THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA
IN THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

THE LINK STEERING COMMITTEE

AGENDA

March 24, 2015
Following Link Tour
Peter Gzowski Library

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEMS

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Pages 1-5
6.1 Minutes of the meeting held on February 17, 2015

7. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS ON THE AGENDA

Pages 6-21
7.1.1 Vegetable Cart Presentation Information – Sutton Lions Club; Overview provided by Phil Rose-Donahoe, Manager of Culture

Page 22
7.1.1.1 Cannington Food Hub – Overview provided by John De Faveri, Chair

Page 23
7.1.2 Farm-Link Concepts – Update provided by Phil Rose-Donahoe, Manager of Culture

Pages 24-28
7.1.3 The Link Construction Update and Budget Update – provided by Phil Rose-Donahoe, Manager of Culture

(Acknowledgement: This update was provided to Council at the March 11th, 2015 meeting)

Pages 29-31
7.1.3.1 The Link Site Plan Review – The Georgina Accessibility Advisory Committee

Pages 32-33

7.1.5 The Link Logo – Sample Logo, Letterhead and Business Card – Update provided by Phil Rose-Donahoe, Manager of Culture

8. COMMUNICATIONS

8.1 General Information Items

Pages 34-40

8.1.1 Premier Kathleen Wynne Appoints Special Advisor on Community Hubs Announcement, March 20, 2015

8.1.2 Rewilding The Link Public Information Session – Update provided by Phil Rose-Donahoe, Manager of Culture

8.1.3 The Link Business Plan – Update provided by Phil Rose-Donahoe, Manager of Culture

8.1.4 Funding and Grants – Update provided by Phil Rose-Donahoe, Manager of Culture

8.2 Disposition Items

9. OTHER BUSINESS

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA
IN THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

THE LINK STEERING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

February 17, 2015
10:05 a.m.
Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

The following members were in attendance:

Margaret Quirk
Catherine Cook, Food Pantry, Vice Chair
Dr. Rostam Azarbehi
Christine Hill-Caballero, United Way
Mary Catherine Macaluso, Hospice Georgina
Barbara Rogers, GAGC
Councillor Sebo
Peter Budreo
Lou Michielson, Food Pantry

The following members were absent with regrets:

John De Faveri, Chair
Irene McNeil
Cheryl Daniel
Elizabeth McLean
Iain Donnell
Carr Hatch
Dianne Graves

The following staff members were in attendance:

Phil Rose-Donahoe, Manager of Culture
Robin McDougall, Director of Recreation and Culture
Karyn Stone, Economic Development Officer
Michele Vandentillaart, Committee Services Coordinator

Catherine Cook assumed the role of Chair for this meeting.

3. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEMS- *None*

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Mary Catherine Macaluso, Seconded by Dr. Rostam Azarbehi

RESOLUTION NO. TLC-2015-0005

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried.

5. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF- *None*

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

6.1 Minutes of the meeting held on January 13, 2015

Moved by Peter Budreo, Seconded by Mayor Quirk

RESOLUTION NO. TLC-2015-0006

That the minutes of the Link Steering Committee meeting held on January 13, 2015 be adopted as presented.

Carried.

7. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS ON THE AGENDA

7.1.1 Vegetable Cart Presentation Information – Sutton Lions Club; Overview provided by Phil Rose-Donahoe, Manager of Culture

This item deferred to the next meeting.

7.1.1.1 Cannington Food Hub – Overview provided by John De Faveri, Chair

This item deferred to the next meeting.

7.1.1.2 Farmer's Markets – Overview provided by Economic Development

Karyn Stone, Economic Development Officer, addressed the Committee as follows:

- Local farmers too busy running their businesses to show up for markets such as this
- Home-made goods are an excellent opportunity and what we would like to focus on rather than crafts and flea markets
- Concern has been raised that the town offering a free venue for a farmers' market has impact on local business owners

- Sutton Lions Club were interested in providing a venue from May to October – but we have to consider the limited local crops that are available during those months
- It is a tourism attraction
- Food security must be a consideration when looking at what the farmer markets are meant to benefit – tourism or local access to food (food security) who is the target market – however, farmers markets are usually a premium priced product but, for example, Richmond Hills' farmers market provides food to the local food pantry at closing – this could be the kind of model The Link could use
- Clearwater Farm could partner but there are no definitive decisions made yet.
- The Link does provide a good traffic flow through both automobile and pedestrian as a central location, location is key to a farmers market

Moved by Mary Catherine Macaluso, Seconded by Peter Budreo

RESOLUTION NO. TLC-2015-0007

That item 7.1.1.2, Farmer's Markets – Overview provided by Karyn Stone, Economic Development Officer, be received for information.

Carried.

7.1.2 Farm-Link Concepts – Update provided by Phil Rose-Donahoe, Manager of Culture

This item deferred to the next meeting.

