



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

Date: Wednesday, April 24, 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
Ron Jenkins, Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief
Rob Wheeler, Deputy CAO/Treasurer
Shawn Nastke, Director, Strategic Initiatives
Michael Vos, Director of Operations and Infrastructure
Rachel Dillabough, Town Clerk
Carolyn Lance, Council Services Coordinator
Cheyenne McAnuff, Records and Information Coordinator
Anne Winstanley, Supervisor, Communications
Dina Havkin, Manager of Finance and Deputy Treasurer
Geoff Harrison, Manager, Taxation, Revenue & Customer Service
Stirling Munro, Manager of Procurement
Tanya Thompson, Communications Manager

Others Present:

Patti White, Manager, Recreation Services
Saleem Sial, Development Engineering Technologist

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.”

A moment of meditation was observed.

2. ROLL CALL

As noted above

3. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- April 22-30, Passover
- Saturday, April 27th, Run For Southlake fundraising event in Newmarket
- Saturday, April 20th, Town staff gave out 2,000 trees; staff thanked for coordination and assistance; over \$62,000 worth of trees provided to residents at no cost
- The MURC has been open for seven weeks; the public are requested to be patient while staff coordinate program scheduling
- Announcement; Town of Georgina presented with the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its 2024 Budget, the award is granted to municipalities that demonstrate exceptional proficiency in several key areas
- Mayor Quirk and Alex Demoe, Council Executive Administrator, were recognized for Autism proclamation
- April 20 and 21, Discover Georgina Show held at the Ice Palace, congratulations to Georgina Chamber of Commerce
- Georgina Centre for Arts and Culture's first Live and Silent Fundraising Auction was well attended and raised several thousand dollars for the Centre

4. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEM(S)

- Item No. 17.1.c, Closed Session, Section 239(2)(f) of the Municipal Act regarding possible revisions to Site Alteration Bylaw
- Item No. 17.1.d, Closed Session, Section 239(2)(c) of the Municipal Act regarding disposition of land at the south side of Bouchier Street
- Withdrew Item 7.2, March 27th minutes were not included in the agenda

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0128

Moved By Councillor Fellini

Seconded By Regional Councillor Davison

That the April 24, 2024 Council agenda, with the following addendum items, be adopted;

- Item No. 17.1.c, Closed Session, Section 239(2)(f) of the Municipal Act regarding possible revisions to Site Alteration Bylaw
- Item No. 17.1.d, Closed Session, Section 239(2)(c) of the Municipal Act regarding disposition of land at the south side of Bouchier Street
- Withdrew Item 7.2, March 27th minutes were not included in the agenda

Carried

6. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF None

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0129

Moved By Councillor Dale

Seconded By Regional Councillor Davison

That the following minutes be adopted as presented:

1. Council Minutes of February 14, 2024

Carried

8. SPEAKERS AND DELEGATIONS

1. Speaker; Darren Gahan regarding safety concerns with traffic bollards on roadways

Darren Gahan addressed Council with his concerns regarding the placement of traffic-calming bollards on Town roads as he believes they can create the opposite effect through fear and intimidation, and offered to work with Town staff in a respectful manner to calm traffic in other ways.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0130

Moved by Councillor Fellini

Seconded by Councillor Neeson

That Council receive the delegation provided by Darren Gahan regarding his concerns with the Town's practice of placing traffic bollards on roadways within Georgina and that his concerns be referred to the appropriate staff for any action they deem appropriate.

Carried.

Kim Empringham on behalf of the York Region Federation of Agriculture, a non-profit farm organization ensuring the agricultural sector and rural communities are considered in any new or changing legislation impacting sustainability, provided comments on the stormwater rate study report. Ms. Empringham requested further investigation of the farmhouse tax code rate calculated for the stormwater fee to ensure an appropriate fee for that tax group, and that agricultural land be exempt from this fee structure.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0131

Moved By Councillor Dale

Seconded By Councillor Genge

That Council receive the delegation provided by Kim Empringham, York Region Federation of Agriculture, requesting further investigation into the farmhouse tax code rate to ensure an appropriate fee, and that agricultural land be exempt from the Stormwater Rate fee structure.

Carried**9. PETITIONS****10. PUBLIC MEETINGS None****11. REPORTS****1. Adoption Of Reports Not Requiring Separate Discussion**

Moved By Councillor Fellini

Seconded By Councillor Neeson

That the following report recommendations be adopted;

a. Earthworks Agreement - Greystone/Middleburg, Draft Plan of Subdivision 19T-14G01

Part Lot 15, Concession 3 (NG), and part of road allowance between Concession 2 and 3, being Part 1 on Plan 65R-30415

s/s Old Homestead Road, west of The Queensway North, Keswick

Report No. DS-2024-0017

RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0132

1. That Council receive Report No. DS-2024-0017, prepared by the Development Engineering Division, Development Services Department dated April 24, 2024, respecting the execution of a proposed Earthworks Agreement for the Greystone/Middleburg Subdivision;

2. That Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an Earthworks Agreement between Greystone (Homestead) Limited and Middleburg Developments Inc., as Owners, and the Corporation of the Town of Georgina, relating to Draft Plan of Subdivision 19T-14G01 referred to as the Greystone/ Middleburg Subdivision; and,

3. That Council authorize staff to make minor revisions to the draft Earthworks Agreement, included as Attachment 3 to Report No. DS-2024-0017.

