



THE TOWN OF GEORGINA
WATERWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Monday, May 08, 2017
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) Minutes of the GWAC meeting held on April 10, 2017.

7. DELEGATIONS/SPEAKERS
8. PRESENTATIONS

- (1) Canada 150 Celebrations

9. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS ON THE AGENDA
10. COMMUNICATIONS

- (1) Road salt threatening health of freshwater lakes
(<http://www.cbc.ca/beta/news/technology/lakes-road-salt-chloride-study-1.4064476>)

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- (2) Salty Trend May Cause Long-term Damage to Lake Simcoe Watershed

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- (3) Jackson's Point Residents Petition Against Redevelopment of Public Park

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- (5) YRP presentation, correspondence

11. OTHER BUSINESS**Pages 12 - 13**

- (1) Ports and Cruising Guide, suggestions Scott Jacobs, Operations Manager, Georgina Island
- (2) Save the Maskinonge presentation request, update if available
- (3) MNRF presentation scheduling, update if available
- (4) Jackson's Point redevelopment updates, if available.

12. CLOSED SESSION, IF REQUIRED**13. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

- (1) Motion to Adjourn

Next meeting: June 12, 6:30 PM, Council Chambers



THE TOWN OF GEORGINA
WATERWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Monday, April 10, 2017
6:30 PM
Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

The following Committee members were in attendance:

Councillor Frank Sebo, Chair
David Goldstein, Vice Chair
Mayor Margaret Quirk (Ex-Officio)
Councillor Dan Fellini
Michele Potter
Natasha Charles
Scott Davidson

The following Committee member was absent with regrets:
Jerry Kucharchuk

The following staff members were present:
Karyn Stone, Economic Development Manager
Sarah Brislin, Committee Services Coordinator

3. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEMS

- (1) Report No. RC-2017-0010 (Jackson's Point Harbourfront Re-development)

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Natasha Charles, Seconded by Scott Davidson

RESOLUTION NO. GWAC-2017-0018

That the Georgina Waterways Advisory Committee approve the April 10, 2017, agenda with the following addendum item:

1. Ports and Cruising Guide review of Michele Potter's suggestions Report No. RC-2017-0010 (Jackson's Point Harbourfront Re-development)

Carried.

5. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

Scott Davidson declared a conflict of interest the general nature there of relating to the Jackson's Point Harbourfront redevelopment as the former owner of Bonnie Boats Ltd; as an occupant leasing property and owner of property in the development area.

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- (1) Minutes of the GWAC meeting held on March 13, 2017.

Moved by David Goldstein, Seconded by Mayor Margaret Quirk

RESOLUTION NO. GWAC-2017-0019

That the Georgina Waterways Advisory Committee adopt the meeting minutes of March 13, 2017.

Carried.

7. DELEGATIONS/SPEAKERS - *None*

8. PRESENTATIONS

- (1) John Barker and Chris Stevenson, Suction Dredging presentation

John Barker presented on why suction dredging. The Committee was advised of the reasons for the pilot program, the issues relating to invasive weeds found in the water, what practices are being used by other governments and organizations to address similar issues. The Committee was advised they would be updated on the progress of the pilot program.

Moved by Councillor Dan Fellini, Seconded by Scott Davidson

RESOLUTION NO. GWAC-2017-0020

That the Georgina Waterways Advisory Committee receive the Suction Dredging presentation provided by John Barker and Chris Stevenson,

Carried.

9. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS ON THE AGENDA

10. COMMUNICATIONS

- (1) Council resolution regarding recommendation for joint resolution to discuss with Parks Canada and the Ministry of Natural Resources the control of lake levels (from the March 22nd Council meeting).

RESOLUTION NO. C-2017-0144

That correspondence from the Georgina Waterways Advisory Committee recommending Town Council, the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation and the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority submit a joint resolution to Parks Canada and the Ministry of Natural Resources to discuss the control of lake levels be received and referred to the Chief Administrative Officer's office for a draft resolution to be submitted to Council for consideration for dissemination to Parks Canada and to the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Moved by Mayor Margaret Quirk, Seconded by Natasha Charles

RESOLUTION NO. GWAC-2017-0021

That the Georgina Waterways Advisory Committee receive Council resolution regarding recommendation for joint resolution to discuss with Parks Canada and the Ministry of Natural Resources the control of lake levels.

Carried.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

- (1) Save the Maskinonge presentation request
- (2) Jackson's Point redevelopment article, published by the Advocate.

Moved by, Seconded by

RESOLUTION NO. GWAC-2017-0022

That the Georgina Waterways Advisory Committee receive Other Buisness items:

1. Save the Maskinonge presentation request
2. Jackson's Point redevelopment article, published by the Advocate.

Carried.

