



GEORGINA

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF GEORGINA**

Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2024

Time: 7:00 PM

Members of Committee Present: Dave Neeson
Mark Setter
Stephen Parker
Austin Rooney

Members of Committee Absent: Lee Dale
Neil Comer
Mary-Lynn Seeley

Staff Present: Hillary Thompson
Justine Burns
Olga Lawton
Simone Weinstein
Alan Drozd

Others Present: Jennifer Carroll

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

3. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEM(S)

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. GEAC2024-0006

Moved By Mark Setter
Seconded By Austin Rooney

That the February 27, 2024 Agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

5. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes from the January 23, 2024 Meeting

RESOLUTION NO. GEAC2024-0007

Moved By Austin Rooney
Seconded By Mark Setter

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

Carried

7. SPEAKERS

8. DELEGATIONS/ PETITIONS

9. PRESENTATIONS

1. Tree Preservation and Compensation Policy

Justine Burns from the Development Services Department to provide update.

As this is will also be used as an education tool, the Committee would like to see terms such as "tree damage", "critical root zones" and "heritage trees" defined.

The Committee also recommended that the appraisal program in Aurora be further investigated to determine if Georgina can mirror some of their policies. Justine Burns is to bring back information from the Town of Aurora's tree policies and seek the Committee's input on findings at the meeting on April 2, 2024.

The Committee would like to see a Tree Protection Bylaw be created, specifically surrounding matters pertaining to heritage trees and tree cutting on both private and public property.

The Committee would like review and have input surrounding the Town's compensation policy prior to implementation.

The Committee requested that Development Services provide an update regarding Emerald Ash Borer Program at meeting on April 2, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. GEAC2024-0008

Moved By Austin Rooney

Seconded By Mark Setter

That the presentation regarding Tree Preservation and Compensation Policy provided by Justine Burns of Development Services, be received as presented.

Carried

2. 2023-2027 Environmental Sustainability Initiatives

Simone Weinstein and Olga Lawton from Strategic Initiatives Division to provide update.

The Committee requested that Operations and Infrastructure come and speak about the Litter Trap Pilot Project at the meeting on April 2, 2024.

The Committee requested an updated on the Holland Marsh Phosphorous Removal Project. Councillor Dave Neeson updated the Committee, informing them that the Ministry is taking over the project with respect to its design. The Ministry will be conducting their own analysis and hope to increase the removal rates with the same original cost. The project is underway and a report should be coming out late Q2 of 2024, which will likely contain a good, better, best scenario.

RESOLUTION NO. GEAC2024-0009

Moved By Austin Rooney

Seconded By Stephen Parker

That the presentation regarding 2023-2027 Environmental Sustainability Initiatives provided by Olga Lawton and Simone Weinstein of Strategic Initiatives, be received as presented.

Carried

10. REPORTS

11. GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS

12. MOTIONS/ NOTICES OF MOTION

13. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Countryside Zoning Bylaw

Tolek Makarewicz from the Development Services Department to answer Committee questions.

Alan Drozd informed the Committee that this Bylaw has been appealed by two property owners. This Appeal will be going forth to Council on March 25, 2024. After this appeal, Town Staff will be bringing forth another report to Council in Q2 of 2024, which will provide further information regarding Staff recommendations surrounding this Bylaw.

RESOLUTION NO. GEAC2024-0010

Moved By Austin Rooney
Seconded By Mark Setter

That the update regarding the Countryside Zoning Bylaw from Alan Drozd, Manager of Planning Policy, be received.

Carried

14. CLOSED SESSION

15. MOTION TO ADJOURN

RESOLUTION NO. GEAC2024-0011

Moved By Austin Rooney
Seconded By Stephen Parker

That the meeting adjourn at 8:12pm.

Carried

Councillor Dave Neeson, Chair

Hillary Thompson, Committee Services Coordinator