



Special Council Meeting

Minutes

December 11, 2023, 4:30 p.m.

Council Chambers - Hybrid

City of Kitchener

200 King Street W, Kitchener, ON N2G 4G7

Present:

Mayor B. Vrbanovic
Councillor S. Davey
Councillor D. Schnider
Councillor J. Deneault
Councillor C. Michaud
Councillor A. Owodunni
Councillor P. Singh
Councillor B. Ioannidis
Councillor M. Johnston
Councillor D. Chapman

Absent:

Councillor A. Clancy

Staff:

D. Chapman, Chief Administrative Officer
M. May, General Manager, Community Services and Deputy
Chief Administrator
V. Raab, General Manager, Corporate Services
J. Readman, General Manager, Development Services
J. Lautenbach, Chief Financial Officer, Financial Services
D. McGoldrick, General Manager, Infrastructure Services
G. St. Louis, Director, Gas & Water Utilities
D. Saunderson, Deputy Clerk
K. Daley, Senior Strategist, Carbon and Energy Planning
M. Mills, Committee Administrator

1. Commencement

A meeting of City Council was held at 4:06 p.m. this date, chaired by Mayor B. Vrbanovic. Notice of this meeting had been previously given to all members of Council by the City Clerk pursuant to Chapter 25 (Council Procedure) of the Municipal Code.

The meeting began with a Land Acknowledgement given by the Mayor.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None.

3. Staff Reports

3.1 Phase 1 Report and Guiding Principles - Kitchener Utilities (KU) Transition Strategy, INS-2023-508

Council considered Infrastructure Services Department report INS-2023-508, dated November 10, 2023, entitled Phase 1 report and guiding principles - Kitchener Utilities (KU) Transition Strategy, related to Kitchener Utilities' natural gas delivery business and the need to evolve, in response to ongoing changes in the global, national, provincial, and local energy context as the clean energy transition continues, and to align with the City's and the community's climate change commitments.

K. Daley, Senior Strategist, Carbon and Energy Planning, presented the report, noting the project is currently in Phase 1 with a focus on building relationships and understanding around values, goals, and scoping of the strategy. K. Daley provided an overview of the guiding principles for the transition strategy, including making responsible, accountable, and financially rewarding business decisions; serving customers as an affordable and reliable partner in the energy transition; contributing to a thriving community; and, planning for multiple energy futures with flexibility and focus. K. Daley then responded to questions from Council. G. St. Louis, Director, Utilities, was also in attendance to respond to questions from Council.

Moved by Councillor B. Ioannidis

Seconded by Councillor P. Singh

"That the guiding principles for the project, as outlined in Table 2 of Infrastructure Services Department report INS-2023-508, be endorsed.

Carried

4. Mayoral Business and Updates - Mayor B. Vrbanovic

None.

5. In-camera Meeting Authorization

Moved by Councillor P. Singh

Seconded by Councillor S. Davey

"That an in-camera meeting of City Council be held immediately following the special council meeting this date to consider two matters related to land acquisition and/or disposition and one matter related to a position, plan, procedure, criteria, or instruction to be applied to negotiations as authorized by Sections 239 (c) and (k) of the Municipal Act, 2001, respectively."

Carried

6. Adjournment

On motion the meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk