



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

Date: Wednesday, February 5, 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
Mamata Baykar, Deputy Clerk
Carolyn Lance, Council Services Coordinator
Alex Demoe, EA to Mayor and Council Members
Anne Winstanley, Supervisor, Communications
Cristina Liu, Economic Development Officer - Tourism
Development
Karyn Stone, Manager, Economic Development & Tourism
Olga Lawton, Corporate Strategy and Transformation
Simone Weinstein, Program Manager, Strategic Initiatives
Stirling Munro, Manager of Procurement
Tanya Thompson, Communications Manager

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.”

2. ROLL CALL

As noted above

3. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Jennifer Yapa, Animal Control Supervisor, introduced Jacks, 1 year-old Sheppard-Lab mix, who is looking for a forever home.

Ms. Yapa advised that the shelter was made aware of an abandoned young Cane Corso dog mix in the West Park Dog Park. When considering rehoming your pet, choose an option available to you including nearby animal shelters, local rescues, veterinary clinics, pet trainers, social services, food banks or the Farley Foundation which can assist with veterinary costs.

- Homeless Shelter at Georgina Community Church on Metro Road, Jackson's Point, run by In From The Cold, as of February 14th, open 10:00pm to 8:30am daily including weekends and holidays, for those aged 16 and older experiencing homelessness and seeking shelter.
- Drop-In Program at The Link expanded hours of operation, 8:30am to 10:00pm
- Town of Georgina awarded \$5.8 Million in Federal funding through Housing Accelerator Fund to advance construction of an additional 200 homes in the next 3 years including 50 affordable housing units; updates to be posted
- Monday, February 17th, Family Day, Family Fun Snow Day held annually by Pefferlaw Lions at Pefferlaw Park, free of charge
- Saturday, February 22nd, Comedy for Children's Hunger Day, Pefferlaw Lions Hall, proceeds to support Breakfast Program at Morning Glory Public School
- Friday, February 14th, Valentine's Swim at the MURC and Sutton Pool, 6:45pm to 8:15pm
- Friday, February 7th, Georgina Girls Hockey Association hosting Ontario Women's Hockey Association Tournament, puck-drop at 2pm, over 40 teams participating from out of town

4. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEM(S)

- Item No. 17.1.b, Closed Session in relation to Canadian Life Science and Technology Park, Section 239(2)(i) of the Municipal Act
- Item No. 13, a motion to waive the Rules of Procedures will be tabled to allow consideration of a motion with no previous notice, rather than a Notice of Motion

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0024**

Moved By Councillor Fellini

Seconded By Councillor Neeson

That the February 5, 2025 Council agenda, with the following addendum items, be adopted;

- Item No. 17.1.b, Closed Session in relation to Canadian Life Science and Technology Park, Section 239(2)(i) of the Municipal Act
- Item No. 13, a motion to waive the Rules of Procedures will be tabled to allow consideration of a motion with no previous notice, rather than a Notice of Motion

Carried

6. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

Regional Councillor Davison declared a minor potential conflict with Closed Session Item 17.1.b, the nature of which is being withheld at this time; at such time the item becomes public, Regional Councillor Davison will disclose said potential conflict.

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0025**

Moved By Councillor Dale

Seconded By Councillor Biggerstaff

That the following minutes be adopted as presented:

1. Special Council Minutes held on December 11, 2024

Carried

8. SPEAKERS AND DELEGATIONS

1. DELEGATION; Representatives of Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) providing an update on the Georgina Puppy Development Centre and fundraising campaign

Diane Bergeron shared updates on project and organizational changes within CNIB and expressed appreciation to the Town of Georgina for its

support, noting that the work that will be conducted in Georgina will enhance quality of life, freedom and independence for those living with low vision, blindness or deaf-blindness.

Patrick Milne advised that they are working with local consultants where possible and that CNIB is in the midst of assessments and permit approvals and are planning for construction to commence by this fall.

