



**GEORGINA**

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

Date: Wednesday, February 7, 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  
Michael Vos, Director of Operations and Infrastructure  
Val Stevens, Director, Library Services/CEO  
Rachel Dillabough, Town Clerk  
Mamata Baykar, Deputy Clerk  
Carolyn Lance, Council Services Coordinator  
Anne Winstanley, Supervisor, Communications  
Bob Ferguson, Manager, Parks Development and Operations  
Hillary Thompson, Committee Services Coordinator  
Karyn Stone, Manager, Economic Development & Tourism  
Kelly Atkinson, Head, Human Resources  
Michael Rozario, Deputy Fire Chief  
Mike Hutchinson, Manager of Municipal Law Enforcement  
Stefan Hordatt, Manager, Capital Projects - Strategic Initiatives  
Stirling Munro, Manager of Procurement  
Tanya Thompson, Communications Manager  
Tim McClatchie, Manager of Facilities

**Others Present:**

Courtney Rennie, Senior Project Manager, Parks and Open Space  
Melissa Robinson, Manager of Service Excellence  
Susan Lazzer, Project Manager, Strategic Initiatives  
Patti White, Manager of Recreation Services

**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 recent passing of a friend and colleague George Karkambasis of the Town's Water and Wastewater Department

**2. ROLL CALL**

As noted above

**3. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Mayor Quirk announced that York Region is partnering with Inn From The Cold and Maple Hill Baptist Church to open an Overnight Seasonal Shelter Program in Georgina, thereby expanding services for people experiencing homelessness, will operate from February 13th to April 30th four days a week from 10:30pm to 7:30am, for adults 16 years of age and over, 20 beds plus 5 additional beds during cold weather alerts.
- Georgina holding March 5th Special Council meeting regarding the issue of homelessness

1. Pet of the Month - Animal Shelter staff introducing pets available for adoption from the Georgina Animal Shelter

Animal Shelter staff introduced King, a 3-year-old quiet-natured Husky, recently found running at large in East Gwillimbury. Visit [georgina.ca/petadoption](http://georgina.ca/petadoption) to inquire about adoption.

If you are struggling with caring for your pet, please do not abandon your pet but rather, take the pet to an Animal Shelter or a rescue to turn the animal in for rehoming. There is no cost to do so.

**4. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEM(S) None.**

**5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA****RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0035**

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff

Seconded By Councillor Fellini

That the February 7, 2024 Council agenda be adopted as presented

**Carried****6. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF** None**7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES****RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0036**

Moved By Councillor Fellini

Seconded By Regional Councillor Davison

That the following minutes be adopted as presented:

1. Special Council Minutes of December 13, 2023
2. Council Minutes of January 17, 2024

**Carried****8. SPEAKERS AND DELEGATIONS**

1. Presentation; Melanie Osmond, Southlake Foundation, encouraging participation in the 2024 Nature's Emporium Run for Southlake annual fundraising event

**Melanie Osmond**, Officer of Events and Community Partnerships, Southlake Foundation, encouraged participation in the annual Nature's Emporium Run for Southlake Fundraising event taking place on Sunday, April 28th along Davis Drive in Newmarket and because 2024 is Southlake Regional Health Centre's 100th anniversary, they are encouraging participants to try to raise at least \$100 in celebration of the anniversary. Ms. Osmond encouraged Council to take part in the Mayor's Challenge and Community Spirit Award.

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0037**

Moved By Councillor Neeson

Seconded By Regional Councillor Davison

That the presentation provided by Melanie Osmond, Southlake Foundation, encouraging participation in the 2024 Nature's Emporium Run for Southlake annual fundraising event be received.

**Carried**

2. Presentation; Laurie Knapp, Executive Director, Hospice Georgina, regarding the building of a residential hospice

**Laurie Knapp**, Executive Director of Hospice Georgina since 2011, explained that the organization provides compassionate care and a range of free services including emotional and spiritual support, respite care and bereavement support to individuals and their families facing life limiting illness and grieving.

**Mary Margaret Thorburn**, Chair, Hospice Georgina, indicated an urgent need for a residential hospice within Georgina to provide individualized care and supports to individuals and their family members, with the assistance from all levels of government in order to provide at least 5 residential hospice beds to support the growing and aging population. Council was requested to consider the donation of land on Metro Road in Willow Beach for a residential hospice, financial support and continued support in this initiative.

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0038**

Moved By Councillor Neeson

Seconded By Councillor Biggerstaff

That the presentation provided by Laurie Knapp, Executive Director, Hospice Georgina, regarding the building of a residential hospice within Georgina be received and the requests for land donation and financial support be referred to the Chief Administrative Officer and Strategic Initiatives Department for consideration in conjunction with the healthcare strategy process.

