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Guelph City Council

Voting Record 2007

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Guelph City Council – Voting Record

Votes aligned with Guelph Civic League values indicated with:

votes not aligned with GCL values

absent and/or abstained vote

vote for the motion

vote against the motion



		Downtown: Fund economic development	Public Space: Fund public space in admin centre	Sprawl: Reduce subdivision inventory from 7 to 3 years	Sprawl: Control rate of growth for 2007	Climate Change: Adopt Community Energy plan	Water: Limit Nestle permit renewal to two years	Pesticide Safety: Approve pesticides ban	Public Space: Invest in a people-friendly civic square	Water: Remove Lake Erie pipeline from plan	Services: Cut emergency services facility budget	Downtown: Test two hour free parking	Heritage: Commit to Loretto convent as new museum	Heritage: Create heritage improvement fund	Transit: Replenish transit fleet	Citizen Engagement: Improve public notification	City Design: Approve Baker Street site for library	Support Local Business: Reconsider two hour parking	Waste: Waste Resource Innovation Centre improvements	SCORE – based on GCL values
Beard, Vicki	Ward 2	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	94.4%
Bell, Bob	Ward 1	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	72.2%
Billings, Christine	Ward 6	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	37.5%
Burcher, Lise	Ward 5	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	100%
Farbridge, Karen	Mayor	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	94.4%
Farrelly, Kathleen	Ward 1	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	73.3%
Findlay, Ian	Ward 2	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	88.2%
Hofland, June	Ward 3	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Kovach, Gloria	Ward 4	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	55.6%
Laidlaw, Maggie	Ward 3	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	94.4%
Piper, Leanne	Ward 5	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	83.3%
Salisbury, Mike	Ward 4	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	83.3%
Wettstein, Karl	Ward 6	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	82.4%

Guelph Civic League

These values direct our work:

- Genuine public engagement and consultation
- Better city planning and design to manage growth
- Economic development to offset residential taxes and provide jobs
- Cost/benefit analysis of major decisions and investments
- Support of local business
- Ecological awareness and protection
- Strong commitment to culture and the arts
- Heritage identification and preservation
- Quality and beauty as civic priorities

Do their VOTES match your VALUES?

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Guelph Civic League Value – Economic development

THE MOTION:

A Vital Downtown

23 January 2007

Burcher motion to pre-approve \$200,000 for downtown economic development in the 2008 operating budget.

The Guelph Civic League believes that leading cities boast downtown cores that are culturally vibrant, socially attractive, and economically viable.

THE VOTES:

Beard, Vicki	Ward 2	+	Hofland, June	Ward 3	+
Bell, Bob	Ward 1	-	Kovach, Gloria	Ward 4	-
Billings, Christine	Ward 6	-	Laidlaw, Maggie	Ward 3	+
Burcher, Lise	Ward 5	+	Piper, Leanne	Ward 5	-
Farbridge, Karen	Mayor	+	Salisbury, Mike	Ward 4	-
Farrelly, Kathleen	Ward 1	+	Wettstein, Karl	Ward 6	+
Findlay, Ian	Ward 2	-			

aligned with GCL values
 absent and/or abstained vote

Guelph Civic League Value – Greater citizen engagement

THE MOTION:

A people-friendly city hall

23 January 2007

Burcher motion that \$100,000 be included in the capital budget as seed money for improvements to the Civic Administration Centre public space.

The Guelph Civic League believes that city hall should include space and amenities that are welcoming to citizens.

THE VOTES:

Beard, Vicki	Ward 2	+	Hofland, June	Ward 3	+
Bell, Bob	Ward 1	+	Kovach, Gloria	Ward 4	-
Billings, Christine	Ward 6	-	Laidlaw, Maggie	Ward 3	+
Burcher, Lise	Ward 5	+	Piper, Leanne	Ward 5	+
Farbridge, Karen	Mayor	+	Salisbury, Mike	Ward 4	+
Farrelly, Kathleen	Ward 1	-	Wettstein, Karl	Ward 6	+
Findlay, Ian	Ward 2	+			

aligned with GCL values
 absent and/or abstained vote

Guelph Civic League Value – Better growth planning

THE MOTION:

Allow for Greater Planning Flexibility

26 March, 2007

Laidlaw motion in amendment that staff establish a policy that would work towards a three year supply of lots for 2008.

