



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

Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2025
Time: 7:00 PM

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
Rob Wheeler, Deputy CAO/Treasurer
Michael Vos, Director of Operations and Infrastructure
Mamata Baykar, Deputy Clerk
Carolyn Lance, Council Services Coordinator
Janet Porter, Manager of Development Planning
Samantha Naumoski, Committee Services Coordinator

Others Present:

Monika Sadler, Planner I

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.”

Mayor and Council recognized the passing of the following residents;

- Nolan Ion, a 15-year-old resident who passed March 18th, service to be held at the Ice Palace on Monday, March 31st
- John Holtrop passed last week at the age of 55, service held last week
- Gordon Brady, father of Paul Brady in Jackson's Point, third generation in the Sutton area, passed at the age of 90 years

2. ROLL CALL As noted above

3. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Saturday, March 29, Debbie and Elaine's Spaghetti Dinner, 6pm, \$30 tickets from Sweet Pea and Black River Coffee, proceeds to Georgina Food Bank
- Sunday, March 30, Georgina Cultural Art Centre hosting Ontario Society of Artists Exhibition, 12-3pm
- Saturday, March 29, Seeding Saturday, Pefferlaw Lions Hall, 9-2pm

4. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEM(S) None

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0070

Moved By Councillor Dale

Seconded By Councillor Fellini

That the March 26, 2025 Council agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried

6. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF None

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0071

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff

Seconded By Councillor Neeson

That the following minutes be adopted as presented:

1. Special Council Budget Minutes held on December 3, 2024
2. Council Minutes held on February 26, 2025

Carried

8. SPEAKERS AND DELEGATIONS

9. PETITIONS None

10. PUBLIC MEETINGS**1. Statutory Meeting(s) Under The Planning Act Or Meetings Pertaining To The Continuation Of Planning Matters****a. Application to Amend Zoning Bylaw No. 500 (7:10pm)**

Proposed Temporary Use Bylaw

Part of Lots 3 and 4, Concession 3 (NG), Part 3, Plan 65R-30885,
591 The Queensway South, Keswick, File# 03.1190

AGENT: Michael Smith Planning Consultants on behalf of Gerald Draper

Report No. DS-2025-0017

Mayor Quirk explained the procedure for a public meeting.

Michael Smith of Michael Smith Planning Consultants, Agent for the applicant;

- temporary zoning bylaw amendment to facilitate the parking of 23 school buses at the rear of the subject property for three years to generate additional revenue until further redevelopment can be completed on the property
- use would meet Keswick Secondary Plan definition of a parking facility, conforms to the Official Plan and all relevant policies

Monika Sadler, Planner I;

- no grading changes required, to utilize existing parking at the rear, parking for existing restaurant/grocery store will not be affected
- noted objections received in opposition to the proposal

Janet Porter; a substantial separation buffering exists between the parking area and abutting residential properties, temporary use permits can be requested numerous times for a maximum of three years per request

- suggestion made for the applicant's agent to work with abutting property owners to alleviate any concerns

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0072

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff

Seconded By Councillor Fellini

1. That Council receive Report No. DS-2025-0017 prepared by the Development Planning Division, Development Services Department, dated March 26, 2025, respecting an application to amend Zoning Bylaw No. 500 submitted by Michael Smith Planning Consultants; Development

Coordinators Ltd. on behalf of Gerald Draper for lands municipally addressed as 591 The Queensway South; and,

2. That Council approve the Zoning Bylaw Amendment application and request for a temporary use bylaw submitted by Michael Smith Planning Consultants; Development Coordinators Ltd. on behalf of Gerald Draper for lands municipally addressed as 591 The Queensway South for the purpose of allowing for the temporary use of school bus storage and parking on the property for remuneration for a period of up to three (3) years from the date the bylaw is in force and effect;
3. That pursuant to Section 34(17) of the Planning Act, in the event minor revisions are necessary respecting the proposed amending zoning bylaw, including language regarding a temporary use agreement, further notice shall not be required;
4. That the amending zoning bylaw be finalized and passed at a future Council meeting; and,
5. That Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an agreement between the Town and the applicant to address matters related to the temporary use, if required.