Robert Gaunt advised that this will be the first ever Puppy Development Centre for CNIB Guide Dogs, with every element being carefully considered to provide optimal conditions. Georgina was chosen due to its strong sense of community. The Development Centre will be a home for a life-changing program that will positively impact Canadians across the country.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0026

Moved By Regional Councillor Davison

Seconded By Councillor Dale

That Council receive the delegation provided by Diane Bergeron, Patrick Milne and Robert Gaunt, representatives of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) providing an update on the Georgina Puppy Development Centre and fundraising campaign.

Carried

2. PRESENTATION; Melanie Osmond, Southlake Health Foundation, announcing its annual 'Nature's Emporium Run for Southlake' fundraising event

Melanie Osmond, Southlake Health Foundation, announced its annual Run for Southlake fundraising event taking place on Sunday, April 27th along Davis Drive in Newmarket, inviting Council to participate to support leading edge care close to home, as well as the Mayor's Team Challenge and Community Spirit Award Challenge.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0027

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff

Seconded By Councillor Neeson

That Council receive the presentation provided by Melanie Osmond on behalf of the Southlake Health Foundation announcing its annual 'Nature's Emporium Run for Southlake' hospital fundraising event with a goal of \$500,000 to be held Sunday, April 27th, as well as the Mayor's Team Challenge and the Community Spirit Award Challenge.

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 Council adopt the following report recommendations;

b. Fitness Centre Partnership Program

Report No. CSD-2025-0004

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0028

1. That Council receive Report No. CSD-2025-0004 prepared by the Community Services Department dated February 5, 2025, respecting Fitness Centre partnership program.
2. That Council approve the establishment of a fitness centre partnership program focusing on resistance/strength training and cardio equipment as part of the Rec Pass membership and authorize the Director of Community Services to oversee its implementation.
3. That Council authorize the Director of Community Services, in coordination with the Town Solicitor, to enter into partnership agreements with local businesses participating in the fitness centre partnership program.

c. Subdivision Agreement - Orchidtrail Phase 1

Draft Plan of Subdivision 19T-20G01

Part of Lot 14 and Part of the east Part of Lot 15, Concession 3(NG)

Report No. DS-2025-0008

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0029

1. That Council receive Report No. DS-2025-0008 prepared by the Development Engineering Division, Development Services Department dated February 5, 2025, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Subdivision Agreement between Orchidtrail Building (BT) Corp, as Owner, and the Corporation of the Town of Georgina, related to Draft Plan of Subdivision 19T-20G01 commonly referred to as the Orchid Trail Phase 1 Subdivision;
2. That Council authorize the Town Solicitor to execute all easements, land transfers, road dedication of 0.3 metre (1')

reserves, and other documents to be registered in connection with Draft Plan of Subdivision 19T-20G01;

3. That Council authorize staff to make minor revisions to the draft Subdivision Agreement, included as Attachment 3 to Report No. DS-2025-0008; and
4. That Council amend Traffic Bylaw 2002-0046 (TR-1), as amended, to regulate traffic and control the parking of vehicles in the Orchid Trail Phase 1 Subdivision, included as Attachment 5.

Carried

2. Reports Requiring Separate Discussion

- a. 2024 Beach Vendor Pilot Program Update and 2025 Program Extension

Report No. SI-2025-0001

Cristina Liu and **Karyn Stone** provided information to Council concerning the number, type and location of food vendors within the parks and mentioned the pop-up merchandise vendors.

Moved By Councillor Genge

1. That Council receive Report No. SI-2025-0001 prepared by the Economic Development and Tourism Division, Strategic Initiatives Department dated February 5, 2025, respecting the 2024 Beach Vendor Pilot Program Update and 2025 Program extension.
2. That Council approve the continuation of the Vendor Pilot Program for the 2025 Season, as outlined in Section 4 of Report SI-2025-0001.
3. That Council direct Staff to issue an Expression of Interest for the 2025 Beach Vendor Program and allow up to two food vendor spaces at De La Salle Park and two food vendor spaces at Willow Beach Park.