The Guelph Civic League believes that a three year supply of housing units will allow the flexibility to plan our city progressively.

THE VOTES:

Beard, Vicki	Ward 2	-	Hofland, June	Ward 3	+
Bell, Bob	Ward 1	+	Kovach, Gloria	Ward 4	-
Billings, Christine	Ward 6	-	Laidlaw, Maggie	Ward 3	+
Burcher, Lise	Ward 5	+	Piper, Leanne	Ward 5	-
Farbridge, Karen	Mayor	-	Salisbury, Mike	Ward 4	-
Farrelly, Kathleen	Ward 1	■	Wettstein, Karl	Ward 6	-
Findlay, Ian	Ward 2	+			

■ aligned with GCL values
■ absent and/or abstained vote

Guelph Civic League Value – Better growth planning

THE MOTION:

Reduce proposed number of suburban housing units

26 March, 2007

Burcher motion that Council approve the Development Priorities Plan with a 200 unit reduction in the number of draft plans approved.

The Guelph Civic League believes that our city's rate of growth should be better controlled through the Development Priorities Plan.

THE VOTES:

Beard, Vicki	Ward 2	+	Hofland, June	Ward 3	+
Bell, Bob	Ward 1	+	Kovach, Gloria	Ward 4	+
Billings, Christine	Ward 6	-	Laidlaw, Maggie	Ward 3	+
Burcher, Lise	Ward 5	+	Piper, Leanne	Ward 5	+
Farbridge, Karen	Mayor	+	Salisbury, Mike	Ward 4	+
Farrelly, Kathleen	Ward 1	■	Wettstein, Karl	Ward 6	-
Findlay, Ian	Ward 2	+			

■ aligned with GCL values
■ absent and/or abstained vote

Guelph Civic League Value – Ecological protection

THE MOTION:

Adopt the Community Energy Plan

23 April, 2007

Findlay motion that council endorse the vision, goals and directions set out in the Community Energy Plan.

The Guelph Civic League believes that the city must show leadership by developing a comprehensive climate-change response plan.

THE VOTES:

Beard, Vicki	Ward 2	+	Hofland, June	Ward 3	+
Bell, Bob	Ward 1	+	Kovach, Gloria	Ward 4	+
Billings, Christine	Ward 6	+	Laidlaw, Maggie	Ward 3	+
Burcher, Lise	Ward 5	+	Piper, Leanne	Ward 5	+
Farbridge, Karen	Mayor	+	Salisbury, Mike	Ward 4	+
Farrelly, Kathleen	Ward 1	+	Wettstein, Karl	Ward 6	+
Findlay, Ian	Ward 2	+			

aligned with GCL values
 absent and/or abstained vote

Guelph Civic League Value – Ecological protection

THE MOTION:

Restrict the Nestle permit renewal to two years

7 May, 2007

Findlay motion that committee report recommends that Nestle permit to take water be renewed for a two year period at the current rates.

The Guelph Civic League believes that water use should be closely linked to growth planning.

THE VOTES:

Beard, Vicki	Ward 2	+	Hofland, June	Ward 3	+
Bell, Bob	Ward 1	+	Kovach, Gloria	Ward 4	-
Billings, Christine	Ward 6	-	Laidlaw, Maggie	Ward 3	+
Burcher, Lise	Ward 5	+	Piper, Leanne	Ward 5	-
Farbridge, Karen	Mayor	+	Salisbury, Mike	Ward 4	+
Farrelly, Kathleen	Ward 1	+	Wettstein, Karl	Ward 6	-
Findlay, Ian	Ward 2	+			

aligned with GCL values
 absent and/or abstained vote

Guelph Civic League Value – Ecological protection

THE MOTION:

Approve pesticides ban

22 May, 2007

Piper motion that the proposed pesticide bylaw be approved, phasing out the use of cosmetic pesticides by 2009.

