



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

Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2024  
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  
Shawn Nastke, Director, Strategic Initiatives  
Michael Vos, Director of Operations and Infrastructure  
Mamata Baykar, Deputy Clerk  
Carolyn Lance, Council Services Coordinator  
Cheyenne McAnuff, Records and Information Coordinator  
Mike Hutchinson, Manager of Municipal Law Enforcement  
Stefan Hordatt, Manager, Capital Projects - Strategic Initiatives  
Stirling Munro, Manager of Procurement

**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.”

- State funeral planned in January for Ed Broadbent who passed away recently, NDP Leader from 1975 to 1989
- Bart Johnson, local farmer, member of many boards, passed away the end of 2023
- Ted Quinn, founder of Quinn's Marina, passed away before Christmas, 2023

## 2. ROLL CALL

As noted above

## 3. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Chief Jenkins provided a verbal update regarding the CN level crossing on Old Homestead Road between Weir's Sideroad and Forestry Drive in Pefferlaw; it was noticed December 20, 2023 that the arms and signals across the road were not operating properly. The Town contacted the CN Senior Manager Public Affairs, Incident Management and Safety, and advised that repairs would be done and would take until after the holidays to complete, repairs were completed on January 17th and the crossing is back to normal operations. A meeting will be scheduled to critique the response by CN and improvements that may need to be made, including communication to the public and what actions can be taken when mechanisms are found to be working improperly.
1. Pet Of The Month - Animal Shelter staff introducing pets available for adoption from the Georgina Animal Shelter  
**Jennifer Yapa**, Animal Shelter Supervisor, introduced Sasha, a five-year-old mixed breed dog, on life-long medication for Addison's disease, loving, good with other pets. The shelter is always in need of loving fosters for dogs and cats.
    - Saturday, January 13th, Mayor and Council Levee held at The ROC
    - Wednesday, January 17th, Cornhole begins, Pefferlaw Lions Hall, children 5pm-6pm, adults 6:30pm

## 4. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEM(S)

- Item 17.1.b, Closed Session, Section 239(2)(d), MA, Non-Union Compensation Matters

**5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA****RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0001**

Moved By Councillor Fellini

Seconded By Councillor Genge

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

- Item 17.1.b, Closed Session, Section 239(2)(d), MA, Non-Union Compensation Matters

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

**Councillor Neeson** declared an interest in Closed Session 17.1.a as he is the one who has requested indemnification, being the subject of the closed session item.

**7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES****RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0002**

Moved By Regional Councillor Davison

Seconded By Councillor Biggerstaff

That the following minutes be adopted as presented:

1. Minutes of Council Meeting held on November 22, 2023

**Carried****8. SPEAKERS AND DELEGATIONS****9. PETITIONS** None**10. PUBLIC MEETINGS** None**11. REPORTS**

1. Adoption Of Reports Not Requiring Separate Discussion

None.

2. Reports Requiring Separate Discussion

- a. Sign Bylaw Relief Application – Lake Drive East, Plan 208, Lots 20 & 21

Report No. LS-2024-0002

**Qamar Rizvi**, owner of Lots 20 and 21 on Lake Drive, advised that temporary signage is a key part of his marketing plan as part of the pre-construction process, the messaging on the banner sign is to communicate that the future homes will be example homes, solar-

powered with underground geothermal energy, emitting zero energy and zero carbon footprints, producing rather than using energy.

Moved By Regional Councillor Davison  
Seconded By Councillor Dale

That the Rules of Procedure be waived to permit Qamar Rizvi, owner of Lots 20 and 21, to address Council.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0003**

Moved By Councillor Neeson  
Seconded By Regional Councillor Davison

1. That Council receive Report No. LS-2024-0002 prepared by the Municipal Law Enforcement Division, Legislative Services dated January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 respecting an Application for Sign By-law Relief for two oversized real estate signs in a Residential zone, namely at Lake Drive East, Plan 208, Lots 20 and 21.
2. That Report LS-2024-0004 be referred back to staff for further discussion with the applicant and with the Planning Department staff regarding potential refinement of the application to address the concerns raised, for further consideration at a future Council meeting.

**Carried**

**Mayor Quirk** moved forward Item 11.1.c at this time.

- c. Proposed Off-Road Vehicle Bylaw

Report No. LS-2024-0003

**Mike Hutchinson** provided information on all terrain vehicles and a brief summary of the report, reviewing restrictions and regulations, and noted that staff will report back to Council in the spring/summer of 2024 with results of this pilot project.

