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



City Council Preview – What's on the Agenda for the February 25, 2025...

And now we've come to the end of February – well, nearly – and we get to the last city council meeting of the month. At this gathering of Guelph's civic leaders we will dig ...

<https://guelphpolitico.ca/2025/02/14/city-council-preview-whats-on-the-agenda-for-the-f...>

Mayor Guthrie has called the meeting to order.

From the closed meeting item, a motion: Appointment of David Kennedy to the Guelph Cemetery Commission.

February 2025 Public Appointments Guelph Cemetery Commission



That David Kennedy be appointed to the Guelph Cemetery Commission for a term ending November 2026 or until such time as a successor is appointed.

That motion is approved and now on with the countdown...

First item up: A recognition of recent heritage designations:

47 Alice St

264 Crawley Rd

65 Delhi St

12 Eramosa Rd

19 Fountain St W

220 Gordon St

120 Huron St

49 Metcalfe St

14 Neeve St
28 Norfolk St
49 Norfolk St
121 Ontario St
100 Queen Street
211 Silvercreek Pkwy S
...
167 Suffolk Street West
and 408 Willow Road.

Guthrie notes that this is a final important step in the process, the presentation of a plaque. The marker helps recognise the property as an important piece of Guelph history.



Some of the heritage property owners:



Minutes from Council Meetings held January 14, 21, 22 and 28, 2025, and the Committee of the Whole meeting held January 14, 2025 confirmed.

Consent agenda from CoW:

7. 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.

7.1 Administrative Penalty System By-laws and Policies , 2025-24

Recommendation:

1. That this Report 2025-24 entitled "Administrative Penalty System By-laws and Policies" be received;
2. That the by-law attached as Attachment- 1 to this Report, being a by-law to establish an Administrative Penalty System, be approved;
3. That the by-law attached as Attachment- 2 to this Report, being a by-law to establish the positions of screening and hearing officers for the purposes of administration of the Administrative Penalty System, be approved;
4. That the omnibus amending by-law attached as Attachment- 3 to this Report, being a by-law to designate specified by-laws and by-law provisions as subject to the Administrative Penalty System, be approved;
5. That the policies and procedures attached as Attachment- 4 to this Report be adopted as Council-approved Corporate Policies and Procedures for the Administrative Penalty System;
6. That the administrative fees as set out in Schedule "C" to the Administrative Penalty System By-law attached as Attachment- 1 to this report, be approved and staff be directed to add the administrative fees to the User Fees By-law as soon as practical.

7.2 Internal Audit Work Plan 2025-2027, 2025-40

Recommendation:

1. That the report titled 'Internal Audit Work Plan 2025-2027' dated February 4, 2025, be approved.

Those items approved too.

Next, 2024 Annual Report of the Integrity Commissioner Presenting is John Mascarin the Integrity Commissioner!

Mascarin notes that this is his fourth annual report. 🤔 4 complaints received, no requests to investigate under Conflict of Interest.

-There were 3 tied to "intimidating and bullying" behaviour, on social media.

Mascarin recommended to all cllrs to be more careful with posts.

-There was another complaint that a councillor helped organise a "non-City meeting" that led to "violent counter protests" but the complaint came in too late to begin an investigation.

-There was a complaint that a member of council "overreached their position, and had acted purported to speak for 'all Council' with respect to a matter of significant controversy", which was dismissed.

And finally there was this episode:



Mascarin recommends that council continue to feel free to reach out if they ever have need of advise and both council and local boards have done well using that resource (in writing too).

Mascarin says that they will monitor any changes the ONgov might look at regarding future legislation like Bill 254: <https://www.amo.on.ca/policy/municipal-governance-indigenous-relations/municipal-codes-conduct-legislation>

Gibson asks if Mascarin can tell if the complaints were coming from councillors or members of the public. Mascarin says they were all public.

O'Rourke asks about pros and cons of aligning Guelph's code with other municipalities. Mascarin says he hasn't seen that in any other code. There are all kinds of reasons why an investigation doesn't go forward, but there was a public purpose in the case from last Nov.

O'Rourke asks about how big a conflict has to be to be declared, a \$10 membership fee. Mascarin says the key words are "important and significant", so \$10 doesn't rise to that standard. The bigger the number though...

Guthrie thanks Mascarin and says he hopes to never see him again (till next year presumably.)

Motion to receive approved.

Next, 2024 Annual Report of the Lobbyist Registrar

Presenting is Suzanne Craig, the Lobbyist Registrar

Craig on this 1st annual report and outlines that the issue isn't the existence of lobbyists, who are often knowledgeable, but without a registry some lobbyists lobby council disproportionately. Not restricting access, but regulating it.

Punishment for contravening the registry:

1st time: 30 day suspension

2nd time: 60 days

3rd time: 90 days to indefinite.

-40 registered lobbyists

-24 interactions
-0 complaints.
Questions for Craig? Nope.

Motion to receive the report approved.

Bylaws of the week approved!

9. By-laws

Resolution to adopt the By-laws. (Councillor Billings)

Recommendation:

1. That by-laws (2025)-21051 and (2025)-21053 through (2025)-21057 be approved subject to Section 284.11 (4) of the Municipal Act.

*9.1 By-law Number (2025) - 21051

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

*9.2 By-law Number (2025) - 21053

A by-law to confirm the proceedings of a meeting of Guelph City Council held February 25, 2025.

*9.3 By-law number (2025) – 21054

A by-law to establish a tariff of fees for the processing and approval of development applications pursuant to the Planning Act, RSO 1990, c P.13, Subsection 114 as amended, and to repeal and replace By-law number (2024)-21003, as amended.

*9.4 By-law Number (2025) - 21055

A by-law to establish an Administrative Penalty System in the City of Guelph.

*9.5 By-law Number (2025) - 21056

A by-law to establish the positions of screening and hearing officers for the purposes of administration of an administrative penalty system within the City of Guelph.

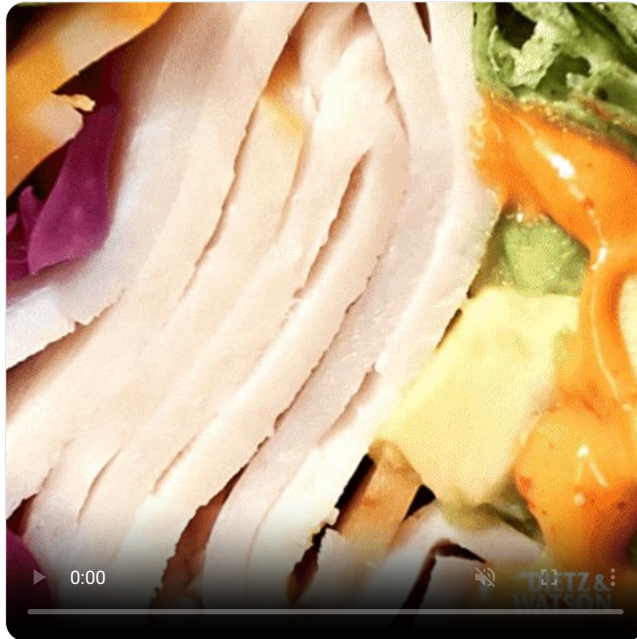
*9.6 By-law Number (2025) - 21057

A by-law to amend By-law Number (2022) – 20698, (2014) – 19736, (2003) – 17224, (2003) – 17082, (1997) – 15402, (1987) – 12425, as amended, respectively, to regulate parking and traffic in the City of Guelph under an administrative penalty system.

Mayor's announcement: Go vote!

I assume he means in the #ONelxn on Thursday. elections.on.ca

That's a wrap!



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