Carried

11. REPORTS

1. Adoption Of Reports Not Requiring Separate Discussion

Moved By Councillor Neeson

Seconded By Regional Councillor Davison

That Council adopt the following report recommendations;

- a. Subdivision Agreement - Ballymore (Queensway North)
Draft Plan of Subdivision 19T-19G01
Part Lot 15, Concession 3 (NG), Parts 1 and 2, Plan 65R-39418,
e/s The Queensway North, Keswick

Report No. DS-2025-0018

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0073

1. That Council receive Report No. DS-2025-0018 prepared by the Development Engineering Division, Development Services Department dated March 26, 2025, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Subdivision Agreement between Ballymore Development (Georgina) Corp., as Owner, and the Corporation of the Town of Georgina,

related to Draft Plan of Subdivision 19T-19G01 commonly referred to as the Ballymore (Queensway North) Subdivision;

2. That Council authorize the Town Solicitor to execute all easements, land transfers, road dedication, and other documents to be registered in connection with Draft Plan of Subdivision 19T-19G01;
3. That Council authorize staff to finalize and execute the draft Subdivision Agreement, included as Attachment 3 to Report No. DS-2025-0018;
4. That Council authorize a temporary full road closure of The Queensway North from the Intersection of Old Homestead Road to the intersection of Church Street for the purpose of sanitary sewer, watermain, storm sewer and road improvement works; and
5. That a bylaw to amend Traffic Bylaw 2023-0087 (TR-1), as amended, be brought forward and passed at a future Council meeting to regulate traffic and control the parking of vehicles in the Ballymore (Queensway North) Subdivision.

- b. Pre-Servicing Agreements - Greystone/Middleburg
Draft Plan of Subdivision 19T-14G01, Part Lot 15, Concession 3 (NG) and Part of road allowance between Concessions 2 and 3, being Part 1, 65R-30415
s/s Old Homestead Road, west of The Queensway North, Keswick
Report No. DS-2025-0021

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0074

1. That Council receive Report No. DS-2025-0021 prepared by the Development Engineering Division, Development Services Department dated March 26, 2025, respecting the execution of proposed Pre-Servicing Agreements for the Greystone/Middleburg Subdivision;
2. That Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute Pre-Servicing Agreements between Greystone (Homestead) Limited and Middleburg Developments Inc., as Owners, and the Corporation of the Town of Georgina, relating to Draft Plan of Subdivision 19T-14G01 referred to as the Greystone/Middleburg Subdivision Phase 1 and Phase 2; and,

3. That Council authorize staff to finalize and make minor revisions to the draft Pre-Servicing Agreements, included as Attachments 5 and 6 to Report No. DS-2025-0021.

Carried

12. DISPOSITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Dispositions/Proclamations

- a. Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation requesting support of the formal process of converting lands to reserve status, 26319 Kennedy Road, Sutton

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0075

Moved By Councillor Neeson

Seconded By Regional Councillor Davison

That Council support an application made by the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation to Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada for a landholding within the Town of Georgina for an Addition to Reserve, specifically 26319 Kennedy Road, being the formal process of converting lands to reserve status for addition to Reserve #33.

Carried

- b. City of Toronto requesting endorsement of its 'Buy Local, Buy Canadian' campaign

(Advisement: Town Council adopted Resolution No. C-2025-0032, 'Buy Canadian- Shop Local', on February 5, 2025)

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0076

Moved By Councillor Dale

Seconded By Councillor Fellini

That Town Council receive correspondence from the City of Toronto advising of its 'Buy Local, Buy Canadian' campaign.

Carried

2. General Information Items None

- a. Information Items
- b. Briefing Notes

13. MOTIONS/ NOTICES OF MOTION

Councillor Neeson read the following Notice of Motion regarding salt management into the record; this motion will be considered during the April 2nd Council meeting;

WHEREAS road salt is a known toxic substance designated under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act because of tangible threats of serious and irreversible environmental and public health concerns associated with road salt; and

WHEREAS salt levels in Ontario's groundwater aquifers, creeks, rivers, and lakes have increasingly worsened since the 1970s, seriously affecting municipal drinking water sources and aquatic life; and

WHEREAS Lake Simcoe is our closest freshwater lake and is the 4th largest inland lake within Ontario, host to a number of functions including a biodiverse habitat for over 56 species of fish, the source water for municipal drinking water for hundreds of thousands of residents within the watershed, including 41,000 here in the Town of Georgina, and the many other recreational and commercial functions it serves; and

