

Council Highlights

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Verbal report - Multi-use Recreation Complex (MURC) update

Council received the verbal update on the status of construction of the MURC. The structural steel is complete, and the gym, Discovery Library Branch and lobby roofs are near completion. The building is almost fully enclosed and interior finishes like insulation and drywall are starting. The siding, electrical and mechanical, and pool area work are all progressing well. The project is 60 per cent complete by cost. The current schedule is targeting a Q4 2023 turnover to the Town to outfit with furniture and equipment. The target to open to the public is Q1 in 2024.

Replacement Civic Centre

Council received the report and approved the recommendation to build a replacement Civic Centre along with all related works including the demolition of the existing Civic Centre for an updated total project budget of \$50 million. Council also approved the issuance of a Request for Tender for the construction of the replacement Civic Centre along with all related works and demolition of the existing Civic Centre. Staff are to return to Council at the appropriate time to seek approval to award the Contract for construction. Council approved a recommendation that the replacement Civic Centre be designed with a focus on energy efficiency and sustainability, and not necessarily to achieve LEED Gold. Learn more at georgina.ca/BuildingGeorgina.

Award of grass-cutting services

Council received the report regarding the award of grass-cutting services and approved the contract for zone one to Industrial Property Services for an initial one-year contract and two optional years. The contract for zone two was awarded to Ibrahim Nassri Trading Inc. for an initial one-year contract and two optional years.

Motion from Councillor Lee Dale on the proposed Aerodrome

Whereas a final summary report regarding a proposed Aerodrome to be known as the Baldwin East Aerodrome, which is intended to be located at 7818 Old Homestead Rd. and 7486 Old Homestead Rd. in the Town of Georgina (the "Aerodrome") was submitted to the Minister of Transport on March 29, 2022, and was updated on May 30, 2022 in response to comments received by the Proponent from Transport Canada:

And whereas the 30-day period provided for in the Canadian Aviation Regulations for the review of the final summary report has expired, so that the proponent is able to proceed with its plans to develop the Aerodrome;

And whereas the above-mentioned properties are environmentally sensitive and their development as an aerodrome in accordance with the final summary report would not be permitted by Town of Georgina bylaws or provincial legislation;

And whereas on Dec. 15, 2021, Town of Georgina Council expressed its opposition to the Aerodrome based on a number of land use planning and environmental concerns;

And whereas Section 4.32 of the Aeronautics Act enables the Minister of Transport to make an order prohibiting the development or expansion of a given aerodrome or any change to the operation of a given aerodrome, if, in the minister's opinion, the proposed development, expansion or change is likely to adversely affect aviation safety or is not in the public interest;

And whereas many Town of Georgina residents, businesses and organizations have made their opposition to the Aerodrome clear;

Now therefore be it resolved that Town of Georgina staff be directed to prepare and provide submissions to the Minister of Transport requesting that he exercise his powers under Section 4.32 of the Aeronautics Act to prohibit the development of the Aerodrome, and to request whatever support may be available for this purpose from other governmental authorities, including, without limitation, the Regional Municipality of York, the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, and the federal and provincial governments.

Closed session

In regards to Closed Session Item 18.1(b) 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 Irving Drive,

That Council direct staff to proceed accordingly.

Additional Council Information

Comprehensive minutes of Georgina Town Council Meetings, which detail the full list of Council decisions, are available under <u>Agendas and Minutes</u> on the Town website once they have been ratified by Council.