



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

Date: Wednesday, January 15, 2025
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
Shawn Nastke, Director, Strategic Initiatives
Michael Vos, Director of Operations and Infrastructure
Rachel Dillabough, Town Clerk
Mamata Baykar, Deputy Clerk
Carolyn Lance, Council Services Coordinator
Anne Winstanley, Supervisor, Communications
Jodi Pridham, Manager, Client & Cultural Services
Karyn Stone, Manager, Economic Development & Tourism
Tanya Thompson, Communications Manager

Others Present:

Samantha Naumoski, Committee Services Coordinator
Cristina Liu, Economic Development Officer
Courtney Rennie, Senior Project Manager, Parks and Open
Space
Jodi Pridham, Manager, Client and Cultural Services
Patti White, Manager, Recreation Services
Nicole Smith, Arborist, Forestry

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 passing of Georgie Lyons, a local resident, involved in Sutton Seniors and Salvation Army Church
- Council recognized the passing of Town of Aurora Mayor Tom Mrakas' father, Bilibus Mrakas

2. ROLL CALL As noted above**3. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Council acknowledged and thanked the ROC staff, New Year's Eve event was well attended
 - Council acknowledged and thanked the Road crews and contractors for keeping up with the snowfalls
 - Chief Jenkins announced the appointment of John Langevin as Deputy Fire Chief, Deputy of Operations, employed by the Fire Department since November of 2000; John Langevin accepted the appointment
1. Pet of the Month - Animal Shelter staff introducing pets available for adoption from the Georgina Animal Shelter
- Jennifer Yapa**, Animal Shelter Supervisor, introduced Figgy Pudding, a 9-month old terrier-poodle mix available for adoption

Additional community announcements;

- Wednesday, January 15th, Community Lunch at the Link, sponsored by the Town
- Wednesday, January 15th, Community Safety Meeting at the Stephen Leacock Theatre, 7-9pm
- Saturday, January 18th, Cardboard Toboggan Race to be held at the ROC, 1-3pm

4. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEM(S)

- Item No. 8.1, Delegation by Iryna Eydt objecting to the operation of snowmobiles and off-road vehicles on municipal boulevards and roadways

- Item No. 11.1.c, Report No. OID-2025-0002, Emerald Ash Borer Tree Removal Program Conclusion and Summary
- Item No. 16.5, Bylaw No. 2025-0006 (AD-1) appointing John Langevin as Deputy Fire Chief and Alternate Community Emergency Management Coordinator for the Town of Georgina

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0001

Moved By Councillor Dale

Seconded By Councillor Biggerstaff

That the January 15, 2025 Council agenda, with the following addendum items, be adopted;

- Item No. 8.1, Delegation by Iryna Eydt objecting to the operation of snowmobiles and off-road vehicles on municipal boulevards and roadways
- Item No. 11.1.c, Report No. OID-2025-0002, Emerald Ash Borer Tree Removal Program Conclusion and Summary
- Item No. 16.5, Bylaw No. 2025-0006 (AD-1) appointing John Langevin as Deputy Fire Chief and Alternate Community Emergency Management Coordinator for the Town of Georgina

Carried

6. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF None

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0002

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff

Seconded By Councillor Neeson

That the following minutes be adopted as presented:

1. Council Minutes of November 20, 2024

Carried

8. SPEAKERS AND DELEGATIONS

Item 8.1 was delayed until later in the meeting, pending arrival of the delegate.

Item 8.2; Derek Shank, co-founder and President of Georgina Riptide Volleyball Association and Georgina Riptide Beach Volleyball Club, requested not-for-profit youth and adult fees for gyms within the Town and to support Georgina youth groups through providing more attainable and reasonable space outside of the school boards, potentially with allocation of dedicated time and space to user groups.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0003

Moved By Councillor Fellini

Seconded By Regional Councillor Davison

That the delegation by Derek Shank, co-founder of Georgina Riptide Volleyball Association and Georgina Riptide Beach Volleyball Club, requesting not-for-profit youth and adult fees for gyms within the Town and support for Georgina youth groups through providing more attainable and reasonable space outside of the school boards, potentially with allocation of dedicated time and space to user groups, be received and referred to staff for investigation and a response to Council.