The Guelph Civic League believes that the city should ban the use of cosmetic pesticides to protect the health of residents and eco-systems.

THE VOTES:

Beard, Vicki	Ward 2	+	Hofland, June	Ward 3	+
Bell, Bob	Ward 1	+	Kovach, Gloria	Ward 4	+
Billings, Christine	Ward 6	-	Laidlaw, Maggie	Ward 3	+
Burcher, Lise	Ward 5	■	Piper, Leanne	Ward 5	+
Farbridge, Karen	Mayor	+	Salisbury, Mike	Ward 4	+
Farrelly, Kathleen	Ward 1	+	Wettstein, Karl	Ward 6	+
Findlay, Ian	Ward 2	+			

■ aligned with GCL values
■ absent and/or abstained vote

Guelph Civic League Value – Civic quality and beauty

THE MOTION:

Fund a people-friendly civic square

22 May, 2007

Findlay motion that the Civic Square concrete landscaping be removed from the contract and the area be surfaced on an interim basis with sod or gravel.

The Guelph Civic League believes that appealing public spaces add social and economic value to our city.

THE VOTES:

Beard, Vicki	Ward 2	+	Hofland, June	Ward 3	+
Bell, Bob	Ward 1	+	Kovach, Gloria	Ward 4	+
Billings, Christine	Ward 6	+	Laidlaw, Maggie	Ward 3	+
Burcher, Lise	Ward 5	■	Piper, Leanne	Ward 5	+
Farbridge, Karen	Mayor	+	Salisbury, Mike	Ward 4	+
Farrelly, Kathleen	Ward 1	+	Wettstein, Karl	Ward 6	+
Findlay, Ian	Ward 2	+			

■ aligned with GCL values
■ absent and/or abstained vote

Guelph Civic League Value – Ecological protection

THE MOTION:

Remove Lake Erie pipeline from water master plan

22 May, 2007

Piper motion that staff be directed to implement all components of the Water Supply Master Plan with the exception of a proposed Great Lake pipeline.

The Guelph Civic League believes that planning for growth should be in keeping with the natural limits of local ground water.

THE VOTES:

Beard, Vicki	Ward 2	+	Hofland, June	Ward 3	+
Bell, Bob	Ward 1	+	Kovach, Gloria	Ward 4	+
Billings, Christine	Ward 6	+	Laidlaw, Maggie	Ward 3	+
Burcher, Lise	Ward 5	■	Piper, Leanne	Ward 5	+
Farbridge, Karen	Mayor	+	Salisbury, Mike	Ward 4	+
Farrelly, Kathleen	Ward 1	+	Wettstein, Karl	Ward 6	+
Findlay, Ian	Ward 2	+			

■ aligned with GCL values
■ absent and/or abstained vote

Guelph Civic League Value – Infrastructure investment

THE MOTION:

Cut funding for south-end emergency services facility

22 May, 2007

Bell motion to reduce the capital project cost for Clair Road Emergency Services facility by \$3 million.

The Guelph Civic League believes that citizens should have equal access to quality services.

THE VOTES:

Beard, Vicki	Ward 2	-	Hofland, June	Ward 3	-
Bell, Bob	Ward 1	+	Kovach, Gloria	Ward 4	-
Billings, Christine	Ward 6	-	Laidlaw, Maggie	Ward 3	-
Burcher, Lise	Ward 5	■	Piper, Leanne	Ward 5	-
Farbridge, Karen	Mayor	-	Salisbury, Mike	Ward 4	-
Farrelly, Kathleen	Ward 1	+	Wettstein, Karl	Ward 6	-
Findlay, Ian	Ward 2	-			

■ aligned with GCL values
■ absent and/or abstained vote

Guelph Civic League Value – Support local business

THE MOTION:

Test two-hour free parking downtown

25 June, 2007

Salisbury motion that staff be directed to work with Downtown Board of Management to develop a two-hour free downtown pilot parking program.