Carried

2. Reports Requiring Separate Discussion

b. Stormwater Rate Study

Report No. DCAO-2024-0005

Ilmar Simanovskis of Civica, Consultant, provided a presentation concerning the Stormwater Rate Study. Staff members provided further clarification and information noting that a fee is recommended as opposed to a general tax levy due to the fact that fees increase transparency and have more flexibility.

Ryan Cronsberry advised that incentives can be investigated through the action plan.

It was requested that each of the report recommendations be voted on separately. The Town Clerk recorded the votes as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0133

Moved By Councillor Neeson

Seconded By Councillor Fellini

- 1. That Council receive Report No. DCAO-2024-0005 prepared by the Financial Strategy and Planning Division, Office of the Deputy CAO dated April 24, 2024, respecting the Stormwater Rate Study.

	YEA	NAY
Councillor Genge	x	
Mayor Quirk	x	
Councillor Dale	x	
Councillor Biggerstaff	x	
Councillor Neeson	x	
Regional Councillor Davison	x	
Councillor Fellini	x	

Carried 7-0

RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0134

Moved By Councillor Neeson

Seconded By Councillor Fellini

- 2. That Council approve the General Revenue approach as the preferred approach to fund the Stormwater Management program;

	YEA	NAY
Councillor Genge		x
Councillor Fellini	x	
Mayor Quirk	x	
Councillor Dale	x	

Councillor Neeson	x
Regional Councillor Davison	x
Councillor Biggerstaff	x

Carried 6-1

RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0135

Moved By Councillor Neeson

Seconded By Councillor Fellini

3. That Council exempt all properties from the Stormwater fee structure that are currently exempt from taxation;

	YEA	NAY
Councillor Genge	x	
Councillor Dale	x	
Regional Councillor Davison	x	
Councillor Biggerstaff	x	
Councillor Neeson	x	
Mayor Quirk	x	
Councillor Fellini	x	

Carried 7-0

RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0136

Moved By Councillor Neeson

Seconded By Councillor Fellini

4. That Council exempt the Farm portion and Managed Forest portion from the Stormwater fee structure;

	YEA	NAY
Councillor Genge	x	
Councillor Fellini	x	
Mayor Quirk	x	
Councillor Biggerstaff	x	
Regional Councillor Davison	x	
Councillor Neeson	x	
Councillor Dale	x	

Carried 7-0

RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0137

Moved By Councillor Neeson

Seconded By Councillor Fellini

5. That Council direct staff to implement a stormwater rate as described herein and bring forward the necessary bylaws annually to implement collection.

	YEA	NAY
Councillor Genge		X
Councillor Neeson	X	
Councillor Fellini	X	
Mayor Quirk	X	
Councillor Biggerstaff	X	
Councillor Dale	X	
Regional Councillor Davison	X	

Carried 6-1

Moved By Councillor Neeson

Seconded By Councillor Dale

That the meeting recess at 11:35am

Carried

The Council meeting reconvened at 11:48am

12. DISPOSITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Dispositions/Proclamations

- a. Jacob Gal, York PRIDE, requesting the Pride flag be raised at the Civic Centre during the month of June

RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0138

Moved By Councillor Neeson

Seconded By Regional Councillor Davison

That Council receive and endorse correspondence from Jacob Gal, York PRIDE, requesting the Pride flag be raised at the Georgina Civic Centre during the month of June in recognition of Pride Month and that staff make the appropriate arrangements with regard to the flag and event timing.

Carried

- b. Georgina Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee requesting the use of budget funds to sponsor three lunch events with the Good Food Collective

RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0139

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff

Seconded By Councillor Dale

That Council receive correspondence from the Georgina Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee and endorse the Committee-sponsored lunches to be held throughout the year, to be funded from the Committee's 2024 budget.

Carried

2. General Information Items

General Information Item (vii) from the Town of Goderich was removed for separate discussion.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0140

Moved By Councillor Genge

Seconded By Councillor Dale

That Council receive correspondence from the Town of Goderich requesting the Province of Ontario reverse its proposal to phase out free private well testing in Ontario, that this letter be referred to staff to verify the validity of this government action and any anticipated fees involved and that staff forward Council's support of the Town of Goderich's position to appropriate agencies and individuals including the Province of Ontario, Region of York, York Region Medical Officer of Health and Public Health Ontario.

Carried

- a. Information Items

RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0141

Moved By Councillor Fellini

Seconded By Councillor Genge

That Council receive the balance of the General Information Items for April 24, 2024.