Carried**9. PETITIONS** None**10. PUBLIC MEETINGS** None**11. REPORTS**

1. Adoption Of Reports Not Requiring Separate Discussion

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff

Seconded By Councillor Neeson

That the following report recommendations be adopted;

a. 2025 Updated Recommendations for Priority Capital Improvements in Cemeteries

Report No. CSD-2025-0001

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0004

1. That Council receive Report No. CSD-2025-0001 dated January 15, 2025 prepared by the Community Services Department for 2025 Updated Recommendations for Priority Capital Improvements in Cemeteries;

2. That Council approve redirecting previously approved funds in the amount of \$42,000 for foundation walls at Keswick Cemetery, towards the purchase of two (2) new columbarium units at the Keswick Cemetery.

b. Community Services - Fees & Charges 2024-2027 – Youth Gymnasium Rental Fee

Report No. CSD-2025-0002

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0005

1. That Council receive Report No. CSD-2025-0002, prepared by the Community Services Department dated January 15,

2025 respecting the Community Services - Fees & Charges proposed Youth Gymnasium Rental Fee.

2. That Council approve the Community Services – Fees & Charges 2024-2027 proposed Youth Gymnasium Rental Fee and that advisement of revisions be published in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Act.
3. That Council adopt a by-law authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

Carried

2. Reports Requiring Separate Discussion

- c. Emerald Ash Borer Tree Removal Program Conclusion and Summary

Report No. OID-2025-0002

Nicole Smith presented a power point regarding the Emerald Ash Borer Tree Removal Program conclusion and summary

DIRECTION; Operations and Infrastructure staff requested to forward correspondence, including a summary of this project, along with the staff report, to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0006

Moved By Councillor Neeson

Seconded By Regional Councillor Davison

1. That Council receives Report No. OID-2025-0002 prepared by the Operations Division, Operations & Infrastructure Department dated January 15, 2025, regarding the Emerald Ash Borer Tree Removal Program Conclusion and Summary.

Carried

Mayor Quirk dealt with Item 8.1 at this time.

8. SPEAKERS AND DELEGATIONS

1. Iryna Eydt, Sunnidale Blvd, objecting to the operation of snowmobiles and off-road vehicles on municipal boulevards and roadways.

Iryna Eydt, 26 Sunnidale Blvd, advised that she is objecting to the operation of snowmobiles and off-road vehicles on municipal boulevards and roadways and requested Council consider not permitting snowmobiles to operate on municipal roadways or at least on municipal boulevards and sidewalks.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0007

Moved By Councillor Genge

Seconded By Regional Councillor Davison

That Council receive the delegation by Iryna Eydtt requesting Town Council consider instituting regulations for the operation of snowmobiles and off-road vehicles on municipal boulevards and roadways and refer her request to staff for further investigation and a response back to Council and to the resident.

Carried

12. DISPOSITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS**1. Dispositions/Proclamations**

- a. Township of King requesting support for the establishment of a Rural Road Safety Program

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0008

Moved By Regional Councillor Davison

Seconded By Councillor Fellini

That Council receive and endorse the position of the Township of King requesting the Government of Ontario to take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads is committed to lead, allowing Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads.

Carried

- b. Township of King requesting support of its position to strengthen bail reform and enhance community safety

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0009

Moved By Councillor Neeson

Seconded By Councillor Fellini

That Council receive correspondence from the Township of King advising of its position to support the strengthening of bail reform and enhancing community safety, and refer the matter to staff for verification and further information in order to provide more details to Council.

