



**GEORGINA**

**THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWN OF GEORGINA  
Council Agenda**

Wednesday, April 2, 2025  
9:00 AM

**Pages**

**1. CALL TO ORDER- MOMENT OF MEDITATION**

“The Town of Georgina recognizes and acknowledges that we are on lands originally used and occupied by the First Peoples of the Williams Treaties First Nations and other Indigenous Peoples, and on behalf of Mayor and Council, we would like to thank them for sharing this land. We would also like to acknowledge the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation as our close neighbour and friend, one with which we strive to build a cooperative and respectful relationship.

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. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Pet Of The Month - Animal Shelter staff introducing pets available for adoption from the Georgina Animal Shelter

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

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

**7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**8. SPEAKERS AND DELEGATIONS**

1. PRESENTATION; Claire Malcolmson providing information on freshwater salt pollution and the need for salt management

*(Advisement: Refer to Item 13.1, a Motion regarding salt management)*

**9. PETITIONS**

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      - Increase the maximum allowable grant for all grant streams within the Community Improvement (CIP) Grant Program from \$5,000 to \$7,500.
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**19. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

# BACKGROUND

## ON THE NEED FOR PROVINCIAL ACTION ON SALT POLLUTION FROM ROAD SALT

[See adjoining draft municipal resolution here](#)

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### Effects of Salt

1. Ontario uses more than 2 million tonnes/yr of road salt (sodium chloride) to manage snow and ice on provincial highways, regional public roads and public and private local roads, sidewalks and parking lots
2. Sodium and chloride concentrations in many of Ontario's groundwater aquifers are steadily rising, with some locations exceeding permissible levels for sodium and chloride in drinking water, requiring mandatory source water protection action under the Ontario *Clean Water Act* (2006)
3. Chloride concentrations in many of Ontario's creeks, rivers and lakes are steadily increasing, with some locations exceeding Canada's (CCME) chronic toxicity levels for aquatic life. During winter months, waterways in Ontario cities can approach ocean-level salinity readings
4. Different types of lakes (eg soft water vs. hard water) respond differently to salt, meaning chloride toxicity thresholds for aquatic life will differ between water bodies and watersheds
5. Road salt is also a corrosive agent, damaging infrastructure such as bridges, walkways, surfaces and pipes
6. Ontario's rapid population growth, increased urbanization and road construction, and changing weather patterns (more freeze-thaw cycles) will accelerate salt usage and accelerate these impacts to surface water, drinking water and infrastructure

### Earlier Government Actions

7. Ontario has had long-standing drinking water aesthetic objectives for chloride of 250 mg/l max and for sodium of 200 mg/l max (notify Medical Officer of Health if sodium > 20 mg/l)
8. In 2001, the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME) declared salt a toxic substance "because of tangible threats of serious or irreversible environmental damage"
9. In 2004, CCME established a voluntary Code of Practice for the Environmental Management of Road Salt
10. In 2011, CCME established a Canadian Water Quality Guideline on chloride loads for Freshwater Aquatic Life of 120 mg/l max (long term) and 640 mg/l max (short term)
11. In 2011, Ontario Ministry of Environment published voluntary guidelines on snow disposal and de-icing operations in Ontario
12. In 2018, the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario report "Back to Basics" listed four recommendations to reduce pollution from road salt: researching alternatives, requiring municipal salt management plans, certification of contractors, and liability protection
13. In 2018, Ontario proposed a Made-in-Ontario Environmental Plan that included an action to "build on the ministry's monitoring and drinking water source protection activities to ensure that environmental impacts from road salt use are minimized." This included the commitment to "Work with municipalities, conservation authorities, the private sector and other partners to promote best management practices, certification and road salt alternatives"
14. In 2020, the Freshwater Round Table, consisting of a very broad range of stakeholders, issued a discussion paper "Road Salt Use on Commercial Properties" recommending a single set of BMPs, a training and certification program, regulations to limit winter maintenance contractor liability, and media/public education

15. In 2021, the Canada-Ontario Great Lakes Agreement obligated Ontario to implement various actions related to road salt, including minimizing salt usage, certification and alternatives for public and private salt applicators, assessing pathways for and prevention of road salt into groundwater, and developing site-specific guidelines for areas with salt-sensitive species
16. In 2022, Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks held a workshop on road salt use and management in Ontario, including discussion of best management practices, but there has been no followup on these initiatives;

### **Current Status**

17. Numerous compilations of best practices have been developed (Transportation Association of Canada, Conservation Ontario, TRCA, Smart About Salt), but need to be compiled into one single set of provincially-endorsed BMPs that identify a reasonable standard of care that contractors and municipalities can rely on to address current liability issues
18. Many Ontario municipalities have Salt Management Plans, but these often require updating in the light of improved science and better management practices now available.



## ISSUE OVERVIEW





**Ontario freshwater ecosystems and drinking water sources are facing growing, dangerous, and chronic salt pollution.** Ontario is Canada's #1 user of winter salt, dumping approximately 2-3 million tonnes of salt each winter. Road salt is a known toxic substance designated under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act because of tangible threats including serious, irreversible environmental and public health damages. Other impacts to critical public infrastructure (roads, bridges, buildings) and private property are also a concern.

**Currently, there are no provincial policies or regulations for road salts,** including no salt use standards, required training, enforcement mechanisms, or protections against salt pollution. This policy void has created liability issues for snow and ice management contractors and has left municipalities out in the cold to deal with salt pollution issues locally. People across Ontario are coming together to work together toward provincial action on salt pollution.

## POLICY SOLUTION

'Limited Liability' is a policy approach to winter salt management used in similar jurisdictions to increase safety outcomes and reduce environmental harms.

