



## **Georgina Town Council April 22, 2026**

### **Update on flooding and Lake Simcoe water levels**

Council received a verbal report regarding flooding and Lake Simcoe water levels. Lake Simcoe water levels have risen significantly this spring, exceeding seasonal averages. The Town has been closely monitoring conditions. On April 15, rising water levels began threatening the dikes at the south end of Cook's Bay. Town staff, including Roads, Fire, regional representatives, local farmers, construction supervisors and the Marsh Growers Association, met on-site to assess risks and coordinate actions. York Region approved placing gravel along Ravenshoe Road's westbound lane to serve as a secondary containment barrier.

The Town activated its emergency control group to prepare for potential escalation. Sand and sandbags were procured and distributed, and daily communication was established with the Marsh Growers Association. Operations teams secured additional resources, including water barriers and concrete jersey barriers, and conducted patrols of the various low-lying areas across the 52 km of Lake Simcoe shoreline. On April 18, additional sand was provided to reinforce dikes under pressure from rising water and wind. The Town made sand and sandbags available to residents to secure their homes and properties. The Town's priority is to keep people safe and protect Town infrastructure. Lake levels are expected to remain high for several weeks.

### **Municipal Heritage Register review**

Council received the report regarding the Municipal Heritage Register review. Council passed bylaws to designate the following properties as being of cultural heritage value or interest under the Ontario Heritage Act – 98 High St., 12 Turner St., 31 River St., 117-119 High St., 132-134 High St., 25152 Warden Ave. and 180 Church St. The bylaw to designate 32 River St. as being of cultural heritage value or interest under the Ontario Heritage Act was deferred pending further discussions with the property owner in consultation with the Georgina Heritage Advisory Committee. Staff were directed to issue notices as required by the Ontario Heritage Act corresponding to the resolution of Council.

### **Town of Georgina's Parks Master Plan**

Council received the report regarding the Town of Georgina's new Parks Master Plan and endorsed it in principle. The implementation of capital project and recommendations contained in the plan will be subject to the annual business planning

and budgetary approvals process. The Parks Master Plan will ensure future park improvements and capital investments are made in a coordinated manner throughout all communities in Georgina.

### **Potential appeal of Committee of Adjustment decision to the Ontario Land Tribunal**

Council received the report regarding a potential appeal of a Committee of Adjustment decision related to a minor variance application submitted by the owner of lands municipally addressed as 242 Pefferlaw Rd. Council directed staff to file an appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal respecting the committee's approval of the minor variance application. Council also approved a recommendation to return the fee that was paid for the minor variance back to the proponent or have those fees put towards a zoning bylaw amendment if that is the desire of the proponent.

### **Closed session**

In regard to closed session Item 17.1.a, under Section 239 (2) (b) of the Municipal Act being personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, regarding Sports Hall of Fame nominees,  
That staff be directed to proceed accordingly.

In regard to closed session Item 17.1.b, 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 Dearham Lane,  
That staff be directed to proceed accordingly.

### **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.