



**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

Thursday, February 8, 2018
7:00 PM
Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM

2. ROLL CALL

The following Committee members were in attendance:

- Katie Roberts, Chair
- Councillor Dave Neeson
- Debbie Molnar
- Mary Mallany
- Kelly Mingram
- Hailey Punt

The following Committee member was absent with regrets:

- Sally Krigsten

The following staff members were present:

- Sandra DiPietrantonio, Administrative Services Clerk
- Sarah Brislin, Committee Services Coordinator

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (1) Member resignation

Committee member Hailey Punt advised she would be resigning from the Committee following the meeting as she is moving to out of province.

4. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEMS - *None*

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Hailey Punt, Seconded by Kelly Mingram

RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2018-0001

(4) Waste Management Strategy and Plastic Bag Ban, update if available.

12. CLOSED SESSION, IF REQUIRED - *None*

13. MOTION TO ADJOURN

(1) Next Meeting Next Meeting:
Date: Thursday, May 10, 2018
Time: 7:00 PM

(2) Motion to Adjourn

That the agenda for the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee meeting of February 8, 2018, be approved.

Carried.

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

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- (1) Minutes of the meeting held on September 14, 2017
- (2) Minutes of the joint meeting held on November 23, 2017.

Moved by Debbie Molnar, Seconded by Mary Mallany

RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2018-0002

1. That the minutes of the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee meeting held on September 14, 2017, be adopted.
2. That the minutes of the joint Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee and Georgina Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting held on November 23, 2017, be adopted.

Carried

8. DELEGATIONS/SPEAKERS - *None*

9. PRESENTATIONS - *None*

10. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS ON THE AGENDA - *None*

11. COMMUNICATIONS

- (1) EAC Minute Meeting Final Version + Updates

Committee members were reminded of the upcoming event. Members planning to attend suggested they meet and take a photo at the event and request the Town post the photo to spread awareness of the Committees existence.

- (2) Follow up from previous meeting Pollinator/Bee education and awareness promotions

Moved by Kelly Mingram, Seconded by Katie Davis

RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2018-0003

That the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee (GEAC) recommend to Council, as a follow up to the request to the Communications Division from the Nov 23 2017 meeting Resolution No. GEAC 2017-0030. The implementation of a pollinator education and awareness campaign in Spring 2018 that will:

1. Utilize social media (including residents' input online).
2. Explore the possibility of a partnership with an environmental non-profit organization such as LEAF (www.yourleaf.org) to host local planting or stewardship event or offering subsidized garden and tree planting kits to homeowners of the Town of Georgina.
3. Consider including a "Pledge for Pollinators" hashtag, a photo submission for residents who plant bee and/or butterfly friendly plants on their properties, and/or an opportunity to win a gift certificate for a LEAF pollinator garden kit for their property or for pollinator friendly plants at a local Georgina garden center.
4. Be funded from a combination of sources that could include chargebacks to the GEAC committee budget, grant applications to the Biodiversity Education and Awareness Network (micro grant) and/or an application to the York Region Greening Action Partnership Fund.

Carried.

- (3) Follow up from previous meeting: Lead found in Drinking Water at York Region schools

The Committee requested staff seek a follow up with the York Region School Board.

- (4) Montreal becomes first major Canadian city to ban plastic shopping bags

Staff were asked to inquire with Operations as to the status of the Waste Management Strategy and report back before Committee is dissolved if not Committee to consider motion for next meeting.

Moved by Mary Mallany, Seconded by Hailey Punt

RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2018-0004

That the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee (GEAC) refer the Communication item *Montreal becomes first major Canadian city to ban plastic shopping bags* to Council.

Carried.

(5) New Program Supporting Low-carbon Innovation for Industry

Moved by Councillor Charlene Biggerstaff, Seconded by Hailey Punt

RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2018-0005

That the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee (GEAC) refer the New Program Supporting Low-carbon Innovation for Industry to staff for informational purposes.

Carried.