7.1.3 The Link Construction Update and Budget Update – provided by Phil Rose-Donahoe, Manager of Culture

Phil Rose-Donahoe, Manager of Culture, addressed the Committee as follows:

- Construction is progressing on schedule
- Meetings at construction site are held bi-weekly with updates provided to Council every Wednesday
- Project currently on budget
- Substantial completion is projected for mid-April; occupancy transition projected for summer with grand opening in September 2015
- May, June, July will be the transition period for tenants with a 'soft' open perhaps in the summer. The Harvest dinner (September 19, 2015) could be used as a tie-in for grand opening and use as a major fund raiser for The Link
- Pictures were shown to the Committee members from last site visit
- 'CCO's': Contemplated Change Orders - these are items in construction that have come up once construction is underway; so far we have had 11CCO's
- CCO's are presented to Council for approval
- A site tour, perhaps two, needs to be planned, with TLC members, Council and media

- Suggested a possible site tour could be planned with the next Committee meeting, March 24th at 10:00 a.m. at The Link – hard hats and steel-toed boots will be mandatory
- York Region Police (YRP) Mural – met with the Crime Prevention Division who want to do a mural, as they did in Whitchurch Stouffville, that could be mounted outdoors and indoors. The art panel will be started during the March break and expected to be ready to install by mid-June. YRP is working with local schools to incorporate this type of project into their curriculum. YRP receives funding from Home Depot for supplies. Storing of the panels will be in the unused area at The Link. The hope is that the Georgina Art Centre and Gallery will provide assistance to facilitate students working on the panels.
- The Link Business Plan is 80% complete but needs to be updated - all agreements and plans should be in place by April or May
- Hospice has furniture, through Trillium that will be transferred over to The Link
- Soft Open for Business during the summer (with core tenants in place) is suggested for the business community (which should be reflected in the Business Plan) to show opportunities for hot desks, etc., a demonstration in the commercial kitchen, and tours
- Grant applications: two applications are being prepared and should be submitted by the end of the month – Rural Economic Development and Investing in Regional – Committee member Peter Budreo will review the drafts of these applications.

(Acknowledgement: This update was provided to Council on the February 4, 2015 meeting)

Moved by Mary Catherine Macaluso, Seconded by Peter Budreo

RESOLUTION NO. TLC-2015-0008

That item 7.1.3, The Link Construction Update and Budget Update provided by Phil Rose-Donahoe, Manager of Culture, be received for information.

Carried.

7.1.4 The Link Logo – Sample Logo, Letterhead and Business Card – Update provided by Phil Rose-Donahoe, Manager of Culture

Phil Rose-Donahoe, Manager of Culture, addressed the Committee as follows:

- the Town logo was removed as the dot on ‘Link’ because when the entire logo gets reduced it gets lost;
- letterhead to be changed to show the logos of all the partners down the left column with the Town logo at the top
- remove ‘part of The Link family of services’ and include it under the Town logo; ‘our partners’ logos then to be listed
- Change ‘georgina’s community connection centre’ from italics to normal font

- Business card: move The Link logo to the right side

Moved by Christine Hill-Caballero, Seconded by Barbara Rogers

RESOLUTION NO. TLC-2015-0009

That item 7.1.5, The Link Logo, presented by Phil Rose-Donahoe, Manager of Culture, be received for information.

Carried.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

8.1 General Information Items - *None*

8.2 Disposition Items - *None*

9. OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee members were reminded of the Rewilding The Link public event on March 28th, 2015.

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 24th 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at The Link for a scheduled tour followed by the TLC meeting at the Peter Gzowski Library at 11:00 a.m.

Moved by Dr. Rostam Azarbehi, Seconded by Peter Budreo

RESOLUTION NO. TLC-2015-0010

That the Link Steering Committee meeting adjourn at 11:23 a.m.

_____
Catherine Cook
Acting Chair

_____
Michele Vandentillaart
Committee Services Coordinator

Sutton & District Lions Club

Vegetable Cart Presentation

Photos of the cart

Vegetable Cart with our Banner on it

Demographics of the Sutton Area

Sutton Demographics (2011)

- Town of Georgina
  - Population 43,517
  - Lone-Parent Households 1,520
  - Unemployed 4%
  - Not in Labour Force 29%
- Sutton
  - Population 5,938
  - Lone-Parent Households 10%

Other Community Resources

- Georgina Food Pantry currently helps over 1000 people per month with a 4 day supply of food
- Sutton Youth Shelter currently supplies youth (16-26) with a small amount of groceries to those without means to support their dietary needs
- Salvation Army Church currently supports those needing help with maintaining their housing and can provide a single $25 gift card to purchase a few dietary needs
- St. Andrews Church on Dalton road provides a weekly meal and a small bag of food for those that otherwise might go hungry

Benefits to the Community of Sutton

Some benefits include:

