



GEORGINA

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF GEORGINA**

Georgina Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024

Time: 7:00 PM

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

Staff Present: 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

1. Appointment of Chair

RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC2024-0010

Moved By Charlene Biggerstaff
Seconded By Michael Oyston

That Mayor Margaret Quirk be appointed as Chair of the Georgina Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee for the remainder of the 2022-2026 Term of Council.

Carried

2. Appointment of Vice Chair

RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC2024-0011

Moved By Margaret Quirk
Seconded By Hanna Gillis

That Councillor Biggerstaff be appointed as Vice Chair of the Georgina Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee for the remainder of the 2022-2026 Term of Council.

Carried

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

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Approval of Agenda as amended.

RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC2024-0012

Moved By Charlene Biggerstaff
Seconded By Hanna Gillis

That the March 5, 2024 Agenda, as amended, be approved as presented.

Carried

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

6. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes of the January 30, 2024 Meeting

RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC2024-0013

Moved By Charlene Biggerstaff
Seconded By Michael Oyston

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on January 30, 2024 be approved as presented.

Carried

7. SPEAKERS

Patti White joined the meeting at 7:06 pm.

8. DELEGATIONS/ PETITIONS

9. PRESENTATIONS

10. REPORTS

1. 2021 Community Survey Results

Patti White to provide verbal update.

RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC2024-0014

Moved By Charlene Biggerstaff

Seconded By Hanna Gillis

That the update provided by Patti White, Manager of Recreation Services, regarding the 2021 community survey results be approved as presented.

Carried

11. GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS

1. 2024 GEDAC Budget

Patti White, Manager of Recreation Services to provide update

Miscellaneous \$5,000

Advertising \$550

Travel Expenses \$500

Professional Development \$500

Publications & Subscriptions \$100

Honorariums \$1,000

RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC2024-0015

Moved By Michael Oyston

Seconded By Hanna Gillis

That the update provided by Patti White, Manager of Recreation Services, regarding the 2024 GEDAC budget be approved as presented.

Carried

2. Georgina Community Food Pantry

2023 service statistics provided by Cesar Caneo to Council on January 24, 2024 discussing food insecurity.

RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC2024-0016

Moved By Charlene Biggerstaff
Seconded By Hanna Gillis

That the update regarding the 2023 service statistics at the Georgina Food Pantry be approved as presented.

Carried

3. What if York Region were just a village of 100 people?

Using data from the 2021 Statistics Canada Census, this document provides an overview of York Region's socio-economic makeup to encourage a deeper understanding of our community.

RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC2024-0017

Moved By Michael Oyston
Seconded By Charlene Biggerstaff

That the update regarding York Region's socio-economic makeup from the 2021 census be approved as presented.

Carried

4. Town of Georgina Economic Statistics

RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC2024-0018

Moved By Charlene Biggerstaff
Seconded By Michael Oyston

That the update regarding the Town of Georgina's Economic Statistics be approved as presented.

Carried

5. Pan-African Flag Raising Event

Committee discussion to begin planning event.

RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC2024-0019

Moved By Hanna Gillis

Seconded By Charlene Biggerstaff

That the Committee motioned for Patti White to connect with Kendra Shae-Marie Mullings, Founder of the Black Excellence Society, to begin dialogue towards planning event on August 1st, 2024 and return at the next meeting with an update.

Carried

6. Pride Month Events

Patti White to provide update surrounding planned Town events.

The Town will raise the Pride Flag in June.

York Region Pride Parade is scheduled for June 15, 2024 in Newmarket.

The Town will support and participate in Georgina Pride events which will be advertised on the Town Events page.

The Committee will look into how to become more involved with Pride events directly.

The Committee is interested in scheduling a guest speaker for Pride.

YRP Member Alicia Lauzon to provide an update on details surrounding the, "To Belong Breakfast". The Committee will look into purchasing tickets to attend as a group and celebrate Pride together.

RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC2024-0021

Moved By Charlene Biggerstaff

Seconded By Hanna Gillis

That the update regarding the Town of Georgina's Pride Month plans be approved as presented.

Carried

12. MOTIONS/ NOTICES OF MOTION

13. OTHER BUSINESS

14. CLOSED SESSION

15. MOTION TO ADJOURN

RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC2024-0022

Moved By Michael Oyston

Seconded By Charlene Biggerstaff

That the meeting adjourn at 8:00pm.

Carried

Mayor Margaret Quirk, Chair

Hillary Thompson, Committee Services Coordinator