

**THE TOWN OF GEORGINA  
WATERWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
AGENDA**

February 18, 2020  
6:30 PM  
Council Chambers

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 ITEMS

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Pages 1 to 4

- (1) Minutes of the GWAC meeting held on January 21, 2020, to be received.

7. DELEGATIONS/SPEAKERS

8. PRESENTATIONS

9. REPORTS

10. COMMUNICATIONS

Pages 5 to 7

- (1) Health of Lake Simcoe improving, ‘Lake Doctor’ tells LSRCA AGM

Pages 8 to 10

- (2) Lake Simcoe Phosphorus levels Trending Higher: LSRCA Report

- (3) Ontario Waterfront Tourism Summit ([Ontario Waterfront Tourism Summit MASTER.pdf](#))

## 11. OTHER BUSINESS

- (1) “No Wake” signs – update if available
- (2) Lighthouse Discussion
- (3) Brainstorming session
- (3) Ongoing items:
  - Waterfront Strategy update (if available)
  - Marine Unit Headquarters in Jacksons Point (update if available)

## 12. CLOSED SESSION, IF REQUIRED

## 13. MOTION TO ADJOURN

- (1) Motion to Adjourn

Next meeting date: April 21, 2020

**THE TOWN OF GEORGINA  
WATERWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

January 21, 2020  
6:30 PM  
Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 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.”

2. ROLL CALL

The following Committee members were present:

Councillor Frank Sebo, Chair

David Goldstein, Vice Chair

Councillor Dave Harding

Mayor Margaret Quirk

Stephen Parker

Ted Brown

Natasha Charles

The following Committee member was absent with regrets:

Andy Adams

The following staff members were present:

Karyn Stone, Manager of Economic Development

Sarah Elliott, Committee Services Coordinator

3. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEMS - *None*

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Steven Parker, Seconded by David Goldstein

## **RESOLUTION NO. GWAC-2020-0001**

That the Georgina Waterways Advisory Committee approve the agenda as presented.

**Carried.**

5. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF - *None*

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- (1) Minutes of the GWAC meeting held on Thursday, November 21, 2019, to be received.

Moved by David Goldstein, Seconded by Ted Brown

## **RESOLUTION NO. GWAC-2020-0002**

That the minutes of the Georgina Waterways Advisory Committee meeting held on November 21, 2019, be adopted

**Carried.**

7. DELEGATIONS/SPEAKERS - *None*

8. PRESENTATIONS - *None*

9. REPORTS - *None*

10. COMMUNICATIONS

- (1) Flexibility in setting Lake Ontario outflows continue (IJC press release).
  - (2) High Outflows from Lake Ontario to Continue Over Winter (IJC press release)
  - (3) Local mayors not happy with IJC's response to repealing plan 2014
  - (4) Township urging province to let municipalities opt out of conservation authorities
  - (5) Lakes are a climate change 'ticking time bomb', warn scientists (<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2019/11/18/lakes-climate-change-ticking-time-bomb-warn-scientists/>)

- (6) Road salt poses danger to Lake Simcoe  
(<https://www.simcoe.com/news-story/9737463-road-salt-poses-danger-to-lake-simcoe/>)

Moved by Ted Brown, Seconded by Steve Parker

**RESOLUTION NO. GWAC-2020-0003**

That the Georgina Waterways Advisory Committee receive the following Communication Items:

1. Flexibility in setting Lake Ontario outflows continue (IJC press release).
2. High Outflows from Lake Ontario to Continue Over Winter (IJC press release)
3. Local mayors not happy with IJC's response to repealing plan 2014
4. Township urging province to let municipalities opt out of conservation authorities
5. Lakes are a climate change 'ticking time bomb', warn scientists
6. Road salt poses danger to Lake Simcoe

**Carried.**

11. OTHER BUSINESS

- (1) "No Wake" signs, update if available – *None*

The Committee requested an update on the status of the signs for the next GWAC meeting.

- (2) Council Disposition (November 6, 2019)

- (3) Ongoing items:

- Waterfront Strategy update (if available)

The Committee was advised of a Report to Council relating to the selection of the waterfront strategy consultant. The Committee was also advised of the Town's presence at the upcoming Boat Show (and summit). Councillor Sebo advised he would be attending and promoting Georgina waterways.

- Marine Unit Headquarters in Jacksons Point (update if available)

The Committee was advised updates are posted bi-weekly on the YRP Marine Unit website.

