



GEORGINA

Subject: Committee Resignation

To: Mayor and Council

From: Rachel Dillabough, Town Clerk

Date: February 28, 2024

Briefing:

On January 11, 2023, Bylaw 2023-0004 (COU-1) was passed appointing Councillor Genge to the Georgina Centre for Arts and Culture Board. On April 19, 2023, Bylaw 2023-0029 (COU-1) was passed appointing all Ward Councillors to the Georgina Appeals Committee.

On January 26, 2024, Councillor Genge formally resigned from the Georgina Centre for Arts and Culture Board, as her son is an employee of the Centre, and from the Georgina Appeals Committee, as she is of the opinion that Councillors should not serve on a committee that hears appeals in Town bylaw matters.

The Georgina Appeals Committee was initially composed of the five Ward Councillors, with three members constituting a quorum. To maintain impartiality and avoid conflicts of interest, the Committee operates under a specific protocol that any Ward Councillor is recused from deliberating on appeals originating from their own ward. This same reasoning applies as well to the Mayor and the Regional Councillor; because they represent the entirety of Georgina rather than a single ward, they are not appointed to the Committee.

Currently for any of Wards 1, 2, 3 and 5, after the exclusion of the Ward Councillor in whose ward an appeal has arisen, there are three members remaining, all of whom are required in order to establish quorum.