Carried

b. Briefing Notes

- a. Good Food Collective - Use of hours/space at The Link

RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0142

Moved By Councillor Genge

Seconded By Councillor Dale

That Council receive the staff briefing note regarding the use of no-charge hours provided in the Link Tenants Lease Agreements which have been allocated by tenants towards the Good Food Collective Wednesday Lunch Program at the Link, that staff work with the tenants regarding additional programming hours desired by them and return to Council to provide more information following discussions with the tenants.

Carried

- b. 2025 Town of Georgina Budget Process

RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0143

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff

Seconded By Councillor Fellini

That Council receive the staff briefing note providing an overview of the changes to the 2025 Town of Georgina budget process due to Bill 3, Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, 2022.

Carried

- c. Integrity Commissioner Annual Report 2023

RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0144

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff

Seconded By Councillor Genge

That Council receive the staff briefing note regarding Integrity Commissioner Annual Report 2023.

Carried**13. MOTIONS/ NOTICES OF MOTION** None**14. REGIONAL BUSINESS**

- 2024 Federal Budget summary
- proposed changes to Development Charges Act, will reverse some Bill 23 provisions and assist in Georgina

15. OTHER BUSINESS None

16. BYLAWS

Moved By Councillor Neeson
Seconded By Councillor Biggerstaff

That the following bylaw be adopted:

1. Bylaw Number 2024-0030 (PWO-3) to set stormwater utility rates for the year 2024

Carried

17. CLOSED SESSION

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff
Seconded By Councillor Genge

That Council convene into Closed Session at 12:10pm to deal with the following closed session items;

- a. PERSONAL MATTERS ABOUT AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL BOARD EMPLOYEES, Section 239(2)(b), MA; Volunteer Award of Merit Nominees
- b. PERSONAL MATTERS ABOUT AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL BOARD EMPLOYEES, Section 239(2)(b), MA; Confidential Attachment to Report No. LS-2024-0011, Georgina Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee Appointments to Fill Vacancies for the 2022-2026 Term of Office
- c. ADVICE THAT IS SUBJECT TO SOLICITOR-CLIENT PRIVILEGE, INCLUDING COMMUNICATIONS NECESSARY FOR THAT PURPOSE, Section 239(2)(f), MA; Possible Revisions to Site Alteration Bylaw
- d. A PROPOSED OR PENDING ACQUISITION OR DISPOSITION OF LAND BY THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD, Section 239(2)(c), MA; Disposition of land at the south side of Bouchier Street

Carried

Moved By Councillor Fellini
Seconded By Councillor Biggerstaff

That the meeting reconvene into Open Session at 2:52pm and report on matters discussed in Closed Session.

Carried

RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0145

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff
Seconded By Councillor Dale

In regard to Closed Session Item 17.1.a under Section 239(2)(b) of the Municipal Act being personal matters about an identifiable individual including municipal or local board employees regarding Volunteer Award of Merit nominees;

1. That staff be directed to proceed accordingly.

Carried

RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0146

Moved By Councillor Fellini
Seconded By Councillor Genge

In regard to Closed Session Item 17.1.b under Section 239(2)(b) of the Municipal Act being personal matters about an identifiable individual including municipal or local board employees regarding Confidential Attachment to Report No. LS-2024-0011, Georgina Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee Appointments to Fill Vacancies for the 2022-2026 Term of Office

1. That staff be direct to proceed accordingly,
2. That Report No. LS-2024-0011 prepared by the Clerk's Division, Legislative Services, dated April 24, 2024, respecting appointments to the Georgina Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee, be received.
3. That Council direct the Clerk's Division to prepare the necessary bylaw to give effect to the appointments.
4. That the appointment of the selected applicants by Council come into effect upon the passing of the appointment bylaw and acceptance of the appointment by the Committee Designates.

Carried

Note: Item 11.1.c, Report No. LS-2024-0011, Georgina Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee Appointments to Fill Vacancies for the 2022-2026 Term of Office, was dealt with through Resolution No. C-2024-0146 above following closed session discussion.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0147

Moved By Councillor Neeson
Seconded By Regional Councillor Davison

In regard to Closed Session Item 17.1.c 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 possible revisions to the Site Alteration Bylaw;

1. That Council receive the solicitor's update and staff be directed to proceed accordingly.

Carried

RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0148

Moved By Councillor Neeson

Seconded By Councillor Biggerstaff

In regard to Closed Session Item 17.1.d under Section 239(2)(c) of the Municipal Act, being a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board regarding disposition of land at the south side of Bouchier Street;

1. That 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 2023-0031 (COU-2) confirming proceedings of Council on April 24, 2024

Carried

19. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved By Councillor Dale

Seconded By Councillor Fellini

That the meeting adjourn at 2:55pm

Carried

Margaret Quirk, Mayor

Rachel Dillabough, Town Clerk