

## **TOWN OF GEORGINA**

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## TOWN OF GEORGINA INFORMATION UPDATE

Official Plan Review Underway

**Georgina, Ontario**— The Town of Georgina <u>Official Plan</u> is currently being reviewed to update and implement policies to comply with the newly approved York Region Official Plan and provincial planning legislation.

"It's important that the Official Plan be periodically reviewed and changed where necessary to ensure that it remains relevant," said Director of Planning and Building, <u>Harold Lenters</u>. "By undertaking this process, we aim to meet the needs of Georgina for now and the years to come."

The Official Plan Review will focus on guiding principles and objectives, growth management and sustainability strategies, and the overall policy framework for land use and development throughout the municipality. A review of the existing land use designations and policies specifically affecting the lands located outside of the Keswick, Sutton/Jackson's Point and Pefferlaw/Port Bolster community plans will also be undertaken. <a href="MHBC Planning">MHBC Planning</a> has been retained to work with staff to carry out the Review, which is expected to be completed by mid-2014. A Council appointed Steering Committee, having both Council and public member representation, will provide on-going guidance, direction and feedback during the process.

The Town and its consultants will be seeking public participation and input through a variety of ways, including workshops and other public meetings to be held at key points in the review. The first workshop to discuss the need for new or updated guiding principles and objectives as well as the types of policies and issues that should be contained or addressed will be held from 7- 9 p.m. on Thursday, November 14, 2013, at the ROC Chalet (26479 Civic Centre Rd). Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come to this workshop to help shape Georgina's future.

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