**Carried**

3. Presentation; MURC Programming and Memberships

**Patti White**, Manager of Recreation Services, and **Valerie Stevens**, Director and CEO of Public Library, highlighted some programs that can be experienced at the Multi-Use Recreation Complex (MURC) including equipment and programs. A layout of the change rooms in the aquatic centre was provided along with information on the use of the 3-lane walking track, Try-It March and rental opportunities. Programs and lessons will be available accessible online as of February 20th, registration for residents will open March 5th, and March 12th for non-residents, spring session for all recreation programs and lessons begin in April.

**Val Stevens** indicated there are many experiences being offered in the Discovery Branch including a reading garden, five quiet study rooms, maker space, creativity lab, music & video lab, March Break programming and the Spring programming schedule.

**Patti White**; Grand Opening to be held Saturday, March 2nd, 10am to 2pm.

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0039**

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff  
Seconded By Councillor Fellini

That the presentation by staff concerning the Multi-Use Recreation Complex (MURC) Programming and Memberships be received.

**Carried**

- 4. Presentation; Black History Month video presentation by staff

**Kelly Atkinson** and **Val Stevens** provided information on programs being held throughout the month of February focusing on Black History Month, along with 2 videos.

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0040**

Moved By Regional Councillor Davison  
Seconded By Councillor Fellini

That Council receive the presentation by staff of video clips concerning Black History Month.

**Carried**

**9. PETITIONS**

**10. PUBLIC MEETINGS None**

**11. REPORTS**

- 1. Adoption Of Reports Not Requiring Separate Discussion

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff  
Seconded By Councillor Neeson

- c. Cemetery Operations Review

Report No. LS-2024-0006

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0041**

- 1. That Report No. LS-2024-0006, prepared by the Clerk's Division, dated February 7, 2024, respecting Cemetery Operations Review, be received;
- 2. That Council express its appreciation to all of the volunteers who have dedicated their time to participating as members of the Cooke's Cemetery Board and Keswick Cemetery Board;
- 3. That Council direct staff to manage the Town's municipally-owned cemeteries; and

4. That Council direct the Clerk's Division to prepare the necessary bylaws to give effect to the recommendations.

**Carried**

Moved By Councillor Neeson  
Seconded By Councillor Dale

That the Council meeting recess at 10:30am

**Carried**

The Council meeting reconvened at 10:45am

2. Reports Requiring Separate Discussion

- b. Keswick Cemetery Master Plan and Pioneer Cemeteries Management Plans

Report No. CSD-2024-0001

**Courtney Rennie** advised that representatives from LEES & Associates Landscape Architects were in attendance to provide a presentation regarding plans for improvement and management of the Keswick and Pioneer Cemeteries.

**Joshua Bernsen** and **Amanda Gebhardt** provided a presentation concerning the improvement and maintenance of the Keswick Cemetery Master Plan and Pioneer Cemeteries Management Plan.

**Direction** to staff to report back to Council on February 28, 2024 regarding the advancement of work needed on the Mann Cemetery and required budget approval.

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0042**

Moved By Councillor Neeson  
Seconded By Councillor Fellini

1. That Council receive Report No. CSD-2024-0001, prepared by the Community Services Department, dated February 7, 2024, concerning capital improvements proposed at the Town's municipally owned cemeteries;
2. That Council receive and endorse in principle the Keswick Cemetery Master Plan, dated October 30, 2023, prepared by LEES & Associates Consulting Ltd, subject to annual budget deliberations;

3. That Council receive and endorse in principle the Pioneer Cemeteries Management Plan dated October 18, 2023, prepared by LEES & Associates Consulting Ltd., subject to annual budget deliberations;
4. That staff report back with updated user fee by-laws related to recommendations outlined in the Keswick Cemetery Master Plan and Pioneer Cemetery Management Plan.

**Carried**

## **12. DISPOSITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **1. Dispositions/Proclamations**

- a. Epilepsy York Region requesting Council proclaim the month of March as 'Epilepsy Awareness Month' and Tuesday, March 26th as 'Purple Day', raise the purple flag for the week of March 20-27 and light up a local landmark

#### **RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0043**

Moved By Councillor Dale

Seconded By Regional Councillor Davison

That Council proclaim the month of March as 'Epilepsy Awareness Month' and Tuesday, March 26th as 'Purple Day' throughout the Town of Georgina, endorse the raising of the purple flag at the Civic Centre and forward the request to light up a local landmark in purple to the appropriate staff for consideration.

**Carried**

- b. Community and Home Assistance to Seniors (CHATS) requesting Council proclaim the month of June as 'Senior's Month' and endorse the raising of its flag during the month of June

#### **RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0044**

Moved By Councillor Neeson

Seconded By Councillor Fellini

That Council proclaim the month of June as 'Senior's Month' throughout the Town of Georgina and raise the flag in recognition of the month.

