



Georgina Town Council Nov. 5

Presentation: Laura Bradley, YorkNet Update – fibre expansion in Georgina

Council received the [presentation](#) from Laura Bradley, YorkNet Update – fibre expansion in Georgina. YorkNet's dark-fibre network has grown significantly since 2018 and by the end of 2024, YorkNet had built 1,010 kilometres of fibre, with a future target of 1,660 kilometres throughout York Region. With support from the Universal Broadband Fund (UBF), YorkNet partnered with Galaxy Fibre to provide reliable, high-speed internet services to eligible homes in Georgina. While the UBF-funded project is underway, the installation cost to bring fibre to eligible homes is covered under the project. Internet service fees still apply. YorkNet continues to advocate for additional funding to support residents still experiencing poor connectivity.

Traffic control and parking request work plan update

Council received the report regarding the traffic control and parking request work plan update. The plan includes new traffic management and parking control requests received since the last update, new initiatives for traffic calming, recommended work plans to address these requests as well as required amendments to bylaws. Council adopted Bylaw 2025-0065 (TR-1) to amend Bylaw 2023-0087 (TR1) to regulate traffic and control the parking of vehicles.

Catch Basin Filters Pilot Program – update

Council received the report on the Catch Basin Filters Pilot Program update. The program successfully demonstrated the use of catch basin filters in the Town's stormwater management system as a cost-effective tool to achieve both environmental and operational benefits. A proposed business case to expand the use of catch basin filters in Georgina has been included in the 2026 budget.

Georgina Trades Training Inc. (GTTI)

Council received the report regarding an update on Georgina Trades Training Inc. outstanding loan with the Town and South Lake Futures. Council approved funding from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve to write off the Georgina Trades Training Inc. loan with the Town and to clear the loan agreement between Georgina Trades Training Inc. and South Lake Futures, for which the Town of Georgina is the guarantor.

Release of 2026 Proposed Budget

Council received the report on the proposed 2026 budget. It includes a 2.25 per cent increase for operating expenditures and 1.25 per cent increase for an infrastructure levy for a total tax levy increase of 3.5 per cent. The infrastructure levy contribution to capital reserves is essential to address the funding shortfalls identified in the Asset Management Plan. Georgina's water and wastewater budget includes its own costs, as well as the water and wastewater costs billed by York Region. An average single-family detached dwelling will see its water and wastewater bill increase by nine per cent. The 2026 stormwater rate is a two per cent increase over the 2025 rate. Georgina's 2026 proposed budget was developed with the commitment of building community and revitalizing spaces.

Tree Preservation and Compensation Policy update

Council received the report on the Tree Preservation and Compensation Policy update and approved the Tree Preservation and Compensation Policy. Council directed staff to explore or investigate the appropriate compensation level for trees that were to be protected/preserved but damaged during construction.

Update on large item pick up – Curbside Waste Collection Program – effective Jan. 1, 2026

Council received the briefing note on the large-item pick-up curbside collection program. Beginning January 2026, large-item collection in the Town of Georgina will become a scheduled service, similar to appliances and other large metal items. Residents will be required to call Green for Life to schedule a pick-up. With the Town no longer collecting recycling due to the province's transition of the recycling program to producers, there will be adjustments to how other waste streams (garbage, organic, and large items) are collected.

Motion from Councillor Lee Dale on Northlander train service

WHEREAS The Province of Ontario and Ontario Northland are reinstituting the Northlander train service;

AND WHEREAS In its current form is slated to have 16 stops between southern and northern Ontario;

AND WHEREAS there is currently a large gap in service between Gormley and Washago;

AND WHEREAS Pefferlaw and Georgina have an historical and available stop and siding in its traditional location providing an opportunity for residents to access transportation from north to south;

AND WHEREAS Georgina, the Region of York and the Province of Ontario promote shared transit and inclusive and accessible options for travel to all;

AND WHEREAS there is a consideration for expansion of service by the Ministry of Transportation Ontario (MTO) and Ontario Northland;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Georgina prepare and deliver a letter expressing interest in a potential stop in Georgina and requests expansion of service and that the letter be forwarded to the Ministry of Transportation Ontario (MTO), Ontario Northland, Hon. Caroline Mulroney, MPP for York-Simcoe, and the Region of York, York-Durham MP Jacob Mantle, the Honourable Steven MacKinnon, Minister of Transport.'

Closed session

In regard to Closed Session Item 17.1.a, 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 Jackson's Point,
That staff be directed to proceed accordingly.

In regard to Closed Session Item 17.1.b, under Section 239 (2) (b) of the Municipal Act being a personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, regarding a confidential attachment to Report No. CS-2025-0008 Item No. 11.1.c, appointment to Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee for the remainder of the 2022-2026 Term of Office,
That staff be directed to proceed accordingly.

Additional Council information

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