



**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF GEORGINA
Council Minutes**

Date: Wednesday, November 8, 2023
Time: 9:00 AM

Members of Council
Present:

Mayor Margaret Quirk
Regional Councillor Davison
Councillor Biggerstaff
Councillor Fellini
Councillor Neeson
Councillor Genge
Councillor Dale

Staff Present:

Ryan Cronsberry, CAO
Denis Beaulieu, Director of Development Services
Steve Lee-Young, Director of Community Services
Michael Bigioni, Director of Legislative Services, Town Solicitor
Rob Wheeler, Deputy CAO/Treasurer
Michael Vos, Director of Operations and Infrastructure
Shawn Nastke, Director, Strategic Initiatives
Val Stevens, Director, Library Services/CEO
Kelly Atkinson, Head, Human Resources
Rachel Dillabough, Town Clerk
Mamata Baykar, Deputy Clerk
Carolyn Lance, Council Services Coordinator
Cheyenne McAnuff, Records and Information Coordinator
Alan Drozd, Manager of Planning Policy
Anne Winstanley, Supervisor, Communications
Dina Havkin, Manager of Finance and Deputy Treasurer
Geoff Harrison, Manager, Taxation, Revenue & Customer Service
Karyn Stone, Manager, Economic Development & Tourism
Stefan Hordatt, Manager, Capital Projects - Strategic Initiatives
Stirling Munro, Manager of Procurement
Tanya Thompson, Communications Manager

Others Present:

Courtney Rennie, Senior Project Manager
Lorianne Zwicker, Deputy Fire Chief
Alison Yu, Senior Financial Analyst
Jessica Shoebridge, Animal Shelter Coordinator

Megan Long, Animal Shelter Coordinator
Katelyn Moore, Multimedia Communications Specialist
Melissa Moss, Graphic Designer
Tanya Mina, Web Content Specialist

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.”

- November 11th is Remembrance Day; Council remembered our war veterans, those who gave the ultimate sacrifice, those who serve our Country today and in the past

2. ROLL CALL

As noted above

3. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Saturday, November 11th is Remembrance Day, services will be held at the Keswick and Sutton cenotaphs at 10:30am and 11:00am respectively
 - Today is Indigenous Veteran's Day; Chief Jenkins is on Georgina Island to lay a wreath on behalf of the Town of Georgina. This nationally recognized day recognizes the service of indigenous people in the military and peace-keeping efforts over the years, flags will be flown at half-mast across Town facilities on November 8th and again on November 11th.
1. Pet Of The Month - Animal Shelter staff introducing pets available for adoption from the Georgina Animal Shelter

Megan Long and **Jessica Shoebridge**, Animal Shelter Coordinators, introduced Howard, a one and a half year old hound-mix who arrived at the shelter as a stray. Howard is a people-person, is food motivated, loves to play and is available for adoption at the Animal Shelter.

Continuation of Community Announcements;

- Sunday, November 12th, Friends of the Library is hosting a Victorian Tea Party event, 2-4pm

- Pefferlaw Lions held its Remembrance Day Service
- 'Movember' fundraiser on behalf of men's health lasts throughout the month of November
- Saturday, November 11th, Remembrance Day services to be held at the cenotaphs in Keswick and Sutton, 10:30am to 11:00am, to remember and honour our dedicated service veterans
- Wednesday, November 8th, 'I Read Canadian Day'; read a book by a Canadian author
- Thursday, November 9th, The Printmakers Festival opening ceremony, Georgina Art Gallery, 6:00pm
- Stroke drop-in today at the Sutton Library, 2:00pm, for those who have suffered a stroke and for caregivers of those who have suffered a stroke
- The Grinch can be seen around town
- Fill A Purse fundraiser for women in need at The Mansion House
- November 18th, Great Gatsby fundraising event at The Mansion House for the Food Pantry
- November 26th, Georgina Cares Auction on Rogers TV

2. Presentation of Marcom Awards to two Town Divisions

Mayor Quirk announced that two Town divisions won MarCom awards, an international creative competition from the Association of Marketing and Communication Professional that recognize outstanding achievement by marketing and communication professionals that exceed a high standard of excellence and are among the largest, most respected international creative competitions.

- The Economic Development and Tourism Division received a MarCom gold award for its Field To Table marketing campaign.
- The Communications Division received a platinum award for its Georgina's Game Plan marketing campaign for the Town's Strategic Plan, a gold award for its 2023 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation video and an Honourable Mention for its sneak peek video of the new Multi-use Recreation Complex in the category of Social Media Video.

Karen Stone recognized the Economic Development and Tourism Division Team members; Katrina Ellis, Julie Cain and Cristina Liu

Tanya Thompson recognized the Communications Team members; Kaitlyn Moore, Anne Winstanley, Melissa Moss and Tanya Mina

4. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEM(S)

- Item No. 3.2, announcement of MarCom award recipients
- Item No. 11.1.g (originally 11.1.f), Report No. DCAO-2023-0012, Release of 2024 Draft Budget
- Item No. 11.1.h, verbal update by staff regarding the Pefferlaw Pump Track and Skatepark
- Item No. 10.1.a, to be dealt with under Item 11, Reports

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**RESOLUTION NO. C-2023-0369**

Moved By Councillor Neeson

Seconded By Councillor Dale

That the November 8, 2023 Council agenda, with the following addendum item, be adopted;

- Item No. 3.2, announcement of MarCom award recipients
- Item No. 11.1.g (originally 11.1.f), Report No. DCAO-2023-0012, Release of 2024 Draft Budget
- Item No. 11.1.h, verbal update by staff regarding the Pefferlaw Pump Track and Skatepark
- Item No. 10.1.a, to be dealt with under Item 11, Reports

Carried

6. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF None**7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES****RESOLUTION NO. C-2023-0370**

Moved By Councillor Fellini

Seconded By Councillor Biggerstaff

That the following minutes be adopted as presented:

1. Council Minutes held on October 4, 2023

Carried

8. SPEAKERS AND DELEGATIONS

1. Presentation; Tamas Hertel, Manager of York Region Transit Service Planning, to present proposed changes to transit services in Georgina for 2024

Tamas Hertel, Manager of York Region Transit Service Planning, presented the 2024 annual plan for York Region Transit as it pertains to the Town of Georgina, reviewed 2023 key initiatives, reviewed the annual plan process, provided a summary of stakeholder and public consultation, a summary of 2024 transit initiatives, ridership trends and next steps.

Numerous suggestions were made including; an alternate name for Mobility On Request (MOR), an express route to Hwy 404, potential stop added at East Gwillimbury GO Station, access to seasonal stops off the main route, year-round collection of data, alternative promotion methods of MOR, additional connections, alternate route to avoid North Street which is narrow and has no sidewalks.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2023-0371

Moved By Regional Councillor Davison

Seconded By Councillor Neeson

That Council receive the presentation provided by Tamas Hertel, Manager of York Region Transit Service Planning, presenting the proposed changes to transit services in Georgina for 2024.

Carried

9. PETITIONS None.

11. REPORTS

1. Adoption Of Reports Not Requiring Separate Discussion

Moved By Councillor Fellini

Seconded By Councillor Genge

That the following report recommendations be adopted;

b. Award of Contract OID2023-082 - Replacement of three (3) Dump Trucks with Winter Control Equipment

Report No. OI-2023-0014

RESOLUTION NO. C-2023-0372

1. That Council receive Report No. OI-2023-0014 prepared by the Fleet Division, Operations and Infrastructure Department dated November 8th, 2023, regarding the Award of Contract OID2023-082 - Replacement of three (3) dump trucks with winter control equipment (FLT-113, FLT-114, FLT-115);

2. That Council award the contract for "OID2023-082 - Three (3) Dump Trucks with Winter Control Equipment" to Donald Currie Trucks Inc. in the amount of \$1,198,092.00 excluding applicable taxes;

3. That Council approve the budget increase of \$187,921.54 (including 1.76% HST) to be funded by the Fleet and Equipment Replacement Reserve; and,

4. That Council authorize the Manager of Procurement Services to execute the contract with Donald Currie Trucks Inc. and all other necessary documents on behalf of the Town.

Carried

c. 2024 Interim Realty Tax Levy

Report No. DCAO-2023-0013

RESOLUTION NO. C-2023-0373

1. That Council receive Report No. DCAO-2023-0013 prepared by the Taxation and Revenue Division, Office of the Deputy CAO dated November 8, 2023 respecting the 2024 Interim Realty Tax Levy.

2. That Council authorize the following regarding the 2024 Interim Realty Tax Levy; and

a. That an Interim Tax be levied on all rateable real property in the Town of Georgina which has been assessed according to the last revised assessment roll; and

b. That the 2024 Interim Tax Levy be set at 50% of the total 2023 taxes payable on each property; and

c. That for new properties added to the assessment roll for 2024 taxation, interim tax rates would be equivalent to 50% of the 2023 tax rate as listed in Attachment "1"; and

d. That the Interim Tax Levy for these realty taxes be paid in two relatively equal installments and the installments shall be due Monday, February 26, 2024 and Friday, April 26, 2024; and

e. That the Treasurer and/or Tax Collector be authorized to amend in whole or in part any billing in order to comply with any provincial legislation which may be introduced or passed by the Province of Ontario prior to or after the issuance of the billing.