Moved By Councillor Neeson  
Seconded By Councillor Fellini

That the Rules of Procedure be waived to permit Constable Hoyt Miller to address Council.

**Carried**

**Constable Miller** addressed Council regarding the licensing of all-terrain vehicles.

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0004**

Moved By Councillor Dale

Seconded By Councillor Neeson

1. That Council receive Report No. LS-2024-0003 prepared by the Municipal Law Enforcement Division, Legislative Services dated January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 respecting a proposed Off-Road Vehicle By-law.
2. That Council enact the proposed Off-Road Vehicle By-law prepared by staff, which is before Council today.

**Carried**

Moved By Regional Councillor Davison

Seconded By Councillor Biggerstaff

That Council recess at 10:15am.

**Carried**

The Council meeting reconvened at 10:30am

- b. Procurement Policy and Procedures Updates

Report No. LS-2024-0001

**Stirling Munro** provided an overview of the report**RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0005**

Moved By Councillor Genge

Seconded By Councillor Fellini

1. That Council receive Report No. LS-2024-0001 prepared by the Legislative Services Department, Procurement Services Division dated January 17, 2024 regarding updates to the Procurement Policy 2018-0051 (PUR-1) and associated Procedures.

**Carried**

A redrafted procurement bylaw is to return to Council on January 24, 2024 for consideration.

- d. MURC Verbal Update

**Melanie Morris** of Colliers Project Leaders provided an update concerning the Multi-Use Recreation Complex (MURC) project, with the aid of a power point presentation, forecasting completion of the project to be on budget and on time. A time-lapse video is available on the Town's social media.

- e. Verbal Update; MURC Grand Opening

**Shawn Nastke** recognized and expressed appreciation to all those involved with the Multi-Use Recreation Complex (MURC) project.

**Patti White** advised that the Multi-Use Recreation Complex (MURC) will officially open on Saturday, March 2nd. The month of March will offer many free 'try it' activities allowing the public to try their hand at a variety of activities. The spring registration will begin March 5th for residents and March 7th for non-residents, for programming starting in April. Library staff will present a report to Council on February 7th to provide more information on programming and memberships available.

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0006**

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff  
Seconded By Councillor Neeson

That Council receive both verbal updates 11.1.d and 11.1.3 regarding the Multi-Use Recreation Complex (MURC) Project construction update and grand opening.

**Carried**

**12. DISPOSITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Dispositions/Proclamations

- a. Scot Davidson, York-Simcoe MP, requesting support against the Federal Carbon Tax unfairly punishing Georgina residents

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0007**

Moved By Regional Councillor Davison  
Seconded By Councillor Fellini

That Council receive correspondence from the office of Scot Davidson, MP, York-Simcoe, regarding the federal carbon tax which negatively affects the residents of the Town of Georgina and across York-Simcoe and the fact that no resident of Georgina or York-Simcoe qualifies for the 10% supplement for residents of small and rural communities as part of the federal liberal government's climate action incentive payment (CAIP).

**Carried**

- b. LAS, Natural Gas Program - 2021-22 Reserve Fund Rebate and HST reporting

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0008**

Moved By Regional Councillor Davison  
Seconded By Councillor Biggerstaff

That Council receive correspondence from LAS, Natural Gas Program regarding the 2021-22 Reserve Fund Rebate in the amount of \$2,403.10 and HST reporting.

**Carried**

- c. OMAFRA encouraging municipalities to take advantage of the funding opportunity through the new intake for the Rural Economic Development (RED) program opening in January of 2024.

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0009**

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff

Seconded By Councillor Fellini

That Council receive correspondence from OMAFRA encouraging municipalities to take advantage of the funding opportunity through the new intake for the Rural Economic Development (RED) Program opening in January of 2024, and refer the communication to the Strategic Initiatives Department for funding opportunities.

**Carried**

2. General Information Items

- a. Information Items

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0010**

Moved By Councillor Genge

Seconded By Councillor Neeson

That Council receive the General Information items of January 17, 2024.

**Carried**

- b. Briefing Notes

- a. 2024 Budget for Town of Georgina

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0011**

Moved By Councillor Neeson

Seconded By Regional Councillor Davison

That Council receive the briefing note summarizing the Town of Georgina 2024 adopted budget in the amount of \$118,755,710 including an operating budget of \$95,240,410 and a capital budget of \$23,515,300.

**Carried**

- b. Update - York Region's Supporting Investment Readiness Partnership Fund Program

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0012**

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff

Seconded By Councillor Fellini

That Council receive the briefing note providing an update on York Region's Supporting Investment Readiness Partnership Fund Program to support investment attraction initiatives.