- Local food tastes better
- Local food is more nutritious
- Local food preserves genetic diversity
- Local food promotes energy conservation
- Local food uses less packaging
- Local food supports local farmers
- Local food builds community
- Local food preserves open space
- Local food supports the environment and benefits wildlife
- Local food is about the future

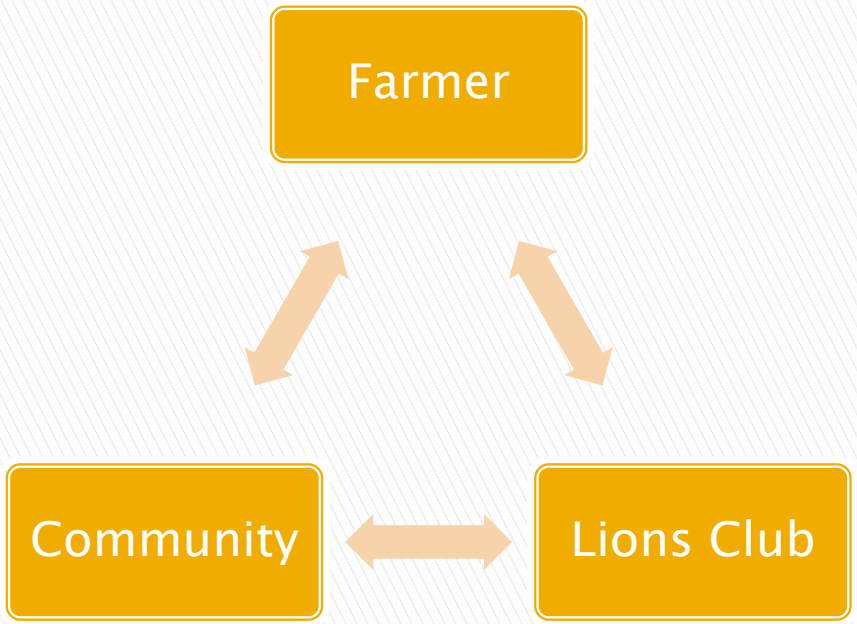
Benefits of Food HUBS

- As the demand for local fresh produce continues to grow, innovative programs to help small farmers bring their produce to market are also expanding
- Produce will be better quality as they will not have to travel long distances and have chemicals put on them to preserve some of the nutritional value of them
- Locally grown, fresh harvested, straight to the consumer

Benefits of Partnering with Local Farmers

Where the Vegetables come from

- Provides community members with locally grown produce
- Full circle local partnership
- Farmers supply produce to the Lions Club at wholesale prices
- Lions Club passes those savings onto the community
- Locally grown and sold for maximum freshness and quality foods
- Community buyers help farmers with additional income source



How will this Help the Community of Sutton

Why are Local Food Systems Important?

- Supporting local food systems helps support local, sustainable run farms
- It can protect our health and the health of our community
- It helps to stimulate the local economy

Project Plan Outline

Start of Year

- Cart would begin operating May 1
- Hours of Operation are: Fridays 3pm – 8pm, Saturdays & Sundays 8am – 3pm
- We would also be open on Holiday Mondays

Summer Months

- The cart will supply fresh produce to the community throughout the summer months
- The cart would also sell camp fire wood and Christmas Trees

End of Year

- Cart would end selling fresh produce until December 20

Requested Location

- We would like to place the cart at the old Sutton Public School where the Community HUB is currently under construction
- This is a highly visible area that provides easy access to the produce being sold on the cart weekly

Thank you

Sutton & District Lions Club

Cannington Food Hub – Update provided by John De Faveri, Chair, The Link Steering Committee

John De Faveri represents the LINK at this venture in Cannington. The Cannington Food Hub initiative is a collaborative effort engaging The Nourish and Development Foundation, North House, SERA and the Brock Youth Centre. At some point, these four NFP's will need to establish a separate Board to manage the Food Hub.

They have received $150K in funding from Trillium for infrastructure work. The building that will house the Food Hub is the historic bakery on York Street. The renovations are nearly complete, although the outfitting of the kitchen has presented some challenges. They are hoping for a spring opening. They have developed Mission, Vision and Values statements. Currently, the group is looking at a way to fund a receptionist/admin position and are looking for a framework of how the four groups will share operational costs for the building.

There are many similarities in what this group is doing and what we are trying to achieve at the LINK. I believe there is much to be gained by sharing ideas with the group and looking at the possibilities of some joint activities.

