



GEORGINA

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May 8, 2024

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF GEORGINA

Council Minutes

Date: Wednesday, May 8, 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
Mamata Baykar, Deputy Clerk
Carolyn Lance, Council Services Coordinator
Cheyenne McAnuff, Records and Information Coordinator
Anne Winstanley, Supervisor, Communications
Karyn Stone, Manager, Economic Development & Tourism
Mike Hutchinson, Manager of Municipal Law Enforcement
Olga Lawton, Corporate Strategy and Transformation
Stefan Hordatt, Manager, Capital Projects - Strategic Initiatives
Stirling Munro, Manager of Procurement
Tanya Thompson, Communications Manager

Others Present:

Cristina Liu, Marketing and Promotions Coordinator
Simone Weinstein, Program Manager
Saleem Sial, Senior Development Engineering Technologist
Ben Pressman, Supervisor of Development Engineering

8. SPEAKERS AND DELEGATIONS

1. **Delegation; Allan Morton regarding the reinstatement of the Heritage Advisory Committee**

Allan Morton, 161 Lake Drive North, Keswick, indicated the need for the reinstatement of the Georgina Heritage Advisory Committee of which he was a member since 1995, providing his expertise as a heritage management professional and explained the value of heritage to the Town, heritage successes so far and why the heritage committee is essential to municipalities.

2. **Delegation; Deirdre Lawrence regarding the reinstatement of the Heritage Advisory Committee**

Deirdre Lawrence, 231 Lake Drive East, Willow Beach, requested commitment from Council to reappoint a Heritage Committee to designate and maintain properties already identified as having historical significance before the implementation of Bill 23 on January 1, 2025, when properties without designated status will be automatically removed from the register, with no protection for a five-year period. A functioning Heritage Committee would provide qualified and enthusiastic residents to support the hired team to work on the project and achieve the best possible outcome before the deadline.

Karen Wolfe, 17 Otter Cove, Pefferlaw, respecting Item 11.1.a regarding the proposed new Civic Centre build, indicating that she believes that to build a new Civic Centre at a cost of \$55 Million dollars without community engagement and without exploring all alternatives is not popular and believes an additional 44,000 square feet of office space is not necessary and the expenditure will impact taxes.

Steve Jacobson, 1 Pinery Lane, Jackson's Point, respecting Item 11.1.b, stated his concern for local businesses regarding the potential loss of revenue if food vendors are permitted in De La Salle Park and submitted several letters from local businesses outlining their concerns, and suggested a meeting between all parties, noting that Willow Beach Park would be a better choice for the food vendors as it is not within walking distance of the local businesses.

Debbi Accettura, 90 Castille Crescent, regarding the Civic Centre replacement, suggesting the use of vacant buildings throughout Georgina to house staff, including space within the Multi Use Recreation Complex (MURC) and potential kiosks in the local libraries to serve residents.

11. REPORTS

1. Adoption Of Reports Not Requiring Separate Discussion

Moved By Councillor Dale
Seconded By Councillor Neeson

RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0153

Moved By Regional Councillor Davison
Seconded By Councillor Fellini

That the delegations provided by Allen Morton and Deirdre Lawrence regarding their desire for the reinstatement of the Georgina Heritage Advisory Committee, Karen Wolfe in opposition of construction of a replacement Civic Centre, Steve Jacobson respecting concerns with the Food Vendor pilot project and Debbie Accettura in opposition to the replacement Civic Centre, be received.

Carried

c. ~~Non-Profit Organization Grant Program - Intake 2~~

Report SI-2024-0009

Due to a conflict of interest, the grant to the Georgina Centre for Arts and Culture was dealt with separately below.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0154

Moved By Councillor Neeson
Seconded By Councillor Dale

1. That Council receive Report No. SI-2024-0009 prepared by the Corporate Strategy and Transformation Division, Strategic Initiatives Department dated May 8, 2024 respecting the Non-Profit Organization Grant Program – Intake 2.
2. That Council approve the disbursement of grant funding in the amount of \$50,800 as follows:
 - Georgina Farmers Market - \$ 10,000
 - Ontario Water Centre - \$ 12,000
 - Georgina Feral Cat Committee - \$ 2,500
3. That staff be directed to notify all grant recipients and finalize the key performance indicators, reporting requirements, and enter into a funding agreement prior to the disbursement of funds, and designate the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer / Treasurer to act as signing authority for these agreements.

Carried

Councillor Genge declared an interest in Item 11.1.c, recommendation 2, as it refers to the Georgina Centre for Arts and Culture because her son is an employee of the Arts Centre; Councillor Genge did not participate in any discussion or vote on recommendation 2.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0155

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff

Seconded By Councillor Neeson

That Council approve the disbursement of Non-Profit Organization Grant Program Intake 2 grant funding in the amount of \$26,300 to the Georgina Centre for Arts and Culture.

Carried

12. DISPOSITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS

2. General Information Items

b. Briefing Notes

a. Municipal Heritage Register Update

Mayor Quirk moved forward Item 2.b(a), Municipal Heritage Register Update.

Rachel Dillabough advised that a Working Group can be formed much faster than following the procedure bylaw process to create a Committee, noting that a motion to reconsider would be required for a Heritage Committee to be formed, but would not be required to create an informal ad hoc working group. Direction would be required as to the number of members to be sought as well as the intent of the ad hoc working group.

Moved by Councillor Genge

Seconded by Councillor Biggerstaff

That the Rules of Procedure be waived in order to permit Deirdre Lawrence to address Council for a second time.

Carried.

Deirdre Lawrence expressed appreciation to Council for taking her comments into consideration and noted that an invitation should be extended to determine who may be interested and available and who have the expertise and knowledge required.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0156

Moved By Regional Councillor Davison
Seconded By Councillor Genge

That staff be directed to put forward an Ad Hoc Working Group to assist the Heritage Consultant firm in updating the Municipal Heritage Register Review project, that this ad hoc working group be built into the consultant's work plan with details on promoting the working group to be part of communications, that once the project is completed in January of 2025, that staff commence the process to establish a Heritage Committee for the remainder of the 2022-2026 Term of Office and that an honorarium be considered for Committee Members, once established.

Carried Unanimously

RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0157

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff
Seconded By Councillor Neeson

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

Carried

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1. Adoption Of Reports Not Requiring Separate Discussion

- a. Award of Contract for the Replacement Civic Centre Project to General Contractor

Report No. SI-2024-0008

Rob Wheeler summarized the report indicating that the financial plan has been adapted to changes made over the years.

Council requested each motion be separated and a recorded vote taken; the Town Clerk recorded the votes as follows;

RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0158

Moved By Councillor Neeson
Seconded By Councillor Fellini

- 1. That Council receive Report No: SI-2024-0008 dated May 8, 2024 respecting the Award of Contract for the Replacement Civic Centre Project to General Contractor.

	YEA	NAY
Mayor Quirk	x	