



Georgina Town Council Feb. 25, 2026

PRESENTATION – Invasive Species Centre, highlighting the implications of Water Soldier, an invasive aquatic plant recently reported in Lake Simcoe and the need for mitigation methods

Council received the [presentation](#) regarding Water Soldier, an invasive aquatic plant recently reported in Lake Simcoe and the need for mitigation methods. In 2025, 450 hectares of Water Soldier was found mostly in the southern part of Cook's Bay. The Invasive Species Centre is working on an Integrated Management Plan with the goal of reducing the size of the infestation. The centre is working to secure the funding needed to deal with the infestation and stop its spread.

PRESENTATION – Demonstration of Town's new Development Tracking System

Council received the [presentation](#) regarding a demonstration of the Town's new Development Tracking System. The Salesforce-based solution provides a modern, secure, scalable platform that streamlines services. It supports planning applications, building permits, engineering reviews, inspections and fee management. It links all aspects of a project together and improves clarity and ease of use for applicants.

Unscheduled airboat replacement

Council received the report regarding the unscheduled replacement of the Georgina Fire and Rescue Services (GFRS) airboat and approved the replacement of the boat due to a wet hull core resulting in it being no longer repairable and not safe for continued operational service. Council approved the Manager of Procurement Services to single source the procurement of the replacement airboat from 1000 Islands Airboat Ltd. due to a critical delivery timeframe requiring operational readiness prior to the next winter ice season. GFRS operates a specialized airboat to conduct ice rescue and ice-water rescue operations on Lake Simcoe.

Beach Vendor Program update

Council received the report regarding the 2026 Beach Vendor Program and directed staff to issue a Request for Expression of Interest to solicit vendors interested in operating at Willow Beach Park (maximum two food vendors). Council directed the Economic Development and Tourism Division to meet with the Jackson's Point BIA to discuss plans for the implementation of additional marketing campaigns and signage at De La Salle and Willow Beach Parks and along the Multi-Use Path in order to create a greater awareness of nearby food establishments and commercial areas. Staff were

directed to report back at the conclusion of the 2026 Beach Vendor Program and include input from participating vendors and business operators who have provided input for this report.

Georgina Water Treatment Plant Mussel Control System and Site Works Project – Noise Bylaw exemption request update

Council received the report regarding the application from York Region Public Works, Capital Delivery Team, for a Noise Bylaw exemption related to construction activities associated with upgrades to the Georgina Water Treatment Plant in Willow Beach. Council approved the application to allow construction-related noise overnight and seven days per week, only as required, at and around the water treatment plant for the period between March 1 and Oct. 31, 2026. Council also approved delegated authority for staff to revoke the exemption temporarily or permanently due to heightened disturbances reported by residents and directed staff to notify Members of Council if any disturbances are reported.

Application to amend Zoning Bylaw No. 500 – 61, 75 and 95 Holmes Point Rd.

Council received the report regarding an application to amend Zoning Bylaw No. 500, submitted by Michael Smith Planning Consultants; Development Coordinators Ltd. on behalf of 1000679027 Ontario Inc., for lands municipally known as 61, 75 and 95 Holmes Point Rd. Council referred back to staff to review the concerns raised by the residents of the Holmes Point community and provide responses to their concerns. Staff were directed to bring a report back to Council at a future public planning meeting.

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 the Volunteer Award of Merit recipient confirmation, That, the item be deferred.

In regard to closed session Item 17.1.c under Section 239 (2) (k) of the Municipal Act being a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board, regarding investigation of works constructed pursuant to development agreement, That, Council receive the information provided.

Additional Council information

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