

# Council Highlights

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## 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 COVID-19 pandemic. The Town terminated the declaration of emergency on Oct. 4, 2021, after 563 days. The Emergency Operations Centre held 256 meetings over that time, addressing concerns and situations throughout the community. The chief stressed the pandemic is not over, and measures and protocols will remain in place for some time.

## Waterfront Parks Master Plan - Part 1

Council received the report and presentation, and endorsed the report in principle subject to annual budget consideration. The Waterfront Parks Master Plan – Part 1 was developed through significant public consultation, stakeholder engagement and staff input. It includes the creation of conceptual redevelopment plans for selected parks and areas, as well as operational plans for the waterfront parks, marinas and Town-owned open spaces such as municipal road ends, wharves and boat launches. The Part 1 area was selected to focus on the immediate needs of the largest waterfront parks, along with the Jackson's Point Harbour marina, the Mossington Wharf, and the Black River north of High Street in Sutton.

## Request for extension of draft plan approval and modifications to the conditions of draft approval

Council received the report and approved the recommendations for a three-year extension of draft plan approval for Draft Plan of Vacant Land Condominium (19CDM-06G01), also known as Hedge Road Landing. The draft plan lands are described as Part lot 5, Concession 8 (G) and are located on the north side of Black River Road in Sutton. Council also approved modifications to the conditions of draft approval, namely regarding the payment of taxes, the updating of landscape-related plans and the removal of a requirement for a school site.

## **Update – closure of public water taps**

Council received the briefing note and staff advised that one public water tap, located at Black River Road and Park Road, will be left open with modifications until a long-term solution can be investigated and implemented. In order to ensure the safety of the drinking water system, a backflow preventer is being installed on the tap and security cameras will be installed to monitor the site. In addition, access to the Black River Road tap will be controlled through a lock-box to maintain control over general access. It is anticipated this work will be complete by the week of Oct. 18. Staff will provide a report to Council outlining a long-term solution later this year. It will address the requirements, options and cost to replace the public taps with an automated dispensing system.

#### Closed session

In regard to Closed Session Item No. 18.1(a) being advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose under Section 239 (2)f of the Municipal Act regarding the Lake Drive jurisdiction matter,

1. That Council receive the solicitor's update and staff proceed as directed.

In regards to Closed Session Item No. 18.1(b) being advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose under Section 239 (2)f of the Municipal Act regarding a property matter,

1. That Council receive the solicitor's update and staff proceed as directed.

## **Additional Council Information**

Comprehensive minutes of Georgina Town Council Meetings, which detail the full list of Council decisions, are available under <u>Agendas and Minutes</u> on the Town website once they have been ratified by Council.