



## Georgina Town Council Jan. 17

### **CN Rail crossing verbal update from Fire Chief Ron Jenkins**

Council received a verbal update from Fire Chief Ron Jenkins regarding the CN level crossing on Old Homestead Road between Weirs Sideroad and Forestry Drive. On Dec. 20, 2023, it was noticed the arms and signals across the road were not operating properly. The Town contacted the CN Senior Manager Public Affairs, Incident Management and Safety, and was told repairs would be done and would take until after the holidays to complete. Repairs were completed on Jan. 17 and the crossing is back to normal operations.

### **Sign by-law relief application – Lake Drive East, Plan 208, Lots 20 and 21**

Council received the report but did not approve application for sign by-law relief for Lake Drive East, Plan 208, Lots 20 and 21. The Municipal Law Enforcement Division received a request for two oversized real estate signs to be placed on the property to advertise the construction and sale of two homes. Council referred the matter back to staff to review further with the applicant.

### **Procurement Policy and procedures updates**

Council received the report regarding the Procurement Policy and procedures update and adopted the updated policy. It includes a change to the threshold for low value purchases which will be increased to \$25,000. A by-law will come back to Council for approval and the changes will be effective as of Feb. 1.

### **Proposed off-road vehicle by-law**

Council received the report and approved the [off-road vehicle](#) by-law. This pilot project, in effect until April 15, will allow the use of licensed off-road vehicles on Town roads within the Waterfront Park Buffer Zone and the Ward 5 catchment area, under certain conditions which can be found in the by-law. This is only for the winter months, with the intent of enabling off-road vehicle users access to Lake Simcoe. The Waterfront Park Buffer Zone includes the entire shoreline area of Lake Simcoe and Town roads in lakeside neighbourhoods. The Ward 5 catchment area is bounded by Park Road, Old Homestead Road, Weir's Sideroad, Ravenshoe Road, Lakeridge Road and Highway 48.

### **Verbal report – Multi-use Recreation Complex (MURC) update**

Council received the verbal report on the Multi-use Recreation Complex. Occupancy by the Town was achieved in Q4 2023. The remaining work is being completed, with building system commissioning and training continuing. Furniture has arrived and set up is underway. IT, phones and program items are being delivered and set up.

### **Verbal report – MURC grand opening**

Council received the verbal report regarding the grand opening of the new Multi-use Recreation Complex which has been set for March 2, 2024. Opening day will feature a ribbon cutting and free activities. The month of March will offer many free 'try it' activities allowing the public to try their hand at a variety of activities including swimming, basketball and pickleball, and a variety of Maker Space technology including 3D printers, button makers and Cricut machines. A verbal update will go to Council on Feb. 7, providing an update on programming for recreation and the Discovery Library branch. The spring session for all programs and lessons will begin in April.

### **Closed session**

In regard to Closed Session Item No. 17.1.a on the agenda under Section 239(2) (f) of the Municipal Act being advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose, being indemnification – litigation matter,  
That Council receive the update and direct the solicitor to proceed accordingly.

In regard to Closed Session Item No. 17.1.b on the agenda under Section 239(2) (d) of the Municipal Act being labour relations or employee negotiations, non-union compensation matters,  
That Council receive the update from staff and that staff be directed to proceed accordingly.

### **Additional Council information**

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