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Council Highlights

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Capital project status update report

Council received the report regarding the capital project status update. The Town's 2021 Business Plan includes 112 capital projects. In 2021, the capital program has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and related provincial orders. The Town continued to re-prioritize efforts and resources to support the pandemic response, including hosting a vaccination clinic in partnership with York Region. Business continuity of essential services, along with ensuring staff and customer safety, continued to be the top priority for Council and management. Despite the pandemic, the majority (74 per cent) of the 2021 capital projects are completed or on track.

Closure of public taps

Council received the briefing note regarding the closure of the four public water taps. Recently, there has been an increasing number of reports of improper use of the public water taps, including commercial/industrial users such as landscaping companies. This presents a potential hazard to the public system through cross-contamination due to fertilizers, pesticides and other non-potable water that may be in the equipment connected to the public tap. To manage the public's exposure to risk by having unmonitored stations and the potential for contamination of the water supply, the Town will be closing the four public taps. Council directed staff to provide an interim and longer-term solution for local residents that rely on the public taps to obtain potable drinking water.

Re-submission of Rural Economic Development grant application

Council received the briefing note and approved the recommendation to endorse the re-submission of a Rural Economic Development grant to support the establishment of a business incubator-accelerator. Council also approved to delegate authority to the Office of the CAO to execute any agreements, to allocate \$150,000 from the Tax Stabilization Reserve for this initiative, and that staff secure an additional \$150,000 from the grant program and/or other funding sources in order to proceed with this initiative.

Community Building Fund – capital stream

Council received the briefing note and approved the recommendation to direct the CAO to submit a funding application to the Ontario Trillium Foundation under the Community Building Fund – Capital Stream on or before Sept. 29. This program is designed to help municipalities fund the repair, renovation or retrofit of existing sport and recreation facilities to address extending the life and maximizing the use of existing facilities (such as playgrounds, splash pads, etc.) or, COVID-19 related public health requirements to support future preparedness. Council also pre-approved up to \$125,000 in the 2022 budget for playground rehabilitation funded through the Parks Repair and Replacement Reserve.

Closed session

Moved by Councillor Harding, Seconded by Councillor Neeson

In regard to Closed Session Item No. 18.1(a) being labour relations or employee negotiations under Section 239(2) (d) of the Municipal Act relating to a Civic Centre Human Resources Matter;

1. That Council receive the verbal update and staff proceed as discussed.

Carried.

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.

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