



THE TOWN OF GEORGINA
WATERWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Wednesday, November 15, 2016
6:30 PM
Council Chambers

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

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- (1) Aquatic Plant & Weed Information Session, held Nov. 10 at the Link, discussion.

- (2) Follow up from Brainstorm session. Priorities and next steps.
- (3) Meeting dates 2017

Committee of Adjustment dates conflict with the following GWAC dates:

February 13, 2017

March 13, 21017

April 10, 2017

September 11, 2017

GWAC can book another location (such as the LINK, the Roc or De La Salle or chose alternate dates).

October 9, 2017 – (second Monday is on Thanksgiving) needs to be re-booked.

12. CLOSED SESSION, IF REQUIRED

13. MOTION TO ADJOURN

- (1) Motion to Adjourn



THE TOWN OF GEORGINA
WATERWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Wednesday, October 11, 2016
6:00 PM
Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:14 PM, by David Goldstein, Vice Chair.

2. ROLL CALL

The following Committee members were in attendance:

Councillor Frank Sebo, Chair (arrived at 6:21)

David Goldstein, Vice Chair

Mayor Margaret Quirk (Ex-Officio)

Councillor Dan Fellini

Scott Davidson

Jerry Kucharchuk (arrived at 6:30)

Natasha Charles (arrived at 6:21)

Michele Potter

Note: Due to a communication error with the Outlook Calendar invite, some Committee members received the incorrect start time of 6:30 PM.

The following staff members were present:

Robin McDougall, Director of Recreation and Culture

Karyn Stone, Manager of Economic Development and Tourism

Sarah Brislin, Committee Services Coordinator

3. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEMS - *None*

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Scott Davidson, Seconded by Councillor Dan Fellini

RESOLUTION NO. GWAC-2016-0009

That the Georgina Waterways Advisory Committee approve the October 11, 2016, agenda.

Carried.

5. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

David Goldstein declared a conflict regarding Communication item 10(2) The Report to Council regarding Georgina Sail.

Note: The Committee moved to discuss agenda item number 9 (1), *Black River Water Soldier Monitoring and Management information*, in the absence of the remaining members who were expected to arrive late.

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

(1) Minutes of the GWAC meeting held on September 7, 2016.

Moved by Michele Potter, Seconded by Scott Davidson

RESOLUTION NO. GWAC-2016-0010

That the Georgina Waterways Advisory Committee adopt the meeting minutes of September 7, 2016.

Carried.

7. DELEGATIONS/SPEAKERS

8. PRESENTATIONS

(1) Rob Baldwin, discussion on Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authorities Role.

Rob Baldwin presented to the Committee regarding the role of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA). The Committee was advised the LSRCA has several programs and services, which include:

- Flood forecasting/warning
- Regulatory role (along with the lake), permits, etc.
- Biological tracking
 - Trends (ex. Zebra mussels)
- Assisting landowners along water courses

After describing the functions of the LSRCA Mr. Baldwin opened the floor to questions from the Committee which gave him the opportunity to provide clarification of the following:

- The Department of Oceans and Fisheries (DFO) is responsible for fish and their habitats
- The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) is responsible for Crown land (the water/lake)
- The LSRCA's jurisdiction is along the shoreline within the municipal boundary (which is the high-water mark)
- The LSRCA has obtained a new boat, for the ongoing water monitoring program.
- Regarding combating weeds, the committee was advised that the current conditions of the lake create a perfect greenhouse condition the Zebra and quagga mussels clean the lake creating clear water for the sun to penetrate deeper; the sun warms the lake; There is a shorter ice season (On average it is 35 days less than there was in the 1970s); more boat traffic and a soft bottom creates which is nutrient rich.
- The lake is healthier and there is higher productivity.
 - Trout
 - Hearing
 - Weeds
 - Plants
- Weed harvesting is a band-aid solution.
- Herbicide does more damage to fish life than it does to plants.
- Proper disposal presents additional issues.
- A local solution is not possible, will require the involvement of all partners on the lake.
- Phosphorous loading, rule of 3rds
 - 1/3 urban runoff Georgina and other surrounding municipalities (not just the ones on the lake); including decaying plants/ natural products
 - Atmospheric (dust from construction sites, carried from rain,
 - Sewage treatment plants

Moved by Mayor Margaret Quirk, Seconded by Councillor Dan Fellini

RESOLUTION NO. GWAC-2016-0011

That the Georgina Waterways Advisory Committee receive the verbal presentation on Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority

Carried.

9. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS ON THE AGENDA

- (1) Black River Water Soldier Monitoring and Management Information Sharing Session

Note: The Committee moved to discuss agenda item number 9 (1), *Black River Water Soldier Monitoring and Management information, following Declarations of Pecuniary interest and General Nature thereof.*

Mayor Margaret Quirk advised that she and Councillor Sebo attended the Black River Water Soldier Monitoring and Management Information Sharing Session. Mayor Quirk informed the Committee that Black Water Soldier is an invasive species that has become an issue in the Trent Severn.

Councillor Sebo assumed the Role of Chair.

The Committee was provided with the following information about the plant

- It had made some parts of the river impassible by boat
- It is being sold in garden centers for ornamental ponds
- The concern is that it will take over the natural species and push them out.

Note: Following agenda item number 9 (1), *Black River Water Soldier Monitoring and Management information*, the Committee resumed from agenda item 6 (1), *Minutes*.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

- (1) Ontario Protecting Water Quality Wetlands and Beaches

The Committee discussed the grant and if there were likely groups in the Community that could benefit from such an opportunity.

Moved by Mayor Margaret Quirk, Seconded by David Goldstein

RESOLUTION NO. GWAC-2016-0012

That the Georgina Waterways Advisory Committee receive the Ontario Protecting Water Quality Wetlands and forward the correspondence to the Communications Division.

Carried.

- (2) Sail Georgina, report on Council agenda for consideration October 5, 2016

Robin McDougall, Director of Recreation and Culture, advised the Committee that the report regarding Sail Georgina that had been sent to Council on October 5, 2016, was referred to the Georgina Waterways Advisory Committee. The Committee was advised the report proposed a 1-year agreement which would provide Sail Georgina a 30% discount on slip rentals in exchange for services and maintenance of the Town's Docks located at Jackson's Point Harbour. Robin McDougall provided a summary of the type of services that have and would be offered in the formalized agreement. Robin McDougall advised the Town would save more than the 30% discount they are offering Georgina Sail than if they were to pay directly for the services they get by negotiating with Georgina Sail.

Moved by Mayor Margaret Quirk, Seconded by Councillor Dan Fellini

RESOLUTION NO. GWAC-2016-0013

That the Georgina Waterways Advisory Committee wave the rules of procedure to allow Ken Haupt, Commodore for Sail Georgina, to speak.

Carried.

Ken Haupt, Commodore for Sail Georgina, addressed the Committee providing more detail regarding the services that the club provides and answering questions regarding the services the club provides in exchange for the discounted slips.

The Committee gave consideration to the following:

- Whether or not this prevents residents of the opportunity from slips
- Whether it discourages tourism and reduces potential for transient slips
- Whether the Town is losing money by limiting their market
- Whether there are other boating clubs that could offer the same or similar services for less
- Whether there has been a fair competitive process
- The impact to other businesses in the community
- The benefit of Sailing as a 'green sport.'
 - How much fuel sail boats use compared to other boats
 - Whether they pump out into the lake, whether their member's boats have restrooms or not.
- That the club offers members of the community affordable non-profit programs for children who want to learn how to sail
- The value of having a presence overnight increased security, discouraging vandalism, etc. versus other security systems

- The other services Georgina Sail offers the Town by having a presence
 - Showing patrons where to pay
 - Maintenance etc.

Moved by Michele Potter, Seconded by Jerry Kucharchuk

RESOLUTION NO. GWAC-2016-0014

That the Georgina Waterways Advisory Committee receive the Sail Georgina report.

Carried.

- (3) Summary Feedback September 29, 2015, Public information Session

Moved by Natasha Charles, Seconded by Scott Davidson

RESOLUTION NO. GWAC-2016-0015

That the Georgina Waterways Advisory Committee receive the Summary Feedback from the September 29, 2015, Public information Session

Carried.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

- (1) Brainstorming Session:

The Committee identified the following issues and stakeholders

a. What are the Issues

1. Weeds
 - a. Collection of weeds
 - b. Who will pay for it
 - c. Getting all the stakeholders together
2. Litter/Garbage
3. Upper York Sewage system
4. Economic
5. Planning and Development
 - a. If it would impact the lake
6. Water Quality
7. Improving Beaches

