



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

**MINUTES**

Thursday, September 14, 2017  
7:00 PM  
Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

The following Committee members were in attendance:

Katie Roberts, Chair  
Councillor Dave Neeson  
Councillor Charlene Biggerstaff  
Debbie Molnar  
Mary Mallany

The following Committee members were absent with regrets:

Sally Krigstin  
Kelly Mingram  
Hailey Punt

The following staff member was present:

Sarah Brislin, Committee Services Coordinator

3. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEMS – *None*

(1) Annual Election of Chair

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Charlene Biggerstaff, Seconded by Mary Mallany

**RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2017-0019**

That the agenda for the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee meeting of September 14, 2017, be approved with the following addendum item:

1. Annual Election of Chair and Vice Chair.

**Carried.**

Committee member Katie Davis nominated Councillor Dave Neeson for the position of Chair.

The Committee Services Coordinator made three further calls for nominations. There were no additional nominations.

Councillor Dave Neeson accepted the nomination and was pronounced Chair by acclamation.

Committee member Mary Mallany nominated Debbie Molnar for the position of Chair.

The Committee Services Coordinator made three further calls for nominations. There were no additional nominations.

Debbie Molnar accepted the nomination and was pronounced Vice Chair by acclamation.

It was noted Councillor Dave Neeson will assume the role of Chair at the next regular meeting.

5. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF - *None*
6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES
  - (1) Minutes of the meeting held on June 8, 2017.

Moved by Debbie Molnar, Seconded by Mary Mallany

**RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2017-0020**

That the minutes of the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee meeting held on June 8, 2017, be adopted.

**Carried**

7. DELEGATIONS/SPEAKERS - *None*

8. PRESENTATIONS - *None*
9. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS ON THE AGENDA - *None*
10. COMMUNICATIONS
  - (1) Chris Ballard Ontario's New Minister of the Environment and Climate Change
  - (2) Conserving Wetlands to Help Fight Climate Change
  - (3) Recognition of Deputy Mayor/Regional Councillor Wheeler
  - (4) Ontario Continuing Fight Against Invasive Species

The Committee requested staff send agenda item 10.4 to the Georgina Waterways Advisory Committee and bookmark for invasive species campaign.

- (5) Ontario Fighting Climate Change with New Electric School Buses

It was noted that the deadline to apply is by October 13<sup>th</sup> for the funding for the Electric School buses.

Moved by Councillor Dave Neeson, Seconded by Debbie Molnar

#### **RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2017-0021**

That the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee refer the program to the York Region District School Board

#### **Carried.**

- (6) Ontario Protecting the Environment and Fighting Climate Change

The Committee discussed the tree planting program. The Committee requested the information be referred to staff to investigate and that the information be put on the committee webpage.

- (7) Ontario Recognizes Outstanding Achievements in Environmental Protection
- (8) Ontario Strengthening Protections for Water Resources
- (9) Ontario Supporting Municipalities in Fighting Climate Change

The Committee requested the information be referred to Operation staff to for review

(10) Ontario Supporting Projects to Reduce Greenhouse Gas

The Committee requested the information be referred to Operation staff to for review

Moved by Mary Mallany, Seconded by Debbie Molnar

**RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2017-0022**

That the Georgina Environmental Advisory receive the following Communication Items:

1. Chris Ballard Ontario's New Minister of the Environment and Climate Change
2. Conserving Wetlands to Help Fight Climate Change
3. Recognition of Deputy Mayor/Regional Councillor Wheeler
4. Ontario Continuing Fight Against Invasive Species
5. Ontario Fighting Climate Change with New Electric School Buses
6. Ontario Protecting the Environment and Fighting Climate Change
7. Ontario Recognizes Outstanding Achievements in Environmental Protection
8. Ontario Strengthening Protections for Water Resources
9. Ontario Supporting Municipalities in Fighting Climate Change
10. Ontario Supporting Projects to Reduce Greenhouse Gas

**Carried.**

11. OTHER BUSINESS

- (1) RESOLUTION NO. C-2017-0318 (From June 7, 2017, Council meeting)

That Council receive correspondence from Jim Baine requesting an anti-littering signage pilot project on Duclos Point Road, that the request be referred to the Chief Administrative Officer to determine staff resources to create a successful litter reduction strategy for the entire Town, to review the current fees associated with littering and associated enforcement, and that the matter be referred to the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee for its assistance and to the Communications Manager for social media engagement.

Moved by Councillor Neeson, Seconded by Charlene Biggerstaff

**RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2017-0023**

The GEAC supports an anti-littering campaign approves of raising the set fine for littering up to the statutory limit. Provided the Town provides an adequate number of waste receptacles at Town facilities and parks.

**Carried.**

Moved by Mary Mallany, Seconded by Debbie Molnar

**RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2017-0024**

That a letter be sent to York Region to request adequate placement of waste receptacles along the bus routes at the bus stops.

**Carried.**

The Committee requested the resident be advised of the recommendations.

- (2) Plastic bag ban (resident request for Town to investigate bag ban).  
Attachments includes articles on other Canadian Municipalities that have considered a plastic bag ban.

The Committee was advised the concern came to Council on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Staff have been directed to prepare a report on taxation tool or a ban on plastic bags.

The Committee discussed the articles and the possibility of a ban on bags.

Moved by Mary Mallany, Seconded by Debbie Molnar

**RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2017-0025**

That the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee recommend Council direct staff to investigate the possibility of a zero waste goal policy similar to that of Markham's zero waste program and include consideration of a plastic bag ban.

**Carried.**

- (3) Municipal GHG Challenge Fund (Deadline November 14).

Moved by Debbie Molnar, Seconded by Mary Mallany

**RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2017-0026**

That the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee recommend Council refer to the appropriate staff for consideration.

**Carried.**

- (4) The York Region We Want.

Councillor Neeson advised he is waiting to hear back from former Councillor Dave Szollosy to see if anyone wants to present regarding the request. Councillor Neeson offered to follow up on the email.

- (5) 2018 schedule.

February 8, 2018

March 8, 2018

May 10, 2018

June 7, 2018

September 13, 2018

October 11, 2018

Note: November 22, 2018, is the joint GEAC and GAgAC meeting (on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month).

- (6) 2017 Budget Review and 2018 Budget requests.

Moved by Councillor Dave Neeson, Seconded by Debbie Molnar

**RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2017-0027**

That the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee approve the registration cost of up to \$150.00 to be allocated from GEACs professional development fund for Committee member Mary Mallany to attend the OIPC Conference October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> 2017, in Ottawa.

**Carried.**

The Committee requested the Budget Review be brought back to the October meeting for further consideration.

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

The Committee requested the item be considered at the next meeting.

12. CLOSED SESSION, IF REQUIRED - *None*

13. MOTION TO ADJOURN

(1) Next Meeting Next Meeting:  
Date: Thursday, October 12, 2017  
Time: 7:00 PM

(2) Motion to Adjourn

Moved by Mary Mallany, Seconded by Councillor Charlene Biggerstaff

**RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2017-0028**

That the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee September 14, 2017, meeting be adjourned at 8:47 PM.

**Carried.**

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Katie Davis,  
Chair

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Sarah Brislin, Committee  
Services Coordinator