3. That Council adopt the necessary By-Law to give effect to the above-noted recommendations.

d. Asset Retirement Obligation Policy

Report No. DCAO-2023-0016

RESOLUTION NO. C-2023-0374

1. That Council receive Report No. DCAO-2023-0016 prepared by the Financial Strategy and Planning Division dated November 8, 2023 regarding the Asset Retirement Obligations Policy.
2. That Council approve the Asset Retirement Obligation Policy as outlined in Attachment '1' of the report.

Carried

2. Reports Requiring Separate Discussion

Item No. 10.1.a, as follows, was dealt with as a regular report rather than as a public meeting.

- a. Applications for Draft Plan of Subdivision and Zoning Bylaw Amendment

1376389 Ontario Ltd., Part Lot 3, Concession 4 N(G), Part 1, Plan RS65R-13487, e/s Woodbine Avenue, Keswick

Report No. DS-2023-0092

Denis Beaulieu; applications would facilitate, both in the interim and the final development scheme, given the timing for servicing in this area, provisions for development on private interim services with conditions around timing and securities for full servicing of the lands when needed either by other developments in the southern part of the Keswick Business Park and/or when the twin force mains are activated on Woodbine Avenue. The plan is to obtain Council approval of the recommendations, to work with the applicant on finalization of the zoning bylaw and expectation of a site plan application to advance the Scott Woods Transport component of this development.

Murray Evans; client moving facility from Vaughan to Georgina, wants to move asap, meeting on Friday to take this hopeful approval and start working on next step in the development - hopefully mid summer next year he will have a building permit application.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2023-0375

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff

Seconded By Councillor Fellini

1. That Council receive Report No. DS-2023-0092 prepared by the Development Planning Division, Development Services Department dated November 8, 2023, respecting applications for Draft Plan of Subdivision and Zoning By-law Amendment submitted by Evans Planning Inc. (c/o Murray

Evans) on behalf of 1376389 Ontario Limited for the property legally described as Part of Lot 3, Concession 4 (NG), Part 1, Plan RS65R-13487;

2. That Council approve the above-noted Draft Plan of Subdivision application, subject to the Conditions of Draft Approval forming Attachment No. 6 to Report DS-2023-0092;
3. That Council approve the application to amend Zoning By-law 500 to rezone the lands legally described as Part of Lot 3, Concession 4 (NG), Part 1, Plan RS65R-13487 from Rural (RU) to various standard and site-specific Business Park (BP) 1, 2 (Gateway) and 3 zones;
4. That, should minor revisions be required to the Zoning By-law Amendment application as per Section 34 (17) of the Planning Act, that further notice shall not be required; and,
5. That the implementing amending Zoning By-law be progressed to Council at a later date.

Carried

11. REPORTS

2. Reports Requiring Separate Discussion;
 - a. MURC verbal update by consultant

Melanie Morris, Colliers Project Leaders, provided a status report on the MURC construction project, advising that the project is 92% complete by cost with a December 2023 turnover to the Town and a public opening in March of 2024. The project remains on time and on budget. The release of a time lapse video is the progress.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2023-0376

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff
Seconded By Councillor Neeson

That Council receive, with thanks, the verbal update provided by Melanie Morris of Colliers Project Leaders regarding the progress of the Multi Use Recreation Complex (MURC) construction project and timelines.

Carried

- h. Verbal update by staff regarding the Pefferlaw Pump Track and Skate Park

Courtney Rennie provided an update on the Pefferlaw Pump Track and Skate Park project with paving and substantial completion expected in June 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2023-0377

Moved By Councillor Dale

Seconded By Councillor Genge

That Council receive the verbal report provided by staff concerning the Pefferlaw Pump Track and Skate Park project construction and timelines.

Carried

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff

Seconded By Councillor Fellini

That the meeting recess at 10:30am

Carried

The Council Meeting reconvened at 10:45am

e. Water Bill High Consumption Policy

Report No. DCAO-2023-0015

Discussion included a potential monthly water billing to determine water leaks sooner and the ability for residents to access their water billing online or an alert in the system to advise of an increase in water consumption.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2023-0378

Moved By Councillor Neeson

Seconded By Councillor Biggerstaff

1. That Council receive Report No. DCAO-2023-0015 prepared by the Taxation and Revenue Division, Office of the Deputy CAO dated November 8, 2023 respecting the Water Bill High Consumption Policy.
2. That Council endorse and approve the implementation of a Water Bill High Consumption Policy as outlined in Report No. DCAO-2023-0015, with an amendment to reduce the timeframe for 50% leak adjustment eligibility from 10 years to 5 years per service address.