8. Promotion
 - a. 52 km of Shoreline
 - b. Better signage
 - c. Lighthouses
 - d. Ec. Dev. strategy
 - e. No comparative advantages.
 - f. Events/tradeshows – Chicken Bay
 - g. Other municipalities efforts ex. Friday Harbour
 - h. Partnership opportunities
 - i. Stakeholder meeting
 - j. Waterfront study
9. Safety – best boating practices
 - a. Shared usage -
 - b. Lifeguards
 - c. YRP Marine unit – actively looking for location for headquarters
 - d. Boats to close to shore
 - e. Speed restricted zones

b) who are the stakeholders

1. MNR
2. DFO
3. MOE
4. Municipalities
5. OMOA
6. Safe Boating Association
7. LSRCA
8. Chippewa's of Georgina
9. Save the Maskinonge river
10. Water Walkers
11. Beach Association
12. BIA
13. National Waterways Advisory Committee
14. Waterways Committee (Ramara)
15. MPP
16. MP

The Committee stressed the importance of setting up a meeting with stakeholders and Prioritizing list, dividing into sections.

- (2) Budget requests

Karyn Stone, Manager of Economic Development and Tourism, advised she was submitting a budget request for the Committee which currently included a figure of \$1500.00. She inquired if the Committee had any additional requests.

Moved by Scott Davidson, Seconded by Jerry Kucharchuk

RESOLUTION NO. GWAC-2016-0016

That the Georgina Waterways Advisory Committee support the request of \$1500.00 towards miscellaneous expenses to be included in the Committee 2017 budget.

Carried.

12. CLOSED SESSION, IF REQUIRED - *None*
13. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by Councillor Dan Fellini, Seconded by Michele Potter

RESOLUTION NO. GWAC-2016-0017

That the Georgina Waterways Advisory Committee change the start time of their regular scheduled meetings to 6:30 PM.

Carried.

- (1) Motion to Adjourn

Moved by Mayor Margaret Quirk, Seconded by Scott Davidson

RESOLUTION NO. GWAC-2016-0016

That the Georgina Waterways Advisory Committee October 11, 2016, meeting be adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Carried.

Councillor Frank Sebo, Chair

C. Sarah A. Brislin, Committee
Services Coordinator

Sarah Brislin

From: Frank A. Sebo
Sent: October-20-16 11:25 AM
To: Sarah Brislin; Dan Pisani
Cc: *Mayor & Council
Subject: Fw: 2016 Fall Cottage Life Show

Interesting! (see below)

Sarah please include this for discussion at our next waterways committee meeting.

Dan please have a look at the info. and watch the video of the Mobitrac.

thanks.

Frank A. Sebo
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From: Scot Davidson <bonnieboats@rogers.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2016 10:07 PM
To: Frank A. Sebo
Subject: Fwd: 2016 Fall Cottage Life Show

Interesting; may be a good pilot project we could try and get some funding

Cheers

Scot

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Weeds B Gone <weedsbgone@rogers.com>
Date: October 19, 2016 at 1:05:13 PM EDT
To: <info@bonnieboats.ca>
Subject: 2016 Fall Cottage Life Show
Reply-To: Weeds B Gone <weedsbgone@rogers.com>



Enjoy A Weedless Waterfront

2016 Fall Cottage Life Show

See bottom for discounted tickets for the fall cottage life show

Another incredible summer has come and gone and we are now looking forward to the Fall Cottage Show. We really enjoyed working with all of our customers this year and helping them get rid of their weeds to make room for swimming and boating. We Had a busy year due to the fact that there were very low water levels this year with tremendous heat called for lots of muck weeds and algae. We at Weedsbgone are achieving very good results using our newest technology Continuous laminar flow aeration. Link for aeration click on link below

<https://weedsbgone.com/pages/aeration>

We have been seeing a great demand for [Aqua Thruster's](#) and mechanical harvesting and have noticed lots of new vegetation in the lakes and ponds the last couple summers such as [Chara](#) , [Water Soldier](#) and [Phragmites](#).

We have purchased some new equipment this year starting with the mobitrac which is an amphibious machine where we can get into areas where no one else can! See link to see what we can do.

[Mobitrac Demo](#)

Weedsbgones Biggest seller this year was the [Aqua Thruster](#) with this device you can blast muck which will



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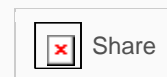


Spend less time worrying about the weeds and more time relaxing with family and friends. Enjoy the warm weather and great beach conditions without weeds!

[Aqua Thruster's](#)



Aqua Thruster



De-root your weeds and also remove or divert floating weeds coming into your waterfront.

If you are Looking to get your aquatic weeds harvested and removed next year you do not need a permit if you are governed under the MNR in Ontario. See link below for regulations.