The Link

- Commercial kitchen
- Skills training for chefs / cooks
- Kitchen capacity rentals for community events, catering businesses, private functions
- Food business incubation

Produce selection skills ("farm to table")

Fresh Produce

ClearWater Farm (embeds water-wise technologies)

- Community farming space, training
- At-risk youth programs focused on farming
- School/incubator for "suburban" farmers
- Production facility to process fresh produce into higher-value products
- "Theatre" kitchen in farmhouse for events, part-time restaurant
- Looking in future at:
  - Grade-school partnerships to embed farm-based learning into multiple grade-levels within local schools
  - Overlapping residency programs in partnership with local post-secondary institutions
  - Aquaponics facility

Local Food Eco-system

The Link Update for Council
March 11, 2015

Construction Site Meetings occur bi-weekly: next meeting March 12, 2015

Construction Update: No changes since last update on March 4, 2015

- Aboveground plumbing is 60% complete
- HVAC is 40% complete
- Drywall is 15% complete
- Electrical rough-in 50% complete
- Steel Stud Drywall framing 75%
- Wood Joist reinforcement is100% complete
- Reinforcing of Open Web Steel Joists is 50% complete
- Structural steel on-going
- Construction has fallen behind schedule but efforts are being made to remedy
- Substantial completion date set for May, 2015
- IT infrastructure needs being assessed

Contemplated Change Orders: A Change Order is a written amendment to the Contract prepared by the Consultant and signed by the Owner and the Contractor.

The following CCOs have been issued to date:

CCO-001 – The purpose of this CCO is to request pricing for automatic flush valves, fan powered boxes, VAVs and associated electrical work. **Approved – Council Resolution C-2015-0063**

CCO-002 – The purpose of this CCO is to request for pricing for an underground storm pipe retrofit from 4" to 6". The cost is $17,735.95. **Approved – Council Resolution not available at this time.**

CCO-003 – The purpose of this CCO is to request pricing to replace broken glass in windows not covered in the contract with thermal pane and provide security film, 8M film by SunTek Film, to all glass in existing windows. A quotation has not been received by contractor so no decision to be made at this time. **Referred to budget**

CCO-004 –The purpose of this CCO is to request pricing for new front entrance doors and screen. Although we anticipated reusing the existing doors, due to significant corrosion and multiple drill holes, replacing them with new aluminum entrance doors and screen is the best option. **Approved – Council Resolution C-2015-0063**

CCO-005 – The purpose of this CCO is to request pricing for the requested boiler replacement and Building Automation System. No pricing has been received at this time. **Referred to budget**

CCO-006 – The purpose of this CCO is to request pricing to revise the commercial kitchen sink from a single basin to a double basin dishwashing sink, as per feedback from York Region Public Health. **Approved – Council Resolution C-2015-0063**

CCO-007 – The purpose of this CCO is to request pricing to demolish a masonry wall on west side of the gym and replace with PS1 partition and to demolish masonry service riser at north side of staff lounge and replace with PS4a furring. The cost for this work is $8,673.00 excluding tax. **Approved – Council Resolution C-2015-????**

CCO-008 – The purpose of this CCO is to request pricing for roofing revisions including the addition of roof drains and parapet around roof. No pricing has been received at this time.

CCO-009 (formerly 011) – The purpose of this CCO is to request pricing for additional steel reinforcing for the joists. **Approved – Council Resolution C-2015-0063**

CCO-010 (credit) – The purpose of this CCO is to delete posts and beams in the event space as per the structural engineer's instruction and provide credit. Amount of credit has not been provided.

CCO-011 – The purpose of this CCO is to request pricing to remove a portion of existing ceiling, which is falling down, in Pantry Room 136, as discussed on site and remove all debris from site. Existing area will be left with exposed roof joists. The cost is $3,053.25. **Approved – Council Resolution C-2015-0???**

CCO-012 – The purpose of this CCO is to request pricing to provide wall type PS4a to walls in the washrooms to cover existing exposed plumbing pipes. The cost is $676.08. **Approved – Council Resolution C-2015-0???**

CCO-013 – The purpose of this CCO is to request pricing to install a horn/strobe light for the universal washroom as required by the AODA. No pricing has been received at this time.

CCO-014 – The purpose of this CCO is to request pricing for installing IT cable conduit and to extend the cool air supply into the IT server room. The cost is $23,240.23. See Council resolution required below.

CCO-015 (credit) – The purpose of this CCO is to provide credit for the washroom accessories supplied by Owner. The amount of the credit is $1,712.

CCO-016 – The purpose of this CCO is to provide pricing for additional structural beams to support existing roof structural members. No additional cost – included in contract.

CCO-017 – Duplicated under approved CCO-011. Have notified consultant.

CCO-018 – The purpose of this CCO is to provide pricing for additional open web steel joist reinforcement. No pricing has been received at this time.

CCO-019 – The purpose of the CCO is to provide pricing for back boxes for automatic door openers. No additional cost – included in contract.

CCO-01?? – The purpose of this CCO is to request for pricing to ensure the front drive aisle is suitable as a fire route. A quotation has not been received by contractor so no decision to be made at this time.

CCO-01?? –The purpose of this CCO is to request pricing to re-roof the north wing if it is not demolished. An estimate has been received for $26,250. No decision is required at this time.

CCO-01?? –The purpose of this CCO is to request pricing for additional IT network infrastructure. A quotation has not been received by contractor so no decision to be made at this time.