### Limited Liability Legislation includes:

-  Required Contractor Training
-  A Single Set of Provincially-Endorsed Best Management Practices & Standards
-  Legislation Limiting Snow & Ice Management Contractor Liability
-  Establishing a Provincial Regulatory Authority

# POLICY BRIEF

## Supporting the need for provincial action on salt pollution in Ontario

Developed by the  
Ontario Salt Pollution Coalition



## KEY ACTION

### Municipalities and other governing bodies concerned with salt pollution pass a resolution:

- 1) affirming the need for provincial action on salt pollution
- 2) urging the province to form and fund an expert stakeholder committee to inform salt pollution action
- 3) recommitting to reduce their use of road salts locally

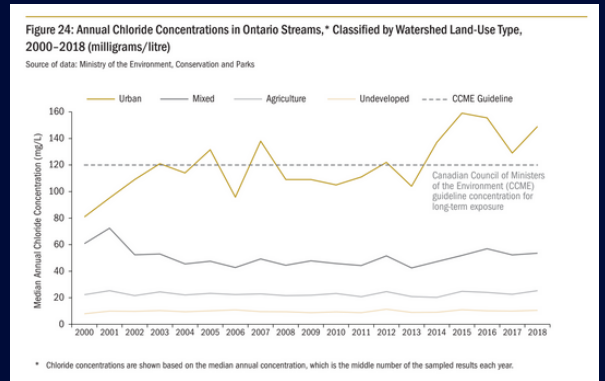
# DRAFT MUNICIPAL RESOLUTION

**Salt pollution needs a provincial-level solution** to make meaningful, long-term strides to reduce water, land, and human health impacts.

**Municipalities and other governing bodies concerned with salt pollution play a critical role in securing provincial action on salt pollution.**

Municipalities are doing the best they can to deal with over-salting and salt pollution in their jurisdictions, but lack the policy and regulatory framework they need to meaningfully protect their local water bodies and drinking water sources. The Ontario Salt Pollution Coalition is working with municipalities to pass resolutions to affirm the need for provincial action on salt pollution.

**[View the draft municipal resolution here.](#)**



Source: Auditor General's 'The State of the Environment in Ontario' Report (2023).



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

to learn more about salt pollution in the province of Ontario

### Take Action

- **OSPC Website:** <https://saltcoalition.ca/>
- **Draft Municipal Resolution:** [see GoogleDoc here](#)
- **OSPC Municipal Resolution Background:** [see GoogleDoc here](#)

### Learn More

- **Smart About Salt Council:** <https://smartaboutsalt.wildapricot.org/>
- **Brief - "Snow & Ice Removal in Ontario: A Call for Change"** (Landscape Ontario, 2023).
- **Report - Good Practices for Winter Maintenance in Salt Vulnerable Areas** (2018).
- **Study - "Chloride trends in Ontario's surface and groundwaters"** (Sorichetti et al. 2022).
- **Watersheds Canada Salt Pollution Blogs:** <https://watersheds.ca/?s=salt>
- **Report - Limited Liability in Ontario** (Landscape Ontario, 2024).
- **Report - The State of the Environment in Ontario** (Ontario's Auditor General, May 2023).
- **Brief - Alternatives to Salt** (Sustainable Technologies Evaluation Program, 2023).



**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA**

**REPORT NO. SI-2025-0002**

**FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF  
COUNCIL**

April 2, 2025

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO THE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT  
PLAN (CIP) GRANT PROGRAMS**

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**1. RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That Council receive Report No. SI-2025-0002 prepared by the Economic Development and Tourism Division, Strategic Initiatives Department dated April 2, 2025 respecting proposed modifications to the Community Improvement Plan (CIP) Grant Programs.
2. That Council adopt the proposed modifications to the Community Improvement Plan (CIP) Grant Program as follows:
  - Enhance the scope of the Accessibility Grant in order to support interior renovations intended to improve accessibility.
  - Increase the maximum allowable grant for all grant streams within the Community Improvement (CIP) Grant Program from \$5,000 to \$7,500.

**2. PURPOSE:**

- 2.1 The current scope of the CIP Accessibility Grant provides funding for exterior upgrades only. The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval to increase the scope of the Accessibility Grant to support interior renovations required to improve accessibility. This includes but is not limited to creating barrier free washrooms, widening doorways/hallways, creating a level floor and floor transitions (lifts).
- 2.2 This report also seeks Council approval to increase the maximum funding for each of the different grant programs (Accessibility, Façade, Heritage, Landscape) from \$5,000 to \$7,500.

**3. BACKGROUND:**

In 2014, the Town of Georgina approved a Community Improvement Plan (CIP) and implemented four of the Grant Programs suggested in the Plan for the designated improvement areas of Jackson's Point, Keswick and Sutton (Bylaw No. 2014-0086 (CIP-1)). Community Improvement Plans are intended to address the need for the revitalization of certain areas within a community through private and public investment. The existing CIP Grant Program assists businesses and commercial property owners in these designated areas by contributing up to 50 per cent to a

maximum of \$5,000 for property improvements covered under the scope of the four programs.

Community Improvement Plans are developed to provide financial incentives to facilitate and encourage development and continued investment in these designated areas by businesses and private commercial landowners. The intent is that the grants will encourage and help to leverage private investment and revitalization of commercial areas.

The implementation of Community Improvement Plans and associated grant programs are provided for under Section 28 of the Planning Act.

#### **4. ANALYSIS:**

The current Accessibility Grant funds exterior renovations to businesses in an effort to improve accessibility in the amount of 50% of the project up to a maximum of \$5,000. Given the desire to encourage investment in our historic downtowns and improve the ability for all to navigate within commercial spaces, and the continued need to support revitalization efforts, Staff recommend that the scope of the Accessibility Grant be modified to include interior renovations. Promoting and enhancing accessibility contributes to building more inclusive communities that welcome and serve everyone. Expanding the scope of the Accessibility Grant will empower business and property owners to invest in necessary upgrades, ensuring their spaces meet the diverse accessibility needs of the community. Such investments not only broaden the customer base but also foster an improved quality of life for the community.