(6) New sewage plant in East Gwillimbury delayed until 2026

Moved by Councillor Charlene Biggerstaff, Seconded by Katie Davis

RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2018-0006

That the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee formally invite the Chippewa's of Georgina Island to present to the Committee their position on the Upper York Sewage Solution..

Unanimously Carried.

(7) Ontario Making it easier to Charge Electric Vehicles

Moved by Katie Davis, Seconded by Kelly Mingram

RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2018-0007

That the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee (GEAC) refer the Communication item, *Ontario Making it easier to Charge Electric Vehicles* to staff for informational purposes.

Carried.

Moved by Katie Davis, Seconded by Hailey Punt

RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2018-0008

That the Georgina Environmental Advisory receive the following Communication Items:

1. EAC Minute Meeting Final Version + Updates
2. Follow up from previous meeting Pollinator/Bee education and awareness promotions
3. Follow up from previous meeting: Lead found in Drinking Water at York Region schools
4. Montreal becomes first major Canadian city to ban plastic shopping bags
5. New Program Supporting Low-carbon Innovation for Industry
6. New sewage plant in East Gwillimbury delayed until 2026
7. Ontario Making it easier to Charge Electric Vehicles

Carried.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

- (1) Request for turtle signs

The Committee reviewed the resident request from October 22, 2017 for turtle crossing signs. The Committee was advised that Councillor Biggerstaff used her discretionary fund to purchase the signs knowing the Committee would not have any meetings until the New Year.

- (2) Green Jobs—STIP Funding Available

Moved by Councillor Charlene Biggerstaff, Seconded by Mary Mallany

RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2018-0009

That the Georgina Environmental Advisory receive *the Green Jobs—STIP Funding* for information.

Carried.

- (3) BEAN's 2018 International Day for Biodiversity Grant Program

Moved by Kelly Mingram, Seconded by Katie Davis

RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2018-0010

That the Georgina Environmental Advisory receive BEAN's 2018 International Day for Biodiversity Grant Program.

Carried.

(4) Greening Action Partnership Funding

Moved by Debbie Molnar, Seconded by Mary Mallany

RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2018-0011

That the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee recommend Council direct staff to investigate for Council's consideration the completion the application of the Greening Action Partnership Fund Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the following improvements to the Baldwin Conservation area:

1. The addition of a small parking area off Smith Boulevard East of HWY 48 allowing access to residents.
2. Adding a few small bridges,
3. Expanding the trail and designating it Conservation Land to include some areas along the Town controlled easement behind properties in Audubon Acres,
4. Addition of a wild flower area to benefit Bees and Butterflies and enjoyment of residents,
5. Clean up of fallen trees which now restrict the walking paths,
6. Mulching some path areas along the walking trails and;
7. For Council to consider any additional improvement it views as beneficial or appropriate for the Baldwin Conservation Area.

Defeated.

(5) Earth Week Seedling Order 2018

Moved by Kelly Mingram, Seconded by Hailey Punt

RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2018-0011

That the Georgina Environmental Advisory apply \$500.00 from GEAC budget towards an earth week seedling order.

Carried.

- (6) Cooking event to spread awareness about edible invasive species, next steps, choose a date, organize tasks of members. (ongoing item).

There were no updates at this time.

(7) Development processes & Capital Builds

The Committee requested this item be included on the agenda for further discussion and consideration at the next meeting.

(8) Town Policies and Environmental requirements for developers.

The Committee requested Planning be invited to a future meeting to speak to Town Policies and Environmental requirements for developers.

(9) Upper York Sewage Solution (ongoing item).

The Committee requested the Upper York Sewage Solution (UYSS) be added to the agenda as an ongoing item.

12. CLOSED SESSION, IF REQUIRED - *None*

13. MOTION TO ADJOURN

(1) Next Meeting Next Meeting:
 Date: Thursday, March 8, 2018
 Time: 7:00 PM

(2) Motion to Adjourn

Moved by Hailey Punt, Seconded by Katie Davis

RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2018-0012

That the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee February 8, 2018, meeting be adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Carried.



 Councillor Dave Neeson,
 Chair



 Sarah Brislin, Committee
 Services Coordinator