



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

Date: Wednesday, August 14, 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
Karyn Stone, Manager, Economic Development & Tourism
Kelly Atkinson, Head, Human Resources
Mike Hutchinson, Manager of Municipal Law Enforcement
Stirling Munro, Manager of Procurement
Tanya Thompson, Communications Manager
Tolek Makarewicz, Senior Policy Planner

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.”

- Council recognized the August 11th passing of Joyce Kingdon, Receptionist at the Town of Georgina Civic Centre for many years
- Council recognized the recent passing of Wes Bonner, a dedicated York Regional Police Officer for over 40 years

2. ROLL CALL

As noted above

3. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Council was advised of two Georgina residents who competed in the Paris 2024 Olympics; Chloe Daniels (Silver in Women's Rugby 7s) and Shannon Westlake (Shooting)
 - Saturday, August 17, Field to Table event, 10am to 4pm, six farms participating
 - Saturday, September 7, Mayor's Charity Motorcycle Ride benefitting the Sutton Legion, 10am start from the ROC Chalet
 - Saturday, August 17, GTTI Fun Fair, 10am to 4pm
 - Saturday, August 17, Uptown Keswick 'Music in the Parkette', 3pm to 7pm
 - Thursday, August 15, Tribute to Oscar Peterson at the Georgina Centre for Arts and Culture, 6pm start
 - August 20, Fall registration for fall programming workshops begins at Georgina Centre for Arts and Culture
 - Saturday, August 24, Roller Derby, Sutton Arena
 - Saturday, August 24, Vendor's Market at Jackson's Point Parkette
1. Pet of the Month - Animal Shelter staff introducing pets available for adoption from the Georgina Animal Shelter
- **Jennifer Yapa**, Supervisor, Animal Shelter, introduced Suzie, Sammie and Stevie, 3 chihuahua puppies found August 2nd in a ditch in East Gwillimbury, now rescued and available for adoption. To avoid animal abandonment, Ms. Yapa advised that resources for surrendering animals for rehoming include animal shelters and veterinary offices, local rescues, as well as online resources.

4. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEM(S) None

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0246

Moved By Councillor Fellini

Seconded By Regional Councillor Davison

That the August 14, 2024 Council agenda be adopted as presented

Carried

6. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

Councillor Dale declared a conflict with Item 7.3, Council Minutes of July 10, 2024 which reference his declared conflict with an item discussed on that date.

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0247

Moved By Councillor Neeson

Seconded By Councillor Dale

That the following minutes be adopted as presented:

1. Council Minutes of June 19, 2024
2. Council Minutes of June 26, 2024

Carried

3. Council Minutes of July 10, 2024

Councillor Dale declared a conflict with Item 7.3, Council Minutes of July 10, 2024 which indicate a declared conflict with an item discussed on that date; Councillor Dale did not participate or vote on the adoption of the July 10, 2024 Council Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0248

Moved By Councillor Neeson

Seconded By Councillor Fellini

That the following minutes be adopted;

3. Council Minutes of July 10, 2024

Carried

8. SPEAKERS AND DELEGATIONS

Mayor Quirk moved forward Item 8.2 at this time.

2. PRESENTATION; Mary Ann Cooper and Danyal Ahmed, Georgina Centre for Arts and Culture, regarding programming expansion

Mary Ann Cooper, Chair of the Board of Directors, and **Danyal Ahmed**, Treasurer, Georgina Centre for Arts and Culture, provided a presentation regarding the Centre, a non-profit charitable organization for which funding for operations is a constant challenge, with grant requirements often directed towards project funding and currently operating above capacity. Ms. Cooper requested five-year dedicated funding to create a stable operational foundation to allow them to continue refining and expanding its programming and a new Municipal Capital and Building Agreement for an additional 10 years.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0249

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff

Seconded By Regional Councillor Davison

That Council receive the presentation provided by Mary Ann Cooper and Danyal Ahmed regarding the growth and programming expansion of the Georgina Centre for Arts and Culture and requesting the Town provide five-year dedicated funding to create a stable operational foundation and a new Municipal Capital and Building Agreement for another 10 years, and refer the requests to the Chief Administrative Officer to schedule discussions with the Centre's representatives.

Carried

1. PRESENTATION; Automated Speed Enforcement presentation by staff

Niall Stocking provided general information on Automated Speed Enforcement which increases traffic safety, minimize collisions and decreases potential harm; cameras will be located in community safety zones and will capture license plates of vehicles travelling at a prescribed threshold greater than the posted speed limit and issued to the registered plate holder. A map will be available to the public to indicate the locations of cameras which will rotate through community safety zones where people are speeding at three-month intervals.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0250

Moved By Councillor Fellini

Seconded By Councillor Neeson

That Council receive the presentation providing an introduction to Automated Speed Enforcement which is to be implemented in the Town of Georgina to increase traffic safety, minimize collision and decrease potential harm.