Moved by David Goldstien, Seconded by Ted Brown

**RESOLUTION NO. GWAC-2020-0004**

That the Georgina Waterways Advisory Committee receive Other Business items 1 through 3.

**Carried.**

12. CLOSED SESSION, IF REQUIRED - *None*

13. MOTION TO ADJOURN

(1) Motion to Adjourn

Next meeting date: February 18, 2020

Moved by David, Seconded by Stephen

**RESOLUTION NO. GWAC-2020-0005**

That the Georgina Waterways Advisory Committee January 21, 2020, meeting adjourn at 7:59 PM.

**Carried.**

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Councillor Frank Sebo, Chair

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Sarah Elliott,  
Committee Services Coordinator

# Health of Lake Simcoe improving, 'Lake Doctor' tells LSRCA AGM

about 18 hours ago By: NewmarketToday Staff



1 / 3 Dr. Brian Ginn, LSRCA's 'Lake Doctor', spoke about the latest research on the health of Lake Simcoe at the annual general meeting. Supplied photo/LSRCA

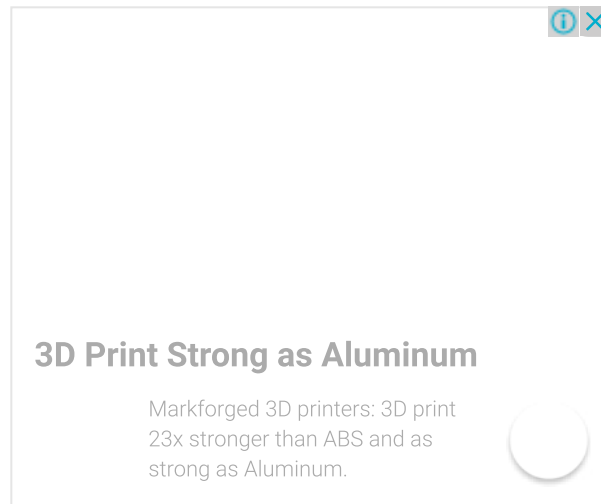
## NEWS RELEASE

### LAKE SIMCOE REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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At its 69th Annual General Meeting, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) board members and guests heard from Dr. Brian Ginn, LSRCA's Lake Doctor, about the latest research on the health of Lake Simcoe and its watershed. Chief Administrative Officer, Mike Walters, also spoke about the Authority's priorities as the new decade begins.

Dr. Brian Ginn explained that more frequent and intense rainfall events in summer and winter, and invasive species, are having a significant impact on phosphorus and oxygen levels in the Lake; citing climate change as the primary reason behind the higher than normal phosphorus load in the 2017 hydrologic year.



CAO Mike Walters identified the Authority's priority actions for 2020, including implementation of its recently completed climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies, which are soon to be released. The meeting also featured a short video outlining the Authority's 2019 achievements and showcased its 2019 annual report.

Opening the business of 2020, election of the Chair and Vice Chair positions took place, with York Region Chairman Wayne Emmerson being re-elected to his position of chair and Bradford Councillor Peter Ferragine being newly elected as vice-chair, a position that remained vacant after the passing of Councillor Scott Macpherson in November 2019.

Chair Emmerson thanked board members for their confidence in him, noting that he looks forward to continuing to work closely with the Authority and provincial government to ensure a resilient watershed in the face of climate change.

Councillor Ferragine expressed his excitement about the new role as vice-chair and spoke about his hopes to use it as an opportunity to pursue the much needed support to build a new Nature Centre at Scanlon Creek.

To read a copy of LSRCA's 2019 Annual Report, or to view the video summary, click [here](#).

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## Lake Simcoe phosphorus levels trending higher: LSRCA Report

