



Georgina Town Council Aug. 13

Fire chief update on fire burn ban

Council received an update from Fire Chief Ron Jenkins on the [fire burn ban](#) that was declared in Georgina on Aug. 11. All outdoor and open-air burning is in effect. Burning for any purpose including recreational fires is not allowed at this time. The conditions remain extremely dry and Chief Jenkins said the ban will remain in place until there has been significant rain and growth is seen in lawns and fields.

2026 Non-profit Organization Grant Program updates

Council received the report regarding the Non-profit Organization Grant Program and approved the allocation of \$100,000 within the 2026 budget as the total program amount with an annual two per cent inflationary increase. Council directed staff to update the maximum funding amount to \$10,000 and directed staff to make a number of other updates to the grant guidelines. Council delegated authority to staff to evaluate, select and award funding, as well as enter into funding agreements with recipients, and report to Council with a briefing note annually.

Town of Georgina – 2025-2029 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan (MYAP)

Council received the report regarding the 2025-2029 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan and endorsed the plan. It affirms the Town's commitment to providing accessible, equitable and barrier-free services, programs and facilities to all residents, visitors and employees in the community. The plan meets the Town's legislated obligations for accessibility planning under the AODA, while at the same time, enhances the Town's ability to create a more inclusive, caring and prosperous community.

2025 Development Charges Background Study and Bylaw

Council received the report regarding the Development Charges Background Study and Bylaw and approved the study. The updated development charges bylaw comes into effect on Sept. 1, 2025. Council expressed its intent that growth-related costs identified in the study as post-period benefit shall be paid for subsequently by development charges or other similar charges. Council also intends to ensure that the increase in the need for services attributable to the anticipated development, including any capital costs, will be met, by updating its capital budget and forecast where appropriate.

Off-road Vehicle Bylaw amendment

Council received the briefing note regarding the Off-road Vehicle Bylaw amendment. In June, Council approved a one-year pilot project for the use of off-road vehicles in the Ward 5 Catchment Area year-round and today approved the bylaw amendment. Off-road vehicles will be allowed to use all Town roadways in the Ward 5 Catchment Area, excluding regional roads and provincial highways within the area bounded by Park Road, Old Homestead Road, Weir's Sideroad, Ravenshoe Road, Lakeridge Road and Highway 48. The project does not include vehicles such as dirt bikes or golf carts. Off-road vehicles will still only be permitted in the Waterfront Park Buffer Zone from Dec. 15 to April 15.

Closed session

In regard to Closed Session Item 17.1.a under Section 239 (2) (b) of the Municipal Act being a personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, regarding confidential attachment to Report No. CS-2025-0004, Item #11.1.c, Appointment to Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee for the remainder of the 2022-2026 Term of Office,

1. That staff be directed to proceed accordingly.
2. That Report No. CS-2025-0004 prepared by the Clerk's Division, Corporate Services, dated Aug. 13, 2025, respecting an appointment to the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee, be received.
3. That Council direct the Clerk's Division to prepare the necessary bylaw to give effect to the appointment.
4. That the appointment of the selected applicant by Council come into effect upon the passing of the appointment bylaw and acceptance of the appointment by the committee designate.

In regard to Closed Session Item 17.1.b under Section 239 (2) (i) of the Municipal Act being a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization, regarding affordable housing,
That staff be directed to proceed accordingly.

In regard to Closed Session Item 17.1.c 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 Pepperlaw,
That Council receive the update provided.

Additional Council information

Comprehensive minutes of Georgina Town Council meetings, which detail the full list of

Council decisions, are available under [Agendas and Minutes](#) on the Town website once they have been ratified by Council.

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