These proposed enhancements to the Accessibility Grant will create additional incentives and further support for BIA businesses to proactively address the requirements of the Ontario Human Rights Code, the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) and the Ontario Building Code, and to respond effectively to growing public expectations for a more inclusive community. The proposed grant modifications are in alignment with emergent accessibility themes and priorities that Staff anticipate to be recommended in the update to Georgina's Multi-Year Accessibility Plan (MYAP). Evidence obtained from more than 500 MYAP project survey responses substantiates the public's need and desire for such changes.

Staff note that in the Council approved Corporate Strategic Plan and the recent approval of the Economic Development and Tourism Strategy, Downtown revitalization is a key area of focus. The proposed modifications support revitalization and encourage participation in the CIP Programs. Increasing the maximum funded costs from \$5,000 to \$7,500 also supports businesses and landowners with larger projects and reflects the increased costs associated with these types of improvements.

It is important to note that with Sutton's High Street construction project expected to commence in 2026, these modifications to the CIP Programs will help private

businesses to leverage the revitalization and streetscape enhancements planned as part of the Town’s infrastructure replacement and streetscape enhancement project.

**5. RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN:**

Diversifying the local economy

Creating a vibrant, healthy, and safe community for all

Create lively downtowns and public spaces

This report is also aligned with the Economic Development and Tourism Strategy and the Town’s soon to be released update to the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan.

**6. FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

The 2025 budget allocates \$40,000 for the delivery of the CIP Grants. Given the increase in the maximum funding amounts and in anticipation of the High Street construction and desire to support revitalization through private investment, staff will monitor the CIP Program budget and uptake to determine if future modifications are necessary. The CIP Program is just one of the tools in place to support business investment, retention and expansion.

**7. PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND NOTICE REQUIREMENTS:**

No public consultation or statutory notice is required prior to the consideration of Report SI-2025-0002.

**8. CONCLUSION:**

To continue to support businesses in the designated improvement areas and leverage the enhancements being undertaken on High Street, Staff are recommending that Council approve the modifications as outlined above.

**APPROVALS**

Prepared By: Julie Cain – Economic Development Officer

Reviewed By: Karyn Stone – Manager of Economic Development and Tourism Division

Recommended By: Shawn Nastke – Director of Strategic Initiatives

Approved By: Ryan Cronsberry – Chief Administrative Officer



# Interoffice Memorandum

**GEORGINA**

**Clerk's Division**

**To:** Mayor and Council

**From:** Samantha Naumoski, Committee Services Coordinator

**cc:** Rachel Dillabough, Town Clerk  
Mamata Baykar, Deputy Clerk

**Date:** April 2, 2025

**Re:** **RESOLUTION NO. GAGAC-2025-0004**  
Re: Grain Bin Safety

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Please be advised that at its meeting held on February 4, 2025, the Georgina Agricultural Advisory Committee passed the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. GAGAC-2025-0004**

Moved By Lee Dale

Seconded By James Lockie

That the Georgina Agricultural Advisory Committee formally requests that Council direct staff to arrange a Grain Bin Safety training session with the Georgina Fire Department.

Carried

Please note that the resolution and comments are taken from the un-adopted draft minutes.



**Nottawasaga Valley**  
Conservation Authority

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Mayor and Council of the Town of Georgina  
26557 Civic Centre Road, R.R. #2  
Keswick, Ontario  
L4P 3G1

February 28, 2025

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

I am writing on behalf of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) Board of Directors regarding Oro-Medonte's recent resolution proposing the amalgamation of the NVCA and the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) under section 11 of the *Conservation Authorities Act, 1990*.

Following careful deliberation with our Board, and discussion with the Chair and CAO of the LSRCA, it is the position of the NVCA Board that a formal amalgamation is neither necessary nor advisable. (Our resolution to that effect is enclosed.)

Let me outline why our Board has taken this position:

To date, no independent, expert analysis has been presented to demonstrate that amalgamation would improve efficiency or service delivery. On the contrary, experience has shown that larger municipal entities often result in increased costs, governance challenges, operational inefficiencies and a loss of local focus.

Further, NVCA and LSRCA serve distinct watersheds with unique ecological, planning and regulatory frameworks. While some municipalities are within both Authorities, the vast majority of NVCA member municipalities have little in common with the Lake Simcoe watershed. Additionally, the LSRCA has distinct responsibilities under the *Lake Simcoe Protection Act*, which highlights the unique challenges of that watershed. A single, combined Authority could dilute focus and reduce responsiveness to local needs, given the new entity would span a very large geographic area.

Rather than pursuing an amalgamation process—one that would inevitably lead to debates over jurisdiction, governance and composition—the NVCA Board is focused on delivering meaningful improvements that address the concerns of our municipal partners. Our goal is to enhance service delivery, streamline permitting and development processes, and maintain a strong commitment to protecting people and property from natural hazards under Ontario law.

This work is already well underway under the leadership of our Interim CAO. I would like to highlight several initiatives that directly respond to the issues raised by our stakeholders and members:

- Operational Accountability: We have implemented a new monthly reporting system for development and permitting applications to the Chair and Vice-Chair to ensure heightened accountability and service improvement.
- Process Review and Best Practices: We are undertaking a comprehensive audit of our development-application processes to identify opportunities for greater efficiency. As part of this review, we are working collaboratively with LSRCA and other Authorities to share best practices and standardize processes where appropriate.
- Improving Consistency Between NVCA and Other Conservation Authorities: Recognizing that some municipalities are subject to both authorities' regulations, we are committed to aligning our review processes to ensure they are as consistent and predictable as possible.
- Customer Service Improvements: We are updating our customer-service policy and will provide additional staff training to enhance responsiveness and efficiency.

You may view more about this action plan in the enclosed staff report presented to our board.

These measures are practical, targeted and achievable. They will result in tangible improvements without the disruption, expense and uncertainty that an amalgamation process would bring.