January 23, 2020

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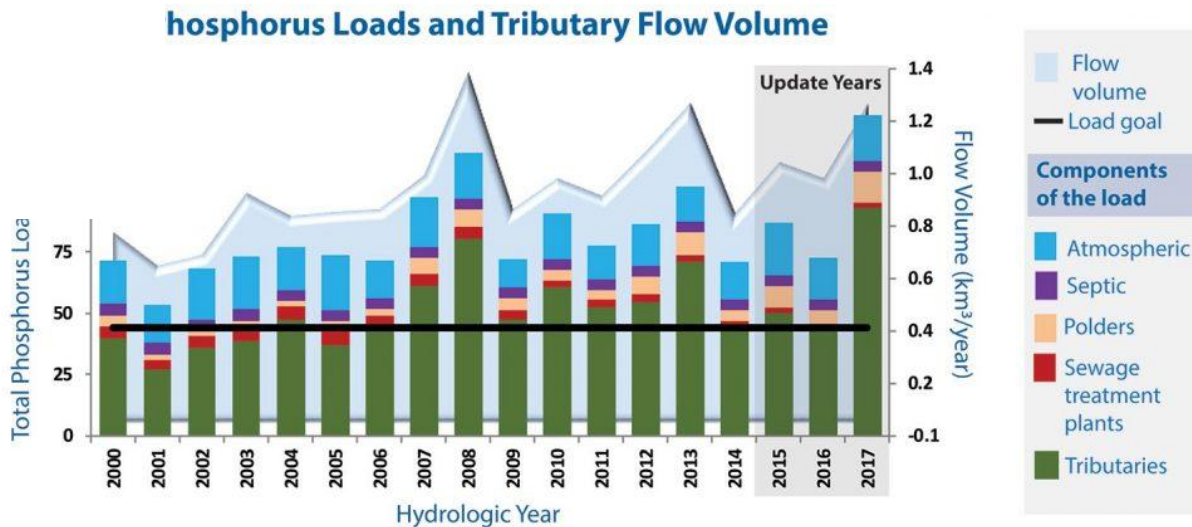
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### By: Mike Anderson

A recent report from the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) states that Lake Simcoe's phosphorous loads spiked at 131 tonnes in 2017.

That's up from 73 tonnes in 2016, and significantly higher than the target of 44 tonnes set out in the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan (LSPP) in 2009.

According to LSRCA, annual phosphorus loads – the amount of phosphorus entering the lake from all sources — are used to help assess the health of the lake and how it's changing over time. For instance, too much phosphorus can cause serious issues, including excessive plant and algae growth.



Graphic courtesy of LSRCA

LSRCA says 2017 was a wetter than average year, which may account for the high phosphorous loads: "More rain and snow means more flow into the rivers and ultimately the Lake."

While LSRCA acknowledges the levels are higher than expected, it says the news isn't all bad.

Oxygen levels are trending higher, which is good for a healthy coldwater fishery – however, LSRCA cannot explain why they remain positive despite an increase in phosphorus loads. It says more research is required.

"Targets set out in the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan identified an annual phosphorus load target of 44 tonnes, but that number was aspirational," says Mike Walters, LSRCA's CAO, in a recent media release.

"Forty-four tonnes was chosen because it was understood to be the phosphorus load necessary to achieve another, more critical target of 7 mg/L dissolved oxygen levels.

What we've learned is that despite higher phosphorus loads measured, we've actually surpassed the dissolved oxygen target. Oxygen is the more important measure because we know how dependent fish are on cold, clean, oxygen-rich water."

However, not everyone agrees with the LSRCA's interpretation of the results.

Jack Gibbons, Chair of Lake Simcoe Watch, calls the results "unacceptable." "We are going backwards, not forwards," he says.

According to Mr. Gibbons, Lake Simcoe's average annual phosphorus pollution during the past three years (97 tonnes per year) has risen by 11 per cent relative to the previous three-year average (86 tonnes per year).

Mr. Gibbons is calling on the provincial government and specifically, local MPP Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation, to help find a solution.

"In 2009 the Government of Ontario's Lake Simcoe Protection Plan called for Lake Simcoe's phosphorus pollution to be reduced to 44 tonnes per year. Unfortunately, Premier Ford's Government does not have a plan or a budget to reduce Lake Simcoe's phosphorus pollution to 44 tonnes per year," he says.

"It is time for Caroline Mulroney to provide the strong leadership we need to reduce Lake Simcoe's phosphorus pollution to 44 tonnes per year by 2026."

Reaction was also swift from MP Scot Davidson, who issued a media release following LSRCA's report.

ing on the Liberal government to immediately re-start the Lake Simcoe Clean-Up Fund, which the Liberal's promised to do  
ral election campaign.

; report that the heightened levels of phosphorous in Lake Simcoe can be directly attributed to the cancellation of the Lake  
und," says Mr. Davidson in the release.

ie Clean-Up Fund prevented an estimated 27,800 kilograms (roughly 27.8 tonnes) of phosphorus from entering the lake.  
This was achieved through innovative projects supported by the Clean-Up Fund that specifically targeted phosphorus reduction."

LSRCA is also calling on the federal government to uphold its commitment to provide \$40 million to clean-up Lake Simcoe:

"Access to that level of financial support will enable organizations like ours to continue the much-needed research and on-the-ground  
projects to address phosphorus and a host of other impacts to the Lake."

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