ReWilding at The Link:
The public engagement session with the ReWilding team is scheduled for Saturday, March 28th from 11:30am to 2:30pm at the Sutton Arena Hall. A light lunch and refreshments will be served. A poster has been widely circulated. Please encourage your constituents to attend and ask them to RSVP to Michele Vandentillaart at mvandentillaart@georgina.ca

Tour of The Link:
Members of Council, representatives from the tenants, members of The Link Steering Committee, and the media, are invited for a tour of The Link on Tuesday, March 24th from 10-11:00am. Hard hats and steel-toed footwear are required. Please RSVP to Michele Vandentillaart – mvandentillaart@georgina.ca

Funding Opportunities Update:

Investing in Regional Diversification (IRD)
'IRD supports the long-term development of diverse economies in southern Ontario communities.'

Staff and Georgina Trades Training Inc. preparation of application for funding: 80% complete

Ontario Trillium Foundation – Large Capital Grants
Staff and Georgina Trades Training Inc. submitted application: $150,000 rec'd

Ministry of Transportation Community Transportation Pilot Program
Staff and Routes Georgina submitted application: decision pending

Human Resources Services Development Canada-Canada Summer Jobs
Staff submitted application: decision pending

Prepared by: Phil Rose-Donahoe, Manager of Cultural Services
Michele Vandentillaart, The Link Program Coordinator

Resolution Required from Council March 11, 2015 regarding 'Delegated Authority' for approval of Change Orders:

'That Council hereby authorize the written delegation of authority for approvals for all necessary Change Orders for The Link project to the Mayor or Deputy Mayor and Acting Chief Administrative Officer during the period of March 11, 2015 to March 30, 2015.'

Council resolution required regarding CCO-014:

'That Council approve The Link Contemplated Change Order (CCO) 014, to install IT cable conduit and to extend the cool air supply into the IT server room in the total amount of $23,240.23 to be drawn from the construction contingency.'

The Link - Project Budget, Revised March 11, 2015							
Phase One	**Item**	**Original**	**Projecte**	**Value**	**TOTAL**	**Future Considerations**	**Comments**
Pollard Contract	Interior Demolition	$840,540		$140,890	$140,890		
DASD Contract	Interior Renovations	$2,328,070		$2,328,070	$2,328,070		
Projected Savings	Pavers		**-$4,500**				Estimate
	Ceramic Tiles		**-$7,000**				Estimate
Total Savings				-$11,500	-$11,500		
Contemplated Change Orders							
CCO-001	Mechanical Changes	$42,753			$42,753		Resolution C-2015-0063
CCO-002	Storm Drains	$21,000			$17,736		Resolution C-2015-????
CCO-003	Windows and Security	$47,050				$47,050	Referred to Budget
CCO-004	Entrance Doors	$14,680			$14,680		Resolution C-2015-0063
CCO-005	Boiler and BAS	TBD					Referred to Budget
CCO-006		$924			$924		Resolution C-2015-0063
CCO-007	Masonry Wall	$8,673			$8,673		Resolution C-2015-????
CCO-008	Roofing Revisions	TBD					Approval Required
CCO-009 (formerly 011)	Structural Steel	$2,730			$2,730		Resolution C-2015-0063
CCO-010 (credit)	Steel Beams & Posts	TBD			TBD		
CCO-011	Remove Drywall in Rm	$3,053			$3,053		Resolution C-2015-????
CCO-012	Furring in Washrooms	$676			$676		Resolution C-2015-????
CCO-013	Barrier Free Washroom	TBD			TBD		
CCO-014	Revisions to IT Conduit	$23,240			$23,240		
CCO-015 (credit)	Washroom Access.	-$1,712			-$1,712		No Approval Required
CCO-016	Roof Structural Beams	TBD					
CCO-017	Duplicate of CCO-011						
CCO-018	OWSJ Reinforcement	TBD			TBD		
CCO-019	Boxes for Auto Doors	TBD			TBD		
CCO-01?? (formerly 009)	Roof North Wing	$26,250				$26,250	If not demolished
CCO-01?? (formerly 008)	Fire Route Upgrades	TBD				TBD	
CCO-01?? (formerly 012)	IT Network Infrastructure	TBD					
Construction Contingency		$125,000		$112,753	$12,247		
Soft Costs							
	Consulting Fees - Hilditch	$233,775		$233,775	$233,775		
	Estimated Town Costs to	$42,800		$42,800	$42,800		Reports/Testing/Temp
Redesign costs	Boiler and BAS			$10,000	$10,000		Estimate
Total Estimated Project Cost					**$2,869,035**		
Funding		$2,010,000		$2,010,000			Town
				$809,000			Town Front End
		$990,000		$66,000			FedDev

				$115,000			Trillium
Other Funding							
Trillium	Kitchen Appliances	$35,000		$35,000			
ReWilding Lake Simcoe	Outdoor Space Upgrades	$100,000		$100,000			

