



GEORGINA

# Council Highlights

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### **Application for noise by-law exemption – Keswick Sewage Pumping Station upgrades**

Council received the report and approved the recommendation for a noise by-law exemption from the York Region Capital Planning and Delivery branch of the Environmental Services Department in regards to the Keswick Sewage Pumping Station upgrades project. The entire project is scheduled to last up to 10 months. With the approval of the noise by-law exemption, the microtunnelling portion of the project can be reduced to two months from four by allowing work to be done 24 hours a day, seven days a week including weekends and holidays.

### **Request for approval of an addendum to approved Urban and Architectural Design Guidelines**

Council received the report and approved the request for approval of addendum no. 2 (June 2021) as an addendum to the approved Urban and Architectural Design Guidelines (January 2010) prepared by Cassidy and Co. Architectural Technologists for Draft Plan of Subdivision 19T-15G01. Addendum no. 2 provides design guidelines for side-facing garage dwellings, such as limiting the number of dwellings permitted to have side-facing garages, the requirement for adequate treatment on the front wall of the garage facing the street, prohibiting side-facing garages on corner lots, among others.

### **Motion from Councillor Dave Neeson for the consideration of Town of Georgina Council on the Bradford Bypass**

Council endorsed a resolution from Councillor Dave Neeson regarding the Bradford Bypass:

WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Georgina 2019-2022 Strategic Plan contains an action item to advocate for the Bradford Bypass and;

WHEREAS the Town of Georgina also contains pillars of its Strategic Plan which in part are to protect the health of Lake Simcoe while also growing our local economy and providing for a high quality of life which includes access to employment and economic activity and;

WHEREAS the Town of Georgina supports the need for the Bradford Bypass in principle and; Council endorsed a resolution from Councillor Dave Neeson regarding the Bradford Bypass:

WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Georgina 2019-2022 Strategic Plan contains an action item to advocate for the Bradford Bypass and;

WHEREAS the Town of Georgina also contains pillars of its Strategic Plan which in part are to protect the health of Lake Simcoe while also growing our local economy and providing for a high quality of life which includes access to employment and economic activity and;

WHEREAS the Town of Georgina supports the need for the Bradford Bypass in principle and;

WHEREAS The Bradford Bypass project individual environmental assessment was approved on August 28, 2002 and as a condition of this approval (Condition 4 of the Notice of Approval), the design and construction of the highway became subject to the Ministry of Transportation Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) and;

WHEREAS The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is required to prepare a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) for the preliminary design and a Design and Construction Report(s) (DCR) for the detailed design of the Bradford Bypass and;

WHEREAS the purpose of the TESR is to outline:

- The potential environmental impacts associated with the project;
- Mitigation measures to address these impacts; and
- Consultation that occurred during the development of the TESR and how the consultation changed the project to address concerns.

One or more DCR must be prepared to document development of detail design and other project implementation issues and;

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario is proposing a regulation which is currently posted on the Environmental Registry of Ontario to exempt this project from the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act which imposed the following 15 conditions:

- Agricultural Impact Assessment;
- Air Quality Impact Assessment;
- Archaeological Assessment (Stages 2, 3, and 4, as required);
- Cultural Heritage Assessment;
- Drainage and Hydrology;
- Erosion and Sediment Control Risk Assessment;
- Fish and Fish Habitat Existing Conditions and Impact Assessment Report;
- Fluvial Geomorphology;
- Groundwater Impact Assessment;
- Land Use and Property Impact Assessment;
- Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment;
- Preliminary Landscape Composition Plan;
- Snowdrift Assessment;
- Terrestrial Ecosystems Existing Conditions and Impact Assessment Report (including an assessment of vegetation and vegetation communities, wildlife and wildlife habitat, species at risk and designated natural areas); and,
- Waste and Excess Materials Management Plan.

WHEREAS the above referenced legislative exemption could remove appeal rights for any deficiencies found in the Class Assessment studies, and could further exempt the project from all of the above referenced 15 conditions and could ultimately permit “early works” such as bridges and utility relocation

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Georgina hereby makes the following statements and requests:

1. That the Council of the Town of Georgina continues to support the need for the Bradford Bypass;
2. That the Council of the Town of Georgina requests the Province of Ontario completes all of the above required studies and assessments as laid out above and as per the notice of approval under the Environmental Assessment Act in 2002;

3. That the Council of the Town of Georgina requests that the Government of Ontario commits to publicly releasing all studies and assessments;
4. That the Council of the Town of Georgina requests that the Government of Ontario remove the exemption authority to not comply with the conditions listed above as per the approval under the Environmental Assessment Act;
5. That the Council of the Town of Georgina requests that the Government of Ontario commit to involving the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority for voluntary project review as permitted by the Conservation Authorities Act;
6. That a copy of this resolution be sent to all Lake Simcoe Region members of Provincial Parliament and the Premier of Ontario.

### **Closed session**

In regards to closed session Item. No. 18. 1. (a) of the agenda being labour relations or employee negotiations under section 239(2) (d) of the Municipal Act regarding labour relations matters related to returning staff to the workplace,

1. That Council receive the verbal update.

### **Additional Council Information**

Comprehensive minutes of Georgina Town Council Meetings, which detail the full list of Council decisions, are available under [Agendas and Minutes](#) on the Town website once they have been ratified by Council.