



TOWN OF
GEORGINA

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 muscles 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.

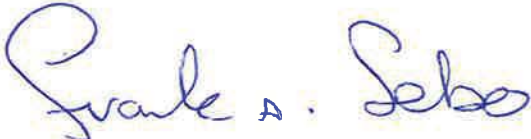
- (1) Motion to Adjourn

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