



GEORGINA

Council Highlights

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Award of engineering contract – Pefferlaw Dam rehabilitation and remediation

Council received the report and approved the award of contract for engineering design and construction contract administration for the rehabilitation and remediation at the Pefferlaw Dam to D.M. Wills Associates Ltd. Ownership of the Pefferlaw Dam and the surrounding Pefferlaw Dam Conservation Area was transferred from the Lake Simcoe Regional Conservation Authority to the Town of Georgina on June 30, 2022. As part of this transfer, it was agreed the Town would assume responsibility for repairs, maintenance and operation of the dam and its surrounding property.

Short-term rental accommodation licensing update – 2023

Council received the report regarding the short-term rental accommodation licensing update – 2023. Council approved the amendments to the Short-term Rental Accommodation Licensing By-law which include allowing off-site hosts without requiring a variance approval from the Appeals Committee and removing the limitation on the driveway or parking area. Council directed that part three of the second recommendation regarding the parking requirement and number of parking spots be brought back for further consideration. Staff were directed to bring the by-law back for approval with the first two amendments.

Waterfront Parks Master Plan, Part 2

Council received the report and [presentation](#) on the Waterfront Parks Master Plan, Part 2. Council also received the proposed concepts and enhancements, and directed staff to proceed with Part 3 of the Waterfront Parks Master Plan which would include a Town-wide waterfront parks implementation strategy, funding for parks, the acquisition/leasing of properties, the investigation of parking and traffic issues, and public input. Staff were also directed to look into the option of food vendors at waterfront parks.

Proposed Keswick Secondary Plan (June 2023)

Council received the report on the proposed [Keswick Secondary Plan](#) and approved its adoption. Council approved a by-law to amend the Town of Georgina Official Plan in accordance with the Planning Act in order to adopt the proposed Keswick Secondary Plan (June 2023), repeal the existing Keswick Secondary Plan (OPA No. 93), as amended, in its entirety; and amend sections of the Town of Georgina Official Plan that reference the current Keswick Secondary Plan schedules and replace them with appropriate references to the proposed Keswick Secondary Plan (June 2023) schedules. The adopted Keswick Secondary Plan and associated Official Plan amendment will be sent to York Region for review and approval.

Pigeons in residential areas

Council received the report on the results of the pigeons in residential areas review. Council approved amending Animal Control By-law 2003-0072 and Animals at Large By-law 2003-0073 to allow for the raising of pigeons in residential areas in Pefferlaw and the hamlet areas subject to a number of criteria and regulations as set out in the report. Staff will report back on a process to consider site-specific requests for by-law amendments to allow for pigeon keeping in other areas of the Town, namely Keswick, the serviced lakeshore areas and Sutton/Jackson's Point.

Update on off-road vehicles on Town of Georgina highways

Council received the report respecting an update from the working group which was formed to investigate allowing off-road vehicles on Town of Georgina highways. Various municipalities close to Georgina and around Lake Simcoe permit off-road vehicles on their roadways. Council approved a public consultation process, and directed staff to report on the results of the public consultation process and provide updated options and recommendations by Nov. 30, 2023.

Hedge Road bank stabilization – road closure

Council received the briefing note regarding the [Hedge Road Bank Stabilization construction project](#) and road closure. Construction work is anticipated to start July 17, 2023 and is expected to be complete by November 2023. The construction will take place along the north side of Hedge Road from Seward Drive to approximately 175m east. During construction, Hedge Road will be closed between Park Road and Seward Drive, with access to local traffic only. A detour around this road closure will be communicated and clearly signed in accordance with the submitted Traffic Management Plan.

Closed session

In regard to Closed Session Item 17.1(a) on the agenda under Section 239 (2) (c) of the Municipal Act, being a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board, regarding Jackson's Point;

That Council direct staff to proceed accordingly.

Additional Council Information

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