Carried

3. PRESENTATION; Dr. Brian Ginn, Limnologist, Certified Lake Manager, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, providing an update on blue-green algal blooms on Lake Simcoe

Dr. Brian Ginn and **Don Goodyear** of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority provided information on glue-green algal blooms that occur in Lake Simcoe and the potential danger they represent. Climate change is part of the solution, along with the reduction of the amount of phosphorus going into the lake. Residents were requested to report any blooms to the Conservation Authority's toll-free line.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0251

Moved By Councillor Neeson

Seconded By Regional Councillor Davison

That Council receive the presentation by Dr. Brian Ginn and Don Goodyear of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority regarding blue-green algal blooms that occur in Lake Simcoe and the potential danger they represent.

Carried

9. PETITIONS None

10. PUBLIC MEETINGS None

11. REPORTS

1. Adoption Of Reports Not Requiring Separate Discussion

Moved By Councillor Dale

Seconded By Councillor Biggerstaff

That the following motions be adopted:

- a. Consulting Services to Update Development Charges Background Study and Bylaw

Report No. DCAO-2024-0012

RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0252

1. That Council receive Report No. DCAO-2024-0012 prepared by the Financial Strategy and Planning Division of the Office of the Deputy CAO dated August 14, 2024 regarding consulting services to update the development charges background study and bylaw.
2. That Council approve a new capital project for the consulting services to update the development charges background study and bylaw, with a budget of \$70,000 to be funded by Development Charges.

- b. Municipal Asset Naming Proposal – Paul Higgins and Annabel Slaight Roches Point Community Eco Park

Report No. CSD-2024-0015

RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0253

1. That Council receive Report No. CSD-2024-0015 prepared by the Community Service Department dated August 14, 2024, respecting Municipal Asset Naming Policy – Paul Higgins and Annabel Slaight Roches Point Community Eco Park.
2. That Council adopt the proposed recommendation from the Municipal Asset Naming Review Team to rename the Roches Point Eco Park to Paul Higgins and Annabel Slaight Roches Point Community Eco Park.

Carried

Moved By Councillor Dale

Seconded By Councillor Neeson

That the Council meeting recess at 10:04am

Carried

The Council meeting reconvened at 10:20am

- c. Housing Needs Assessment

Report No. DS-2024-0049

RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0254

Moved By Councillor Dale

Seconded By Councillor Biggerstaff

1. That Council receive Report DS-2024-0049 prepared by the Development Services Department dated August 14, 2024 respecting the preparation of a Housing Needs Assessment in order to access funding through the Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF) and the Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF); and,
2. That Council approve a budget of up to \$50,000 from the Town's Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve to retain a consultant to prepare a Housing Needs Assessment in compliance with the requirements of the federal government, for approval by Council and submission to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) by March 31, 2025.

Carried

DIRECTION: That staff submit an internal briefing note prior to the award of the tender to explain the process and confirm that due diligence has been conducted by staff

2. Reports Requiring Separate Discussion

d. Water and Wastewater Draft Rate Study

Report No. DCAO-2024-0011

Andrew Mirabella of Hemson Consulting Limited provided an overview of input and results of the water and wastewater rate study.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0255

Moved By Regional Councillor Davison

Seconded By Councillor Biggerstaff

1. That Council receive Report No. DCAO-2024-0011 prepared by the Financial Strategy and Planning Division of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Department dated August 14, 2024, respecting the Water and Wastewater Draft Rate Study;
2. That Council receive the presentation regarding the Water and Wastewater Draft Rate Study prepared by Hemson Consulting Limited;
3. That Council discontinue the early payment discount in 2025 and endorse the draft rate increases presented in this report; and
4. That Council direct staff to report back with the final rate study and financial plan in September 2024 for Council's approval.

Carried

Mayor Quirk moved forward and dealt with Item 16 at this time.

16. BYLAWS

Moved By Regional Councillor Davison

Seconded By Councillor Fellini

That the following by-laws be adopted:

1. Bylaw 2024-0057 (PL-1) to deem certain Registered Plans of Subdivision not to be Registered Plans of Subdivision, Section 50(3) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended, 27 Forestry Drive

2. Bylaw 2024-0058 (COU-1) to amend Bylaw 2024-0034 (COU-1) to appoint members to the Georgina Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee; Alice Tsang

Carried

12. DISPOSITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Dispositions/Proclamations

- a. Georgina Agricultural Advisory Committee requesting Council consider a hybrid meeting structure for Committees of Council

RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0256

Moved By Regional Councillor Davison

Seconded By Councillor Dale

That Council receive, endorse and refer the request from the Georgina Agricultural Advisory Committee to the appropriate staff to consider a hybrid meeting structure for Committees of Council and for the Georgina Library Board, as well as to consider the feasibility of conducting hybrid meetings from a Georgina library location.