The NVCA Board remains committed to continuous improvement and collaboration with our municipal partners. We welcome your feedback as we pursue these important initiatives and remain open to further discussions on how we can best support your community's needs.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me or our Interim CAO, Sheryl Flannagan at [sflannagan@nvca.on.ca](mailto:sflannagan@nvca.on.ca), if you wish to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan Scott', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Jonathan Scott

Chair, Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority

cc

Mayors and Councils within the LSRCA and NVCA

LSRCA Board

Conservation Ontario Council



NOTTAWASAGA VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING NO. 02-25-BOD  
February 28, 2025

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Agenda Item#: 13.4.1

Resolution#: 18-25

MOVED BY: Cllr. June Porter

SECONDED BY: Mayor Gary Harvey

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**WHEREAS:** the Board of Directors is in receipt of correspondence from Oro-Medonte Council that seeks to start the amalgamation process between the NVCA and the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) as outlined in Section 11 of the Conservation Authorities Act; and

**WHEREAS:** NVCA and LSRCA serve distinct and separate watersheds, each with unique ecological, planning and regulatory considerations, including LSRCA's additional responsibilities under the Lake Simcoe Protection Act; and

**WHEREAS:** no independent, expert analysis has been conducted to determine whether an amalgamation would improve efficiency and service delivery or whether it may instead result in increased costs, governance challenges, operational inefficiencies or dilution of focus on the needs of the individual watersheds; and

**WHEREAS:** Conservation Ontario has generally supported maintaining the current structure of thirty-six Conservation Authorities across Ontario, recognizing the value of locally focused watershed management; and

**WHEREAS:** the NVCA is actively collaborating with other Conservation Authorities and through a customer centric focus, has been making improvements to processes and procedures, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED:** that the NVCA Board of Directors opposes the proposed amalgamation of NVCA and the LSRCA, as it has not been demonstrated that such a change would benefit watershed management, municipalities or the public; and

**FURTHER THAT:** the Board supports continued and enhanced collaboration between NVCA, Conservation Ontario, and other Conservation Authorities to standardize processes and procedures where feasible, particularly to assist development and permit applicants whose activities fall within municipalities that straddle multiple watersheds; and

**FURTHER THAT:** remains committed to working constructively with Oro-Medonte and all NVCA member municipalities to address and resolve any challenges, including planning and permitting, in a fair, transparent and efficient manner; and



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**FURTHER THAT:** a copy of this resolution with a letter from the Chair be sent to all NVCA and LSRCA member municipalities, the LSRCA Board and Conservation Ontario Council.

- Carried Unanimously
- Approved by Consent
- Defeated
- Tabled
- Deferred until \_\_\_\_\_

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NVCA Chair





Staff Report: 04-02-25-BOD

Date: 28/02/2025

To: Chair and Members of the Board of Directors

From: Sheryl Flannagan  
Interim Chief Administrative Officer/Director, Corporate Services

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**SUBJECT: Interim CAO Workplan**

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**Recommendation**

**RESOLVED THAT: the Board of Directors receive Staff Report No. 04-02-25-BOD regarding the Interim CAO workplan.**

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Purpose of the Staff Report

The purpose of this Staff Report is to update the Board on the Interim CAO's workplan during this transitional period and to update the Board on progress and commitments moving forward.

Background

The NVCA is going through a transformative time with the departure of the previous CAO and the upcoming recruitment of a new CAO. To ensure stability and continuity, the Interim CAO has implemented a focused workplan that addresses current challenges while positioning the organization for success under new leadership.

Issues/Analysis

The following is a list of the four key priorities and commitments.

## 1. Strengthening Municipal relationships

The Interim CAO, Chair, and Vice-Chair have prioritized engaging with partner municipalities to foster collaboration and address concerns. To date, meetings have been held with Wasaga Beach, New Tecumseth, and Oro-Medonte, with a meeting scheduled with Springwater on February 26<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, the Chair has issued an introductory letter inviting all partner municipalities to share any concerns or ideas with the NVCA.

### Progress to Date:

- Engaged with four municipalities to discuss development priorities and address concerns
- Implemented a 48-hour response protocol for issues raised by municipal partners
- Issued a Chair's introductory letter inviting all municipalities to meet or connect with the NVCA

### Continued Commitment:

Goal – Meet with any municipality that expresses interest in engaging with the NVCA

Next Steps – Continue outreach to municipalities and respond promptly to all requests for meetings.

Outcome – Strengthen municipal partnerships and identify opportunities for process improvements based on their feedback.

## 2. Restoring and Enforcing Customer Service Standards

The NVCA's customer service strategy and charter, implemented in 2013, lapsed in practice due to high workloads during the COVID-19 pandemic. In January 2025, the Interim CAO reinstated compliance with the customer service strategy and reminded all staff of their obligations to meet service standards. A copy of the strategy is attached (see attachment #1).

### Progress to Date:

- Customer Service Strategy compliance was reinstated in January 2025
- All staff have been instructed to comply with service timelines as outlined in the charter

### Continued Commitment:

Goal – Achieve full compliance with the Customer Service Strategy within Q1 2025

Next Steps – Review customer service strategy compliance with senior staff on a monthly basis and identify any issues of concern

Reporting – Provide progress updates to the Board at the end of Q2 and again at year-end

Outcome – Improve response times and enhance customer satisfaction

### 3. Evaluating Planning, Permitting, and Engineering processes

The NVCA recognizes the need for a comprehensive evaluation of planning, permitting, and engineering process to ensure efficiency and alignment with legislative changes. The Interim CAO is currently consulting with other CAO's to identify the best approach for this review.

Progress to Date:

- Initiated discussions with other conservation authorities to evaluate process review options
- Solicited recommendations for consultants experienced in conservation authority process evaluations.

Continued Commitment:

Goal – Initiate an external process review by March 31, 2025

Next Steps – Select a consultant or peer conservation authority(s) to conduct the review and set a clear timeline for completion

Outcome – Identify inefficiencies, streamline workflows and enhance service delivery

### 4. Developing a backlog reduction strategy for Planning, Permitting, and Engineering

The NVCA is exploring immediate and long-term solutions to address the backlog in planning, permitting and engineering files. While process improvements from item 3 will drive long-term efficiency, short-term solutions are also under review.