Carried

- c. Region of York requesting endorsement of the redistribution of Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities for sustainable infrastructure funding

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0010

Moved By Councillor Dale

Seconded By Councillor Neeson

That Council receive and support the position of the Region of York as follows;

WHEREAS municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development;

AND WHEREAS the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs;

AND WHEREAS redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers;

AND WHEREAS a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Town Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Town Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide

predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance; Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Scot Davidson, York-Simcoe MP; Caroline Mulroney, MPP, and York Region municipalities for their endorsement and advocacy.

Carried Unanimously

2. General Information Items

a. Information Items

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0011

Moved By Councillor Genge

Seconded By Regional Councillor Davison

That the January 15, 2025 General Information Items (i) to (viii) be received and that Item (v), being correspondence from the Township of Oro-Medonte concerning its position to increase the Tile Drain Loan Limit, be forwarded to the Georgina Agricultural Advisory Committee for consideration.

Carried

Direction to forward Item (v) to Council members for information purposes.

b. Briefing Notes

a. 2025 Budget for the Town of Georgina

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0012

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff

Seconded By Councillor Fellini

That Council receive the staff briefing note summarizing the 2025 adopted budget for the Town of Georgina in the total amount of \$143,171,685 including an operating budget of \$106,416,085 and a capital budget of \$36,755,600.

Carried

- b. 2025 Updates to the Economic, Culture and Community Betterment Grant Program

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0013

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff

Seconded By Regional Councillor Davison

That Council receive the staff briefing note regarding the Town of Georgina's 2025 updates to the Economic, Culture and Community Betterment Grant Program, a program providing essential funding for events, programs and initiatives that enhance Georgina's identity, contribute to community betterment and create economic impact.

Carried

13. MOTIONS/ NOTICES OF MOTION None

14. REGIONAL BUSINESS

- Regional Council meeting on Thursday, January 16th, to be chaired by new Chair Eric Jolliffe
- Speed limit revisions scheduled for Udora, once speed limits are passed, Town staff requested to communicate this to the public before the new signs are erected
- interchange at St. Johns Sideroad and Highway 404 requested to be moved forward, potential intersection at Mulock Drive for better access

15. OTHER BUSINESS

- Province to improve intersection at Highway 48 and Old Homestead Road in 2025, Province requested to provide the planned improvement details
- ROMA, Rural Ontario Municipal Association Conference to be held this weekend
- AMO Conference to be held in August of 2025, Council is registered to attend

16. BYLAWS

Moved By Councillor Dale

Seconded By Councillor Neeson

That Bylaws 1,2,3 and 5 be adopted as follows;

1. Bylaw Number 2025-0001 (PWO-3) to establish a water service rate structure under Section 391 of the Municipal Act 2001 for water service for the users of the waterworks systems in the Town of Georgina
2. Bylaw Number 2025-0002 (PWO-3) to establish a sewer service rate structure under Section 391 of the Municipal Act 2001 for sewer service for the users of the sewerage systems in the Town of Georgina

3. Bylaw Number 2025-0003 (AD-5) amending 2010-0074 (AD-5) establishing fees & charges for Administrative Services, 2009-0011 (LI-3) providing for licensing and regulation of dogs, and 2013-0087 (PWO-5) establishing fees and charges for waterworks services
5. Bylaw Number 2025-0006 (AD-1) to appoint John Langevin as Deputy Fire Chief and Alternate Community Emergency Management Coordinator for the Town of Georgina

Carried

Moved by Regional Councillor Davison
Seconded by Councillor Biggerstaff

That the following bylaw be adopted;

4. Bylaw Number 2025-0004 (PWO-3) setting Stormwater Utility Rates for the year 2025

Carried

17. CLOSED SESSION None

18. CONFIRMING BYLAW

Moved By Regional Councillor Davison
Seconded By Councillor Biggerstaff

That the following bylaw be adopted;

1. Bylaw Number 2025-0005 (COU-2) confirming the proceedings of Council on January 15, 2025

Carried

19. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff
Seconded By Councillor Neeson

That the meeting adjourn at 10:15am

Carried

Margaret Quirk, Mayor

Rachel Dillabough, Town Clerk