12. CLOSED SESSION, IF REQUIRED - *None*

13. MOTION TO ADJOURN

(1) Motion to Adjourn

Next meeting: May 8, 6:30 PM, Council Chambers

Moved by Scott Davidson, Seconded by Natasha Charles

RESOLUTION NO. GWAC-2017-0023

That the Georgina Waterways Advisory Committee April 10, 2017, meeting be adjourned at 7: 32 PM.

Carried.

Councillor Frank Sebo, Chair

C. Sarah A. Brislin, Committee
Services Coordinator

Salty trend may cause long-term damage to Lake Simcoe watershed: LSRCA

Chloride concentration in the lake increasing by about .7 milligrams per litre annually since 1971

COMMUNITY Apr 27, 2017 by [Chris Simon](#) Barrie Advance



Bill Thompson, manager of integrated watershed management for Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, says the amount of road salt entering the watershed has increased almost every year since 1971. If the trend continues, the lake will exceed chronic chloride levels in about 100 years. - Mike Barrett/Metroland

For decades, salt has been the standard “go-to” for winter maintenance in the Lake Simcoe watershed.

But excessive winter salt usage, both by municipalities and private businesses, has caused the average chloride concentration in the lake to increase by about .7 milligrams per litre annually since 1971.

At this rate, the lake will exceed the Canadian government’s chronic (long-term) chloride guidelines by 2120.

While that seems like a long way off, reductions in usage take time and there’s little indication the increase is slowing, said Bill Thompson, the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority’s manager of integrated watershed management.

“There’s really no change,” he said. “The challenge with salt is it’s pretty much invisible. You put it down and it disappears. The more people that are aware there’s an environmental impact, the more people will think twice before demanding that level of service from their local store or municipality. Their behaviour impacts the health of the watershed.”

About 100,000 tons of salt is applied to paved surfaces within the watershed each year. Much of that ends up in creeks and rivers before getting to the lake.

The LSRCA monitors chloride levels at 21 tributary locations and 17 lake stations.

Data show chronic guidelines are already exceeded in many creeks and rivers in Barrie, Newmarket and Aurora and that the issue is mostly caused by the larger urban municipalities around the lake.

“We look to not over-apply any de-icing materials on roadways and sidewalks,” Newmarket infrastructure services commissioner Peter Noehammer said. “That’s carefully measured.”

Periodic sampling over a five-year period has also recorded 17 cases of acute (short-term) guideline exceedances at Hotchkiss Creek in Barrie, and 44 at Holland Landing over one winter.

Barrie has been working to reduce salt usage through resident education and outreach and a spring street sweeping program that prioritizes clean-up near sensitive areas like creeks. However, each municipality has to balance safety and liability concerns with environmental protection.

“We still need to make sure we provide a safe transportation network so the community and businesses can all function in the winter,” Barrie risk management official Katie Thompson said.

“It is a challenge. As we get the amount of salt down, we’re always adding new roads which bump the numbers back up again. The solution is going to have to be collaborative; it’s going to take the provincial government, municipalities, residents, businesses and conservation authorities all working together to improve our practices.”

Some insect populations in tributaries are already showing damage, Bill said.

“The operational guys can tighten up their practices, then we build another kilometre of road that we need to maintain,” Bill said. “We’re fighting against ourselves, unfortunately.”

Residents can take steps to help their municipalities reduce reliance on salt, such as wearing boots with good traction and putting snow tires on their vehicles.

Municipalities can also encourage the construction of low-impact developments and parking lots and businesses should participate in the LSRCA’s Smart About Salt training and certification program, to learn best usage practices, Bill said.

Jackson's Point residents petition against redevelopment of public park

NEWS Apr 26, 2017 12:00 by [Heidi Riedner](#) Georgina Advocate



Donna Parsons' bait shop like many in the area is highly dependant on the boating and fishing industry at Jackson's Point. A group of residents have started an online petition opposed to using Bonnie Park as a 'bargaining chip' in redevelopment plans currently being floated. April 24, 2017 - Mike Barrett/Metroland

Bonnie Park is not for sale or swap.

That is the sentiment of a group of concerned Jackson's Point residents who launched an online petition — bonnieparkisnotforsale.com — this week stating the historic public park or any portion thereof should not be used as a “bargaining chip” with developers under any harbour redevelopment master plan.

A 16-week, \$90,000 process with The Planning Partnership at its helm was approved by council last week in reaction to the sale of Bonnie Boats earlier this month.

With the town-owned property situated between the Ramada Inn on one side and the former marine property now owned by MSR Holdings Inc. on the other, the town contends a redevelopment strategy with all interested parties involved and six opportunities for public input will allow it to “drive the bus” when it comes to any future development proposals.

Paul Brady, however, is one of many who doesn't agree and thinks there is still time to turn the ship around before one of few remaining public access sites to Lake Simcoe is sunk.

