



**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF GEORGINA**

Georgina Waterways Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2020
Time: 6:30 PM

Members of Committee Councillor Frank Sebo
Present:

David Goldstein
Stephen Parker
Ted Brown
Andy Adams
Mayor Margaret Quirk

Members of
Committee Absent: Councillor Dave Harding
Natasha Charles

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

Others Present: Karyn Stone, Manager of Economic Development

3. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEM(S)

- Item No. 13.8, Pefferlaw Dam
- Item No. 13.9, Turning Recycled Plastic into Wood

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. GWAC-2020-0006

Moved By Margaret Quirk

Seconded By Stephen Parker

That the September 15, 2020 agenda be adopted as amended.

Carried

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION NO. GWAC-2020-0007

Moved By Ted Brown

Seconded By David Goldstein

That the following minutes be adopted as presented:

1. Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on February 18, 2020.

Carried

13. OTHER BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. GWAC-2020-0008

Moved By Ted Brown

Seconded By Andy Adams

That the Committee receive the Other Business items.

Carried

1. "No Wake" signs

Councillor Sebo, Chair verbal update

- The committee purchased 10-12 "No Wake" signs for the harbour and 2-3 of the rivers.
- There was liability concerns and are waiting to hear back from the Town solicitor and the insurance company to get comments back from them.
- The concern was if someone saw the no wake sign they might perceive there would be no wake.
- We may have to reorder signs and change the wording slightly.

2. Jackson's Point Harbour Safety

Councillor Sebo, Chair verbal update

- This year the harbour has seen a spike in swimmers in the harbour and there have been numerous occasions where swimmers and boaters run into one another at the opening of the harbour.
- Potential to put through a recommendation to purchase a caution buoy be installed with a sign that states "no swimming beyond this point".

- If the Town purchases a new buoy then it could be placed where the underwater cribbing is so it marks the hazard.
- Developing an educational program or material for the swimmers or new boaters would be useful and create a safer environment. The Fire Department and Fire boat might be able to provide an information session.

3. YRP Marine Unit Headquarters construction progress update

Councillor Sebo, Chair verbal update

- The Headquarters' projected completion is the end of September.
- There will be a grand opening or a reveal the second week of October that will invite Council members and the public to showcase the facility.
- The finishing touches are being completed right now such as the interpretative murals are displayed on the wall; there are 4 displays reflect the 4 seasons.

4. COVID-19 Boating and Waterways update

Councillor Sebo, chair verbal update about increased boat traffic and popularity of anchorages in Georgina since COVID-19

- There has been an increase in boat traffic in both Lake Simcoe and the Toronto Harbour and Islands area since COVID-19; the boating industry has noticed an increase in the sales as there are back orders on boating equipment for next year.
- There are a lot of new boaters on the waterways.
- This increase is a direct result of COVID-19 because people cannot travel.
- There were some concerns from residents about people anchoring close to the beach but the majority of the boaters have been respectful of the rules.
- COVID-19 has increased the boating in the Georgina waterways because people from other areas of Lake Simcoe have been visiting our waterways. This increase will be apparent in the future because boaters have discovered areas in Georgina they like and will continue to come back.

5. COVID-19 Impact on Mossington Wharf and Black River Mouth

Notices of Motion regarding Mossington Wharf - Council Agenda October 23, 2019

- There have been more people in the Mossington Wharf this year because of COVID-19, even though it is closed and fenced off yet people are still using it.
- Mayor Quirk indicates there is a report that is coming forward on Mossington Wharf therefore the committee does not need to re-issue the resolution about repairing the issues.
- Mossington Wharf and Black River Mouth are part of Phase 1 in the Waterfront Strategy.

6. Waterfront Strategy

Karyn Stone Verbal Update

- The team working on the Waterfront Parks Master Plan will conduct virtual meetings with the various residents and user groups.
- There is a briefing note coming to Council on September 23rd about Resuming the Waterfront Parks Master Plan, there will also be a webpage set up, and an email address for people who have any questions.
- Public participation and consultation will be through virtual meetings, mailouts, it will be in the newspapers, through email, and the Waterways Committee will provide input for the waterfront strategy.

7. Sutton/Jackson's Point Secondary Plan

Karyn Stone Verbal Update

- The Sutton/Jackson's Point Secondary Plan won't be up for another 6 months.
- The Keswick Secondary Plan is being reviewed right now.
- The Pepperlaw Secondary Plan review will be next.

8. Pepperlaw Dam

Councillor Sebo, Chair verbal update

- Mayor Quirk provided the Pepperlaw Dam update because she is on the LSRCA.
- There is work being done for the community consultations the Conservation Authority will be undertaking through Zoom in smaller groups, information sessions through virtual methods, and print material.
- The Conservation Authority has done a title search on the Pepperlaw Dam to determine who owns it but there is no record of who is on title

to the property. The Conservation Authority has asked the province to dig into the archives to see if the province has more information.

- The Dam has structural issues in terms of how it functions with stop logs. This Dam was built as a way for business's to operate in Pepperlaw but it was not built as a flood control option. There aren't grants available to assist with the repairs because the purpose was not for flood control.
- The stop logs are taken out in the fall so that it does not create flooding and ice damage to the structure itself.
- The structure will remain but the question is how it will function in the future.
- The estimate cost from a consultant to rehabilitate the Dam is approximately \$600,000 to \$700,000.
- The Conservation and the Province are working to determine who owns the Dam and if it was funded by the Town the money will have to be taken through tax levy or from another reserve. There is an MP Scot Davidson is attempting to get funds from the Federal government and Minister Mulroney is attempting to find sources of funding.
- The Conservation Authority wanted to stop any maintenance on the Dam including adding the stop logs. This was deferred until they do the public consultation because the Conservation Authority can give an assurance to partner with whoever does own it to allow the operation of the Dam while the ultimate function is determined.

RESOLUTION NO. GWAC-2020-0009

Moved By Andy Adams

Seconded By Stephen Parker

That the Committee receive addendum item 1.

Carried

9. Turning Recycled Plastic into Wood

https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/hubbards-wharf-plastic-lumber-nova-scotia-1.5719441?__vfx=medium%3Dsharebar

- This new product warrants an investigation to see if it would work for the Town of Georgina to improve out infrastructure.
- Orillia and Friday Harbour have both used this product; the Orillia dock was built several years ago and the dock still looks new and does not show the same wear that wood does.
- This could be a viable alternative.

RESOLUTION NO. GWAC-2020-0010

Moved By Margaret Quirk

Seconded By David Goldstein

That the Committee receive addendum item 2.

Carried

15. MOTION TO ADJOURN

RESOLUTION NO. GWAC-2020-0011

Moved By Margaret Quirk

Seconded By Ted Brown

That the meeting adjourn at 7:52pm.

Carried

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Councillor Frank Sebo, Chair

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Committee Services Coordinator