



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Monday, September 30, 2019
7:00 PM
Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM

“We would like to begin today’s meeting by acknowledging that the Town of Georgina is located over lands originally used and occupied by the First Peoples of the Williams Treaties First Nations and other Indigenous Peoples and thank them for sharing this land. We would also like to acknowledge the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation as our close neighbour and friend, one with which we strive to build a cooperative and respectful relationship.”

Committee members in attendance:

Councillor Dave Neeson
Kelly Mingram
Gary Heine
Lee Canavan
Mark Payne
Dr. Neil Comer
Rebecca Wheeler

Staff member in attendance:

Sarah Elliott, Committee Services Coordinator

2. ROLL CALL

3. ORIENTATION

The Committee Coordinator provided an orientation to members which included a review of:

- Terms of Reference
- Procedural By-law 2016-0014 (COU-2)
- Council Code of Conduct
- The Sunshine Law Handbook

- Violence-free Workplace Policy Statement
- Respectful Workplace Policy Statement
- Volunteer, Board Committee Member Health & Safety Training
- Municipal Conflict of Interest Act

4. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

The Committee Coordinator called for nominations of the Chair

The following nomination was received with acceptance of the nominee:
Councillor Neeson.

There were no additional Nominations, Councillor Neeson was pronounced Chair through Acclamation.

The Committee Coordinator called for nomination of the Vice Chair.

The following nomination was received with acceptance from the nominee:
Kelly Mingram.

There were no additional Nomination, Kelly Mingram was pronounced Chair through Acclamation.

5. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEMS

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Lee Canavan, Seconded by Gary Heine

RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2019-0001

That the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee approve the September 30, 2019 agenda with the following amendments:

1. That the agenda item Roll Call follow the item Call to Order, and that Introductions and Roll Call be removed.
2. That the Speakers section be added to item 9.1

Carried.

7. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

- (1) Committee member Mark Payne declared a conflict of interest relating to the Upper York Sewage System. Mark advised as an employee of York Region Environmental Services he must recuse himself from discussions related to the project.

8. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- (1) Minutes of the meeting held on March 8, 2018, to be received.

Moved by Rebecca Wheeler, Seconded by Lee Canavan

RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2019-0002

That the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee receive the former Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee's minutes from the final term meeting on March 8, 2018.

Carried.

Mark Payne abstained for voting due to the conflict of interest declared (refer to item 7(1)).

9. SPEAKERS - *None*

10. PRESENTATIONS

- (1) Introductions:

The Committee members introduced themselves to one another.

11. REPORTS - *None*

12. COMMUNICATIONS

- (1) Ontario will shift Blue Box program Costs to Waste Producers

Moved by Lee Canavan, Seconded by Kelly Mingram

RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2019-0003

That the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee receive the Communication item, *Ontario will shift Blue Box program Costs to Waste Producers.*

Carried.

- (2) 'Disappointing and disheartening' (<https://www.yorkregion.com/news-story/9343497--disappointing-and-disheartening-upper-york-sewage-delay-has-region-eg-up-in-arms/>)

Mark Payne abstained for voting due to the conflict of interest declared (refer to item 7(1)).

The Chair, Councillor Neeson, provided a brief overview of the project including perspectives from various groups involved.

Moved by Lee Canavan, Seconded by Gary Heine

RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2019-0004

That the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee receive the Communication item '*Disappointing and disheartening*'.

Carried.

- (3) Georgina doesn't want your trash, beach-goers
(<https://www.yorkregion.com/news-story/9552851-georgina-doesn-t-want-your-trash-beach-goers/>)

Moved by Gary Heine, Seconded by Mark Payne

RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2019-0005

That the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee receive the Communication item, *Georgina doesn't want your trash, beach-goers*

Carried.

- (4) Bradford considers putting electric-vehicle chargers downtown

Moved by Rebecca Wheeler, Seconded by Lee Canavan

RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2019-0006

That the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee receive the Communication item, *Bradford considers putting electric-vehicle chargers downtown.*

(5) York Region Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

The Committee was asked if they would be interested in co-hosting the EAC for the fall. The Committee asked that a request to Co-host be brought back to a future meeting.

Mark, Kelly

Moved by Mark Payne, Seconded by Kelly Mingram

RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2019-0007

That the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee receive the Communication item, *York Region Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes*.

Carried.

- (6) Pay to slay'_ Oakville council vehemently opposes Ontario's proposed changes to Endangered Species Act (<https://www.insidehalton.com/news-story/9356126--pay-to-slay-oakville-council-vehemently-opposes-ontario-s-proposed-changes-to-endangered-species-act/>)

Moved by Gary Heine, Seconded by Lee Canavan

RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2019-0008

That the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee receive the Communication item, *Pay to slay'_ Oakville council vehemently opposes Ontario's proposed changes to Endangered Species Act*.

Carried.

- (7) Province 'premature' in asking conservation authorities to cut programs

Moved by Kelly Mingram, Seconded by Rebecca Wheeler

RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2019-0009

That the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee receive Communication item, *Province 'premature' in asking conservation authorities to cut programs*.

Carried.

- (8) What's Going On Here - Solar Power Flower In East Gwillimbury
(<https://www.yorkregion.com/news-story/9338298-what-s-going-on-here-solar-flower-power-in-east-gwillimbury/>)

Moved by Mark Payne Seconded by Lee Canavan

RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2019-0010

That the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee receive the Communication item "*What's Going On Here - Solar Power Flower In East Gwillimbury*"

Carried.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

- (1) Council Resolutions referral to the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee
- a. Simeon Dredge requesting Council consider a bylaw to address light pollution, possibly for businesses to turn their lights off when closed.

Moved by Councillor Fellini, Seconded by Councillor Waddington

RESOLUTION NO. C-2019-0454

That Council receive the correspondence from Simeon Dredge requesting Council consider a bylaw to address light pollution and direct staff to draft a letter highlighting the current Town policies with respect to assessing new development applications and that the letter be referred to the environmental advisory committee.

Carried.

Moved by Kelly Mingram, Seconded by Niel Comer

RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2019-0011

That the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee receive Council Resolution C-2019-0454.

Carried.

a. Disposition Item, May 8th Council

RESOLUTION NO. C-2019-0314

That correspondence from Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville encouraging municipalities to follow their lead in identifying areas where the use of municipal water can be further optimized and the use of bottled water can be reduced or eliminated be received, and referred to the CAO's office and to the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee for consideration.

Carried.

Moved by Gary Heine, Seconded by Mark Payne

RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2019-0012

That the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee receive Council Resolution C-2019-0314.

Carried.

(2) Committee Objectives for 2018- 2022 – defer

(3) 2020 Proposed Schedule –

Moved by Lee Canavan, Seconded by Gary Heine

RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2019-0013

That the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee defer the 2020 schedule to the next meeting.

Carried.

14. CLOSED SESSION, IF REQUIRED

15. MOTION TO ADJOURN

(1) Next Meeting Next Meeting:
Date: Monday, November 25, 2019
Time: 7:00 PM

Moved by Gary Heine, Seconded by Rebecca Wheeler

RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2019-0014

That the meeting adjourn at 9:14 PM.

Carried.



Dave Neeson, Chair



Sarah Elliott
Committee Services Coordinator