WHEREAS Lake Simcoe's salinity concentrations have increased over 500% since monitoring began over the past 50 years, with the primary contributor being runoff from the use of salt for winter maintenance; and

WHEREAS the Ontario and Canadian governments have taken many actions over the past 25 years including setting water quality guidelines, developing voluntary codes of practice, signing the Canada-Ontario Great Lakes Agreement, and holding workshops, yet still the salt problem continues to grow; and

WHEREAS numerous situation analyses have recommended salt solutions involving liability protection, contractor certification, government-approved Best Management Practices (BMPs) and salt management plans; and

WHEREAS increased numbers of slip and fall claims, and other injury/collision claims related to snow and ice, are resulting in salt applicators overusing salt beyond levels considered best practices; and

WHEREAS unlimited contractor liability is making it difficult or expensive for snow and ice management contractors to obtain insurance coverage, resulting in contractors leaving the business, thereby making it difficult for municipalities and private owners to find contractors; and

WHEREAS the Snow and Ice Management Sector (SMS) of Landscape Ontario is working with the Ontario government to institute a limited liability regime for

snow and ice management, including enforceable contractor training/certification and government-approved BMPs for salt application; and

WHEREAS many Ontario municipalities have Salt Management Plans, but these often require updating in light of improved science and better salt management practices now available; and

WHEREAS The Town of Georgina shares fifty-two (52) kilometers of beautiful Lake Simcoe shoreline and all 288 square kilometers of the Town of Georgina are encompassed by sub-watersheds that drain into Lake Simcoe; and

WHEREAS road authorities that use salt, such as the Town of Georgina, must abide by, and benefit from, established provincial regulations around snow clearing and maintenance, whereas private contractors only have voluntary programs for salt use for private and commercial property management; and

WHEREAS the Town of Georgina has demonstrated great initiative in salt mitigation efforts including committing to the use of rock salt alternatives, installation of electronic spreader controllers on all material spreading units, reduced application rates when appropriate, use of pre-wet and brine when appropriate, and an updated salt management plan that outlines salt best management practices specific to the Corporation of the Town of Georgina's winter maintenance operations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. That the Town of Georgina urges the province of Ontario to work urgently with key stakeholders to develop limited liability legislation, including enforceable contractor training and a single set of provincially endorsed standard BMPs for snow and ice management; and
2. That the Town of Georgina urges the province of Ontario to create and fund an expert stakeholder advisory committee to advise the province and municipalities on the best courses of action to protect freshwater ecosystems and drinking water from the impacts of salt pollution; and
3. That the Town of Georgina continues to commit to the reduction of the use of road salt as much as possible while meeting local service levels and maintaining safety on roads and sidewalks; and
4. That a copy of this resolution be sent to all municipalities in York Region, all Lake Simcoe watershed municipalities; The Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation and The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority requesting their endorsement; The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); all Lake Simcoe watershed MPPs; Conservation Ontario; The Ontario Salt Pollution Coalition; The Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition; Minister Todd McCarthy (MECP); Attorney General Doug Downey, and Premier Doug Ford.

DIRECTION to staff to forward this motion to the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee and to the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority for consideration.

14. REGIONAL BUSINESS

- Impact of U.S. tariffs and adjustment to procurement bylaw

15. OTHER BUSINESS None

16. BYLAWS

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff

Seconded By Councillor Dale

That the following bylaw be adopted;

1. Bylaw Number 500-2025-0001 (PL-5) amending Bylaw Number 500, Scott Woods Transport, Part Lot 3, Concession 4 (NG), 23049 Woodbine Avenue, File# 03.1172

Carried

17. CLOSED SESSION None

18. CONFIRMING BYLAW

Moved By Councillor Genge

Seconded By Councillor Dale

That the following bylaw be adopted;

1. Bylaw Number 2025-0022 (COU-1) confirming the proceedings of Council on March 26, 2025

Carried

19. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved By Regional Councillor Davison

Seconded By Councillor Biggerstaff

That the Council meeting adjourn at 7:55pm.

Carried

Margaret Quirk, Mayor

Mamata Baykar, Deputy Clerk