

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Monday, January 27, 2020
7:00 PM
Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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 in attendance:
Councillor Dave Neeson, Chair
Gary Heine
Lee Canavan
Mark Payne
Dr. Neil Comer
Rebecca Wheeler

The following Committee members were absent with regrets:
Kelly Mingram, Vice Chair

The following staff members were in attendance:
Mike Hutchinson, Municipal Law Enforcement Manager
Sarah Elliott, Committee Services Coordinator

3. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEMS

- (1) LPAT Decision, North Gwillimbury Forest Maple Lake Estates

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Neil Comer, Seconded by Lee Canavan

RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2020-0001

That the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee approve the January 27, 2020, agenda as amended.

Carried.

5. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

- (1) Committee member Mark Payne declared a conflict of interest relating to the Upper York Sewage System. Mark advised as an employee of York Region Environmental Services he must recuse himself from discussions related to the Upper York Sewage System.

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- (1) Minutes of the meeting held on October 28, 2019.

Moved by Mark Payne, Seconded by Lee Canavan

RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2020-0002

That the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee meeting minutes of October 28, 2019, be adopted.

Carried.

7. DELEGATIONS/SPEAKERS

- (1) Parking Lots

Local resident Cora Raine, from 57 Kay Avenue, Virginia, addressed the Committee with respect to the environmental impact related to parking lots. Ms. Raine advised of her concerns related to the application for a parking lot at 115 Hadden Road and advised she plans to send a document prior to the next Committee meeting with references to policies and by-laws that support her belief that a parking lot should not be developed at 115 Hadden Rd.

The Committee advised they would like to hear from the applicant and the Town's Planning Department regarding the application prior to making any resolution to Council.

Moved by Gary Heine, Seconded by Neil Comer

RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2020-0003

That the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee receive the delegation from Cora Raine on parking lots, including 115 Hadden Road.

Carried.

8. PRESENTATIONS

- (1) Update from Mike Hutchinson, Manager of Municipal Law Enforcement, on enforcement of littering at beaches and parks

Mike Hutchinson advised he had followed up with Ken McAlpine, Manager of Parks Development and Operations. Ken McAlpine reported to Mike Hutchinson there was a noticeable decrease in littering since additional of trash receptacles have been installed. Mr. Hutchinson advised there have been no charges laid for littering but there have been warnings issued, when littering has been observed. Mr. Hutchinson spoke to the challenges with laying charges for littering.

Moved by Lee Canavan, Seconded by Mark Payne

RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2020-0004

That the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee receive the update from Mike Hutchinson, Manager of Municipal Law Enforcement, on enforcement of littering at beaches and parks.

Carried.

9. REPORTS

- (1) Report with presentation slide on April 10, 2019, Council Agenda regarding Chippewas of Georgina Island, 115 Hadden Road.

Moved by Neil Comer, Seconded by Mark Payne

RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2020-0005

That the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee receive the Report with presentation slide regarding Chippewas of Georgina Island, 115 Hadden Road.

Carried.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

- (1) Whitby Tree Preservation (<https://www.durhamregion.com/news-story/9810485-whitby-comprehensive-tree-preservation-plan-long-overdue-councillor-says/>)
- (2) Lake Simcoe Region Conservation - Staff Report on Bill 108
- (3) Government Taking Action to Protect Ontario's Air Quality
- (4) Ontario Announces E-Scooter Pilot to Help Grow Ontario's Economy
- (5) Ontario Appoints Advisory Panel on Climate Change
- (6) Ontario looking at 'transition to a new phase of Blue Box recycling
- (7) Orillia proposed tree cutting by-law (<https://www.orilliamatters.com/local-news/proposed-by-law-would-require-a-permit-to-cut-down-trees-in-orillia-1955658>)
- (8) British Columbia Single Use Plastics Ban (<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/vancouver-single-use-plastics-ban-1.5376424>)
- (9) Statement from Minister Yurek following the United Nations' Climate Change Conference
- (10) EAC November 28 2019 Meeting Minutes
- (11) Parking Lots, information package from resident Cora Raine

Relating to Communication items (1) & (7) the Committee requested staff include the Committee in discussions prior to the revised policy going to Council.