**Carried**

- c. Ministry of Transportation's response to Brock Township regarding Bradford Bypass concerns

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0045**

Moved By Councillor Genge

Seconded By Councillor Dale

That Council receive correspondence from the Ministry of Transportation in response to the Township of Brock's resolution requesting the Ministry clarify its environmental assessment process used for the Bradford Bypass and future highway builds by undertaking a number of requests as set out in its resolution.

**Carried**

- d. Honourable Kinga Surma, Ministry of Infrastructure, advising of the launch of the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund and the application deadline for municipalities

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0046**

Moved By Councillor Genge

Seconded By Councillor Fellini

That Council receive correspondence from The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, announcing the official launch of the application intake for the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund (HEWSF) with a deadline of April 19, 2024, and that this be referred to the appropriate staff for consideration.

**Carried**

2. General Information Items

- a. Information Items

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0047**

Moved By Councillor Fellini

Seconded By Councillor Biggerstaff

That Council receive General Information items (i) and (ii) of the Council Meeting held on February 7, 2024 and refer items (iii), (iv), (v) and (vi) to the February 28th Council agenda for consideration.

**Carried**

- b. Briefing Notes

- a. Interim measures governing the Management and Operation of Public Access Electric Vehicle Charging Stations



**RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0048**

Moved By Regional Councillor Davison

Seconded By Councillor Neeson

That Council receive the staff briefing note concerning interim fee structure measures governing the management and operation of public access Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (EVCs).

**Carried****13. MOTIONS/ NOTICES OF MOTION** None**14. REGIONAL BUSINESS**

- Economic Development Strategy presentation outlining plans for the first National Public Health Week to be held the first week of April

**15. OTHER BUSINESS** None.**16. BYLAWS**

Moved By Regional Councillor Davison

Seconded By Councillor Dale

That the following bylaws be adopted;

1. Bylaw Number 500-2024-0002 (PL-5) to amend Zoning Bylaw 500, Ballymore Development (Georgina) Corp, Part of Lot 15, Concession 3 (NG), e/s The Queensway North, File 03.1138
2. Bylaw Number 2024-0009 (PL-4), remove lands from Part Lot Control, Lot 91, Plan 397, 9 Biscayne Blvd, File 04.77
3. Bylaw Number 2024-0010 (PL-4), remove lands from Part Lot Control, Block 36, Plan 65M-4769, Cliff Thompson Court, File 04.78
4. Bylaw Number 2024-0011 (TR-1) to amend Schedule 'A' to Bylaw 2017-0050 (TR-1) regulating parking on private property; Sahil
5. Bylaw Number 2024-0012 (REG-1) to establish fees and charges for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

**Carried****17. CLOSED SESSION**

Moved By Councillor Genge

Seconded By Councillor Biggerstaff

That Council convene into Closed Session at 11:26am to deal with the following matter:

- a. PERSONNEL MATTERS ABOUT AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL INCLUDING MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL BOARD EMPLOYEES, Section

239(2)(b), MA; Confidential attachment to Report LS-2024-0005,  
appointment to Georgina Public Library Board

**Carried**

Moved By Councillor Genge  
Seconded By Regional Councillor Davison

That Council reconvene at 11:45am and report on matters discussed in Closed Session.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0049**

Moved By Councillor Neeson  
Seconded By Regional Councillor Davison

In regard to Closed Session Item 17.1.a under Section 239(2)(b) of the Municipal Act being personal matters about an identifiable individual including municipal or local board employees regarding confidential attachment to Report LS-2024-0005;

1. That Council receive the update and staff proceed accordingly and that the Mayor and Clerk be delegated authority to execute the necessary bylaw.

**Carried**

**18. CONFIRMING BYLAW**

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff  
Seconded By Councillor Fellini

That the following bylaw be adopted;

1. Bylaw Number 2024-0013 (COU-2) confirming the proceedings of Council on February 7, 2024

**Carried**

**11. REPORTS**

1. Adoption Of Reports Not Requiring Separate Discussion
  - a. Georgina Public Library Board Appointments to Fill A Vacancy for the 2022-2026 Term of Office  
Report No. LS-2024-0005

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2024-0050**

Moved By Councillor Neeson  
Seconded By Regional Councillor Davison

1. That Report No. LS-2024-0005 prepared by the Clerk's Division, Legislative Services, dated February 7, 2024, respecting an appointment to the Georgina Public Library Board, be received.
2. That the appointment of the selected applicant by Council come into effect upon the passing of the appointment bylaw and acceptance of the appointment by the Board Designate.
3. That Council adopt Bylaw Number 2024-0014 (COU-1) to appoint a member to the Georgina Public Library Board for the 2022-2026 Term of Office.

**Carried**

**19. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Moved By Councillor Dale  
Seconded By Councillor Genge

That the meeting adjourn at 11:47am

**Carried**

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Margaret Quirk, Mayor

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Rachel Dillabough, Town Clerk