



GEORGINA

# Council Highlights

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## **Georgina Town Council Jan. 13, 2021**

### **COVID-19 verbal report from Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief**

Council received a verbal report from the Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief who provided an update on the current spread of the COVID-19 virus in the Town of Georgina. The chief also provided an update on the province's declaration of a second state of emergency and the stay-at-home order which goes into effect on Jan. 14. Effective Jan. 18, the Town will reinstate the bag tag exemption. A maximum of five untagged bags or items can be placed at the curb on regular scheduled garbage collection days.

### **Affordable housing development for youth in Sutton**

Council received a presentation from York Region on a new youth transitional housing project to be located in Sutton at 20898 Dalton Rd. It proposes temporary independent living options and supports for youth, and will provide eight units of transitional housing to be completed by the end of the year. York Region is partnering with Georgina Trades Training Inc. (GTTI) to build the modular transitional housing units. Town staff are working with the Region to expedite approvals to meet the funding guidelines for the project. It is being funded through phase two of the provincial Social Services Relief Fund which was created to encourage longer-term housing-based solutions to homelessness post-COVID-19 as well as mitigate the ongoing risk for vulnerable people.

### **2021 COVID-19 grant programs and temporary patio program**

Council received the report and approved an extension of the COVID-19 grant programs and temporary patio program until Dec. 31, 2021. Council also approved the use of the balance of the \$60,000 funding approved in 2020 from the COVID-19 Not-For-Profit/Charitable Organization Grant Support Program in the amount of \$13,500 for continuation of the program in 2021. The Economic Recovery Team will continue to receive and approve acceptable applications respecting the COVID-19-related programs for the balance of 2021.

### **Ontario Water Centre – update on the lease agreement**

Council received the report and approved the use of parcel D by the Ontario Water Centre. Council approved a new recommendation that the Water Centre defer consideration of the proposed dormitory use as outlined in their business plan for Parcel D until such time as an opportunity for public input has been provided and site plan approval has been obtained. The Water Centre will also provide an update in March 2021 on the progress of installing municipal water and sewers to the property.

### **COVID-19 Resilience Stream – local government grant program**

Council received the briefing note and approved the recommendations to move forward with using funding received through the COVID-19 Resilience Stream – Local Government Grant Program, for an expansion to the Egypt Operations and Infrastructure yard office/administration space. Council approved delegating authority to the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to award the vendor contract immediately following the grant approval, expected in the spring. Council also approved delegating authority to the CAO to execute the project level transfer payment agreement with the province. Staff will advise Council on the outcome of the grant submission.

### **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.