



THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWN OF GEORGINA

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**Georgina Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee Minutes**

Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024  
Time: 7:00 PM

Members of Committee Present: Margaret Quirk  
Charlene Biggerstaff  
Michael Oyston  
Alicia Lauzon  
Hanna Gillis

Members of Committee Absent: Arati Nijsure

Staff Present: Cheyenne McAnuff  
Hillary Thompson  
Kelly Atkinson  
Patti White

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

“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 the 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**

As noted above

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

None

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC2024-0001**

Moved By Michael Oyston  
Seconded By Alicia Lauzon

That the January 30, 2024 Agenda be approved as presented.

**Carried**

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

**6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes from the October 31, 2023 Meeting

**RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC2024-0002**

Moved By Michael Oyston  
Seconded By Hanna Gillis

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on October 31, 2023 be approved as presented.

**Carried**

**7. SPEAKERS**

**8. DELEGATIONS/ PETITIONS**

**9. PRESENTATIONS**

1. Georgina Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee Orientation 2022-2026

Hillary Thompson, Committee Services Coordinator gave an overview of the roles and responsibilities of the members of the committee as well as staff liaisons.

Charlene Biggerstaff joined the meeting at 7:10 pm.

**RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC2024-0003**

Moved By Hanna Gillis  
Seconded By Alicia Lauzon

That the presentation regarding Committee orientation provided by Hillary Thompson, Committee Services Coordinator, be received as presented.

**Carried**

**10. REPORTS**

1. Verbal Update from Kelly Atkinson regarding Anti-Racism Policy

**RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC2024-0004**

Moved By Charlene Biggerstaff  
Seconded By Michael Oyston

That the update provided by Kelly Atkinson, Head of Human Resources, regarding the Town's Anti-Racism Policy be approved as presented.

**Carried**

2. Verbal Update from Kelly Atkinson regarding Equity and Diversity Corporate Training Budget Request

**RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC2024-0005**

Moved By Alicia Lauzon  
Seconded By Michael Oyston

That the update provided by Kelly Atkinson, Head of Human Resources, regarding the Town's Equity and Diversity Corporate Training Budget Request be approved as presented.

**Carried**

**11. GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Black History Month Events at the Georgina Public Library
2. Inclusion Charter for York Region Update
3. Multi-Faith Calendar 2024

**RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC2024-0006**

Moved By Charlene Biggerstaff  
Seconded By Hanna Gillis

That General Information items 11.1, 11.2 and 11.3 be approved as presented.

**Carried**

**12. MOTIONS/ NOTICES OF MOTION**

**13. OTHER BUSINESS**

1. 2023 and 2024 Georgina Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee Schedule

**RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC2024-0007**

Moved By Michael Oyston  
Seconded By Hanna Gillis

That the 2023 and 2024 Georgina Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee schedule be approved as presented.

**Carried**

2. Roundtable Discussion: Committee Priorities

The Committee brainstormed various initiatives and causes which they would like to be involved in throughout 2024. Training opportunities and various community events were discussed and planning such events will remain ongoing throughout 2024.

**14. CLOSED SESSION**

**15. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC2024-0009**

Moved By Charlene Biggerstaff  
Seconded By Alicia Lauzon

That the meeting adjourn at 8:29pm.

**Carried**

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Mayor Margaret Quirk, Vice Chair

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Hillary Thompson, Committee Services Coordinator