Progress to Date:

- Considering third-party consultants to expedite peer reviews, but cost estimates (approximately \$100,000) raise concerns due to budget constraints

- Exploring internal measures to reduce workload on engineering staff without compromising service standards

Continued Commitment:

Goal – Present a backlog reduction strategy to the Board by the March 2025 meeting

Next Steps – Conclude process review from item 3 to identify internal efficiencies, investigate phased or capped use of consultants if internal measures are insufficient, and provide the Board with a cost-benefit analysis before committing significant funds to peer reviews.

Outcome – Reduce backlog while maintaining fiscal responsibility and service standards.

#### Relevance to Authority Policy/Mandate

The workplan directly supports the NVCA’s mandate under the *Conservation Authorities Act* by ensuring efficient operations, enhancing customer service and fostering productive relationships with partner municipalities.

#### Impact on Authority Finances

Staff time to prepare this report is addressed in the 2025 budget. Any additional costs related to external consultants for process reviews or backlog reduction will be brought to the Board for approval with a clear cost-benefit analysis.

#### Climate Change Implications

There are no climate change implications related to this report.

Reviewed by:  
*Original Signed by*  
Sheryl Flannagan  
Interim Chief Administrative Officer/  
Director, Corporate Services

Approved for submission by:  
*Original Signed by*  
Sheryl Flannagan  
Interim Chief Administrative Officer/  
Director Corporate Services

Attachment #1 – Customer Service Strategy

March 5, 2025

Mayor Margaret Quirk  
Town of Georgina  
26557 Civic Centre Road  
Keswick, Ontario  
L4P 3G1

Dear Mayor Quirk,

I am writing to you on behalf of B'nai Brith Canada, the country's oldest human rights organization and the voice of Canada's grassroots Jewish community. Our organization is committed to eradicating racism and hatred in all its forms and championing the rights of the marginalized.

It is with the utmost concern that we have witnessed the increased frequency with which the Nazi swastika (hakenkreuz) is appearing in the Canadian public sphere. A mere 80 years after the liberation of Auschwitz and the surrender of the Nazi Reich, the swastika is being used by groups and individuals to foment division, promote hate and instill fear within Canadian society. In response to this horrifying trend, B'nai Brith Canada has launched a [campaign](#) calling on the Government of Canada to ban the public display of the Nazi swastika and other Nazi iconography, with reasonable exceptions for purposes such as historical education or artistic expression.

The Nazi swastika is intrinsically and irredeemably linked to the horrors of the Holocaust and the atrocities committed by the Third Reich. It is a symbol synonymous with genocide and hatred. It is representative of the worst of humanity. The normalization of its display in our country poses a threat to every single Canadian citizen, undermining the core values of equality, diversity, and respect that define our nation. Its presence is an affront to the millions of victims of Nazi persecution and to the thousands of Canadians who sacrificed their lives to liberate the world from the dangers of Nazi tyranny.

Eighteen countries have already taken action to ban the public display of the Nazi swastika and other Nazi symbols. As our nation grapples with an unprecedented surge in hate crimes and hate-motivated incidents, it is imperative that Canada follows suit. B'nai Brith is pleased to share that in Ontario, the Town of Whitby, the City of Pickering, and Region of Durham, have already passed motions endorsing our call to action.

We are calling on municipalities across Canada to continue to be leaders in the fight against hate and to protect Canadian values by endorsing our call to action. It is our hope to garner support from coast to coast for this important initiative, and request that you consider the merits of bringing forward a motion to have your municipality endorse our campaign.

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We look forward to collaborating with you on this pressing issue.

Sincerely yours,



Judy Foldes  
Chief Operating Officer



Richard Robertson  
Director, Research & Advocacy

**16. Other Business**

**16.1 Member Motion - Councillor Cilevitz - Motion to Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding**

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz  
Seconded by: Councillor DiPaola

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents; and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

a) That Richmond Hill Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities;

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For Your Information and Any Action Deemed Necessary

- b) That Richmond Hill Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities;
- c) That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure and program delivery needs;
- d) That this initiative be in addition to the efforts made by OBCM and AMO in addressing the funding shortfall of municipalities in a targeted and individualized manner to ensure funding sources are sustainable for all services provided by municipalities including mental health and homelessness.
- e) That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister of Canada and local Members of Parliament (MPs), and to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) following the Provincial Election on February 27, 2025
- f) That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

Carried Unanimously





# Interoffice Memorandum

**GEORGINA**

**Clerk's Division**

**To:** Mayor and Council

**From:** Samantha Naumoski, Committee Services Coordinator

**cc:** Rachel Dillabough Town Clerk  
Mamata Baykar, Deputy Clerk

**Date:** April 2, 2025

**Re:** **RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC-2025-0016**  
Re: Hate Has No Place Here Campaign

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Please be advised that at its meeting held on March 4, 2025, the Georgina Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee passed the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC-2025-0016**

Moved By Charlene Biggerstaff

Seconded By Mona Steitieh

That the Georgina Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee formally requests that the "Hate Has No Place Here" stickers be re-printed for distribution purposes, utilizing a budget of \$500.00.

Carried

Please note that the resolution and comments are taken from the un-adopted draft minutes.

March 12, 2025

VIA EMAIL

The Hon. Doug Ford  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto ON M7A 1A1  
[premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Dear Premier Ford

**Re: Motion to Request Landlord Tenant Reforms**

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At its Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council approved the following resolution:

Resolution 2025-79  
Moved: Councillor Giordano  
Seconded: Councillor Dykie

WHEREAS Ontario has expanded the accessory dwelling unit (ADU) framework to address the housing supply crisis, which includes the need to balance the interests of both tenants and small-scale landlords;

WHEREAS small-scale landlords may face financial strain when tenants withhold rent in bad faith, and delayed dispute resolution systems can result in undue hardship for landlords, while also affecting tenants' security and well-being;

WHEREAS it is crucial to support the development of legal ADUs and secondary rentals while ensuring tenants' rights are respected and upheld;

WHEREAS proposed reforms could include:

- Accelerating dispute resolution for ADUs and secondary rentals at the Landlord and Tenant Board (LTB) within 30 days, ensuring fairness for both tenants and landlords
- Introducing mediation services to resolve disputes quickly and amicably, reducing reliance on lengthy hearings
- Providing both landlords and tenants with enhanced tools for clear communication, such as standardized rental agreements and better screening practices

- Strengthening protections for tenants against unfair eviction while enforcing stricter penalties for tenants withholding rent in bad faith
- Ensuring law enforcement access to properties only under appropriate circumstances, respecting tenants' rights while supporting landlords in the resolution of unpaid rent issues
- Establishing a hardship relief fund for landlords impacted by unpaid rent, while ensuring tenants are also supported in cases of financial distress
- Offering free or low-cost legal assistance to both landlords and tenants to navigate disputes fairly.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council requests the provincial government to look at ways to implement these balanced reforms that protect both small-scale landlords and tenants, ensuring fairness in the rental market; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, our local Member of Provincial Parliament, President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Attorney General, and all Ontario municipalities to support the creation of balanced protections for both landlords and tenants

CARRIED.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Regards,



Tara Reynolds  
Clerk, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury  
(905) 775-5366 Ext 1104  
[treynolds@townofbwg.com](mailto:treynolds@townofbwg.com)

CC: President of Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Robin Jones - [resolutions@amo.on.ca](mailto:resolutions@amo.on.ca)  
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing - [minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)  
Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General - [attorneygeneral@ontario.ca](mailto:attorneygeneral@ontario.ca)  
All Ontario Municipalities



# Interoffice Memorandum

**GEORGINA**

**Clerk's Division**

**To:** Mayor and Council

**From:** Samantha Naumoski, Committee Services Coordinator

**cc:** Rachel Dillabough, Town Clerk

Mamata Baykar, Deputy Clerk

**Date:** April 2, 2025

**Re:** **RESOLUTION NO. GAAC-2025-0010**

Re: RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0042, in correspondence to REPORT NO. CSD-2025-0005, Georgina Ice Palace Replacement Seating and New Railings

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Please be advised that at its meeting held on March 11, 2025, the Georgina Accessibility Advisory Committee passed the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. GAAC-2025-0010**

That the Georgina Accessibility Advisory Committee formally requests that Council ask staff to continue to review options to support accessible participation in the viewing areas at the Georgina Ice Palace, and that staff suggest additional opportunities in order to spend the \$50,000 allocation.

Moved By Charlene Biggerstaff

Seconded By Dave Harding

Carried

Please note that the resolution and comments are taken from the un-adopted draft minutes.



# External Briefing Note

## GEORGINA

**Subject:** Approval of Economic, Culture and Community Betterment Grants – Intake 1

**To:** Mayor and Council

**From:** Julie Cain – Economic Development Officer  
Economic Development and Tourism Division

**Date:** April 2, 2025

**Briefing:**

On Monday, March 10, 2025, the Internal Grant Review Committee considered nineteen (19) Economic, Culture and Community Betterment grant applications. Based on the review and evaluation of these applications, the committee considered and approved the following grants as provided in Table 1 below. Funding in the amount of \$45,000 is provided for this grant program in the 2025 budget.

**Table 1**

Applicant and Event	Requested	Approved
Georgina Spring Fling and Georgina Marathon May 4 and Sept 7, 2025 Applicant/Organization: Endurance Events	\$5000	\$5000
Free Spirit Fest June 7, 2025 Applicant/Organization: Free Spirit Fest	\$2000	\$2000
Georgina Studio Tour Sept 27 – 28, 2025 Applicant/Organization: Georgina Studio Tour	\$4000	\$3000
My Wedding Day Expo May 31, 2025 Applicant/Organization: Health and Wellness Fairs	\$4492	\$1080
Way 2 Grow June 1 – Aug 31, 2025 Applicant/Organization: Lake Simcoe South Shore Horticultural Society	\$705	\$500
Duck Races and Festival on High July 12, 2025 Applicant/Organization: Sutton BIA	\$3000	\$3000
Empower Her March 8, 2025 Applicant/Organization: Jacinta Healing Arts	\$1318	\$330

<b>Applicant and Event</b>	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Approved</b>
Painted Perch, Halloween in the Point, Holiday Celebration May 1 – Dec 31, 2025 Applicant/Organization: Jackson's Point BIA	\$5000	\$3000
All Pride No Prejudice June 7, 2025 Applicant/Organization: Georgina Pride Optimist Club	\$2800	\$1500
Georgina Roller Derby Home Opener June 7, 2025 Applicant/Organization: Georgina Roller Derby League	\$3052	\$1500
Discover Georgina Show May 3 – 4, 2025 Applicant/Organization: Georgina Chamber of Commerce	\$2394	\$1200
Cornhole Provincials 2025 July 25 – 27, 2025 Applicant/Organization: Georgina Cornhole League	\$5000	\$5000
Live and Silent Auction June 7, 2025 Applicant/Organization: Georgina Centre for Arts and Culture	\$5000	\$1000
Routes Feeds Georgina Mar 31 – May 30, 2025 Applicant/Organization: Routes Connecting Communities	\$2000	\$1000
Instructor Training Program Martial Arts Uniform Initiative High School Self Defense and Personal Safety Program Seminar – Presentation from World Famous Athlete Applicant/Organization: Rumble Martial Arts	\$3800 \$5000 \$5000 \$2200	The internal review team was unable to support the four grant applications as presented and Staff have reached out to the applicant for further discussion.
Keswick High Coffee House – fundraiser for Instruments May 15, 2025 Applicant/Organization: Keswick High School	\$2200	Referred to Mayor's Community Initiative Fund

A total of \$29,110.00 was allocated in the first intake leaving \$15,890.00 available for consideration of grants received during the second and final intake (May 26 – June 30, 2025).



