



**THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWN OF GEORGINA**

**Georgina Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee Minutes**

Date: Tuesday, May 14, 2024  
Time: 7:00 PM

Members of Committee Present: Margaret Quirk  
Charlene Biggerstaff  
Michael Oyston  
Alicia Lauzon  
Hanna Gillis  
Mona Steitieh  
Nancy Liu

Members of Committee Absent: Chenoa Mason-Zdriluk

Staff Present: Hillary Thompson  
Kelly Atkinson

Others Present: Inspector Sarah Riddell, YRP

**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.”

Alicia Lauzon joined the meeting at 7:01 pm.

Mona Steitieh joined the meeting at 7:01 pm.

**2. ROLL CALL**

As noted above

Nancy Liu joined the meeting at 7:02 pm.

1. Round Table Introduction of New Members

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

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC2024-0030**

Moved By Charlene Biggerstaff

Seconded By Michael Oyston

That the May 14, 2024 Agenda, be approved as presented.

**Carried**

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

**6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes of the April 9, 2024 Meeting

**RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC2024-0031**

Moved By Hanna Gillis

Seconded By Charlene Biggerstaff

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on April 9, 2024 be approved as presented.

**Carried**

**7. SPEAKERS**

1. York Regional Police

Inspector Sarah Riddell, Community Services, will speak to the Committee regarding community safety and well-being.

**RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC2024-0032**

Moved By Charlene Biggerstaff

Seconded By Hanna Gillis

That the presentation regarding Community Safety and Well-Being, provided by York Regional Police Inspector Sarah Riddell, be received as presented.

**Carried**

**8. DELEGATIONS/ PETITIONS**

**9. PRESENTATIONS**

## 10. REPORTS

## 11. GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS

### 1. Disposition Surrounding Good Food Collective

Council received the Memo surrounding the Committee's desire to sponsor three lunches through the Good Food Collective and approved the funds to be used from the 2024 budget.

On June 5, 2024, the Committee will be sponsoring a lunch with the theme of "Pride", alongside York Regional Police and Georgina Pride.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC2024-0033**

Moved By Michael Oyston

Seconded By Nancy Liu

That the update surrounding the use of Committee funds from the 2024 budget regarding sponsoring lunches with the Good Food Collective, be received as presented.

**Carried**

### 2. Pan-African Flag Raising and Celebration

Patti White to provide update to the Committee.

Host location will be the Town of Georgina Civic Centre for the flag raising, followed by a celebration at the ROC chalet.

Motion for Council to endorse the Pan African Flag Raising Event with an expenditure of up to \$2,400 coming from the Committee's 2024 budget. This will cover entertainment and honorariums for the event.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC2024-0034**

Moved By Michael Oyston

Seconded By Charlene Biggerstaff

That the Georgina Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee request that Council approve an expenditure of up to \$2,400 coming from the Committee's 2024 budget to endorse the Pan African Flag Raising Event, providing financial support surrounding entertainment and honorariums.

**Carried**

### 3. Pride Month

Patti White and Mayor Quirk to discuss upcoming events across Georgina and York Region.

We Belong Pride Breakfast happening with York Regional Police on June 4, 2024.

Pride Flag raising event happening June 7th, 2024 at the Town of Georgina Civic Centre.

York Pride parade is Saturday June 15, 2024 at 3:00pm, on historic Main Street in Newmarket.

**RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC2024-0035**

Moved By Hanna Gillis

Seconded By Charlene Biggerstaff

That the update regarding Pride Month activities be approved as presented.

**Carried**

4. Truth and Reconciliation

Discussions surrounding securing a Speaker for National Indigenous History Month, the 94 Calls to Action, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and training available to Committee Members.

Staff to request a speaker from the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation attend the GEDAC Meeting in June or September.

**RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC2024-0036**

Moved By Michael Oyston

Seconded By Hanna Gillis

That the information surrounding Truth and Reconciliation and the 94 Calls to Action, be received as presented.

**Carried**

5. GEDAC funding for 2025

Discuss incoming requests for use of 2025 Committee budget.

Paul Connors, Host of Music in the Streets Festival, reached out to inquire about Committee support from the 2025 budget.

Councillor Biggerstaff brought forth the idea of a large community event for 2025 which would showcase different cultures and communities throughout Georgina. Committee to continue to work through this concept and see at what scale they can promote this potential event.

**RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC2024-0037**

Moved By Hanna Gillis  
Seconded By Charlene Biggerstaff

That the discussion surrounding ideas for the 2025 GEDAC budget be approved as presented.

**Carried**

**12. MOTIONS/ NOTICES OF MOTION**

**13. OTHER BUSINESS**

**14. CLOSED SESSION**

**15. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC2024-0038**

Moved By Nancy Liu  
Seconded By Mona Steitieh

That the meeting adjourn at 8:29pm.

**Carried**

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Mayor Margaret Quirk, Chair

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Hillary Thompson, Committee Services Coordinator