



**GEORGINA**

**THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWN OF GEORGINA  
Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee Agenda**

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

7:00 PM

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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We also recognize the unique relationship the Chippewas have with the lands and waters of this territory. They are the water protectors and environmental stewards of these lands and we join them in these responsibilities.”

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEM(S)**

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**5. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

**6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

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**7. SPEAKERS**

**8. DELEGATIONS/ PETITIONS**

**9. PRESENTATIONS**

1. Climate Change Action Plan Priority Risks and Opportunities

Stephanie Wolfe, Climate Initiatives Lead, to provide results of climate hazards risk assessment and greenhouse gas inventory and present priority risks and impacts for Committee feedback.

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**THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWN OF GEORGINA**

**Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee Minutes**

Date: Tuesday, September 17, 2024  
Time: 7:00 PM

Members of Committee Present: Dave Neeson  
Lee Dale  
Mary-Lynn Seeley  
Mark Setter  
Austin Rooney

Staff Present: Hillary Thompson  
Alan Drozd

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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**2. ROLL CALL**

As noted above

**3. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEM(S)**

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. GEAC2024-0028**

Moved By Mary-Lynn Seeley  
Seconded By Austin Rooney

That the September 17, 2024 Agenda be approved as presented.

**Carried**

**5. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

**6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes from the June 11, 2024 Meeting

**RESOLUTION NO. GEAC2024-0029**

Moved By Austin Rooney  
Seconded By Mark Setter

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on June 11, 2024 be approved as presented.

**Carried**

**7. SPEAKERS**

**8. DELEGATIONS/ PETITIONS**

**9. PRESENTATIONS**

**10. REPORTS**

**11. GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. 2025 Work Planning Session

Committee to discuss goals for the upcoming year.

The Committee held a round-table discussion to formulate goals and discuss the direction of the Committee for 2025. Ideas from Committee Members are as follows:

- Mark Setter:
  - Look into the Town of Georgina's goals on electrical vehicle charging stations. Does the Town have plans for adding any further charging stations and if so, how will they decide on their locations? Can the GEAC be consulted for suggestions/direction?
  - Have a speaker come from the Lake Simcoe and Region Conservation Authority to discuss phosphorous in Lake Simcoe.
  - Arrange for various speakers to come and educate the Committee on various environmental concerns.

- Austin Rooney:
  - Lake Simcoe social media campaign or educational materials to educate those visiting Georgina on how to help mitigate the growth of invasive species.
  - Organize community clean-ups, reaching out to the public for support.
  - Promoting the creation of public bike repair stations along paths to promote green transportation along our various trails. Perhaps ask Council to look into potentially funding this initiative.
  - Have a speaker come and provide the status of the fish stocking program where we can look into what the fish species/levels are at now compared to ten years ago, etc.
- Councillor Dale:
  - Focus on the health and well-being of Lake Simcoe. Have discussions and create initiatives that center around this resource.
  - Look into boater culture within Georgina. Provide education materials to visitors as well as locals who use Lake Simcoe, to help maintain or enhance the health of Lake Simcoe.
- Mary-Lynn Seeley:
  - Address water pollution in Lake Simcoe by focusing on public education.
  - How the community can integrate sustainable practices regarding the expansion of Georgina focusing on Lake Simcoe, forests, wild-life etc.
  - It would be beneficial to direct some educational initiatives to youth and ensure the messages are getting to the next generation.
- Councillor Neeson:
  - Sending out advertisements or some other outreach to residents of Georgina regarding salt-pollution. Perhaps these educational pieces can be sent out in the tax/water bills to reach all residents.
  - Subject to Council passing the redesign of Willow Beach via the 2025 budget, have the design be reviewed by the GEAC to provide some insight, recommendations and expertise.
  - Partnering again with LEAF (Local Enhancement and Appreciation of Forests) to host a another community tree-planting initiative.
  - Phosphorous pollution continues to be a big concern with Lake Simcoe and suggests that Development Services come with a presentation to the committee to discuss plans to mitigate these environmental concerns.

Staff member Alan Drozd noted that comments received tonight will be passed along to Staff. Development Engineering review is currently underway and Alan suggests that it may be beneficial for the consultant to provide a presentation of the Town's plans to the Committee.

**RESOLUTION NO. GEAC2024-0030**

Moved By Austin Rooney  
Seconded By Lee Dale

That the goals and focus of the Committee for 2025 set out in the round-table discussion, be received as presented.

**Carried**

**12. MOTIONS/ NOTICES OF MOTION**

**13. OTHER BUSINESS**

**14. CLOSED SESSION**

**15. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**RESOLUTION NO. GEAC2024-0031**

Moved By Mark Setter  
Seconded By Lee Dale

That the meeting adjourn at 7:35pm.

**Carried**

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Councillor Dave Neeson, Chair

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Hillary Thompson, Licensing Coordinator

## **2025 Committee Schedule**

### **Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee**

January 21, 2025

February 25, 2025

April 1, 2025

May 6, 2025

June 10, 2025

September 23, 2025

October 28, 2025

December 2, 2025

### **NOTES:**

**All meetings shall be scheduled to occur  
on a Tuesday at 7:00PM**



### GEORGINA

**Subject:** Summary of Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee 2025 Initiative Ideas

**To:** Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee

**From:** Cheyenne McAnuff, Records and Information Coordinator

**Date:** October 22, 2024

**Briefing:**

During the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee meeting held on September 17, 2024, members of the Committee discussed potential initiatives for 2025. These ideas are summarized below:

- Look into the Town of Georgina's goals on electric vehicle charging stations.
- Invite a speaker from Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority to discuss phosphorous in Lake Simcoe.
- Lake Simcoe educational materials to educate visitors to Georgina on how to mitigate the growth of invasive species.
- Invite a speaker to educate on the status of the fish stocking program and what the levels are compared to 10 years ago.
- Look into boater culture and provide educational materials to those utilizing Lake Simcoe to help maintain/enhance the health of the lake.
- Address water pollution in Lake Simcoe.
- Promote sustainable practices that focus on Lake Simcoe, forests, wildlife, etc.
- Organize community clean-ups.
- Promote creation of public bike repair stations along trail routes.
- Direct educational initiatives towards youth to ensure the information continues to be passed down to younger generations.
- Send out educational materials regarding salt-pollution.
- Continuing to partner with Local Enhancement and Appreciation of Forests (LEAF) to host another tree-planting initiative.
- Subject to Council passing the redesign of Willow Beach via the 2025 budget, have the design be reviewed by the GEAC to provide some insight, recommendations and expertise.