## GEORGINA

**Subject:** Operation of Snowmobiles on Town Roadways

**To:** Mayor and Council

**From:** Mike Hutchinson, Manager, Municipal Law Enforcement

**Date:** April 2, 2025

**Briefing:**

On January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Council passed Resolution No. C2025-0007 to “receive the delegation from Town resident Iryna Eydtt requesting that Town Council consider instituting regulations for the operation of snowmobiles and off-road vehicles on municipal boulevards and roadways and refer her request to staff for further investigation and a response back to Council and to the resident.”

As the Town of Georgina is currently holding a pilot project for the use of off-road vehicles on certain Town highways, this briefing note will focus solely on the use of snowmobiles on Town highways. (An update on the off-road vehicle pilot project will be presented to Council at an upcoming Council Meeting later this spring.)

It is important to differentiate between snowmobiles and off-road vehicles. Snowmobiles and off-road vehicles are not considered one and the same. There is specific provincial legislation regulating the use of snowmobiles and specific provincial legislation regulating the use of off-road vehicles.

The *Motorized Snow Vehicles Act* permits snowmobiles to operate on most highways across the province. Users are not permitted to operate snowmobiles on the serviced part of the roadway on King’s Highways or secondary provincial highways unless they cross at a 90-degree angle. In Georgina, this would apply to Highway 48. Operators of snowmobiles on highways must be 16 years old and have either a driver’s licence or a motorized snow vehicle operator’s licence and the snowmobile must be registered with and have a permit from the province, as well as insurance. Like off-road vehicles, the speed that a snowmobile may travel along the highway is limited to 20 km/hour where the posted speed limit is 50 km/hour or less and 50 km/hour where the posted speed limit is 50+ km/hour.

Municipalities have the authority to further govern the use of snowmobiles within their municipal boundaries. The Council of the Town of Georgina enacted a snowmobile by-law in 2003 with the purpose of prohibiting snowmobiles from being operated on the sidewalk. Similarly to the *Motorized Snow Vehicles Act*, the by-law may only be enforced by a police officer. The Town’s Public Parks By-law prohibits the use of motorized vehicles within Town parks and trails, and this by-law can be enforced by both the Municipal Law Enforcement Division and York Regional Police.

The province has given municipalities the authority to address local problems as they arise in each municipality, and other municipalities around Lake Simcoe have, like the Town of Georgina, enacted snowmobile by-laws, including the City of Barrie, the City of Orillia, the Township of Brock, and the Town of Innisfil. None of these municipalities have strictly prohibited snowmobiles from their Town highways; some have prohibited snowmobiles from operating on highways overnight, while one has prohibited them from operating on boulevards in urban areas, and another has prohibited their operation on all boulevards throughout the municipality. One municipality has required that snowmobiles may only be operated on a road allowance for the purpose of travelling from the operator's residence to an approved trail or a lake and to return from such trail or lake. Municipalities have the option of prohibiting snowmobiles from being operated on specific highways within their boundaries, such as through their downtown cores. Municipalities may also set the speed limit of snowmobiles to be lower than the provincial standard.

In Georgina, the Municipal Law Enforcement Division does not typically receive a lot of complaints regarding snowmobiles. Historically, staff receive a maximum of five complaints each winter, however this winter there has been less than that, which is surprising as we have received more snow this winter than in recent years. The complaints that the Municipal Law Enforcement Division receive usually involve snowmobiles riding through Town parks or driving across private property, which the Municipal Law Enforcement Division cannot enforce. Complaints received regarding snowmobiles are not typically for snowmobiles operating on Town highways or boulevards.

Snowmobiling is a culturally significant recreational activity in the Town of Georgina. Based on anecdotal information, the Town of Georgina's Economic Development Division believes that many snowmobilers are accessing Lake Simcoe for ice fishing. Ice fishing enthusiasts that visit Georgina have an impact on our economy during the winter season, and tightening the rules on the use of snowmobiles may be detrimental to local tourism.

Town of Georgina Zoning By-law 500 was amended in 2017 to permit the storage of recreational vehicles, including snowmobiles, in front yards and driveways. There are occasions when the requirements for permanent storage of leisure vehicles cannot be met due to setback restrictions; however, in most cases, snowmobiles are permitted to be stored seasonally in a front yard between November 1<sup>st</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup>. If Council decided to prohibit the use of snowmobiles on Town highways, it would be inconsistent with the changes made to the Zoning By-law that acknowledge the recreational nature of our community. Although owners of snowmobiles would be able to store snowmobiles in their front yards, if prohibited from operation on Town highways, they would have to trailer their snowmobiles to Lake Simcoe to be used on the ice or trailer them to trail entrances. This would create further congestion in the Waterfront Park Buffer Zone and in the parking lots of our waterfront parks, where many ice users park in the winter months.

Considering that Council and staff have only received one request from the public to prohibit snowmobiles from operating on Town highways and boulevards, staff are not recommending further restrictions on the use of snowmobiles beyond the current prohibition of operating on sidewalks. It is not ideal for snowmobiles to operate on a paved shoulder and the boulevard is preferred to prevent damage to the snowmobile.



Should Council direct staff to propose further regulations regarding the operation of snowmobiles on Town highways, staff will be prepared to draft such proposals for Council's consideration. Currently, prohibiting snowmobiles from operating on Town highways and boulevards does not appear to be a priority for residents within the municipality.

## **Notice of Motion from Councillor Dave Neeson**

Introduced on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

To be heard on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025.

