



GEORGINA

Council Highlights

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Process review surrounding annual funding to community organizations

Town Council has approved the introduction of an application and project-based funding program to assist in streamlining the submission and approval process for those community organizations that request funding each year as part of the Town's annual budget process. The applications to support the improved funding program will be launched this Fall and will help address Council's desire for greater transparency, accountability and reporting by the recipients of this funding. In recognition of the contributions these community organizations make to our community and the desire to continue to support projects and services offered by these organizations, Council has set aside \$350,000 to administer this program.

Lake Drive Shoreline Jurisdiction Action Plan – project update

Council received a Staff Report on the status of the Project and directed that staff proceed with Operational Step #6 of the Action Plan, which involves sending notices to all Eligible Property Owners (EPOs) to determine the level of interest in participating in the divestiture process. Staff were also directed to proceed with Operational Step #7 of the Action Plan, which involves the start of the procurement process for surveying services. Staff will report back in November 2023 regarding the status of the surveyor procurement process and the interest in EPO participation after gauging results collected through the consultation process.

Housing accelerator fund grant application

Council received the report and endorsed the submission of an application to the Housing Accelerator Fund. Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation's (CMHC's) Housing Accelerator Fund is intended to accelerate the supply of housing across Canada. It is a \$4 billion funding program to incentivize local governments to implement initiatives that achieve a number of outcomes to increase housing. To be eligible for funding, the Town is required to submit an application, including a Housing Action Plan that outlines supply growth targets and specific initiatives to grow housing supply and speed up housing approvals. The funding decision is expected to be announced in Fall 2023.

2023 Multi-use Recreation Complex (MURC) operating budget

Council approved permanent positions under both the Community Services Department and Georgina Public Library that will support MURC operations. For new staff to be fully trained, the recruitment process for these positions will get underway in Q3, 2023 with broad communications to ensure these opportunities are known. Council also directed the Treasurer to include the MURC operating revenue and expenditure impacts, estimated to have an annualized net operating increase of \$2 million (2023 dollars), in the base budget for 2024 and to fully fund the impact with Assessment Growth.

The MURC will offer a wide variety of dynamic programs that will continually evolve responding to the interests and needs of patrons. Staff intend to provide a soft launch opening in Q1 2024.

MURC verbal update

Progress continues at the MURC. Council received a construction updated that noted progress in several areas including: the nearing completion of siding, pool and washroom tiling and walking track railing. The electrical and mechanical is progressing well, and interior glass is being installed. Outside the building, the majority of curbs, planters and walkways are complete with the parking lot still in progress. Still on target for a Q4 2023 turnover to the Town, with the public opening targeting Q1 2024.

Lake Drive Functional Assessment Study – public engagement

Council received the briefing note that outlined engagement activities for the Lake Drive Functionality Assessment Study. The study's primary purpose is to examine ways of improving the user experience, enhancing safety for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles, while also building on the unique recreational, tourism and economic feature that Lake Drive represents for the Town. Potential options will be developed and evaluated taking into consideration a wide range of community, environmental and financial criteria. The study focuses on the existing edge-to-edge pavement configuration and will not recommend any widening or additional infrastructure beyond the existing paved surface of the roadway.

Motion from Councillor Dave Neeson on the Phosphorus Reduction Strategy

Whereas on Feb. 24, 2021, the Council of the Town of Georgina passed Resolution No. C-2021-0051 in conjunction with staff report DS-2021-0022;

Whereas the above referenced Resolution No. C-2021-0051 in conjunction with staff report DS-2021-0022 was passed by the members of council unanimously;

Whereas as a part of staff report DS-2021-022, recommendation number 5 contained the following in regards to the current and on-going review of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan (Act):

"5. That the Council for the Town of Georgina requests that the Province of Ontario revise the Phosphorus Reduction Strategy to create a time bound plan and the associated budgets to achieve the 55% phosphorus pollution reduction to no more than 44 tonnes per year as soon as possible"

And whereas the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan (Act) received unanimous all-party support in the Ontario Legislature in 2008;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Town of Georgina re-affirms its resolution as stated of Feb. 24, 2021 with the following amendments:

1. That the Council for the Town of Georgina requests that the Province of Ontario revise the Phosphorus Reduction Strategy to create a time-bound plan and the associated budgets to achieve the 55% phosphorus pollution reduction to no more than 44 tonnes per year with a target date of 2030.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; all Lake Simcoe watershed MPPs; the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) and all Lake Simcoe watershed municipalities.

Closed session

In regard to Closed Session Item 17.1(a) on the agenda under Section 239 (2) (b) of the Municipal Act, being personnel matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, being a confidential attachment to report LS- 2023-0011, appointments to various committees/boards for the 2022-2026 Term of Office, with the exception of the Agriculture Committee.

- That Council direct staff to proceed accordingly.
- Agriculture Committee – That Council direct staff to proceed accordingly.

Additional Council Information

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