



**GEORGINA**

**THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWN OF GEORGINA**

**Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee Minutes**

Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024  
Time: 7:00 PM

Members of Committee Present: Dave Neeson  
Lee Dale  
Mary-Lynn Seeley  
Austin Rooney

Members of Committee Absent: Mark Setter

Staff Present: Cheyenne McAnuff, Records and Information  
Coordinator  
Stephanie Wolfe, Climate Initiatives Lead  
Neil Comer, Climate Initiatives Advisor  
Simone Weinstein, Grant Specialist

**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.”

Called to Order at 7:01pm

**2. ROLL CALL**

As noted above

**3. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEM(S)**

None

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2024-0032**

Moved By Austin Rooney  
Seconded By Lee Dale

That the October 22, 2024 Agenda be approved as presented.

**Carried**

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

None

**6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes from the September 17, 2024 Meeting

**RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2024-0033**

Moved By Mary-Lynn Seeley  
Seconded By Lee Dale

That the Minutes of the meeting held on September 17, 2024 be approved as presented.

**Carried**

**7. SPEAKERS**

None

**8. DELEGATIONS/ PETITIONS**

None

**9. PRESENTATIONS**

1. Climate Change Action Plan Priority Risks and Opportunities

Stephanie Wolfe, Climate Initiatives Lead, to provide results of climate hazards risk assessment and greenhouse gas inventory and present priority risks and impacts for Committee feedback.

Stephanie Wolfe provided an in-depth presentation on the priority risks and opportunities as they pertain to the Climate Change Action Plan. In terms of the project timeline, the Town is currently in Phase Four of the Climate Change Action Plan Development. To develop the risk assessment, Staff projected the status of 18 climate hazard variables to

predict climate hazard projections for 2050, and Staff utilized the Provincial Risk Assessment matrix to assess the risk of the various climate hazards. There were various engagement opportunities with the public community, Town staff, and stakeholder focus groups. Staff provided a comprehensive overview of each of the main climate hazards as well as the risks associated, organized from highest risk to lower risks, and provided an overview of data sources and metrics that were used to gather these results. Next steps include presenting the Risk Assessment results to Council on November 20, 2024, develop actions for the highest priority risks, complete the greenhouse gas inventory, and develop implementation and communication tools.

Lee Dale: Is there any synergy between what the Town of Georgina is doing and what York Region is doing?

Stephanie Wolfe: York Region has their own Climate Change Action Plan, a Health and Vulnerability Assessment, and Energy Conservation and Demand Management (carbon emissions inventory). The Town has been in communication with the Region as we are collaborating with data and metrics, and will continually consult the Region and cross reference between the Town and Region's Climate Change Action Plans. The Town will also continue to consult with the LSCRA and Public Health.

Mary-Lynn Seeley: Two other key areas to focus on would be the affects that climate change has on mental health, particularly when it comes to youth, and accessibility for the vulnerable members of the community to be able to access services such as cooling centres, and access to transportation during severe weather events.

Stephanie Wolfe: In the larger presentation slide deck, there is a section for more over-arching affects of climate change that includes mental health, and Staff have been ensuring that all plans are in compliance with accessibility standards.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2024-0034**

Moved By Lee Dale

Seconded By Mary-Lynn Seeley

That the presentation regarding the Climate Change Action Plan Priority Risks and Opportunities be received as presented.

**Carried**

#### **10. REPORTS**

None

#### **11. GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. 2025 Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule

**RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2024-0035**

Moved By Austin Rooney  
Seconded By Mary-Lynn Seeley

That the 2025 Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee Schedule be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

2. Summary of Ideas for 2025 Committee Initiatives

Austin Rooney: add electric vehicle fleet program to the list, have staff report back to the Committee on Town electric vehicles and long-term planning.

**RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2024-0036**

Moved By Lee Dale  
Seconded By Austin Rooney

That the Summary of Ideas for 2025 Committee Initiatives be received as amended.

**Carried**

**12. MOTIONS/ NOTICES OF MOTION**

None

**13. OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**14. CLOSED SESSION**

None

**15. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2024-0037**

Moved By Mary-Lynn Seeley  
Seconded By Austin Rooney

That the meeting adjourn at 7:54pm.

**Carried**

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Councillor Dave Neeson, Chair

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Cheyenne McAnuff, Records and Information Coordinator