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/remove-invasive-aquatic-plants>

Permits are required on the Trent Severn waterways or in the Rideau water ways and we suggest you start your application process early. Download your application below

[Trent seven aquatic weed harvesting application](#)

Rideau Canal Work permit click link below

<http://www.pc.gc.ca/eng/docs/r/poli/page01.aspx>

We will be at the Cottage Show this year from October 20-23 at the International Center in Toronto. We will be Located in **Hall 5, Booth # 235.**

Save \$3 off adult tickets.

Regular adult ticket: \$15; discounted ticket: \$12

These discounts are only available online in advance on the regular adult ticket admission. Discount may not be redeemed at the onsite box office. Discount is not applicable on Friday save \$4 after 4pm box office special or Friday senior rate.

What do you need to do?

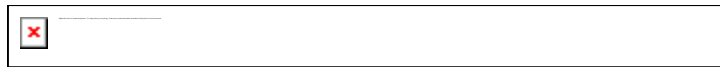
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Eventually the process causes large areas of the deep water pocket to become de-stratified, as the newly enriched deeper water mixes with water of higher oxygen levels throughout the water column. **Lake bed aerators also reduce algae and weed growth and increase laminar (horizontal) flow.** The artificial air system is safe to recreational and boating.

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**Sail Georgina: Submission to Lake Simcoe Waterways Committee
For Committee Review November 7th 2016**

Concerning Waterway Committee Meeting October 11th 2016

On October 11th, 2016, Ms. Robin McDougall presented Report RC-2016-0034 to the Lake Simcoe Waterways Advisory Committee. This report addressed a proposed interim agreement with the Sail Georgina Association. The report was presented to the Lake Simcoe Waterways Advisory Committee at the request of Councillor Frank Sebo.

In brief, the report provided background information about Sail Georgina including its relationship with the town, the services it provides to the Jackson's Point Harbour and those it provides to the Town of Georgina. Ms. McDougall also summarized a detailed cost benefit analysis showing how the reduction in slip fees charged to Sail Georgina balanced the cost of services the Town of Georgina would otherwise have to spend.

From the outset, this presentation was ostracized by Councillor and chairman of the committee Frank Sebo. Councillor Sebo made it blatantly clear that he did not want to have any documented or contractual relationship with Sail Georgina. He questioned why Ms. McDougall had gone to the effort of creating this agreement which, to his understanding, had been prompted by Sail Georgina for its own benefit. Councillor Sebo also expressed his view that all Sail Georgina slips be taken back and managed by the Town of Georgina directly and at the prescribed Town rates.

Rather than attempting to objectively analyze the cost benefit analysis and Town benefits and savings, Councillor Sebo made a number of unfounded generalised allegations regarding members of Sail Georgina. These allegations include and are not restricted to the following:

1. That members of Sail Georgina used inappropriate and foul language to chase away boaters coming into the harbour and seeking a transient slip.

SGA Response: To the contrary, transients consistently remark on how accommodating and friendly the Harbour and its "tenants" are when they come in.

2. That members of Sail Georgina routinely left the harbour and dumped sewage from their sailboat holding tanks into Lake Simcoe.

SGA Response: Sail Georgina membership are well aware of regulations regarding dumping of sewage into Canadian inland waterways. Most do not even have heads or holding tanks.

3. That members of Sail Georgina fuelled their boats inappropriately in the harbour spilling fuel.

SGA Response: As was responded to by the Commodore of Sail Georgina, Ken Haupt, at the time, the larger sailboats are diesel fueled and use so little fuel that they do not require refueling during the sailing season. The smaller sailboats all have outboard motors with the small red fuel tanks we are all familiar with. These are filled up at local gas stations.

4. That the town of Georgia was subsidizing slips for sailboats and non-residents of the Town of Georgina.

SGA Response: The majority of Sail Georgina members are Georgina residents and pay property taxes.

5. That members of Sail Georgina contributed little in the way of revenue to local business.

SGA Response: Most Sail Georgina members are local residents, many of whom have their own businesses in the Town of Georgina. These individuals buy their groceries and other staples locally and thereby contribute to the economy.

Councillor Sebo also expressed his displeasure with the following issues:

1. That he himself had not been able to secure a slip in Jackson's Point Harbour.

SGA Response: As a resident of The Town of Georgina, Councillor Sebo would have had an equal chance to secure a slip in Jackson's Point Harbour as any other resident who

applies to the town lottery. Historically, most Georgina residents have been able to be accommodated with this process.