Lost, No Second

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0030

Moved By Regional Councillor Davison

Seconded By Councillor Neeson

1. That Council receive Report No. SI-2025-0001 prepared by the Economic Development and Tourism Division, Strategic Initiatives Department dated February 5, 2025, respecting

the 2024 Beach Vendor Pilot Program Update and 2025 Program extension.

2. That Council approve the continuation of the Vendor Pilot Program for the 2025 Season, as outlined in Section 4 of Report SI-2025-0001.
3. That Council direct Staff to issue an Expression of Interest for the 2025 Beach Vendor Program and allow up to four vendor spaces at De La Salle Park and two vendor spaces at Willow Beach Park, with priority given to food vendors.

	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Councillor Genge		x
Councillor Dale	x	
Regional Councillor Davison	x	
Councillor Neeson	x	
Councillor Fellini	x	
Mayor Quirk	x	
Councillor Biggerstaff	x	
Results	6	1

Carried (6 - 1)

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', March 26th as 'Purple Day', raise the purple flag from March 20th - 27th and light up the Civic Centre on March 26th

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0031

Moved By Councillor Fellini

Seconded By Councillor Biggerstaff

That Council proclaim the month of March as 'Epilepsy Awareness Month' and Wednesday, March 26th as 'Purple Day' throughout the Town of Georgina, endorse the raising of the purple flag at the Georgina Civic Centre from March 20-27, and the lighting of the Georgina Civic Centre in purple on March 26th, and forward the lighting portion of the request to the appropriate staff for disposition.

Carried

2. General Information Items None

13. MOTIONS/ NOTICES OF MOTION

Moved by Councillor Dale

Seconded by Councillor Neeson

That the Council meeting recess at 10:05am

Carried

The Council Meeting reconvened at 10:20am

Mayor Quirk left the Chair at this time, Deputy Mayor Davison took the Chair

Moved by Mayor Quirk

Seconded by Councillor Biggerstaff

That the Rules of Procedure be waived in order to introduce a motion without previous notice

Carried

Mayor Quirk introduced a motion entitled 'Buy Canadian - Shop Local'

Councillor Genge suggested Council direct staff to propose a Buy Canadian procurement policy rather than review the merits of such a policy.

The CAO suggested staff be directed to review the impacts of a Buy Canadian procurement policy.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0032

Moved By Mayor Quirk

Seconded By Councillor Neeson

WHEREAS the Country of Canada is a proud, strong and sovereign nation;

AND WHEREAS Donald Trump, the President of the United States, and his administration have made Canada the target of an economic attack through the proposed use of unjust tariffs that were to initially take effect Feb. 4, 2025;

AND WHEREAS President Trump has now delayed for at least 30 days the imposition of tariffs on Canada to allow for further negotiations between the two countries;

AND WHEREAS President Trump has referenced using "economic force" to make our resource, mineral and freshwater rich sovereign nation a 51st state;

AND WHEREAS the threat of proposed tariffs is contrary to the historic bond and partnership between our countries;

AND WHEREAS these unjust tariffs would drive Canada into a recession, potentially causing hundreds of thousands of Canadians to lose their jobs;

AND WHEREAS the federal government, provinces, territories, municipalities, communities, businesses and organizations across Canada, along with our 40-million plus proud and resilient citizens, are coming together to support and protect Canada's economic and independent sovereignty;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Georgina is a strong and vibrant municipality of more than 52,000 proud residents and over 1,100 businesses;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Georgina's Mayor and Council are resolute in their intention to take impactful actions to support and stand up for local businesses, residents and families across Georgina and Canada;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That Town of Georgina staff be directed to review the impacts of a "Buy Canadian" procurement policy; and,
2. That Town of Georgina staff be directed to identify and expand promotions of current campaigns including 'Shop Local,' 'Grown in Georgina' and 'Georgina Made,' as a reminder to buy Canadian and shop local first; and,
3. That Town of Georgina staff be directed to report back as necessary and/or as the tariff discussions unfold.