The Guelph Civic League believes that a vital and readily accessible city centre contributes to the overall economic development of our city.

THE VOTES:

Beard, Vicki	Ward 2	+	Hofland, June	Ward 3	+
Bell, Bob	Ward 1	-	Kovach, Gloria	Ward 4	-
Billings, Christine	Ward 6	-	Laidlaw, Maggie	Ward 3	+
Burcher, Lise	Ward 5	+	Piper, Leanne	Ward 5	+
Farbridge, Karen	Mayor	+	Salisbury, Mike	Ward 4	+
Farrelly, Kathleen	Ward 1	-	Wettstein, Karl	Ward 6	+
Findlay, Ian	Ward 2	+			

aligned with GCL values
 absent and/or abstained vote

Guelph Civic League Value – Heritage preservation

THE MOTION:

Make the Loretto Convent our new museum

16 July, 2007

Laidlaw motion that council approves the Museum Board recommendation to relocate the Guelph Civic Museum to the Loretto Convent.

The Guelph Civic League believes that the wealth of a city is closely linked to the preservation of its history and heritage.

THE VOTES:

Beard, Vicki	Ward 2	+	Hofland, June	Ward 3	+
Bell, Bob	Ward 1	-	Kovach, Gloria	Ward 4	+
Billings, Christine	Ward 6	-	Laidlaw, Maggie	Ward 3	+
Burcher, Lise	Ward 5	+	Piper, Leanne	Ward 5	+
Farbridge, Karen	Mayor	+	Salisbury, Mike	Ward 4	+
Farrelly, Kathleen	Ward 1	-	Wettstein, Karl	Ward 6	+
Findlay, Ian	Ward 2	+			

aligned with GCL values
 absent and/or abstained vote

Guelph Civic League Value – Heritage preservation

THE MOTION:

Establish a heritage redevelopment reserve

4 September, 2007

Kovach motion that council approve the Heritage Redevelopment Reserve Policy as amended.

The Guelph Civic League believes that the re-development of heritage buildings adds to the character and value of our city.

THE VOTES:

Beard, Vicki	Ward 2	+	Hofland, June	Ward 3	+
Bell, Bob	Ward 1	+	Kovach, Gloria	Ward 4	+
Billings, Christine	Ward 6	-	Laidlaw, Maggie	Ward 3	+
Burcher, Lise	Ward 5	■	Piper, Leanne	Ward 5	+
Farbridge, Karen	Mayor	+	Salisbury, Mike	Ward 4	+
Farrelly, Kathleen	Ward 1	+	Wettstein, Karl	Ward 6	+
Findlay, Ian	Ward 2	+			

■ aligned with GCL values
■ absent and/or abstained vote

Guelph Civic League Value – Investing in services

THE MOTION:

Replenish the transit fleet

15 October, 2007

Laidlaw motion to purchase three new buses and three used buses to replenish the transit fleet.

The Guelph Civic League believes that quality public transit is essential to the sustainability of our city and that public transit should feature predominantly in overall city planning.

THE VOTES:

Beard, Vicki	Ward 2	+	Hofland, June	Ward 3	+
Bell, Bob	Ward 1	+	Kovach, Gloria	Ward 4	-
Billings, Christine	Ward 6	■	Laidlaw, Maggie	Ward 3	+
Burcher, Lise	Ward 5	+	Piper, Leanne	Ward 5	+
Farbridge, Karen	Mayor	+	Salisbury, Mike	Ward 4	+
Farrelly, Kathleen	Ward 1	+	Wettstein, Karl	Ward 6	+
Findlay, Ian	Ward 2	-			

■ aligned with GCL values
■ absent and/or abstained vote

Guelph Civic League Value – Citizen engagement

THE MOTION:

Expand notice of meetings to allow for greater public input

19 November, 2007

Laidlaw motion for staff to report back on inclusion of neighbourhood/stakeholder groups and multi-lingual communications for provisions of public notice.

