



2021



# Community Highlights

## Business support during pandemic

COVID-19 business support programs were extended through the end of 2021. The programs included grants, a development application fee rebate and a temporary patio program. The Town provided \$59,559 in financial incentives to businesses and 12 restaurants were approved to establish new or expand temporary patios.

## Vaccination clinic

The Georgina Mass Vaccination Clinic was open for six months in 2021, from March through August. York Region Public Health led the clinic, which was made possible through support from the Town. In order to host a clinic, the Town redeployed recreation staff to support its operation, fulfilling a variety of roles.

## Business Park to bring industrial development to Georgina

Panattoni Development Company acquired 200 acres of zoned industrial land at the northeast corner of Woodbine Avenue and Glenwoods Avenue in Keswick, which can be readied for immediate development. The site is located three kilometres from Highway 404 in an area that has seen considerable growth.

## MURC groundbreaking

The Town held a groundbreaking event in November 2021 for the new Multi-use Recreation Complex (MURC) – the largest project in its history. The new facility, which includes a pool, gym and Discovery Library Branch, is expected to be open for use in the fall of 2023.

## Julia Munro Park opening

The Town of Georgina celebrated the official opening of the new Julia Munro Park in Sutton. It is named in honour of the late Julia Munro, a former member of provincial parliament for York-Simcoe.

## Broadband Strategy

The Town has made significant progress with the Broadband Strategy. Implementation of the broadband roadmap is well underway, and fibre continues to be installed north and west of Udora. YorkNet has received conditional grant funding to deploy fibre to the majority of the rural areas of Georgina over the next few years.



Vaccination clinic



Artist rendering of business park



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## Waterfront Parks Master Plan

Council endorsed part 1 of the Waterfront Parks Master Plan. It focuses on the immediate needs of the largest waterfront parks, along with the Jackson's Point Harbour marina, the Mossington Wharf, and the Black River north of High Street in Sutton.

## Pefferlaw Fire Hall opening

The Town marked the official opening of the new Pefferlaw Fire Hall in 2021. Fire Station 1-8 is a welcome addition to Pefferlaw's downtown that also embraces the heritage of the community by incorporating the former Cooke's United Church.

## National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

In recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, the Town held a special flag-raising event at the Civic Centre on Sept 30, 2021. A smudging ceremony was performed which involved the burning of one or more medicines gathered from the earth.

## Every child matters crosswalk

The Town installed an Indigenous Every Child matters crosswalk in front of the Island View Business Centre/Georgina Island Ferry dock in November 2021. A second crosswalk is being planned for Sutton.

## Pride crosswalk

The Town installed a rainbow Pride crosswalk in 2021, located in the uptown Keswick Business Improvement Area at Simcoe Avenue and the Queensway South. The popularity of rainbow, and other inclusive crosswalks, shows how communities can embrace diversity and show their commitment to the LGTBQIA2S+ community.

## Accessible swing at the ROC

An accessible swing was installed at the ROC playground in June of 2021. Called the Freedom Glider, the swing was made possible with the help of a donation from Peaceful Hearts Georgina Foundation. The ROC was chosen for its central location and accessible amenities such as parking, washrooms and the splash pad.



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