**WHEREAS** road salt is a known toxic substance designated under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act because of tangible threats of serious and irreversible environmental and public health concerns associated with road salt; and

**WHEREAS** salt levels in Ontario's groundwater aquifers, creeks, rivers, and lakes have increasingly worsened since the 1970s, seriously affecting municipal drinking water sources and aquatic life; and

**WHEREAS** Lake Simcoe is our closest freshwater lake and is the 4th largest inland lake within Ontario, host to a number of functions including a biodiverse habitat for over 56 species of fish, the source water for municipal drinking water for hundreds of thousands of residents within the watershed, including 41,000 here in the Town of Georgina, and the many other recreational and commercial functions it serves; and

**WHEREAS** Lake Simcoe's salinity concentrations have increased over 500% since monitoring began over the past 50 years, with the primary contributor being runoff from the use of salt for winter maintenance; and

**WHEREAS** the Ontario and Canadian governments have taken many actions over the past 25 years including setting water quality guidelines, developing voluntary codes of practice, signing the Canada-Ontario Great Lakes Agreement, and holding workshops, yet still the salt problem continues to grow; and

**WHEREAS** numerous situation analyses have recommended salt solutions involving liability protection, contractor certification, government-approved Best Management Practices (BMPs) and salt management plans; and

**WHEREAS** increased numbers of slip and fall claims, and other injury/collision claims related to snow and ice, are resulting in salt applicators overusing salt beyond levels considered best practices; and

**WHEREAS** unlimited contractor liability is making it difficult or expensive for snow and ice management contractors to obtain insurance coverage, resulting in contractors leaving the business, thereby making it difficult for municipalities and private owners to find contractors; and

**WHEREAS** the Snow and Ice Management Sector (SMS) of Landscape Ontario is working with the Ontario government to institute a limited liability regime for snow and ice management, including enforceable contractor training/certification and government-approved BMPs for salt application; and

## **Notice of Motion from Councillor Dave Neeson**

Introduced on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

To be heard on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025.

**WHEREAS** many Ontario municipalities have Salt Management Plans, but these often require updating in light of improved science and better salt management practices now available; and

**WHEREAS** The Town of Georgina shares fifty-two (52) kilometers of beautiful Lake Simcoe shoreline and all 288 square kilometers of the Town of Georgina are encompassed by sub-watersheds that drain into Lake Simcoe; and

**WHEREAS** road authorities that use salt, such as the Town of Georgina, must abide by, and benefit from, established provincial regulations around snow clearing and maintenance, whereas private contractors only have voluntary programs for salt use for private and commercial property management; and

**WHEREAS** the Town of Georgina has demonstrated great initiative in salt mitigation efforts including committing to the use of rock salt alternatives, installation of electronic spreader controllers on all material spreading units, reduced application rates when appropriate, use of pre-wet and brine when appropriate, and an updated salt management plan that outlines salt best management practices specific to the Corporation of the Town of Georgina's winter maintenance operations

### **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. That the Town of Georgina urges the province of Ontario to work urgently with key stakeholders to develop limited liability legislation, including enforceable contractor training and a single set of provincially endorsed standard BMPs for snow and ice management; and
2. That the Town of Georgina urges the province of Ontario to create and fund an expert stakeholder advisory committee to advise the province and municipalities on the best courses of action to protect freshwater ecosystems and drinking water from the impacts of salt pollution; and
3. That the Town of Georgina continues to commit to the reduction of the use of road salt as much as possible while meeting local service levels and maintaining safety on roads and sidewalks; and
4. That a copy of this resolution be sent to all municipalities in York Region, all Lake Simcoe watershed municipalities; The Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation and The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority requesting their endorsement; The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); all Lake Simcoe watershed MPPs; Conservation Ontario; The Ontario Salt

**Notice of Motion from Councillor Dave Neeson**

Introduced on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

To be heard on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025.

Pollution Coalition; The Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition; Minister Todd McCarthy (MECP); Attorney General Doug Downey, and Premier Doug Ford.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA  
IN THE  
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

**BYLAW NUMBER 2025-0023 (PL-1)**

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BEING A BYLAW TO DEEM CERTAIN REGISTERED PLANS OF SUBDIVISION OR PARTS THEREOF NOT TO BE REGISTERED PLANS OF SUBDIVISION FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTION 50(3) OF THE PLANNING ACT, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, AS AMENDED.

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**WHEREAS** Lot 113, Plan 351 is a whole lot on a registered plan of subdivision that can be conveyed independently from the parcel of land described as Part of Lot 112, Plan 351;

**AND WHEREAS** the registered owners of lands described as Lot 113 and Part of Lot 112, Plan 351 desire to merge the lands together to allow for a larger building envelope for a replacement dwelling;

**AND WHEREAS** this deeming by-law will legally cause Lot 113 and Part of Lot 112, Plan 351, to merge in title, thereby creating a single landholding;

**NOW THEREFORE**, pursuant to Section 50(4) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Georgina ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. **THAT** Lot 113 and Part of Lot 112, Plan 351, of the Town of Georgina in the Regional Municipality of York, are hereby deemed not to be lots within a registered plan of subdivision for the purposes of Section 50(3) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended.

READ and enacted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2025.

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Margaret Quirk, Mayor

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Rachel Dillabough, Town Clerk

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA  
IN THE  
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

**BY-LAW NO. 2025-0024 (COU-2)**

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BEING A BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 2<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2025

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WHEREAS pursuant to Section 5(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. M.25 (the Act) as amended, the powers of a municipality shall be exercised by its Council;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Section 5(3) of the Act, a municipal power, including a municipality's capacity, rights, powers and privileges under Section 9 of the Act, shall be exercised by bylaw unless the municipality is specifically authorized to do otherwise;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient that the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Georgina at this meeting be confirmed and adopted by bylaw;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Georgina, in the Regional Municipality of York, enacts as follows:

1. The actions of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Georgina at its meeting held on April 2, 2025 in respect of each recommendation contained in the Reports of the Departments and each motion and resolution passed and other action taken by the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Georgina at this meeting, is hereby adopted and confirmed as if all such proceedings were expressly embodied in this bylaw;
2. The Mayor and proper officials of The Corporation of the Town of Georgina are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the action of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Georgina referred to in the preceding section hereof;
3. The Mayor or Deputy Mayor and Clerk or Deputy Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute all documents necessary on that behalf and to affix thereto the Seal of the Corporation of the Town of Georgina; and
4. For the purposes of the exercise of the authority of the head of Council to veto a bylaw in accordance with Section 284.11 of the Act, this Confirmatory Bylaw shall be deemed to be separate Confirmatory Bylaws for each item listed on the agenda.

READ AND ENACTED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2025.

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Margaret Quirk, Mayor

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Rachel Dillabough, Town Clerk