Carried

- f. Release of 2024 Draft Budget
Report No. DCAO-2023-0012
*See below, Item No. 11.1.g of this agenda
- g. Release of the 2024 Draft Budget
Report No. DCAO-2023-0012
(Advisement: originally listed as Item 11.1.f on the main agenda)

Mayor Quirk indicated the draft budget suggests a 3.5% tax increase with an additional 2% for capital reserves, noting that there is no operating increase for the Multi Use Recreation Complex (MURC) coming online.

Rob Wheeler provided an overview of the 2024 draft budget document, advising that Bill 3, Strong Mayor Powers, has changed the budget approval process by implementing key budget process steps; Day 1 (Nov. 7th) Mayor proposes the budget, +30 days (Dec. 6th) Council meets and may amend the budget, +10 days, Mayor may veto budget amendments, +15 days, Council may override Mayoral vetos.

The proposed 2024 tax increase includes a 3.5% operating budget plus a 2% capital investment totalling a 5.5% tax levy increase; for an average single family detached dwelling with current value assessment of \$448,000, this would equate to a \$140 total tax increase.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2023-0379

Moved By Councillor Genge

Seconded By Councillor Biggerstaff

1. That Council receive Report No. DCAO-2023-0012 prepared by the Financial Strategy and Planning Division, Office of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Department, dated November 8, 2023 respecting the Release of the 2024 Draft Budget.

Carried

12. DISPOSITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Dispositions/Proclamations
 - a. Township of McKellar requesting support from all Ontario municipalities, urging the Province to amend its legislation to include digital publications as acceptable notice

- Staff was requested to communicate to Council all appropriate additional methods of reaching out to the community, once determined, in addition to digital communications

RESOLUTION NO. C-2023-0380

Moved By Councillor Neeson

Seconded By Regional Councillor Davison

That Council endorse the position of the Township of McKellar urging the Province to amend its legislation to include digital publications as an acceptable means of publication and notice requirements.

Carried

2. General Information Items

a. Information Items

Councillor Neeson expressed his appreciation to the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury and the Township of Brock for their support of Georgina's request to the Province to move forward on the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan and retain the 44 tonne target per year including the annual financial plan to achieve such phosphorus reduction.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2023-0381

Moved By Councillor Neeson

Seconded By Councillor Fellini

That the General Information items for the November 8, 2023 Council Agenda be received.

Carried

b. Briefing Notes None.

13. **MOTIONS/ NOTICES OF MOTION None.**

14. **REGIONAL BUSINESS**

November 9th Regional Committee of the Whole agenda includes; Infrastructure Plan update, servicing capacities and provincial growth targets, provincial fair integration program, public transit transfers between York Region Transit and TTC, vacant home taxes, community, safety and well-being plan

15. **OTHER BUSINESS**

16. **BY-LAWS**

Moved By Councillor Fellini

Seconded By Councillor Genge

That the following bylaw be adopted as presented;

1. Bylaw Number 2023-0083 (TA-1) to levy an interim rate upon taxable property for the 2024 taxation year

Carried

17. CLOSED SESSION

Moved By Regional Councillor Davison

Seconded By Councillor Neeson

That Council convene into Closed Session at 11:45am to deal with the following matter(s);

- a. LITIGATION OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION, INCLUDING MATTERS BEFORE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNALS, AFFECTING THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD, Section 239(2)(e), MA; Lake Drive Jurisdiction - Judicial Review

Carried

Moved By Regional Councillor Davison

Seconded By Councillor Fellini

That the meeting reconvene into Open Session at 1:12pm and report on matter(s) discussed in Closed Session.

Carried

RESOLUTION NO. C-2023-0382

Moved By Councillor Neeson

Seconded By Councillor Genge

In regard to Closed Session item 17.1(a) on the agenda under Section 239(2)(e) of the Municipal Act being litigation or potential litigation including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board regarding Lake Drive Jurisdiction Judicial Review;

1. That Council receive the Solicitor's update and direct staff and Solicitor to proceed accordingly

Carried

18. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff

Seconded By Councillor Dale

That the following bylaw be adopted;

1. Bylaw Number 2023-0084 (COU-2) confirming proceedings of Council on November 8, 2023

Carried

19. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved By Regional Councillor Davison
Seconded By Councillor Fellini

That the meeting adjourn at 1:15pm

Carried

Margaret Quirk, Mayor

Rachel Dillabough, Town Clerk