial government instead invest in funding public transportation goals to reduce traffic congestion and aide future developments to be built with less parking.

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Guthrie says the legislation isn't tabled yet, so we're basing a motion on media reports and he's "not really down for that."

Goller says there have been times ONgov has asked for feedback and then approved a law two days after the comment period closed. Caton agrees and says this is a pattern with the ONgov so now is the time.

Caton adds there's sometimes a Toronto-centric view of legislation, which seems to be the case here. Caron agrees and says they can create momentum. Downer notes that the premier himself says its coming, so there's no issue responding now.

Recommendation approved with Richardson and Guthrie voting against. (Gibson seems to have disappeared)

Guthrie has one further message. He says that correspondences are a "flow through" and it's important that this process have a high standard of transparency. He says he knows there was some friction from one-piece of correspondence.

Guthrie: He says that we have to be careful as we're addressing other people, but it's still important to let people be heard as uncensored as possible.



Well, that's a wrap!



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