	YEA	NAY
Mayor Quirk	x	
Councillor Fellini	x	
Regional Councillor Davison	x	
Councillor Biggerstaff	x	
Councillor Genge	x	
Councillor Neeson	x	
Councillor Dale	x	
Results	7	0

Carried (7 - 0)

Direction to forward this motion to York Region municipalities, Premier of Ontario, Prime Minister of Canada, AMO, FCM, Scot Davidson, MP, Caroline Mulroney, MPP, Georgina Chamber of Commerce, Ontario Chamber of Commerce, Canadian Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Quirk resumed the Chair at this time.

14. REGIONAL BUSINESS

- York Region Food Network released updated York Region Food Charter that will be included on a future Georgina Council agenda

15. OTHER BUSINESS None

16. BYLAWS

Moved By Regional Councillor Davison
Seconded By Councillor Biggerstaff

That the following bylaws be adopted;

1. Bylaw Number 2025-0009 (PL-4) to remove certain lands from part lot control; Lot 5, Plan 65M-4811, File #04.80
2. Bylaw Number 2025-0010 (TR-1) amending Schedules II (no parking), XXV (stop signs) and XXVIII (speed limits) of Bylaw 2002-0046 (TR-1) to regulate traffic and control the parking of vehicles, Orchidtrail Phase 1

Carried

17. CLOSED SESSION

Moved By Councillor Dale
Seconded By Councillor Fellini

That Council convene into Closed Session at 10:55am to discuss the following matters:

- a. EDUCATION OR TRAINING SESSION, Section 239(3.1), MA; Education Session regarding Private Roads
- b. A TRADE SECRET OR SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL, COMMERCIAL, FINANCIAL OR LABOUR RELATIONS INFORMATION, SUPPLIED IN CONFIDENCE TO THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD, WHICH, IF DISCLOSED, COULD REASONABLY BE EXPECTED TO PREJUDICE SIGNIFICANTLY THE COMPETITIVE POSITION OR INTERFERE SIGNIFICANTLY WITH THE CONTRACTUAL OR OTHER NEGOTIATIONS OF A PERSON, GROUP OF PERSONS, OR ORGANIZATION, Section 239(2)(i), MA; Canadian Life Science and Technology Park

Carried

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff
Seconded By Councillor Dale

That Council reconvene into Open Session at 12:35pm and report on matters discussed in closed session.

Carried

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0033

Moved By Councillor Fellini

Seconded By Councillor Biggerstaff

In regard to Closed session Item No. 17.1.a under Section 239(3.1) of the Municipal Act being education or training session regarding private roads;

1. That Council receive the education training regarding private roads.

Carried

Regional Councillor Davison declared a minor potential conflict with Item 17.1.b, the nature of which is being withheld at this time and at such time the item becomes public, the potential conflict will be disclosed; Regional Councillor Davison left the Council Chambers during discussion and did not participate in the discussion or vote on the matter.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0034

Moved By Councillor Neeson

Seconded By Councillor Biggerstaff

In regard to Closed Session Item No. 17.1.b under Section 239(2)(i) of the Municipal Act being a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons or organization, regarding the Canadian Life Science and Technology Park;

1. That staff be directed to proceed accordingly.

Carried**18. CONFIRMING BYLAW**

Moved By Regional Councillor Davison

Seconded By Councillor Fellini

That the following bylaw be adopted;

1. Bylaw Number 2025-0011 (COU-2) confirming the proceedings of Council on February 5, 2025

Carried

19. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved By Councillor Dale

Seconded By Councillor Genge

That the meeting adjourn at 12:36pm

Carried

Margaret Quirk, Mayor

Mamata Baykar, Deputy Clerk