



Georgina Town Council Oct. 30

Presentation from Laura Bradley, YorkNet, providing an update on dark fibre construction in Georgina

Council received the [presentation](#) from Laura Bradley, General Manager, YorkNet, who provided an update on dark fibre construction in Georgina. As of the end of 2023, 710 kilometres of fibre had been installed throughout York Region with the future network to include more than 1,600 kilometres. Network expansion in Georgina includes more than 200 kilometres of fibre with more than 80 kilometres forecast for 2025. To learn more, visit yorknet.ca.

Presentation from Michael Dobson, Bell Canada, and Matthew Milligan, Bell Mobility, providing updates on broadband installation and wireless network within Georgina

Council received the [presentation](#) from Michael Dobson of Bell Canada and Matthew Milligan of Bell Mobility regarding an update on broadband installation and the wireless network in Georgina. Fibre expansion continues with 73 per cent of homes and businesses now connected to Bell's pure-fibre network with growth to 81 per cent by the end of 2025. There is a focus on an accelerated high-speed internet program for Pepperlaw and for Snake and Fox islands. A search is underway for a new cell site at Glenwoods Road and Woodbine Avenue to improve cellular coverage issues in the central part of Keswick.

Land Invest-divest Strategy and Framework

Council received the report regarding the Land Invest-divest Strategy and Framework, and approved the resources to carry out the report, including the implementation of the Land Strategy and Framework. Council directed staff to advance the recommendations for Virginia Hall which include discussions with the adjacent property owner, demolishing the existing structure on the site, and reporting back to Council on final details and approval for divestiture of the site, of which any costs and/or revenues would be drawn/allocated from/to the Land Acquisition Reserve. Staff were also directed to release an Expression of Interest for future uses of Elmgrove Hall and report back to Council with the results.

Valve chamber upgrade – temporary road closure and water shut off

The valve chamber upgrade project is underway and involves installing and/or upgrading valves on the drinking water system. The purpose is to increase water pressure for users in the Woodbine Avenue, Church Street, Queensway South and Morton Avenue area associated with the water booster pumping station commissioning on Connell Drive in 2021. Church Street between the Queensway South to Circle Ridge Drive will be closed for approximately one week starting Nov. 12, 2024. Flag people will facilitate traffic movement at the intersection. Access for emergency vehicles will be maintained. A temporary water shutoff of eight to 10 hours will be required, and residents and businesses will be notified at least 48 hours in advance.

Notice of motion from Councillor Lee Dale on affordable housing

WHEREAS the Town of Georgina recognizes that the economic climate and housing supply demand further inventory of accessory units and affordable housing;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Georgina currently allows three units as of right on properties in municipally serviced areas free of Official plan amendments and Zoning by law amendments but does not allow the same for non- municipally serviced lots;

AND WHEREAS this has put an undue financial burden on property owners who live on well and septic properties in all five wards of Georgina;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Georgina recognizes that residents within rural un serviced areas and non- serviced residential areas face a financial barrier and costing burden that can preclude them from adding an accessory unit by way of current applications fees not applied to serviced lots;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Georgina waives the planning application fees for the addition of accessory dwelling units that currently apply to unserved lots within the Pefferlaw Secondary Plan area until the applicable zoning bylaw is updated to rectify this disparity, the number of such application fee waivers to be limited to five (5) applications, provided that staff are to return to Council to seek further direction if more than five (5) such applications are received before the applicable zoning bylaw is so updated; and further, that such application fee waivers be funded through the tax rate stabilization reserve.

Closed session

In regard to Closed Session Item No. 17.1. a under Section 239(2) (c) of the Municipal Act being a proposed or pending acquisition of disposition of land by the municipality or local board, regarding land donations,

That staff be directed to proceed accordingly.

Additional Council information

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