

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

TOWN OF GEORGINA – FEBRUARY 22, 2010

► Reports

◆ Council received Report No. DAS-2010-0010 and agreed to advertise the Cat Spay/Neuter Program on the Town's website and on the Town page of the Georgina Advocate with the rebate voucher for any Town of Georgina cat spayed/neutered during the months of March and April, 2010 to be set at \$50.00 for males and \$75.00 for females.

◆ Council received Report No. EPW-2010-0005 authorizing the Director of Engineering and Public Works, the Director of Leisure Services and the Economic Development Officer to work with York Region Transit to develop a design and contract for the supply and maintenance of street furniture for regional and municipal roads.

◆ Council received Report No. DAS-2010-0007 to adopt the 2010 Water and Sewer Budget, reflecting an overall increase of 8.8% to the quarterly water and sewer bill for an average home; establishing the rate for water usage at \$1.09 per cubic metre; establishing the rate for sewer services at \$1.24 per cubic metre of water; all effective the April 2010 billing.

◆ Council received Report No. DAS-2010-0012, directing staff to work with the other interested municipalities within York Region to recruit applicants for a Joint Compliance Audit Committee;

◆ Council received Report No. EPW-2010-0007, accepting the revised price submitted by Jeviso Construction Corporation in the amount of \$1,450,000 for the proposed Waterworks Maintenance Facility; staff were directed to negotiate with the contractor concerning the potential expansion to the tendered document to include the two additional bays tendered in the original document as an option if determined by the Town to be practical, conditional on the \$247,600 increased price remaining fixed.

◆ Council received Report No. EPW-2010-0008 to amend Traffic By-law No. 2002-0046 (TR-1) to designate as a fire route both sides of the entrance of Boston Pizza from The Queensway South and continue northerly through the parking lot to the existing boat launch.

◆ Council received Report No. EPW-2010-0009, accepting the original bid in the amount of \$1,697,614.00 submitted by Jeviso Construction Corporation for the construction of the proposed Waterworks Maintenance Facility with nine bays and a workshop within the garage area.

◆Council received Report No. DAS-2010-0013 to adopt the 2010 Tax Levy Supported Budget for both Operations and Capital Investments as detailed in the report, and accompanying schedules; and to authorize the Town Treasurer to establish 2010 Property Tax Rates sufficient to raise \$27,781,500 in support of the Tax Levy Supported Budget.

◆Council received Report No. PB-2010-0011 approving an Application to amend Zoning By-law 500 made by Wendy & Martorino Twydell and Sheila, 24339 Highway 48, Baldwin, known as Tack Town, to rezone land described as Part Lot 1, Concession 3 (G) from Rural (RU-3) to a Highway Commercial (C2) zone to permit the existing residential and retail uses.

◆Council received Report No. PB-2010-0012 approving an Application to amend Zoning By-law 500 made by Idea Supply, to rezone land described as Part of Lots 1, 2, 3, Registered Plan 372, 606 The Queensway South, Keswick, from a Site Specific Tourist Commercial (C5-7) zone to a Site Specific General Commercial (C1) zone, to permit a wholesale/retail establishment for electrical supplies, safety equipment, tools and automotive parts.

◆Council received Report No. PB-2010-0010 approving an Application to amend Zoning By-law 500 made by Kingston Westney Inc. and 1446696 Ontario Inc. to rezone Part of Lot 2, Concession 6, being property located on the south side of Burke Street, the east side of High Street and the north side of Highway 48, Sutton, from General Industrial (M1) and Low Density Urban Residential (R1) to a Site Specific Highway Commercial zone, and approving an Official Plan Amendment Application to redesignate Part Lot 2, Concession 6, from Industrial and Low Density Residential to General Commercial.

-Prior to the adoption of the Official Plan Amendment and the Amending Zoning By-law, the applicant is to proceed sufficiently through the Site Plan Review process to the satisfaction Town staff. All interested parties to the Official Plan Amendment or the Zoning By-law Amendment applications will be sent an invitation to attend the Site Plan Control meeting.

► **Action**

◆Council requested the Director of Engineering and Public Works to submit a report to Council on the potential of installing an additional stop sign on Arlington Drive in the Cedarwood Subdivision between Woodbine Avenue and Richmond Park Drive, given the fact that it is a high traffic area confirmed through a traffic count study.

◆Council passed the following motion concerning licensed Marihuana Grow Operations:

“WHEREAS IN JUNE 2001, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IMPLEMENTED THE MARIHUANA MEDICAL ACCESS REGULATIONS (MMAR) WHICH ALLOWS FOR LICENSED MARIHUANA GROW OPERATIONS. THE MMAR AUTHORIZES HEALTH CANADA TO ISSUE LICENSES TO POSSESS, AS WELL AS PRODUCE, MARIHUANA FOR PERSONS WITH CERTAIN MEDICAL CONDITIONS. IT ALSO ALLOWS FOR DESIGNATED THIRD PARTIES TO PRODUCE MARIHUANA FOR PERSONS WITH MEDICAL CONDITIONS.

AND WHEREAS THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK POLICE SERVICES BOARD RECOGNIZES THAT THERE ARE SUBSTANTIAL HEALTH RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH INDOOR MARIHUANA GROW OPERATIONS, LEGAL OR ILLEGAL, DUE TO MOULD, ELEVATED LEVELS OF CARBON DIOXIDE, ELECTRICAL HAZARDS AND OTHER CHEMICALS AND PESTICIDES USED TO FOSTER PLANT GROWTH;

AND WHEREAS ADMINISTERED BY HEALTH CANADA, THE MMAR DO NOT SUPERSEDE OTHER LEGISLATION INCLUDING MUNICIPAL BY-LAWS. INDIVIDUALS LICENSED UNDER THE MMAR ARE REQUIRED TO OBSERVE ALL OTHER LAWS SUCH AS ZONING, FIRE AND ELECTRICAL REGULATIONS. HEALTH CANADA MAINTAINS THAT IT IS NOT PART OF THEIR MANDATE TO VERIFY THE SAFETY STANDARDS OF EACH PRODUCTION SITE.

AND WHEREAS THERE IS NO MECHANISM IN PLACE TO ENSURE THAT INDIVIDUALS LICENSED TO GROW MARIHUANA UNDER THE MMAR ADHERE TO FEDERAL, PROVINCIAL LAWS AND MUNICIPAL BUILDING, FIRE AND ELECTRICAL REGULATIONS. CONSEQUENTLY, THERE IS AN INCREASED AND UNADDRESSED RISK TO BUILDING OCCUPANTS AND OTHERS INCLUDING EMERGENCY PERSONNEL.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK POLICE SERVICES BOARD CALLS UPON HEALTH CANADA TO REQUIRE ELECTRICAL, FIRE AND BUILDING INSPECTIONS AS A CONDITION OF LICENSING TO PRODUCE MARIHUANA IN ACCORDANCE WITH MMAR.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK POLICE SERVICES BOARD CALLS UPON HEALTH CANADA TO NOTIFY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND POLICE SERVICES OF LOCATIONS LICENSED TO PRODUCE MARIHUANA IN ACCORDANCE WITH MMAR, THEREFORE, ENABLING REGIONAL AND MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES TO ENSURE SITES ARE COMPLIANT WITH PERTINENT LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK POLICE SERVICES BOARD CALLS UPON THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF POLICE BOARDS TO EXPRESS THEIR SUPPORT OF THIS RESOLUTION.”

◆Council granted support of the 'EARTH WEEK COMMUNITY CHALLENGE DAY' to be held on Wednesday, August 11, 2010 through showing the largest reduction in electricity use.