Georgina Accessibility Advisory Committee (GAAC)
Site Plan Report

Project Name: **'The Link' Architectural Drawings – 1st Submission**

Project Number: **n/a –Drawings provided by Recreation & Culture Department**

Site Plan Review Date: **July 2, 2014**

Site Plan Item:	Access Provision	Recommendations/Comments
Public Parking	n/a	
Access to/from Vehicles	yes	
Sidewalks	yes	
Curb Cuts	yes	
Light Standards	yes	
Signage	*	*Ensure all washroom door signage is no higher than 152 cm
Surface Textures	yes	
Doorways & Access	*	*Ensure all emergency exits are accessible inside and outside and doorframes are painted in contrasting colour from door (ie yellow)
Door Operators/Handles	yes	
Ramp Slope(s)	yes	
Ramp Width(s)	yes	
Elevators and Lifts	n/a	
Hallways	yes	
Washrooms*	yes	Accessibility looks excellent from what the drawings portray
Height of Counters/Sinks	*	*Ensure café counter has one section at an accessible height
Access to Split-Levels	n/a	
Vestibules	yes	
Obstacles	*	*Ensure all supports be a sharply contrasting colour (ie yellow)

Additional Recommendations/Comments:

1] self-serve kiosks, whether installed or to be installed, need to be accessible including hand-held debit machines and automated teller machines

2] ensure potential obstacles in common areas (ie wall mounted water fountains, planters, waste receptacles, etc. in hallways/foyers) do not present safety hazards and are identified by contrasting colours and/or tactile floor surface

3]

4]

5]

6]

7]

8]

9]

10]

Georgina Accessibility Advisory Committee (GAAC)
Site Plan Report

**If there are any questions pertaining to this report, please contact the Committee Secretary:
Michele Vandentillaart at:

Phone: (905) 476-4301, Extension 2248
Email: mvandentillaart@georgina.ca
FAX: (905)476-8100

Background: All municipalities are compelled by the Ontarians with Disabilities Act (ODA), 2001 to identify, remove and/or prevent barriers in *municipal* facilities, policies, programs, practices and services to enable full participation of people with disabilities, across all disabilities including physical, emotional, sensory, cognition, etc. The above-listed recommendation(s) are intended to prevent barriers for people experiencing disabilities. The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA), 2005, is phasing in Provincial Standards/compliance requirements for the *public, broader public and private sectors*, which will include penalties for non-compliance. Please consider that it will be more cost and resource efficient to provide accessibility accommodations at the onset of a project, rather than deal with penalties or retrofits following project completion.
NOTWITHSTANDING REGULATORY CRITERIA, PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT SITE VISIT APPROVAL *MAY BE* SUBJECT TO COMPLIANCE WITH ACCESSIBILITY RECOMMENDATIONS.

Recommendations/Comments provided by:

GAAC Committee Members**:

Member: Phyllis Baines, Chair
Member: Darlene Peebles, Vice Chair
Member: _____
Member: _____
Member: _____
Member: _____
Member: _____
Member: _____

If there are any questions pertaining to this report, please contact the Committee Services Coordinator:

Michele Vandentillaart
Phone: (905) 476-4301, Extension 2248
Email: mvandentillaart@georgina.ca
FAX: (905)476-8100

THE link

Georgina's Community Connection Centre

GEORGINA

Michele Vandentillaart
Program Coordinator
20849 Dalton Rd.
Sutton, ON L0E 1R0
289 716 4930
mvandentillaart@georgina.ca
TheLink@thelink.ca
linkgeorgina.ca

THE link
Georgina's Community Connection Centre

GEORGINA

OUR PARTNERS

Georgina ARTS centre & gallery

Hospice Georgina
Sharing The Caring

GEORGINA COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

GTTI
Georgina Trades Training Inc.
The Training Centre

Ontario

NEWS

Office of the Premier

Premier Wynne Appoints Special Advisor on Community Hubs

Karen Pitre Will Chair Advisory Group

March 20, 2015 9:05 A.M.

Premier Kathleen Wynne has appointed Karen Pitre as Special Advisor on Community Hubs. Pitre will chair the new Premier's Community Hub Framework Advisory Group. The members of the advisory group will be announced in the coming weeks.

A community hub can be a school, a neighbourhood centre or another public space that offers coordinated services such as education, health care and social services. The advisory group will review provincial policies and develop a framework for adapting existing public assets to become community hubs.

The Community Hub Framework Advisory Group will:

- Gather input from Ontarians
- Foster partnerships among community organizations and other groups to ensure that the framework addresses local needs
- Examine best practices in Ontario and other jurisdictions.

Delivering coordinated public services through community hubs will ensure these services better meet the needs of children, youth and seniors.

Providing high-quality accessible and efficient community services is part of the government's plan for Ontario. The four-part plan is building Ontario up by investing in people's talents and skills, building new public infrastructure like roads and transit, creating a dynamic, supportive environment where business thrives, and building a secure retirement savings plan.

