



GEORGINA

Council Highlights

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Application to revise draft plan of subdivision – Keswick Business Park

Council considered a Development Services report recommending approval of proposed revisions by the Panattoni Development Company to a 2016 draft approved plan of subdivision in the Keswick Business Park – east of Woodbine Avenue and north of Glenwoods Avenue. The proposed revisions to the subdivision would change the road pattern, lotting and servicing scheme for the site to facilitate larger format industrial warehouse uses. The proposed development would take place within the original area of the approved subdivision and under the existing zoning. The revised conditions of approval adjust for the new format of the development and maintain measures to protect the health of the Maskinonge River and guaranteed long-term public access. The first phase of the proposed development includes a warehouse building of 34,324 sq. m (369,461 sq. ft.) in the northwest portion of the site adjacent Woodbine Avenue. Council approved the recommendations in the report, which also included authorizing the execution of an earthworks agreement to advance the preparation of the site in advance of a building permit, and delegation of site plan approval authority to the Director of Development Services to expedite the construction.

Request to federal government to review and update Aerodrome approvals legislation

Council received the briefing note and approved the resolution to request the federal government to review and update Aerodrome approvals legislation.

Whereas Sutton Airport Development Inc. has made an application to Transport Canada for the construction of an aerodrome (Baldwin East Aerodrome) at 7818 and 7486 Old Homestead Rd. in the Town of Georgina;

Whereas the Baldwin East Aerodrome proposed by Sutton Airport Development Inc. includes two paved, all weather marked and lighted runways, supporting taxiways and aircraft parking apron, aircraft hangar and supporting use development lots and access roads and utilities;

And Whereas the Baldwin East Aerodrome proposed by Sutton Airport Development Inc. is located in close proximity to Lake Simcoe;

And Whereas 7818 and 7486 Old Homestead Rd. are within a rural area and contain environmentally sensitive lands;

And Whereas Ontario municipalities are required to review proposed land development within a comprehensive legislative framework governed by the Ontario Planning Act and associated legislation and policies to ensure land use compatibility and environmental protection, including the protection of significant watersheds, like the Lake Simcoe Watershed;

And Whereas Ontario municipalities are required to put in place comprehensive Official Plans and Zoning By-laws, with extensive public and stakeholder engagement, in order to guide responsible development and to implement a long-term vision for the municipality;

And Whereas the Town of Georgina has put in place a comprehensive Official Plan and Zoning By-law, based on extensive public and stakeholder engagement, in order to guide responsible development and to implement a long term vision for the municipality;

And Whereas the current federal legislation governing aerodrome development precludes Ontario Municipalities from reviewing proposed land development within a comprehensive legislative framework governed by the Ontario Planning Act and associated legislation and policies to ensure land use compatibility and environmental protection, including the protection of significant watersheds, like the Lake Simcoe Watershed, thus leaving Ontario municipalities with no decision-making authority with respect to proposed land development involving new or expanded aerodromes;

And Whereas the result of the current federal legislation governing aerodrome development proposals means that such aerodrome development proposals can essentially by-pass all comprehensive Official Plans and Zoning By-laws, and the planning and development review processes involved therein, and can be approved even if such aerodrome development proposals are not in conformity with Provincial and municipal legislation and policy, rendering as useless the efforts of Ontario Municipalities have made to protect their local environment from adverse impacts;

Now be it resolved that:

1. Town Council requests that the federal government review and update its legislation governing aerodrome development for the purpose of permitting Ontario municipalities to review and make decisions on proposed land development involving aerodromes within the comprehensive legislative framework governed by the Ontario Planning Act and associated legislation and policies to ensure land use compatibility and environmental protection, including the protection of significant watersheds.

2. Town Council requests the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to pass a resolution supporting the above request to the Federal Government.

3. That this resolution be forwarded to:

- The Honourable Omar Alghabra, Minister of Transport
- Patrick J. Juneau, P.Eng., Director, Safety Policy and Intelligence -Transport Canada
- The Honourable Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Environment and Climate Change
- Scot Davidson, Member of Parliament (York-Simcoe)
- Tony Van Bynen, Member of Parliament (Newmarket – Aurora)
- Joanne Vanderheyden, FCM President, Mayor, Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc
- Carole Saab, Chief Executive Officer, Federation of Canadian Municipalities
- Jamie McGarvey, AMO President, Mayor, Town of Parry Sound
- Brian Rosborough, Executive Director, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- Chief Donna Big Canoe, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation
- Hon. Caroline Mulroney (York-Simcoe), Minister of Transportation
- Hon. David Piccini, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Park
- Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Chairman Wayne Emmerson, The Regional Municipality of York
- Karen Whitney, Director, Community Planning & Development Services, The Regional Municipality of York
- Rob Baldwin, CAO, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority
- Clerks of all lower tier municipalities in York Region

Closed session

In regards to Closed Session Item 18.1(a) on the agenda under Section 239(2)(f) of the Municipal Act, being advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege including communications necessary for that purposed regarding proposed Aerodrome;

1. That Council receive the solicitor's advice and the solicitor be directed to proceed accordingly.

Additional Council Information

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