



THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWN OF GEORGINA

**Georgina Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes**

Date: Tuesday, October 1, 2024  
Time: 9:00 AM

Members of Committee Present: Wendy Busby  
Charlene Biggerstaff  
Lee Dale  
Michelle Radigan-Marriott  
Scott Wollin  
Dave Harding

Staff Present: Hillary Thompson  
Tim McClatchie  
Timothy Higgins

**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. GAAC2024-0038**

Moved By Charlene Biggerstaff  
Seconded By Dave Harding

That the October 1, 2024 Agenda be approved as presented.

**Carried**

**5. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

**6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes of the June 25, 2024 Meeting

**RESOLUTION NO. GAAC2024-0039**

Moved By Wendy Busby  
Seconded By Scott Wollin

That the Minutes of the Georgina Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting held on October 1, 2024 be approved as presented.

**Carried**

**7. SPEAKERS**

1. Update on Multi-Year Accessibility Plan

Tim Higgins, AODA Compliance Officer, to provide update on Multi-Year Accessibility Plan.

The Georgina Accessibility Staff Team (GAST) has been created. This is a group of Town of Georgina staff members, who meet monthly to work towards being in compliance with all aspects of AODA as well as to assist with the creation of the new Multi-Year Accessibility Plan.

The GAST as well as local business owners and two members of the GAAC (Michelle Radigan-Marriott and Dave Harding) will be working with LEAD on a self-assessment workshop on October 2 and October 3, to establish future-state information to form the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan. Upon completion of this workshop, a report will be provided in November to establish the future-state of the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan for the Town.

When the Town file's the compliance report with the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility every other year, we will also be working with the Georgina Public Library to ensure that they are included in the reporting, to ensure that we meet compliance across the board.

Virtual training and development opportunities have been provided by Tim Higgins and will be circulated to the Committee for their review and knowledge enhancement.

There is a consultation group being assembled who will be creating a survey which will go out in October, to gather information from residents regarding accessibility throughout the municipality.

The Multi-Year Accessibility Plan is currently on schedule and the project is expected to be completed on time.

**RESOLUTION NO. GAAC2024-0040**

Moved By Michelle Radigan-Marriott  
Seconded By Scott Wollin

That the update surrounding the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan, be approved as presented.

**Carried**

2. Update on Jackson's Point Parkette

Bob Ferguson, Manager of Parks Development and Operations, to provide an update on the Jackson's Point Parkette.

Staff member, Tim McClatchie, Manager of Facilities, provided an update to the Committee. At this time, hedges and shrubs have been removed and lilac bushes have been crown raised to improve site lines. A business case has been put forward to Council for consideration to get the pathways redone that will make them AODA compliant, as well as to add additional lighting. Further updates to be provided at a future meeting, as this project progresses.

Committee puts forth a motion to endorse the business case for AODA improvements to the Jackson's Point Parkette as it is presented to Council.

**RESOLUTION NO. GAAC2024-0041**

Moved By Wendy Busby  
Seconded By Dave Harding

That the Committee endorses AODA improvements to the Jackson's Point Parkette as well as general accessibility improvements to the Town's various parks, as they are presented to Council and for the Committee to be included in consultation for future design feedback.

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION NO. GAAC2024-0042**

Moved By Michelle Radigan-Marriott  
Seconded By Scott Wollin

That the update surrounding accessibility improvements at the Jackson's Point Parkette, provided by Tim McClatchie, be received as presented.

**Carried**

**8. DELEGATIONS/ PETITIONS**

**9. PRESENTATIONS**

**10. REPORTS**

**11. GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Disposition Item Regarding GAAC Endorsement of Loyalist Township Correspondence

Council endorsed the correspondence received from Loyalist Township encouraging the Province to create a municipal accessibility fund for municipalities.

This endorsement was passed unanimously by Council.

**12. MOTIONS/ NOTICES OF MOTION**

**13. OTHER BUSINESS**

**14. CLOSED SESSION**

**15. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**RESOLUTION NO. GAAC2024-0043**

Moved By Dave Harding  
Seconded By Wendy Busby

That the meeting adjourn at 9:49am

**Carried**

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Councillor Lee Dale, Chair

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Hillary Thompson, Licensing Coordinator