QUOTES

" I want to thank Karen Pitre for taking on this important responsibility. The work of the advisory group will do so much to inform our government’s approach to establishing community hubs. We want Ontario to be the best place to work, live and raise a family, and community hubs are a part of that vision."

- Kathleen Wynne

Premier of Ontario

" We have a great opportunity to develop community hubs in a way that coordinates services, meets people's needs and strengthens communities. I look forward to working with the advisory group to support the considerable work already underway to move forward on this complex and important issue."

- Karen Pitre

Special Advisor to the Premier on Community Hubs

QUICK FACTS

- Ontario's first poverty reduction strategy committed to the development of a Community Hub Program to respond to community needs related to poverty reduction and student achievement.
- In her mandate letters, the Premier tasked selected ministers to participate in the development of a policy on community hubs, including the ministers of Education, Health and Long-Term Care, Municipal Affairs and Housing, Community and Social Services and the Minister Responsible for Seniors.

LEARN MORE

- Read the Premier's mandate letters to ministers

Available Online
Disponible en Français

The Premier
of Ontario

Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario
M7A 1A1

La première ministre
de l'Ontario

Édifice de l'Assemblée législative
Queen's Park
Toronto (Ontario)
M7A 1A1

Ontario

September 25, 2014

The Honourable Brad Duguid
Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure
Eighth Floor, Hearst Block
900 Bay Street
Toronto, Ontario
M7A 2E1

Brad,

Dear Minister Duguid:

I am honoured to welcome you to your role as Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure. We have a strong Cabinet in place, and I am confident that together we will build Ontario up, create new opportunities and champion a secure future for people across our province. The people of Ontario have entrusted their government to be a force for good, and we will reward that trust by working every day in the best interests of every person in this province.

As we implement a balanced and comprehensive plan for Ontario, we will lead from the activist centre. We will place emphasis on partnerships with businesses, communities and people to help foster continued economic growth and make a positive impact on the lives of every Ontarian. This collaborative approach will shape all the work we do. It will ensure we engage people on the issues that matter the most to them, and that we implement meaningful solutions to our shared challenges.

Our government's most recent Speech from the Throne outlined a number of key priorities that will guide your work as minister. Growing the economy and helping to create good jobs are fundamental to building more opportunity and security, now and in the future. That critical priority is supported by strategic investments in the talent and skills of our people, from childhood to retirement. It is supported through the building of modern infrastructure, transit and a seamless transportation network. It is supported by a dynamic business climate that thrives on innovation, creativity and partnerships to foster greater prosperity. And it is reflected across all of our government, in every area, and will extensively inform our programs and policies.

As we move forward with our plan to grow the economy and create jobs, we will do so through the lens of fiscal prudence. Our 2014 Budget reinforces our commitment to balancing the budget by 2017-18; it is essential that every area adhere to the program-spending objectives established in it. We will choose to invest wisely in initiatives that strengthen Ontario's competitive advantage, create jobs and provide vital public services to our families. The President of the Treasury Board, collaborating with the Minister of Finance, will work closely with you and your fellow Cabinet members to ensure that our government meets its fiscal targets. The President of the Treasury Board will also lead the government's efforts on accountability, openness and modernization as we implement new accountability measures across government.

.../2

As Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure, you will help to build a strong, diversified and globally competitive economy that will provide jobs, increase productivity and result in more prosperity for all Ontarians. You will ensure that our economic recovery is being felt in all areas of the province, and by all our people — including our youth. You will support a dynamic business climate — supported and enhanced by an innovative health care sector and a dynamic education system — that will help the province continue to attract new businesses to Ontario and compete globally for jobs and investment. You will co-ordinate the province's investments in world-class infrastructure — fostering economic growth and prosperity throughout the province.

Your ministry's specific priorities include:

Supporting a Dynamic Business Climate on a Foundation of Fiscal Responsibility

- Promoting Ontario's existing strengths and enhancing its reputation as a destination of choice for foreign and domestic private sector investments. You will create partnerships with business through new initiatives, such as the 10-year, $2.5-billion Jobs and Prosperity Fund — and continue existing initiatives, such as the Eastern and Southwestern Ontario Development funds, and — working with the Minister of Northern Development and Mines — the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund.

- Collaborating with the Minister of Finance, the President of the Treasury Board and partner ministers to develop a framework to identify and evaluate optimal partnership investments. Your goal is to strengthen the province's approach to business supports while balancing the government's commitment to fiscal sustainability.

- Developing strategies for key-growth sectors, such as advanced manufacturing and automotive, agri-food, cleantech, financial services, information and communications technology, natural resources, tourism, media and culture. Together, these strategies will represent the government's broader economic policy objectives and will support investment and job creation. I ask that you work in co-operation with partner ministers, industry, postsecondary institutions and the not-for-profit sector to develop these strategies.