Carried

- b. Georgina Accessibility Advisory Committee endorsing Loyalist Township's position encouraging the Province to create a municipal accessibility fund for municipalities to develop AODA standards

RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0257

Moved By Councillor Dale

Seconded By Councillor Biggerstaff

That Council endorse the position of Loyalist Township encouraging the Province to create a Municipal Accessibility Fund in order for municipalities to meet the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) standards.

Carried

- c. Yellow Brick House requesting Council proclaim December 6th 'The National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women', to raise the purple flag, to share the event on social media platforms and participate in the November 3rd walk

RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0258

Moved By Regional Councillor Davison

Seconded By Councillor Fellini

That Council declare December 6th as National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women, agree to

raise the purple flag to raise awareness against violence targeting women and to share the flag-raising event on social media platforms and participate in the formal in-person flag-raising during the November 3rd 'Break the Silence Step in My Shoes' Walk event.

Carried

13. MOTIONS/ NOTICES OF MOTION None

12. DISPOSITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS

2. General Information Items

a. Information Items

General Information Item (iii) was requested to be separated for discussion.

RESOLUTION NO. C0-2024-0259

Moved By Councillor Neeson

Seconded By Councillor Dale

That Council receive the General Information items for the August 14, 2024 Council meeting with the exception of Item (iii) that has been removed for separate discussion.

Carried

RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0260

Moved By Councillor Neeson

Seconded By Regional Councillor Davison

That Council receive General Information Item 12.2.a (iii) and endorse the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury's position lobbying for the creation of province-wide long-service medals for police and for paramedics, modelled after the existing such award for firefighters, and urging the Premier, Minister of Health, Solicitor General, Minister of Citizenship and our local MPP to work collaboratively to create such awards and that this motion be circulated under the Mayor's signature.

Carried

b. Briefing Notes

a. Grant Funding Award - Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation of Canada

RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0261

Moved By Councillor Neeson

Seconded By Councillor Dale

That Council receive the staff briefing note advising of the use of Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation of Canada grant funding to purchase a Digital Vehicular Repeater System for Rescue 189, designed to bring two-way portable radio communications to a critical incident, command post or special event.

Carried

- b. Municipal Heritage Register Review

RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0262

Moved By Councillor Genge

Seconded By Councillor Fellini

That Council receive a staff briefing note providing an update on the Municipal Heritage Register Review project.

Carried

14. REGIONAL BUSINESS

- Pepperlaw Road has been reopened following completion of the bridge construction

15. OTHER BUSINESS None

17. CLOSED SESSION

Moved By Councillor Genge

Seconded By Councillor Dale

That Council convene into Closed Session at 11:50am to deal with the following matter(s):

- a. APPROVAL OF 2024 CLOSED SESSION MINUTES; January 17 and 24, February 7 and 14, March 6 and 27, April 10 and 24, May 29
- b. LABOUR RELATIONS OR EMPLOYEE NEGOTIATIONS, Section 239(2)(d), MA; C.U.P.E. Bargaining
- c. LABOUR RELATIONS OR EMPLOYEE NEGOTIATIONS, Section 239(2)(d), MA; GPFF Bargaining

Carried

Moved By Councillor Dale

Seconded By Councillor Genge

That Council reconvene at 12:20pm and report on matters discussed in closed session.

Carried

RESOLUTION NO C-2024-0263

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff

Seconded By Regional Councillor Davison

In regard to Closed Session Item 17.1.a under Section 239(2) (c) of the Municipal Act being adoption of 2024 Closed Session minutes,

- That Council adopt the following 2024 Closed Session minutes; January 17, January 24, February 7, February 14, March 6, March 27, April 10, April 24 and May 29.

Carried

RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0264

Moved By Councillor Dale

Seconded By Councillor Fellini

In regard to Closed Session Item 17.1.b under Section 239(2)(d) of the Municipal Act being labour relations or employee negotiations, regarding C.U.P.E. bargaining;

1. That staff be directed to proceed accordingly.

Carried

RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0265

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff

Seconded By Councillor Dale

In regard to Closed Session Item 17.1.c under Section 239(2)(d) of the Municipal Act being labour relations or employee negotiations, regarding GPFF bargaining;

1. That Council receive the update provided.

Carried

18. CONFIRMING BYLAW

Moved By Regional Councillor Davison

Seconded By Councillor Fellini

That the following bylaw be adopted;

1. Bylaw Number 2024-0059 (COU-2) confirming the proceedings of Council on August 14, 2024

Carried

19. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved By Councillor Dale

Seconded By Councillor Genge

That the meeting adjourn at 12:21pm

Carried

Margaret Quirk, Mayor

Rachel Dillabough, Town Clerk