



GEORGINA

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF GEORGINA**
Georgina Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee Agenda

Tuesday, October 27, 2020

4:30 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

“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.”

2. ROLL CALL

3. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEM(S)

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

That the following minutes be adopted as presented:

1. Minutes for the Committee Meeting held on September 22, 2020.

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7. SPEAKERS

8. DELEGATIONS/ PETITIONS

1. Kendra Mullings, Black York Region Youth Group

Kendra will update the committee on her meetings with staff.

2. Lee Miller, York Region Alliance African Canadian Communities

Lee Miller is present to answer any questions from his presentation in September.

9. PRESENTATIONS

10. REPORTS

11. GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS

- 1. Support of Private Member's Bill M-36, Emancipation Day

The following motion was passed by Town Council in support of annually designating August 1st as 'Emancipation Day';

RESOLUTION NO. C-2020-0281

Moved By Councillor Waddington

Seconded By Councillor Neeson

That Council endorse the position of the municipalities of General Information Item Numbers (vi), (vii) and (viii) of the September 9, 2020 Council meeting date and support Private Member's Bill M-36, Emancipation Day, stating August 1st of every year should be designated as 'Emancipation Day' in Canada to acknowledge the heritage of Canada's people of African descent and the contributions they have made to Canadian Society and to provide a platform for confronting anti-black racism, and a copy of this motion be forwarded to the leaders of the five Federal political parties in Canada, Scot Davidson, MP for York-Simcoe, all York Region municipalities and the Georgina Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee for information.

- 2. Information Purposes Only - Ontario Recognizes Indigenous Marriage Ceremonies

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12. MOTIONS/ NOTICES OF MOTION

13. OTHER BUSINESS

- 1. Proposed 2021 Schedule

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- 2. Committee discussion about the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's working definition of Antisemitism

Adoption of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's working definition of Antisemitism

The International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's (IHRA) working definition of antisemitism:

"Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities."

RESOLUTION NO. C-2020-0148

Moved by Regional Councillor Grossi
Seconded by Councillor Waddington

That Council endorse the adoption of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's (IHRA) working definition of antisemitism and advise the Georgina Equity and Diversity Committee of its endorsement.

Carried.

14. CLOSED SESSION

1. EDUCATION OR TRAINING SESSIONS, Section 239(3.1), Municipal Act

15. MOTION TO ADJOURN

That the meeting adjourn at



**THE CORPORATION OF THE
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Georgina Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: Tuesday, September 22, 2020
Time: 4:30 PM

Members of
Committee Present: Mayor Margaret Quirk

Alicia Lauzon
Berenice Ruhl
Andrew Snowball
Kyle Stipanic
Lily Pourzand

Members of
Committee Absent: Karen McGill

Staff Present: Sandra Dipietrantonio, Records Coordinator
Racheal Rossetti, Committee Services Coordinator

Others Present: Cathy Tustin, H.R. Business Partner

Kyle Stipanic, Vice Chair assumed the roll of Acting Chair.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC-2020-0009

Moved By Margaret Quirk
Seconded By Berenice Ruhl

That the September 22, 2020 Committee agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried.

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC-2020-0010

Moved By Berenice Ruhl
Seconded By Alicia Lauzon

That the Committee Minutes be adopted as presented:

1. Minutes for the Committee Meeting held on February 25, 2020

Carried.

8. DELEGATIONS/ PETITIONS

1. Lee Miller, York Region Alliance African Canadian Communities
Requesting support for the black residents of the municipality.
 - Lee Miller from the York Region Alliance African Canadian Communities is speaking about Anti-Black Racism through a PowerPoint presentation
 - Mr. Miller defined what Anti-Black Racism is and how racism affects the people within Canada and more specifically York Region.

RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC-2020-0011

Moved By Berenice Ruhl

Seconded By Andrew Snowball

That the Committee receive the delegation.

Carried.

2. Kendra Mullings, Black York Region Youth Group
Requesting space for Georgina's BIPOC Youth and Community
 - Requesting a safe space for marginalized people in Georgina with emphasis on Black Youth; this would be open to all marginalized people.
 - They welcome but are not asking for funding. Their program is primarily done through volunteer work which include: teachers, financial experts, wellness practitioners and many more.
 - They are asking for free space to assist with bringing together the marginalized youth.
 - A few members part of Georgina's BIPOC Youth and Community are present and are requesting the space to provide a safe space for youth to feel included and provide resources for them.

RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC-2020-0012

Moved By Margaret Quirk

Seconded By Berenice Ruhl

That the Committee receive the delegation from Kendra Mullings and refer to staff within the Town of Georgina to work with Kendra to provide a space for programs that support marginalized youth.

Carried.

11. GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS

RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC-2020-0014

Moved By Berenice Ruhl

Seconded By Alicia Lauzon

That the Committee receive the General Information Items, that the first item come back to the Committee with additional information from the research provided by the Committee members in order to provide additional discussion at the next meeting. That the second item be referred to the Sub-Committee for discussion and the third item be received.

Carried.

3. Simcoe Landing Solidarity Walk

- The initiative for the solidarity walk is in response to the racism written on the side of the school.
- It is important to show that the community stands together in solidarity and that a discussion is had to see that the people who were targeted in the community realize their community does not feel this way about them.

RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC-2020-0013

Moved By Berenice Ruhl

Seconded By Lily Pourzand

That the Committee receive the information about the Simcoe Landing Solidarity Walk.

Carried.

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Carried.

2. Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury's Anti-racism Resolution
Mayor Quirk, verbal update

13. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Community Book Club
 - This item deferred to next meeting with Karen present

RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC-2020-0015

Moved By Lily Pourzand
Seconded By Berenice Ruhl

That the Community Book Club item be deferred to the next meeting when Karen is present.

Carried.

15. MOTION TO ADJOURN

RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC-2020-0016

Moved By Andrew Snowball
Seconded By Berenice Ruhl

That the meeting adjourn at 5:58pm.

Carried.

Kyle Stipanich, Vice Chair

Racheal Rossetti,
Committee Services Coordinator

From: Ontario News <newsroom@ontario.ca>
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News Release

Ontario Recognizes Indigenous Marriage Ceremonies

October 8, 2020

Indigenous communities and organizations may appoint officiants to perform marriages under the amended Marriage Act

TORONTO - The government of Ontario has amended the *Marriage Act* to enable Indigenous officiants to perform marriage ceremonies according to their customs and traditions, and to submit a marriage for registration with the Ontario Registrar General. These changes, which come into force today, recognize the role of Indigenous communities and organizations in designating marriage officiants.

"Our government is proud to take action to build a more inclusive province by legally recognizing the role of Indigenous marriage officiants and ceremonies," said Greg Rickford, Minister of Indigenous Affairs. "We have listened to advice from Indigenous partners and acted to ensure the *Marriage Act* respects the diversity of Indigenous communities and cultures, reflecting our commitment to advancing reconciliation."

Changes to the *Marriage Act* will allow a person to solemnize a marriage in Ontario if they:

- Belong to a band, a First Nation, Métis, or Inuit organization or community; or a permanently established Indigenous entity, located in whole or in part in Ontario.

- Are recognized by the band, First Nation, Métis or Inuit organization or community or Indigenous entity as entitled to perform marriages in accordance with its customs and traditions.
- Are registered to solemnize marriages under the *Marriage Act*.

This amendment addresses the unique needs of First Nation, Métis and Inuit peoples, and was informed by feedback received from Indigenous individuals, communities and organizations across Ontario.

"Culture is at the heart of marriage traditions, and I am pleased we have been able to recognize the role of marriage solemnizers from Indigenous communities and organizations in Ontario," said Lisa Thompson, Minister of Government and Consumer Services. "Thank you to our Indigenous partners for your support in amending the Marriage Act to include a greater diversity of marriage officiants. This is an important step forward in strengthening our relationship."

QUICK FACTS

- The amendments to the Marriage Act are part of the [Smarter and Stronger Justice Act - Bill 161](#), which received Royal Assent on July 8, 2020.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Learn more about [changes to the Marriage Act](#) or get more information from the Marriage Office helpline at 1-807-343-7568 or by email - ORGID@ontario.ca.

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April	27 th
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June	22 nd
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August	24 th
September	28 th
October	26 th
November	23 rd
December	Civic
MAX Meetings	8
Eliminate	3
	Suggested dates to be removed