

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA

# **Georgina Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee Minutes**

Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024

Time: 7:00 PM

Members of Committee Present: Margaret Quirk

Charlene Biggerstaff

Alicia Lauzon Nancy Liu Mona Steitieh

Members of Committee Absent: Chenoa Mason-Zdriluk

Michael Oyston Hanna Gillis

Staff Present: Hillary Thompson

Kelly Atkinson Patti White

Others Present: Kendra Shae-Marie Mullings

# 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. GEDAC2024-0039**

Moved By Charlene Biggerstaff Seconded By Alicia Lauzon

That the June 18, 2024 Agenda, be approved as presented.

#### Carried

# 5. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

# 6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes from the May 14, 2024 Meeting

#### **RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC2024-0040**

Moved By Mona Steitieh Seconded By Charlene Biggerstaff

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on May 14, 2024 be approved as presented.

#### Carried

### 7. SPEAKERS

1. Pan African Flag Raising Event

Kendra Shae-Marie Mullings to discuss event.

Event to take place on Thursday, August 1st from 5:00pm-9:00pm, beginning at the Civic Centre for the flag raising, followed by celebrations at the ROC Chalet.

An information market will be set up inside with black-owned businesses from people who live and work in Georgina.

Food will be served while entertainment takes place.

The Town, GEDAC as well as the Black Excellence Society are notable sponsors of this event.

Kendra Shae-Marie Mullings to discuss the opportunity with Nancy Liu to partner for the Summer Music Festival hosted by the Georgina Chinese Association on July 20th.

Any volunteers from the Committee are welcome to contact Kendra to get involved in the event.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC2024-0041**

Moved By Mona Steitieh Seconded By Alicia Lauzon

That the information pertaining to the Pan African Flag Raising Event, provided by Kendra Shae-Marie Mullings, be received as presented.

#### Carried

- 8. DELEGATIONS/ PETITIONS
- 9. PRESENTATIONS
- 10. REPORTS
- 11. GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS

# **RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC2024-0042**

Moved By Charlene Biggerstaff Seconded By Nancy Liu

That General Information items 11.1, 11.2, 11.3, 11.4 and 11.5 be approved as presented.

#### Carried

1. Disposition Surrounding the Pan African Flag Raising Event

Council received the Memo surrounding the Committee's desire to sponsor the Pan African Flag Raising Event and approved the funds to be used from the 2024 budget.

Pride Month Activities

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

Community Cultural Event Planning

Councillor Biggerstaff to share idea surrounding the planning of a cultural event across Georgina.

That Staff be directed to investigate the opportunity to have a cultural event hosted at various locations across the community, featuring local

cultural groups and organizations and that Staff determine a preliminary budget for four to five locations throughout the municipality wherein entertainment, food, activities and learning opportunities would be present in an effort to enhance multiculturalism in Georgina and have these findings presented before Council for consideration for the 2025 budget.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC2024-0043**

Moved By Charlene Biggerstaff Seconded By Mona Steitieh

#### Carried

#### Summer Music Festival

Nancy Liu to share information on the July 20, 2024 summer music festival, hosted by the Georgina Chinese Association.

Event to be hosted at the ROC from 6:00pm-9:00pm.

The Iranian and South Asian Communities have partnered with the Georgina Chinese Association for this event.

# 5. Good Food Collective

Committee to discuss sponsoring two more lunches before the end of 2024.

Patti to work with the Good Food Collective to explore sponsoring lunches in September for Truth and Reconciliation and again in December to celebrate various cultural holidays and celebrations.

#### 12. MOTIONS/ NOTICES OF MOTION

#### 13. OTHER BUSINESS

#### 14. CLOSED SESSION

#### 15. MOTION TO ADJOURN

#### **RESOLUTION NO. GEDAC2024-0044**

Moved By Charlene Biggerstaff Seconded By Alicia Lauzon

That the meeting adjourn at 7:58pm.

#### Carried

	Mayor Margaret Quirk, Chair
Hillary Thompson C	Committee Services Coordinator