



GEORGINA

# Council Highlights

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### **Award of contract – Udora gravel roads upgrade, preliminary design**

Council received the report and approved the recommendation to award the contract for engineering services for the Udora gravel roads upgrade preliminary design to CH2M Hill Canada Ltd., funded in part by the Canada Community Benefit Fund reserve. The Town also approved the by-law to formally assume various roads within the subdivision bound by Weirs Sideroad, Ravenshoe Road, Victoria Road and Old Shiloh Road.

### **Recreational Cannabis retail stores update**

Council received the report that provided an update on recreational Cannabis retail stores in Georgina. Since the Jan. 19 update to Council, no new applications have been submitted to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario for proposed stores in Georgina and one additional store has been authorized to open. Council directed staff to draft a letter from the Mayor to be sent to the province and local MPP outlining concerns from members of the public about the marketing practices of some retail locations.

### **Council Update on public residential water tap assessment**

Council received the report and approved the recommendation to allow the Sutton Arena to be used as a site for a new residential water tap. Council also approved a recommendation to formally request Hydro One for a memorandum of understanding to allow for long-term use of the Black River Road and Park Road residential water tap location. Staff were also directed to look at other locations for public water taps, including the Pefferlaw Lions Hall and Ice Palace, taking into consideration cost, security concerns and taste/quality of the water.

### **Approval of funding for digitization of existing Town records and award of a single-source contract**

Council received the report and approved the recommendation to award the single-source contract to Image Advantage Solution Inc. for digitization of the existing Town records. Provision for document scanning and imaging services of existing records was not in the scope of the current contract with Image Advantage Solution Inc. The Town had planned for a phased in multi-year approach for scanning and digitization of existing paper documents. However, the COVID-19 pandemic and emergency closures resulted in the requirement for remote working. This accelerated the need for digitization of paper records.

### **The implementation of Administrative Monetary Penalties**

Council received the report and approved the recommendations to continue preparations for the implementation of Administrative Monetary Penalties (AMPs) and the associated policies. Council approved the Administrative Penalty By-law and the Screening and Hearing Officer By-law. Both will come into effect on Feb. 1, 2023. Although AMPs can involve a variety of municipal by-law violations,

staff are proposing to start the program with parking violations, which represent the single largest volume of court activity for the Town. Georgina has also partnered with the Town of Aurora and the Township of King to develop the AMP initiative, which is proposed for all three municipalities. Research and development resources have been shared to date and the plan going forward is to share resources whenever possible.

**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.