



GEORGINA

Council Highlights

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Georgina Town Council – Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Moment of Silence in Honour of Humboldt Tragedy

Georgina Council and members of the public observed a moment of meditation in honour of those who lost their lives in the recent Humboldt tragedy in Saskatchewan. The Town lowered its flags to half-mast this week and staff were invited to wear jerseys to work on Thursday, April 12 to show their support. Town of Georgina sends heartfelt condolences to all those affected.

Application to Amend Zoning By-law No. 500 Bruce, Michael, David & Christel Weller 695 Catering Road Part Lots 13 & 14, Concession 7 (NG)

Council approved an application to amend Zoning By-law No. 500 submitted by HBR Planning Centre Inc. on behalf of Bruce, Michael, David and Christel Weller for 695 Catering Road to relocate Weller Tree Service and establish a Tree Farm and additional ancillary uses on the property. Weller Tree Service is one of Ontario's largest privately owned tree companies, currently employing 150 staff.

The property at 695 Catering Road has frontage on McCowan, Baldwin and Catering Roads and is approximately 17.9 hectares in size. Once comments from the LSRCA have been addressed, staff will bring the amending by-law to Council for passing.

Development Charges Summary for 2017

Council received a report summarizing Development Charges collected during the 2017 fiscal year. The Development Charges Act provides municipalities with the ability to levy development charges against new growth to help pay for new infrastructure services, such as roads, water and wastewater, fire services, parks and libraries. Development charges for municipal collection in 2017 amounted to \$597,497, bringing the balance of The Town reserve fund as of December 31, 2017 to \$6,636,981.

Revision to use of corporate resources for election purposes

Council received an update on revisions to the Use of Corporate Resources for Election Purposes report clarifying appropriate use of Town of Georgina resources related to the 2018 municipal election. The report provides clarification for declared municipal election candidates on appropriate use and sharing of town communications on social media and from Georgina.ca, appropriate use of the Town of Georgina corporate logo, clarification regarding campaign activities at Town events and facilities, and consequences for failure to comply with guidelines. A copy of the report is available from the Clerk's office and on Georgina.ca.

Snake Island Cottagers Association Agreement Renewal

Council approved a two-year agreement permitting the use of the Sheppard's Wharf dock by the Snake Island Cottagers Association (SICA). Council authorized staff to work with the Town solicitor to complete a Licence Agreement between the Town of Georgina and SICA at an annual rate of \$1,810.

Closed Session

(A) A PROPOSED OR PENDING ACQUISITION OR DISPOSITION OF LAND BY THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD, SECTION 239 (2)(c), MA

- Jackson's Point Land Acquisition Update
- Land Acquisition Update, 127 Riveredge Drive

Report Out

Jackson's Point Land Acquisition:

Moved by Councillor Sebo, Seconded by Councillor Harding

RESOLUTION NO. C-2018-0199

That the Confidential Briefing Note dated April 11, 2018 was received and that staff report back on April 18, 2018 with the supplemental information requested, with respect to the Jackson's Point Land Acquisition Update.

Carried.

Land Acquisition update, 127 Riveredge Drive:

Moved by Councillor Fellini, Seconded by Councillor Biggerstaff

RESOLUTION NO. C-2018-0200

That the Confidential Briefing Note dated April 11, 2018 was received and that staff report back on April 18, 2018 with the supplemental information requested, with respect to the Land Acquisition Update, 127 Riveredge Drive.

Carried.

B) ADVICE THAT IS SUBJECT TO SOLICITOR-CLIENT PRIVILEGE INCLUDING COMMUNICATIONS NECESSARY FOR THAT PURPOSE, SECTION 239 (2)(f), MA

- Maple Lake Estates subdivision; draft resolutions and correspondence as prepared by Ritchie, Ketcheson, Hart and Biggart

Moved by Councillor Neeson, Seconded by Regional Councillor Davison

RESOLUTION NO. C-2018-0201

WHEREAS The Town of Georgina has received a copy of correspondence, dated April 3, 2018, from Ontario Nature to The Honourable Bill Mauro, Minister of Municipal Affairs, requesting issuance of a Zoning Order to prohibit development on Paradise Beach-Island Grove Provincially Significant Wetland located within the Maple Lake Estates property;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Georgina has previously expressed its preference to secure a preservation of the existing environmental features on the Maple Lake Estates property by means of a proposed land exchange of the existing development rights to a less sensitive environmental property;

AND WHEREAS the Town, as well as York Region and the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority have previously requested the Minister to support the efforts of the Town, the Region and the Conservation Authority to protect the Maple Lake Estates property;

AND WHEREAS the Town would continue to support the participation by the Province in the effort to appropriately protect and maintain the existing environmental features on the Maple Lake Estates property based either on the previously proposed land exchange or alternative solutions which could offered by the Province as the senior planning authority.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Clerk be directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Minister with a request that the Minister meet with the Mayor and other Town representatives on an urgent basis in order to be apprised of the Town's concerns and to discuss potential responses by the Province to assist in responding to those concerns.

Carried unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Neeson, Seconded by Councillor Biggerstaff

RESOLUTION NO. C-2018-0202

WHEREAS THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO has previously upheld a decision of the Ontario Municipal Board which approved an amendment to the Town's official plan which permitted a large residential development on the Maple Lake Estates property;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the decision of the Ontario Municipal Board issued March 3rd, 1987 as confirmed by Order in Council by the Province of Ontario on January 28th, 1988, the Maple Lake Estates property has been zoned and had a registered plan of subdivision and agreement with the Town executed in order to implement the prior Municipal Board decision as upheld by the Province;

AND WHEREAS the said decision and Order in Council predated the current Provincial policies related to protection of environmental features such as wetlands;

AND WHEREAS the residential development of the Maple Lake Estates property continues to be provided for under current Provincial policies and plans as well as by policies contained within the York Region Official Plan;

AND WHEREAS the Town as a local planning authority is required to comply with the Provincial and Regional policies and plans;

AND WHEREAS the policies of Official Plan Amendment No. 129 recognizes and carries forward the prior Official Plan approval confirmed by the Province of Ontario on the Maple Lake Estates property;

AND WHEREAS the Maple Lake Estates property is currently occupied by provincially significant wetland and forest features that the Town would prefer to see protected by means of a land exchange of the existing development rights on the Maple Lakes Estates property to less environmentally sensitive property;

AND WHEREAS the implementation of a land exchange would require the support of the Province of Ontario by means of amendments to Provincial Greenbelt Plan, 2017 and the Growth Plan, 2017 that apply to development within the Town of Georgina;

AND WHEREAS to date the Province of Ontario has declined to provide the support requested by the Town, as well as York Region and the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority to facilitate a land exchange.

AND WHEREAS the Town continues to support the participation by the Province and has requested a further meeting with the Minister of Municipal Affairs to discuss whether any alternative solutions could be offered by the Province as the senior planning authority.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Town Solicitor and staff be instructed to file a copy of this Resolution with the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (formerly the Ontario Municipal Board) at the hearing of the appeal of Official Plan Amendment No. 129 related to the Maple Lake Estates property;
2. That the Tribunal be advised that Official Plan Amendment No. 129 recognizes pre-existing development permissions on the Maple Lake Estates property as originally affirmed by the Province of Ontario; and
3. That the submissions to be made to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal on behalf of the Town in connection with this matter make clear the Towns' preference to achieve the protection of the existing environmental features on the Maple Lake Estates property by means of a land exchange and the efforts that have been made to date to secure the cooperation of the Province of Ontario in that regard.

Carried unanimously.