**Carried**

The CAO thanked Council for its support throughout the MURC process, as well as Shawn Nastke for his hard work on the project.

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

**14. REGIONAL BUSINESS**

- endorsement of proposed new national standard for mental health and long-term care and assisted living settings
- 100th year celebration for York Regional Forest, staff requested to share upcoming notifications from the Region
- supported Innovation Investment Fund Application, Project JumpStart, Tree Frog and York University initiative or YSpace Georgina, just over \$1 Million from YR over three years, joins \$5 Million from the Federal Government, \$4 Million from the Provincial Government, \$500,000 from Newmarket, East Gwillimbury and Georgina
- York Region moved up construction plans for the intersection of Garrett Styles Drive and The Queensway South for 2024. This is in addition to the already planned intersection at Woodbine Avenue and Garrett Styles Drive to support the MURC opening

Councillor Dale, concerning Item 12.1.a and correspondence from MP Scot Davidson, concerning the Federal Carbon Tax suggested Council discuss and how to support Scot Davidson

**15. OTHER BUSINESS None.**



**16. BYLAWS**

Moved By Councillor Dale

Seconded By Councillor Fellini

That the following bylaws be adopted, Bylaw 2024-0004 (PUR-1) is to return to Council on January 24<sup>th</sup> for adoption;

1. Bylaw Number 2024-0001 (PWO-3), to establish a water service rate structure under Section 391 of the Municipal Act 2001 for water service for the users of the waterworks Systems
2. Bylaw Number 2024-0002 (PWO-3) establishing a sewer service rate structure under Section 391 of the Municipal Act 2001 for sewer service for users of the sewerage systems
3. Bylaw Number 2024-0003 (REG-1) permitting all-terrain and extreme terrain vehicles, multi-purpose and recreational off-highway utility vehicles on specified municipal roads
5. Bylaw Number 2024-0005 (AD-5) amending schedule 'A' to 3 bylaws; license fees for dogs and adoption fees for dogs and cats, fees and charges for Administrative Services, fees and charges for Waterworks Services
6. Bylaw Number 2024-0006 (AD-5) amending Bylaw 2010-0074 (AD-5) establishing fees and charges for Administrative Services and Bylaw 2013-0087 (PWO-5) establishing fees and charges for Waterworks Services
7. Bylaw Number 500-2024-0001 (PL-5) to amend Bylaw Number 500, a bylaw to regulate the use of lands and the character, location and use of buildings and structures within the Town; Platinum Homes, 1933 Metro Road North, File 03.1175

**Carried**

**17. CLOSED SESSION**

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff

Seconded By Councillor Fellini

That Council convene into Closed Session at 11:50am to deal with the following matters;

- a. Advice that is subject to Solicitor-Client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose, Section 239(2)(f), MA; Indemnification - Litigation Matter

- b. Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations, Section 239(2)(d), MA; Non-Union Compensation Matters

**Carried**

That the Council meeting reconvene into Open Session at 1:50pm and report on matters discussed in Closed Session.

**Carried**

**Councillor Neeson** declared an interest in Closed Session 17.1.a as he is the one who has requested indemnification, being the subject of the closed session item. Councillor Neeson left the Council Chambers at this time and did not participate in any discussion or vote on this matter.

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0013**

Moved By Regional Councillor Davison

Seconded By Councillor Genge

In regard to Closed Session Item No. 17.1.a, under Section 239(2)(f) of the Municipal Act being advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose regarding Indemnification - Litigation Matter;

1. That Council receive update and direct Town Solicitor to proceed accordingly.

**Carried**

**Councillor Neeson** returned to the Council Chambers at this time.

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0014**

Moved By Councillor Dale

Seconded By Councillor Fellini

In regard to Closed Session Item 17.1.b, under Section 239(2)(d) of the Municipal Act being labour relations or employee negotiations in relation to non-union compensation matters;

1. That Council receive the update from staff and staff be directed to proceed accordingly.

**Carried**

**18. CONFIRMING BYLAW**

Moved By Regional Councillor Davison  
Seconded By Councillor Biggerstaff

That the following bylaw be adopted;

1. Bylaw Number 2024-0007 (COU-2) confirming proceedings of Council on January 17, 2024

**Carried**

**19. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Moved By Councillor Genge  
Seconded By Councillor Dale

That the meeting adjourn at 1:52pm

**Carried**

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Margaret Quirk, Mayor

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Mamata Baykar, Deputy Clerk