The Guelph Civic League believes that the city has a responsibility to ensure that citizens have the opportunity to participate in government decision making.

THE VOTES:

Beard, Vicki	Ward 2	+	Hofland, June	Ward 3	+
Bell, Bob	Ward 1	+	Kovach, Gloria	Ward 4	+
Billings, Christine	Ward 6	+	Laidlaw, Maggie	Ward 3	+
Burcher, Lise	Ward 5	+	Piper, Leanne	Ward 5	+
Farbridge, Karen	Mayor	+	Salisbury, Mike	Ward 4	+
Farrelly, Kathleen	Ward 1	+	Wettstein, Karl	Ward 6	+
Findlay, Ian	Ward 2	+			

aligned with GCL values
 absent and/or abstained vote

Guelph Civic League Value – Culture and arts

THE MOTION:

Approve Baker Street as central library site

19 November 2007

Kovach motion that the Baker Street Site be selected as the preferred location for the new central library.

The Guelph Civic League believes that committing to the new central library will add value to the entire city.

THE VOTES:

Beard, Vicki	Ward 2	+	Hofland, June	Ward 3	+
Bell, Bob	Ward 1	+	Kovach, Gloria	Ward 4	-
Billings, Christine	Ward 6	-	Laidlaw, Maggie	Ward 3	+
Burcher, Lise	Ward 5	+	Piper, Leanne	Ward 5	+
Farbridge, Karen	Mayor	+	Salisbury, Mike	Ward 4	+
Farrelly, Kathleen	Ward 1	+	Wettstein, Karl	Ward 6	+
Findlay, Ian	Ward 2				

aligned with GCL values
 absent and/or abstained vote

Guelph Civic League Value – Support local business

THE MOTION:

Reconsider two-hour free parking 26 November, 2007

Laidlaw motion that council reconsider the two hour free on-street parking in the downtown pilot.

The Guelph Civic League believes that a vital and readily accessible city centre contributes to the overall economic development of our city.

THE VOTES:

Beard, Vicki	Ward 2	–	Hofland, June	Ward 3	■
Bell, Bob	Ward 1	+	Kovach, Gloria	Ward 4	+
Billings, Christine	Ward 6	+	Laidlaw, Maggie	Ward 3	+
Burcher, Lise	Ward 5	–	Piper, Leanne	Ward 5	–
Farbridge, Karen	Mayor	–	Salisbury, Mike	Ward 4	–
Farrelly, Kathleen	Ward 1	+	Wettstein, Karl	Ward 6	■
Findlay, Ian	Ward 2	–			

■ aligned with GCL values
■ absent and/or abstained vote

Guelph Civic League Value – Investing in services

THE MOTION:

Waste Resource Innovation Centre improvements 17 December, 2007

Burcher motion to approve mixed broken glass recovery system at the Waste Resource Innovation Centre as recommended by staff.

The Guelph Civic League believes that research and investment in new technologies will sustain the community's commitment to recycling and thus to a better future.

THE VOTES:

Beard, Vicki	Ward 2	+	Hofland, June	Ward 3	+
Bell, Bob	Ward 1	+	Kovach, Gloria	Ward 4	+
Billings, Christine	Ward 6	+	Laidlaw, Maggie	Ward 3	+
Burcher, Lise	Ward 5	+	Piper, Leanne	Ward 5	+
Farbridge, Karen	Mayor	+	Salisbury, Mike	Ward 4	–
Farrelly, Kathleen	Ward 1	+	Wettstein, Karl	Ward 6	+
Findlay, Ian	Ward 2	+			

■ aligned with GCL values
■ absent and/or abstained vote



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