Moved by Rebecca Wheater, Seconded by Lee Canavan

RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2020-0006

That the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee receive the following communication items:

1. Whitby Tree Preservation
2. Lake Simcoe Region Conservation - Staff Report on Bill 108
3. Government Taking Action to Protect Ontario's Air Quality
4. Ontario Announces E-Scooter Pilot to Help Grow Ontario's Economy
5. Ontario Appoints Advisory Panel on Climate Change
6. Ontario looking at 'transition to a new phase of Blue Box recycling
7. Orillia proposed tree cutting by-law
8. British Columbia Single Use Plastics Ban
9. Statement from Minister Yurek following the United Nations' Climate Change Conference
10. EAC November 28 2019 Meeting Minutes
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Carried.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

- (1) Disposition Matter November 6th Council meeting
- (2) Ontario Blue Box program – *Refer to Communication item, 10.6*

The Committee advised this item could be removed from the agenda as an ongoing item.

- (3) Conservation Authorities and Bill 108 Amendments – *Refer to Communication item, 10.2*
- (4) GEAC update requested on trash receptacles at beaches and parks – *Refer to Presentations item, 8.1*
- (5) Upper York Region Sewage Solutions – Anticipated presentation November 2020

Committee member Mark Payne declared a conflict of interest relating to the Upper York Sewage System. Mark advised as an employee of York Region Environmental Services he must recuse himself from discussions related to the Upper York Sewage System.

Moved by Neil Comer, Seconded by Lee Canavan

RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2020-0007

That the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee receive the email response from York Region on the Upper York Region Sewage Solutions

Carried.

- (6) Electric Vehicle Charging – *Refer to Communications for update*
- (7) Simeon Dredge request for Council consider a bylaw to address light pollution – *Request for information forwarded to the Planning Division, waiting for response.*
- (8) Disposition Item, May 8th Council, Municipal Water Policies and reducing or eliminating bottled water (update if available) *Request for information forwarded to the Deputy CAO, waiting for response.*
- (9) Climate Emergency Declaration - Response from Planning on Town Policies and benefits of declaring a Climate Emergency (Response requested at October 28th GEAC meeting)

Moved by Mark Payne, Seconded by Gary Heine

RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2020-0008

That Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee recommend, in accordance with the goals of the Town's 2019 to 2023 Strategic Plan, Council consider creating a climate change adaptation and mitigation plan that would be integrated into all business practices.

Carried.

The Chair requested the record reflect the motion was unanimously carried.

- (10) Lake to Lake Route
- (11) Call to Action
- (12) LPAT Decision – Maple Lake Estates

The Chair advised of updates relating to the LPAT Decision relating to the Maple Lake Estates Development in the North Gwillimbury Forest.

Moved by Mark Payne, Seconded by Lee Canavan

RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2020-0009

That the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee receive the following business items:

1. Disposition Matter November 6th Council meeting
2. Ontario Blue Box program
3. Conservation Authorities and Bill 108 Amendments
4. GEAC update on trash receptacles at beaches and parks
5. Electric Vehicle Charging – *Refer to Communications for update*
6. Simeon Dredge request for Council consider a bylaw to address light pollution – *Request for information forwarded to the Planning Division, waiting for response.*
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Carried.

The Committee requested a future discussion relating to regulations and processes related to SOD farms and Golf-Courses with respect to chemical treatments and water-taking.

12. CLOSED SESSION, IF REQUIRED - *None*

13. MOTION TO ADJOURN

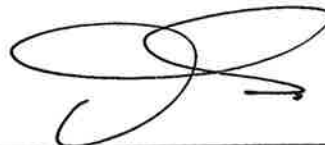
- (1) Next Meeting Next Meeting:
Date: Monday, February 24, 2020
Time: 7:00 PM

Moved by Lee Canavan, Seconded by Rebecca Wheeler

RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2020-0010

That the meeting adjourn at 8:29 PM.

Carried.



Dave Neeson, Chair