- Leading work, as the minister responsible for trade policy — in co-operation with the federal government and Canada's provinces and territories — to find ways of reducing trade barriers and increasing exports nationally and internationally.

- Partnering with the Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade to increase Ontario exports and promote Ontario-made goods and services.

.../3

- Working with the Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade to establish a ministerial working group. You and the minister will co-chair the group, which will include the ministers of: Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs; Education; Energy; Health and Long-Term Care; Northern Development and Mines; Research and Innovation/Training, Colleges and Universities; Tourism, Culture and Sport and other ministers, as appropriate. The committee's objective is to ensure strong collaboration and information-sharing — and maximize international trade and foreign investment opportunities.

- Expanding the reach of Ontario's exports — particularly to fast-growing emerging markets — in partnership with the Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade. You will jointly pursue initiatives that expand the opportunity for Ontario firms to connect with foreign buyers and investors, showcase innovative goods and services, and find new markets.

- Providing support to communities that are still recovering from the global recession, with particular focus on Southwestern and Northern Ontario. You will work with partner ministers to develop strategies to attract new investment and jobs — and connect the demand for jobs with our highly trained workforce in these areas.

- Working in partnership with business and entrepreneurs to build on our existing commitment to create a strong social enterprise market in Ontario.

- Continuing to work with partner ministers and industry to explore initiatives to reduce regulatory and administrative burdens, as proposed in the Better Business Climate Act, 2014. If the legislation is passed, I ask that you begin to work with key partners to develop regional cluster plans. Your goal is to adopt smarter regulatory practices without putting public safety at risk.

- Continuing to implement the Ontario Youth Jobs Strategy, in partnership with the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities. The strategy aims to address the youth unemployment rate by investing $295 million in measures to connect young people with promising careers — and increase opportunities for youth across the province.

- Increasing the number of employment opportunities for Ontarians of all abilities by establishing new partnerships with business and persons with disabilities.

- Working with partners to build an accessible Ontario by 2025. I ask that you explore options to develop new accessibility standards in the education or health sector.

.../4

Building Modern Infrastructure

- Working with your colleagues in the legislature to seek the passage of Bill 6, the Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, which would establish the requirements for long-term infrastructure planning.

- Leading the development of the province's long-term infrastructure plan. You will collaborate with partner ministers to identify the government's strategic priorities for infrastructure investment.

- Prioritizing the government's infrastructure investments — in partnership with the President of the Treasury Board — to ensure alignment with Ontario's economic development priorities.

- Continuing to support strong communities across Ontario by launching the new permanent Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund. The initiative will provide $100 million per year for investment in roads, highways and water infrastructure projects in Ontario's small and mid-sized communities.

Developing Infrastructure Investment Strategies

- Seeking opportunities to further refine our capital investment strategies for infrastructure. Your goal is to align these strategies with asset management planning, growth planning, our economic goals, environmental priorities and the needs of Ontarians.

- Embracing opportunities to encourage the adoption of innovative technologies that support economic growth and long-term savings. I ask that you ensure that public infrastructure investments encourage the adoption of approaches that maximize the value of our infrastructure dollars and minimize the long-term cost of maintaining infrastructure assets — including ensuring resiliency to the impact of climate change.

- Implementing the proposed Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, 2014, if passed. The act would enshrine evidence-based, long-term infrastructure planning in Ontario and support opportunities for apprenticeships, at-risk youth and local communities.

Maintaining Models of Alternative Financing and Procurement

- Continuing to refine the approach to delivering Ontario's highly effective Alternative Financing and Procurement (AFP) model — learning from the experience of past projects and current best practices. Your goal is to ensure that AFP remains the best system possible to deliver transit and other infrastructure projects on time, on budget and to specification.

.../5

Extending Access to Natural Gas

- Fulfilling our government's commitment to create a new Natural Gas Access Loan — which will provide up to $200 million over two years to help communities partner with utilities to extend access to natural gas supplies. I also ask that you establish a $30-million Natural Gas Economic Development Grant to accelerate projects with clear economic development potential. Your goal is to provide consumers in underserved communities more energy choices, make commercial transportation more affordable, attract new industry to Ontario, and benefit our agricultural producers.

We have an ambitious agenda for the next four years. I know that, by working together in partnership, we can be successful. The above list of priority initiatives is not meant to be exhaustive, as there are many other responsibilities that you and your ministry will need to carry out. To that end, this mandate letter is to be used by your ministry to develop more detailed plans for implementation of the initiatives above, in addition to other initiatives not highlighted in this letter.

I ask that you continue to build on the strong relationships we have with the Ontario Public Service, the broader public sector, other levels of government, and the private, non-profit and voluntary sectors. We want to be the most open and transparent government in the country. We want to be a government that works for the people of this province — and with them. It is of the utmost importance that we lead responsibly, act with integrity, manage spending wisely and are accountable for every action we take.

I look forward to working together with you in building opportunity today, and securing the future for all Ontarians.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Wynne
Premier