



GEORGINA

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

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

9:00 AM

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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. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEM(S)

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the meeting held on March 11, 2025

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8. SPEAKERS

1. DeafBlind Ontario Services

Erin Thomas, Community Engagement Manager of Central Region at DeafBlind Ontario Services, to speak to the Committee about the organization.

9. DELEGATIONS/ PETITIONS

10. PRESENTATIONS

11. REPORTS

12. GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Multi-Year Accessibility Plan Update

Tim Higgins, Accessibility/AODA Compliance Advisor, to provide a verbal update on the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan.

2. Accessibility in Watson Subdivision

Scott Wollin, Committee Member, to share comments and experience on accessibility in the Watson Subdivision.

13. MOTIONS/ NOTICES OF MOTION

14. OTHER BUSINESS

15. CLOSED SESSION

16. MOTION TO ADJOURN



**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF GEORGINA**

Georgina Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: Tuesday, March 11, 2025
Time: 9:00 AM

Members of
Committee
Present:

Lee Dale
Dave Harding
Wendy Busby
Charlene Biggerstaff
Michelle Radigan-Marriott

Members of
Committee
Absent:

Scott Wollin

Staff Present:

Samantha Naumoski, Committee Services Coordinator
Bob Ferguson, Manager of Parks Development and Operations
Tim McClatchie, Manager of Facilities
Timothy Higgins, Accessibility/AODA Compliance Advisor
Susan Lazzer, Project Manager
Olga Lawton, Manager, Corporate Strategy and Transformation
Mowafak Rajjoub, Construction Project Manager
Stefan Hordatt, Manager, Capital Projects
Steve Lee Young, Director, Community Services

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Called to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

As noted above.

3. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

4. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEM(S)

None.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. GAAC-2025-0007

Moved By Charlene Biggerstaff

Seconded By Dave Harding

That the March 11, 2025 Agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

6. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None.

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Meeting held on February 4, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. GAAC-2025-0008

Moved By Charlene Biggerstaff

Seconded By Wendy Busby

That the Minutes of the Georgina Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting held on February 4, 2025 be approved as presented.

Carried

8. SPEAKERS

None.

9. DELEGATIONS/ PETITIONS

None.

10. PRESENTATIONS

None.

11. REPORTS

None.

12. GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS

1. REPORT NO. CSD-2025-0005, Georgina Ice Palace Replacement Seating and New Railings

Staff from the Capital Projects Division and Community Services Department discussed REPORT NO. CSD-2025-0005, Georgina Ice Palace Replacement Seating and New Railings, in correspondence with RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0042, from the February 26, 2025 Council meeting. Members of the Committee were able to share their own experiences at the Georgina Ice Palace and suggested areas where accessibility could be improved.

The Committee was presented with a list of Building Condition Assessment (BCA) items that were conducted in 2022 for the Georgina Ice Palace.

Photos of the Georgina Ice Palace were shared, showcasing areas where accessibility improvements are proposed.

The Committee reviewed the challenges posed by the current layout, particularly with respect to visibility from certain areas of the facility. It was suggested that the middle windows in the Ice Palace be enlarged to improve visibility. The proposal also included the installation of a ramp in front of the windows to ensure that those with accessibility needs, could easily view events from these improved vantage points.

Staff are also seeking possibilities in improving the elevator lift to maintain accessibility and addressing it in the 2026 Capital Budget.

RESOLUTION NO. GAAC-2025-0009

Moved By Michelle Radigan-Marriott
Seconded By Dave Harding

That the item regarding REPORT NO. CSD-2025-0005, Georgina Ice Palace Replacement Seating and New Railings, be received for information.

Carried

RESOLUTION NO. GAAC-2025-0010

Moved By Charlene Biggerstaff
Seconded By Dave Harding

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.

Carried

Quorum was lost at 10:51 a.m.

2. Multi-Year Accessibility Plan Update

Tim Higgins, Accessibility/AODA Compliance Advisor, to provide a verbal update on the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan.

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Councillor Lee Dale, Chair

Samantha Naumoski, Committee Services Coordinator