



GEORGINA

Council Highlights

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Georgina Town Council March 5 – Special Council meeting

Housing and homelessness in York Region and the Town of Georgina

A Special Council meeting was held on housing and homelessness in York Region and the Town of Georgina. Council received the [presentation](#) and heard from several experts including representatives from York Region, local agencies including Inn from the Cold (also representing Routes and the Georgina Community Food Pantry), Blue Door, the Salvation Army and the United Way of Greater Toronto, and, the Northern York South Simcoe OHT.

Council passed the following resolution:

1. Continue to consult with York Region, as the provincially designated lead for Housing and Homelessness, on partnership opportunities for addressing homelessness in Georgina and increasing the number of affordable community housing units in the Town, including the identification of specific actions within their 10-year plans.
2. Encourage continued partnerships and coordination of resources between York Region, local grass-roots organizations, businesses and local individuals with respect to resources being provided throughout the community.
3. Send a written request to York Region to continue to fund/operate a seasonal shelter(s) within Georgina permanently and expand the hours of shelter operations to seven days/week and include daytime drop-in hours, recognizing Georgina is a large community and additional shelters may be required in multiple locations, and that transportation to these shelters be made readily available.
4. Consult/negotiate with Treasure Hill (and other development industry partners where applicable) on a partnership framework to build a multi-unit rental housing development and/or smaller entry-level private ownership units, encouraging the building of housing opportunities at all levels.
5. Consult with the United Way of Greater Toronto and others on partnership opportunities to create deeply affordable housing units in the Town.
6. Consult with development industry partners on incorporating finished or roughed-in accessory apartment units within new ground-related housing units.
7. Identify on a preliminary basis existing and possible additional financial/other incentives that could be explored to foster more affordable housing units.
8. Identify resources (financial, staffing and community organizations) required to drive forward potential initiatives aimed at providing more affordable housing options for our various demographic groups, including seniors.

9. Continue to review the provision of Town-owned lands for the development of purpose-built rental and deeply affordable units.

10. Bring forward a business case as part of the 2025 budget deliberation process that proposes dedicated annual funding of \$25,000 for the Georgina Food Pantry and that staff return to a subsequent meeting in Q2 of 2024 regarding potential funding details or in-kind contributions for the Good Food Collective and its community lunches for the remainder of 2024.

11. Report back to Council in Q3 of 2024 on the above, which may need to be dealt with in closed session if discussing acquisition/disposition of property.

Additional Council information

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