



**GEORGINA**

## Council Highlights

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### **Georgina Town Council Oct. 4**

#### **Update on the Fixed Link project to Georgina Island**

Council received a presentation from Cambium Indigenous Professional Services on Fixed Link project to Georgina Island. This is a proposed 2.3 kilometre fixed link connecting the island to the mainland. The presentation outlined the next steps in the project as well as upcoming public engagement plans. More information can be found at [gifixedlink.com](http://gifixedlink.com).

#### **Town of Georgina municipal housing target and pledge**

In response to a request from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to commit to a housing target and housing pledge, Council approved a number of recommendations:

1. That Council receive report DS-2023-0089 prepared by the Development Services Department dated Oct. 4, 2023 respecting a request from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to commit to a Housing Target and Housing Pledge.
2. That Council support the assigned housing target of 6,200 new homes by 2031, with an acknowledgement of the challenges and pre-conditions associated with achieving the housing target as outlined in this report and specifically as outlined in recommendation no. 8;
3. That the Province be requested to provide immediate and unconditional funding to lower and upper-tier municipalities to accelerate the design, approval and construction of growth-related infrastructure needed to achieve the assigned housing targets;
4. That the Province be requested to provide \$2 million in matching funding to the Town of Georgina to support upfront costs to implement its Housing Pledge and in the event that the Town is unsuccessful in obtaining grant funding through the Federal Housing Accelerator Fund, that \$4 million be requested, and that the Province confirm that for the first year of the program (2023) the housing target will start at 110,000 new housing starts;
5. That the Province of Ontario be requested to financially support and accelerate the Regional Municipality of York's expansions/improvements to the Georgina Water Treatment Plant and both the Keswick and Sutton Water Resource Recovery Facilities (and any necessary related infrastructure), and that the Region be requested to include such expansions/improvements in its 10-year capital plan for prioritization as part of future budget deliberations;
6. That the Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD) request their members with approved development projects and committed servicing allocation in the Town of Georgina to proceed expeditiously with the construction of new homes;
7. That the Province of Ontario be requested to provide to the Town of Georgina the authority to require inclusionary zoning;
8. That the Council of the Town of Georgina does not support Bill 3 – Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, 2022, S.O. 2022, C.18 and hereby requests that Strong Mayor Powers as contained within this legislation not be extended to the Town of Georgina;

9. That a copy of Report DS-2023-0089 and Council's resolution thereon be forwarded to the Office of the Premier of Ontario, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Regional Municipality of York, Caroline Mulroney, MPP for York-Simcoe, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD).

**Overview of Bill 3 – Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, 2022, S.O. 2022, c.18**

Council received the report respecting an overview of Bill 3 – Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, 2022, S.O. 2022, c. 18. This report was provided to Council for information regarding the scope of the Strong Mayor Powers proposed by the Province.

**Closed session**

In regard to Closed Session Item No. 17.1.a under Section 239(2)(3.1) of the Municipal Act being educational or training sessions respecting media training;

1. That Council receive the training information.

**Additional Council Information**

Comprehensive minutes of Georgina Town Council Meetings, which detail the full list of Council decisions, are available under [Agendas and Minutes](#) on the Town website once they have been ratified by Council.