



Virtual Council Meetings

Council Meeting for Public Planning Only

When: Wed. Jan. 20 7 p.m.

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When: Wed. Jan. 27 9 a.m.

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When: Wed. Feb. 3 9 a.m.

Council meetings will be broadcast as usual through the Town's live streaming tool. Public participation by phone is available. A pre-registration form is required to be submitted to the Clerks Division by noon the day before the meeting. The form can be found at georgina.ca/CouncilMeetings.



Stormwater Pond Safety

Stormwater management ponds are NOT to be used for skating. They are not intended or designed for recreational use as water levels can change rapidly and create unsafe conditions. This is extremely dangerous and poses many safety risks for residents. For more, visit georgina.ca/StormwaterPond.

Career Opportunities

Are you a talented professional looking to make a career move? Georgina is a progressive, growing and vibrant municipality. Take a look at what Georgina has to offer. The Town looks forward to having you join us, and be part of Georgina's talented and growing team. We are currently recruiting for:

- Asset Management Specialist
- Committee Services Coordinator

Visit georgina.ca/careers for more information about career opportunities.

Committee and board recruitment

Town of Georgina Council is inviting you to volunteer in the community as a member the Agricultural Advisory Committee. All appointments are for the 2018-22 Term of Council. Current Town board and committee members are encouraged to apply.

Agricultural Advisory Committee

To provide information, advice and assistance to Council and staff of the Town of Georgina on farming and agricultural issues impacting the municipality. This is an agricultural advisory body that will promote the stewardship, preservation, protection and public awareness of farming and agricultural issues in the Town of Georgina.

Terms of Reference for each of the committees and boards, along with application forms, can be found on the Town's website at georgina.ca/CommitteesandBoards, or from the Clerks Division at clerks@georgina.ca 905-476-4301.

The Town of Georgina is committed to inclusive, barrier-free selection processes and environments. We will accommodate the needs of applicants under the Ontario Human Rights Code and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) throughout all stages of the selection process. Please advise the Human Resources Department to ensure your accessibility needs are accommodated throughout this process.

Application forms must be submitted by mail or email on or before 4:30 p.m. on Feb. 3 to clerks@georgina.ca.

Recreation

We cannot wait to see you – virtually!

Registration is open for a new lineup of online virtual recreation programming. This includes cake decorating for youth and adults, photography classes and workshops for adults, Black Saturday school for youth, filmmaking and stop motion camps for kids, cartoon and games animation classes for kids, and mobile app development for children. Visit georgina.ca/recreation to register.



Get involved

Waterfront Parks Master Plan

The Town of Georgina is preparing a Waterfront Parks Master Plan and we need your input. Take some time to complete an online survey and tell us what you think about the concepts, and what you think should be included or changed in our waterfront parks. To learn more and take the survey, visit georgina.ca/WaterfrontParksPlan.

Fire and Emergency Services Plan Your Escape

If a fire occurred in your home tonight, would your family get out safely? Create and practise a home fire escape plan with everyone in your household using the following tips.

- Discuss with everyone in your home how each person will get out in a fire
- Know two ways out of each room, if possible
- Determine who's going to help young children, older adults, people with disabilities or anyone else who needs help escaping
- Choose a meeting place outside your home
- Practise your plan
- In the event of a real fire call 9-1-1 from outside the home
- Get out, Stay out. Never re-enter a burning building
- Test your smoke alarms every month

Visit georgina.ca/fire for more.

Winter maintenance and snow removal

The Town of Georgina provides residents with a high level of snow-removal services. Whether it's reducing snow and ice on roads or clearing it from paths and sidewalks, the Town is diligent in ensuring residents and visitors can travel safely.

Winter Maintenance Event

As a result of a significant winter storm, the Town may declare a Winter Maintenance Event which requires all parked vehicles to be removed from Town roads until the event is over. Residents are asked to follow our channels – social media, Town Page, electronic signs and georgina.ca/snow – to stay up to date throughout the winter.

Significant Weather Event

As per the Ontario Municipal Act, a municipality may declare a significant weather event when a weather hazard, either forecast or occurring, has the potential to pose a significant danger to users of the roadways in which they have authority. This declaration suspends the standard timelines required for municipalities to meet their winter maintenance objectives. Learn more about significant weather events at york.ca.

Did you know?

The Town is responsible for clearing 333 kilometres of roads, 140 kilometres of sidewalks and 25 municipal parking lots.

When it snows, Town roads are cleared through a primary and secondary route system that assigns first priority to all major roads with the highest traffic.

Priority roads within the routes are determined by emergency vehicle routes and fire stations, traffic volumes, steep hills, common gathering locations, connectivity of road network, and staff knowledge on difficult maintenance areas.

The standard level of service (Minimum Maintenance Standard) defines how often the Town will patrol the roadways and walkways; the frequency of plowing, salting and snow removal within walkways, roadways and parking lots based on accumulated snow depth and time; and how the Town will manage these activities.

Regional Roads

York Region plows the major roads in Georgina such as Dalton Road, High Street, Ravenshoe Road and Baseline Road. An interactive map that highlights all regional roads in Georgina and York Region can be found at york.ca/roads.

Be nice. Don't throw snow or ice on the road when clearing your driveway or sidewalk – It is against the law, contributes to unsafe driving and walking conditions, and increases the cost of providing winter road maintenance.



No parking!

Parked cars make plowing difficult and sometimes impossible. To help the Town keep roads clear for traffic, parking is not permitted on most streets from 2 a.m. to 7 a.m., Nov. 15 through April 15, unless otherwise posted.

Materials - What we're using on your roads

The Town uses both sand and treated salt for snow and ice control throughout Georgina during the winter months. Winter sand is a mixture of seven parts screened sand to three parts Thawrox treated salt. What is Thawrox? It is Highway Course Rock Salt treated with additives to lower the usable temperature on a municipal highway. By lowering the usable temperature, the material can be utilized on a wider range of winter events throughout the winter period. The location, traffic volume, road classification and roadside environment all factor into what material is used on a route.

Winter Materials Trial – A Council-approved pilot program to take place this winter will see 100 per cent salt applied on selected road segments during winter maintenance activities. The current practice is to apply 70 per cent sand and 30 per cent salt. This program is intended to realize the potential financial, operational and environmental benefits of better utilizing proven maintenance best practices within local environments throughout the Town. These pilot areas will be identified prior to the start of the program.



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