“The town thinks it is a good thing to use a historic public lake access park as a bargaining chip, but we think the plan shouldn't have been set up in the first place,” Brady said, adding the \$90,000 would have been better spent cleaning debris off the park, filling in low areas, replacing rotten boards on the dock and a fresh coat of paint on the picnic shelters.

“If an entity has bought a marina, and it turns out that the land can only be used as a marina, then they have a marina,” he added. “If that entity can change it into what they want to do, more power to them, but it must be done under the same parameters and guidelines that everyone else must adhere to on their own property ... Bonnie Park is not for sale. Period. It belongs to the people, not just the residents of Georgina, but to all who want to use it.”

Wayne Phillips agrees and hopes the petition will prompt people to get involved, make an informed decision and let elected officials know where they stand on the issue.

“I think we’re all smart enough to understand that change is going to happen and that we want to be collaborative with the process, but there is a feeling that there hasn’t been full disclosure up to this point,” Phillips said, echoing the sentiments of Cliff Williams and bait and tackle shop owner Donna Parsons, who were among those upset over unauthorized testing in the park conducted earlier this month and the fact redevelopment proposals concerning two private properties are being floated on the taxpayer dime.

While the group behind the petition may be at the “nucleus” of the situation, they point out it is not NIMBYism that is spearheading their cause.

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ATV season begins with a focus on safety

Police issue warning as early boating season gets underway

CTV Barrie

Published Thursday, April 27, 2017 6:14PM EDT

The early start to the boating season is coming with some warnings from police.

Officers are watching boaters on Lake Simcoe closely to make sure they have all of the safety gear they need. This is everything from life-jackets to a whistle to a fire extinguisher.

Water temperatures are about 6 C, which can be a bit deceiving if you're not careful.

PHOTOS



York Regional Police monitor Lake Simcoe near Keswick, Ont. on Thursday, April 27, 2017. (Rob Cooper/ CTV Barrie)

"You got one minute to compose yourself, 10 minutes you start to lose your dexterity and after that, one more minute, hypothermia sets in," says York Regional Police Const. Craig McDowell.

Another concern right now is floating debris.

"This time of year we get a lot of stuff that was left over from winter that was on the ice and the stuff that was moved around when the ice went out."

Police are reminding boaters it's imperative to make sure you have a fully charged cell phone and to always make sure someone knows where you are going and when you will be returning.

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Sarah Brislin

From: Maria Evans
Sent: April-06-17 10:43 AM
To: Sarah Brislin
Cc: Tanya A. Thompson
Subject: RE: YRP presentation

Hi Sarah,

The presentation has been posted on the [Boating, Beaches and Fishing](#) webpage on our website.

We felt this was the best place to place this presentation.

Kind regards,
Maria

Maria Evans

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Subject: YRP presentation

Good afternoon,

Please see the YRP Marine unit presentation that was presented at the last Waterways Committee meeting. I have been asked to forward this to Communications and the Committee members for dissemination (parts of or as a whole).

Regards,

C. Sarah A. Brislin, BA
Committee Services Coordinator
Clerk's Division | Town of Georgina

Sarah Brislin

From: Natasha Charles <natasha.charles@georginaisland.com>
Sent: April-10-17 8:41 AM
To: Sarah Brislin
Subject: Ports and Cruising Guide
Attachments: april.2017.Scotts write-up.docx

Good Morning Sarah,

Attached is a small write up for the Ports and Cruising Guide on Virginia Beach Marina from Scott Jacobs, our Operations Manager there. After I reviewed the article and deemed it to be out-dated I had him provide this to me.

Thanks!

Natasha Charles
Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation



Virginia Beach Marina (705) 437-2533 is located on the South Side of Georgina Island. The Marina is owned by the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation and operated by a management company. The Marina can be identified from the water by the 6000 square foot Business Center that houses a Restaurant (The Boondocks Eatery), retail store (Tobacco Trails) and other office space. When approaching, you will notice a flashing white light where entrance can be gained through the mouth of the man-made harbour that has marker lights for the Aahzaawe ferry travelling to and from Georgina Island on a scheduled basis.

The Marina is a well-lit facility with 113 slips on fixed docks. Transient slips are available when seasonal slips are vacant and visitors are advised to call ahead. Depth at the docks is about six feet. A hydraulic trailer is available to haul boats up to 34 feet with repairs services for both gas and diesel engines on site. Propeller and canvas repairs can be arranged with the Manager.

The Restaurant (The Boondocks Eatery) is a family owned and operated restaurant that specializes in good food with a twist of good times. When travelling the waterway or in the area, be sure to stop by as they will have all of your needs covered during the lunch, dinner and late night hours.

Facilities: Fuel, Restaurant, Convenience Items, Pumpout, 20 Amp Power at Docks, Water (at fuel dock), Propane, Ice, Bait, Launch Ramp, Vehicle Parking, Portable Washroom Facilities, ATM (during retail outlet hours)