



GEORGINA

Council Highlights

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Proposed revisions to the Economic Development grant programs

Council received and approved the report to make revisions to the Town's Development Application Fee Rebate Program which encourages development and redevelopment in the industrial, commercial (excluding retail and service commercial) and institutional sectors. The program has been revised to provide rebates provided based on the floor area and number of full-time positions being created. Council also approved adding a new stream to the COVID-19 Community Improvement Plan Program. The new Patio Grant Program will support restaurants in the Business Improvement Areas during the recovery phase and help them with the funding required to establish or enhance outdoor dining areas.

Annual Drinking Water System Summary reports for the Town of Georgina drinking water system

Council received the annual Water Quality Summary report for the Keswick-Sutton water distribution system, the annual Summary Report for Council and the annual Management Review Report. The Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks performed an inspection of the Town's drinking water distribution system in November 2019. The Town received an inspection rating of 100 per cent. This score indicates the lowest possible risk rank and highest possible inspection rating for drinking water systems.

Award of Contract for streetlight repairs and maintenance

Council approved the award of contract for streetlight repairs and maintenance to Black and McDonald Ltd. for a three-year contract, with two optional one-year extensions. The Town's Operations and Infrastructure Department is responsible for almost 5,000 streetlights throughout the community. This contract requires the contractor to perform routine, planned and emergency repairs and maintenance of streetlights and associated devices such as poles, arms and other structures.

10-year review of the Lake Simcoe Protection Act

Council received and endorsed the report as the Town of Georgina's comments and input into the 10-year review of the Lake Simcoe Protection Act and adopted a resolution

- Requesting the province to update its Phosphorous Reduction Strategy to examine the comprehensive stormwater management master plans of watershed municipalities, and in consultation with the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA), prioritize effective phosphorous reduction works and develop a funding strategy to accelerate their development and implementation.
- That, prior to posting any notices of changes to the Act or Lake Simcoe Protection Plan on the Environmental Bill of Rights website, the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks undertake an additional round of consultation of any such proposed changes.

- Requesting the province to revise the Phosphorus Reduction Strategy to create a time-bound plan and the associated budgets to achieve the 55 per cent phosphorus pollution reduction to no more than 44 tonnes per year as soon as possible.
- Opposing the use of Minister Zoning Orders by the province which override the environmental protections contained within the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan and further, the province not approve any development which does not meet applicable targets and standards set out in the plan, particularly those related to phosphorus loading in Lake Simcoe.

The Town clerk was directed to send a copy of the report and Council's resolution to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Region of York, the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation and the LSRCA, as well as all other Lake Simcoe watershed municipalities, all MPP's of Lake Simcoe watershed municipalities, the Premier of Ontario, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the leaders of the Progressive Conservative, Liberal and NDP, and leaders of the opposition parties.

Debenture approval

Council received the report and approved the recommendation for authorization for long-term financing of the Pefferlaw Fire Hall, the Link Phase 2 and 3, and the Wexford Pumping Station Replacement through the issue of debentures of the Regional Municipality of York Region with a repayment term not to exceed 30 years.

Closed session

a. Labour relations or employee negotiations, Section 239 (2) (d), Municipal Act – Request for Mandate to Bargain, CUPE 905.26 Roads and Waterworks, verbal report – that Council receive the report and the director of Human Resources proceed as discussed.

b. Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose, Section 239(2) (f), Municipal Act – Pefferlaw Dam, solicitor verbal report – that Council receive the report and direct staff and the Town solicitor to continue discussion with all parties regarding the potential transition of the dam ownership to the Town; that staff are directed to formally request funding from the province, federal MPP and MP, in advance of any potential transition of ownership process to the Town; and, the Town solicitor provide a briefing note summarizing his legal considerations and the next steps for a future public agenda.

c. Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose, Section 239 (2) (f), Municipal Act – Johnston Cemetery – solicitor verbal report – that Council receive the report and direct staff and the Town solicitor to proceed with additional discussions regarding the donation of the cemetery and the remnant land between the cemetery and fire hall lot line; that staff and Council formally object to the order of closure of the cemetery or movement of bodies; and, that the request from the Heritage Committee to formally request Council proceed with the necessary steps regarding a heritage designation on the Johnston Cemetery lands be presented at the March 3 Council meeting.

d. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, Section 239 (2) (b), Municipal Act – Confidential attachment to Report No. CAO-2021-0001, 'Appointments to Town of Georgina Committees for the Remainder of the 2018-2022 Term of Office',

that Council receive the confidential attachment to report CAO-2021-0001, and the appointments of the applicants selected by Council come into effect with the adoption of report CAO-2021-0001 and the acceptance of the appointments by the respective committee designates

e. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, Section 239 (2) (b), Municipal Act – Human Resources director verbal update – that Council receive the verbal report from the director of Human Resources and staff report back accordingly regarding the redeployment of staff to support the static vaccination clinic at the Georgina Ice Palace, and that a further update will be provided by the director of emergency services, the fire chief, under community announcements at the March 3 Council meeting regarding the EOC operations and the static vaccination clinic operation.

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.