2. That Sail Georgina staff were responsible for assisting with slip assignment. Councillor Sebo was non-receptive to the fact that town staff did not have the requisite knowledge to make these decisions due to the wide spectrum of sailboat depth requirements and insisted this task be undertaken by town staff.

SGA Response: Sail Georgina slip allocation committee works with the Town administration in attempts to accommodate as many boats in the Harbour as possible so that available slip space is maximized.

Committee member Scot Davison provided the following input.

1. That there were hardly any pump-outs (8 in total) of Sail Georgina sailboats.

SGA Response: Most of the member sailboats are under 27 feet and have no holding tanks. The larger boats with holding tanks cannot readily access the docks at Bonnie Boats due to depth and weeds. We were recently informed that one member was just recently turned away when he asked if he could bring in his 28-foot boat to be pumped out. Regretfully, he was left with no option but to haul his boat out without a pump-out and is now struggling with how to empty his holding tank on the hard.

2. That sailboats did not purchase gas from Bonnie Boats.

SGA Response: Sailboats do not use much fuel. Most have small outboards used simply to get them in and out of the harbour. The larger ones use diesel and Bonnie Boats does not pump diesel. On average, even the largest sailboat uses less than 20 liters of diesel per year.

3. That members of Sail Georgina did not contract the services of Bonnie Boats and spent about 381 dollars in total last year.

SGA Response: The mechanical cost of operating a sailboat is considerably less than a powerboat. Many of our members are mechanics themselves and are able to effect their own repairs. Sail Georgina has one outboard motor which has been serviced by Bonnie Boats. The club itself does not have any other marine needs which Bonnie Boats might fulfill. However, there are members of the club who have contracted the services of Bonnie Boats. As a club we have not confirmed exactly how much was spent by members this past year but we do have reason to suspect that Scott Davison's total may not have accounted for the full expenditure.

4. That no Sail Georgina members store their boats at Bonnie Boats.

SGA Response: Bonnie Boats is not equipped with a travel lift which is necessary to haul out and store sailboats mast up. Larger sailboats owners wishing to store mast up are therefore forced to used other marinas on Lake Simcoe. Owners with smaller boats and the property to store them should have the freedom to remove and store their boats as they so desire.

5. That Scott Davison, as a business tax payer, should not be subsidizing the presence of sailboats in Jackson's Point Harbour.

Members of Sail Georgina are disturbed by the allegations and comments summarized above. We have canvassed our membership and find Councillor Sebo's allegations to be unfounded and troublesome. We are concerned that Councillor Sebo, chair of the Lake Simcoe Waterways Advisory Committee may be attempting to forward an agenda based on his personal views, biases, and objectives, and all to the detriment of The Sail Georgina membership.

Scott Davison's opinions are also highly troublesome in that they would appear to provide him, as an owner of Bonnie Boats, with obvious financial benefit. Regretfully, Councillor Frank Sebo, chair of The Lake Simcoe Waterways Advisory Committee, did not acknowledge those pecuniary opinions which supported his views, and, which, to others, represented an obvious conflict of interest for Scott Davison. Councillor Sebo's failure to

intervene and maintain decorum is problematic for The Lake Simcoe Waterways Advisory Committee.

Given the issues outlined above, members of Sail Georgina question the objectivity and accuracy of any report back to council made by the Lake Simcoe Waterways Advisory Committee as related to Report RC-2016-0034. We therefore request that this submission be provided to council in order to provide council with a balanced and complete perspective on this matter. We also request, that moving forward, the Lake Simcoe Waterways Advisory Committee consider what actions it can implement to ensure that the committee's integrity and objectivity is not compromised again in the future.

Members of Sail Georgina continue to work collaboratively with the Town of Georgina to promote sailing (a sustainable recreational activity), subsidize an affordable sailing school and operate Jackson's Point Harbour in an efficient and community-focussed manner, all of which we are very proud of.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Haupt', written in a cursive style.

Ken Haupt, Commodore
Sail Georgina Association



Free | Open to the Public

Join us for an

Aquatic Plant & Weed Information Session

Thursday, November 10 | 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The Link, 20849 Dalton Road, Sutton

Representatives from the **Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority** and the **Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry** will be giving presentations and be on hand to discuss issues facing the Lake Simcoe Watershed with topics of interest to Georgina residents.

Topics to be covered: Water quality, invasive mussels and aquatic plants, and water levels



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