



Virtual Council Meetings

Council Meeting

When: Wednesday, May 4 9 a.m.

Council Meeting for public planning

When: Wednesday, May 11 7 p.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.



2022 Municipal Election

The Municipal Election will be held on Oct. 24, 2022. This year will be a busy one for voters, with the provincial election, and municipal and school board elections happening a few months apart. For the first time, the Town will use online voting, along with tabulators, for the election. Are you thinking about becoming a candidate? The nomination period for candidates opens on May 2, 2022 and closes on Aug. 19, 2022 at 2 p.m. Information and nomination forms can be found at georgina.ca/Election2022.

Annual swap and sell and electronics recycling event

The annual Swap and Sell takes place on Saturday, May 14 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Georgina Ice Palace, 90 Wexford Dr., in the parking lot. Register as a vendor to sell your used or new wares, or come to shop. To register for a spot, call 905-476-4301, ext. 3001. The Town is also holding a free Electronics e-waste Recycling Event on May 14 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the back parking lot of the Ice Palace. Leave your old electronics with us and we'll recycle them for you, free of charge. Remove all batteries/packaging before delivering your items for disposal.



Tackling a summer project?

The Building Division is here to help with your summer project.

Installing a swimming pool or hot tub

All private swimming pools and hot tubs are subject to the Pool Enclosure By-law and Zoning By-law. Contact us about pool enclosure permits.

Constructing a deck or shed

Decks and sheds are subject to the Zoning By-law and most require a building permit. Simple repairs may also require a building permit.

Permit fees

Residential Decks, each – \$168

Residential sheds and garages –

- One storey less than 592 square feet – \$168
- Others – \$0.58 per square foot

For more information, visit georgina.ca/building for the building permit application process, call 905-476-4301 or email building@georgina.ca.



Street sweeping

Spring street sweeping operations take place each spring to remove winter sand from Town roads. Weather permitting, street sweeping occurs weekdays from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. If you have sand on your driveway or sidewalk, sweep it to the edge of the road for removal by the street sweeper. Residents are reminded to avoid parking on Town streets during this time to allow sweepers to properly clean the roads. For more information, visit georgina.ca/StreetSweeping.

Parking passes

The Town has a new online process for resident parking passes. Residents and property owners can apply online and get a parking pass immediately. Residents can obtain up to a maximum of four parking passes per household. A parking pass must be displayed on your dashboard while parked in areas where required by signage. To learn more and get your parking pass, visit georgina.ca/ParkingPass

Burn permits

Permit applications for agricultural and open-air burn permits are available online. The permit fee is \$35 for the calendar year. Residents can have recreational fires to roast marshmallows and hot dogs, and these fires do not require a permit. They must be no larger than 2' x 2' and be at least 23' away from anything that can burn as well as property lines. Visit georgina.ca/BurnPermit to learn more.

Stephen Leacock Theatre of Performing Arts

Looking for a fun local night out while enjoying some great entertainment? Check out the great upcoming shows at the Stephen Leacock Theatre. From standup comedy to fabulous tribute artists, there's something for everyone. Yuk Yuk's on Tour is coming back on May 28. Come out for a night full of laughter with three talented comedians – Cedric Newman, Juliana Rodrigues and Pete Johansson. Visit the concert listing at stephenleacocktheatre.ca to purchase tickets.

Career opportunities

Take a look at what Georgina has to offer and join our talented team. We are currently recruiting for:

- IT Analyst
- Facility Events Monitor
- Director, Operations and Infrastructure
- Coordinator, Quality Management Systems
- Specialist, Asset Management
- Maintenance Attendant

Visit georgina.ca/careers for more information.

Emerald Ash Borer

The Town of Georgina has been infested with the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) for a number of years and virtually all mature Ash trees have been affected. The EAB was first found in Canada in 2002. It is a highly invasive insect that attacks and feeds on all species of ash trees, killing them within one to three years.

Ash trees are widespread on public and private properties throughout Georgina, accounting for 19 per cent of the Town's current tree population. The Town has taken many preventative steps including creating an inventory of Ash trees, conducting regular health assessments, and performing thousands of removals of dead or dying trees.



How do you know if a tree is infected?

The most definitive evidence of EAB infestation is the characteristic "D-shaped" holes created by the adult beetle emerging from the bark. Other symptoms may include thinning of the crown (loss of leaves), discolouration of leaves and suckering along the main trunk.

Tree removal project (2022 to 2024)

This tree removal program is being expanded to accelerate the removal of ash trees as a large portion of the inventory is becoming of higher risk. The new program will remove all affected trees on municipal property within the Town over a three-year period, 2022 to 2024.

Where is the Town currently working to remove trees?

Phase 1 is currently underway, and includes smaller, dense populations of trees that were previously queued for removal, and are required to be completed in the winter and spring period of 2022. These areas include Willow Beach, De La Salle Park, Duclos Point Road, rear of Jersey Public School, Silverstone Crescent, Mourning Dove Road and Elizabeth Street.

Phase 2 will start at the beginning of May 2022. This phase will include sweeping removals of entire areas.

Removal process

Under the Town's phased Ash Tree Removal and Replacement Program, the Forestry Services Division removes only municipally owned trees. Once an ash tree on municipal property has been identified, and its health has been confirmed as dead or dying, it is tagged with an orange marking for removal. On regional roads, trees are tagged with a green marker. The regional program is close to completion, and as such most Ash trees within the regional right of way have been removed.

Ash trees on private property

Ash trees on private property are the responsibility of the property owner. If a resident decides to remove an ash tree on their property, a certified arborist should be contacted. All costs associated with assessment, removal and replacement on private property are the responsibility of the property owner.

For a list of certified arborists in your area, visit treesaregood.org or call 1-888-463-2316.

Tree replanting project (2023 to 2025)

A replanting plan is also part of this program to ensure the Town maintains a healthy tree canopy and is anticipated to be delivered in phases through 2022 to 2025. The Town's certified arborist supported by the landscape planner will select the replanting locations and tree species to create a diverse and pest resistant urban tree canopy. The replanting program will include a variety of native tree species chosen for their hardiness and suitability for urban environments in Georgina. Not all trees will be replaced.



To learn more about the Emerald Ash Borer, visit georgina.ca/EAB.