



## External Briefing Note

**GEORGINA**

**Subject:** Threats and Opportunities re: Georgina's Climate Action Plan

**To:** Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee

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**Briefing:**

The objective of this Briefing Note is to accompany the presentation prepared for the June 11 GEAC to gather feedback about the strengths, weaknesses, threats and opportunities to the Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) being developed at the Town of Georgina. An introductory presentation about the CCAP was circulated by email to the GEAC in mid-May.

The Town is the second phase of the plan development, which consists of background research and inventories. The objective of the Climate Change Action Plan is to outline priority mitigation and adaptation actions in the corporation and community for the next 5-10 years. Priority environmental risks and impacts beyond those directly related to climate will also be addressed, such as water quality in Lake Simcoe.

The corresponding slide deck entitled "GEAC Climate Change Action Plan Questions" contain questions for the Committee on slide 9 ("Strengths/ Weaknesses"), slide 10 ("Opportunities") and slide 11 ("Threats"). The project team is seeking feedback on some (not all) questions since there are numerous. If possible, the team is asking for the Committee to review the questions in advance and determine which are the most relevant to discuss during the meeting.

The role of the GEAC during all four phases of the CCAP plan is to provide feedback as described below:

Stakeholder Group	Outreach Methods	Purpose:
GEAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Phase 1: Kick off and information gathering meeting</li><li>Phase 2: Meeting to identify Risks/ Vulnerabilities</li><li>Phase 3: Survey on threats/ opportunities</li><li>Phase 4: Presentation of Findings</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Introduce the project to the GEAC, seek feedback on key stakeholders, and overlapping work by other organizations for the project team to include in the environmental scan</li><li>Gather information about SWOT. Understand where the researched risks / vulnerabilities show up in Georgina.</li><li>Committee members will receive the public survey to help prioritize threats and opportunities.</li><li>Feedback from GEAC regarding priority threats, opportunities (T/O) and corresponding actions.</li></ul>

The next steps in the plan development are as follows:

1. Continue with Phase 2 Engagement:
  - a. Meet with Councillors and key stakeholders to discuss Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats (SWOT), including GEAC.
  - b. Meet with data experts about data sources, inventory data requirements
  - c. Meet with relevant divisions about risks and vulnerabilities 'on the ground'.
2. Phase 2 Deliverables:
  - a. Risk and Vulnerability Impact Assessment
  - b. Greenhouse Gas Inventories
  - c. Data Source inventory
3. Phase 3 Engagement:
  - a. Staff survey
  - b. Public survey including community events to promote the survey.
  - c. External stakeholder Focus Groups