



GEORGINA

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF GEORGINA
Georgina Waterways Advisory Committee Agenda**

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

6:30 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 of the Committee Meeting held on September 15, 2020.

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7. SPEAKERS

1. Anna Ciorap, Ontario Waterways Unit Parks Canada
Presentation on Lake Simcoe

8. DELEGATIONS/ PETITIONS

9. PRESENTATIONS

10. REPORTS

11. GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS

12. MOTIONS/ NOTICES OF MOTION

13. OTHER BUSINESS

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2. Pefferlaw Dam Update
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14. CLOSED SESSION

15. MOTION TO ADJOURN

That the meeting adjourn at



**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 Pefferlaw Secondary Plan review will be next.

8. Pefferlaw Dam

Councillor Sebo, Chair verbal update

- Mayor Quirk provided the Pefferlaw 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 Pefferlaw 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 Pefferlaw 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?__vfz=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

Councillor Frank Sebo, Chair

Racheal Rossetti,
Committee Services Coordinator



External Briefing Note

GEORGINA

Subject: Resuming the Waterfront Parks Master Plan, Phase 1

To: Mayor and Council

From: Stephanie Fraser, Landscape Architectural Planner

Date: September 23, 2020

Briefing: **Resuming the Waterfront Parks Master Plan, Phase 1 (Public Engagement)**

The Waterfront Parks Master Plan study has continued in a limited capacity, since physical distancing requirements were implemented in mid-March. Staff and the consultant, The Planning Partnership (TPP) have completed the following exercises:

- Held one-on-one meetings with the Mayor and Councillors (March 11, 2020).
- Dropped off a notice to residents in the immediate vicinity of the four (4) main parks within Phase 1, Willow Beach, Franklin Beach, De La Salle Park and Holmes Point to engage one-on-one conversations with residents living immediately adjacent these parks. These information gathering conversations were initiated by TPP to collect basic background data on the four (4) main park locations. Eight residents contacted TPP to discuss issues and opportunities (March 2020).
- Virtual meetings held with the Technical Advisory Group to review background information and mapping, issues and opportunities, and input received to date from residents, Mayor and Councillors, as well as discuss the public engagement approach (April 3, 2020, July 26, 2020, August 28, 2020).
- Virtual meetings were held with identified stakeholders including York Region Transportation (August 11, 2020), York Region Police Marine Unit (August 24, 2020), Jackson's Point Harbour Marina slipholders (August 27, 2020) and Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (September 9, 2020).

Now that municipalities, including Georgina, are beginning to adapt to the new reality of physical distancing and limits on gatherings of people by holding virtual meetings, including Council Meetings with public participation, Staff believe it is time to resume the public engagement portion of the Waterfront Parks Master Plan.

There have been numerous requests from residents for in-person public meetings that would allow them to meet with the project team. Given the effectiveness that has been demonstrated by the on-line meeting format (ability

to moderate the meeting and provide each speaker equal opportunity to speak; ability of the facilitator to draw or write directly onto digital maps and photos to quickly capture all comments and verify the accuracy of the comments received in real-time; ability to share the digital files easily for later review and comment by the public) staff recommend that virtual meetings are the best format to continue the public engagement process at this time.

The Consultant has provided the following revised public engagement process:

1. Step 1 - Community Engagement for Input on Existing Conditions and Opportunities (October 14 and 15, 2020)
 - 1.1. Hold virtual public meetings for each of the waterfront parks being studied in Phase 1 (Willow Beach, Franklin Beach, De La Salle Park, Jackson's Point Harbour/Bonnie Park, Mossington Wharf and Holmes Point). Residents would have the opportunity to sign-up (reserve) a spot in each virtual public meeting. The Town will post the video/voice recording of each virtual public meeting to the project webpage, to encourage additional input.
 - 1.2. Provide a dedicated email address for the public to provide input and ask questions, waterfrontplan@georgina.ca.
 - 1.3. Promote the public engagement opportunities through social and print media, including mail outs.

2. Step 2 - Review what we've heard, design concepts and suggestions for implementation (November 16 and 17, 2020)
 - 2.1. Hold virtual or in person meetings for each of the waterfront parks being studied in Part 1 (Willow Beach, Franklin Beach, De La Salle Park, Jackson's Point Harbour/Bonnie Park, Mossington Wharf and Holmes Point). The format and number of people eligible to attend will be determined based on the most current COVID protocols. If virtual meetings are held, post the video/voice recording to the project webpage, to encourage additional input.
 - 2.2. Provide an online survey on concepts and priorities for implementation.
 - 2.3. Provide a dedicated email address for the public to provide input and ask questions, waterfrontplan@georgina.ca.
 - 2.4. Promote the public engagement opportunities through social and print media, including mail outs.

3. Step 3 - Present Draft Waterfront Parks Master Plan – Phase 1 (December 2020)
 - 3.1. Presentation of what we heard and draft Waterfront Parks Master Plan at virtual or in person meetings for each of the waterfront parks being studied in Phase 1. The format and number of people eligible to attend will be determined based on the most current COVID protocols.
 - 3.2. Provide a dedicated email address for the public to provide input and ask questions, waterfrontplan@georgina.ca.
 - 3.3. Promote the public engagement opportunities through social and print media.

Staff will continue to work with the consulting team to ensure the most effective means for engaging the public. Staff and the consultant will continue to engage stakeholders within the community including:

- Town of Georgina Council
- Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation
- Community groups
- Town's Advisory Committees

GWAC
3rd Tuesday

January	19 th
February	16 th
March	16 th
April	20 th
May	18 th
June	15 th
July	20 th
August	17 th
September	21 st
October	19 th
November	16 th
December	21 st
MAX Meetings	8
Eliminate	4

March Break
Suggested dates to be removed