

Council Highlights

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Development Charges and other related policies

Council received the report regarding proposed development charges and other related policies and approved the revised development charges policies – Development Charges Credit Policy and Development Charges Interest Policy. Council also approved a new Development Charges Deferral Policy for Retail Buildings, a new Development Charges Deferral Policy for Rental Housing Buildings, a new Development Charges Deferral Policy for Industrial Buildings, a new Surety Bond Policy and a Letter of Credit Policy to modernize security requirements.

2025 Beach Vendor Pilot Program update

Council received the report regarding the 2025 Beach Vendor Pilot Program update. Council referred the beach vendor program back to staff and directed staff to meet with the Jackson's Point Business Improvement Area and local businesses on Dalton Road to determine the impact of the beach vendor program and report back in Q1 2026. Feedback from the beach vendors indicated the weekends were the busiest days of operation and they were satisfied with the program and would apply again if the program continues to run in 2026.

Update on Lake Drive Improvements Project – Phase 1

Council received the report regarding an update on the Lake Drive Improvements Project – Phase 1. Some key successes achieved in the first implementation of the multi-use path were increased safety through physical separation of vehicles from pedestrians as well as reduced traffic speeds. There were also some challenges experienced in implementing the pathway. Staff have listened to public feedback and will be making improvements for 2026. With a strong focus on safe use of the path, planned improvements include an enhanced education and communication campaign, improved instructional signage, consideration of instructional pavement markings at key locations, enhanced traffic monitoring and focused enforcement efforts.

High Street Streetscape and Infrastructure Redevelopment – project update

Council received the report providing an update on the High Street Streetscape and Infrastructure Redevelopment project. The preliminary design phase of the project has been completed and detailed design has begun. A major priority at this stage is advancing underground infrastructure design for water, sanitary and storm systems in

alignment with the hydro relocation requirements. Hydro One requires a year to complete its design for the underground hydro conversion. As a result, the project schedule has changed. Construction in 2026 will take place outside of the Business Improvement Area (BIA) and reconstruction within the BIA area will now begin in 2027. Staff were directed to provide a project update report in spring 2026.

Proposed amendments to the Town of Georgina Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw No. 500

Council received a report and approved proposed Town-initiated amendments to the Town of Georgina Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw No. 500 to permit Fourplex Dwellings and Additional Residential Units (ARUs), in addition to a Community Improvement Plan. Council also passed the necessary implementation bylaws.

Temporary transition to virtual Council meetings, Civic Centre relocation (January – February 2026)

Council received the briefing note regarding the temporary transition to virtual Council meetings for the Civic Centre relocation (January – February 2026). For this time period, Council meetings will be virtual on Jan. 21, Jan. 28, Feb. 4 and Feb. 11, to facilitate the move to the Replacement Civic Centre.

Closed session

In regard to closed session Item 17.1.a, under Section 239 (2) (e) of the Municipal Act being litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board, regarding BECC/Echelon, That the Solicitor and staff proceed as directed.

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.