



**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF GEORGINA**

Georgina Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: Tuesday, April 15, 2025
Time: 9:00 AM

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

Members of
Committee Absent: Councillor Charlene Biggerstaff

Staff Present: Samantha Naumoski, Committee Services Coordinator
Susan Lazzer, Project Manager, Strategic Initiatives Department
Bob Ferguson, Manager of Parks Development and Operations
Tim McClatchie, Manager of Facilities
Timothy Higgins, Accessibility/AODA Compliance Advisor
Olga Lawton, Manager, Corporate Strategy and Transformation

Others Present: Erin Thomas, Community Engagement Manager of Central
Region at DeafBlind Ontario Services

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 9:01 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

As noted above.

3. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

4. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEM(S)

None.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. GAAC-2025-0011

Moved By Scott Wollin

Seconded By Dave Harding

That the April 15, 2025 agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

6. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None.

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the meeting held on March 11, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. GAAC-2025-0012

Moved By Dave Harding

Seconded By Scott Wollin

That the Minutes of the Georgina Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting held on March 11, 2025 be approved as presented.

Carried

8. **SPEAKERS**

1. DeafBlind Ontario Services

Erin Thomas, Community Engagement Manager of Central Region at DeafBlind Ontario Services, spoke to the Committee about the organization. Erin provided a presentation where she explained the history, the services, communication, deaf blindness, statistics, mission statement, vision statement, the foundational principals, and the core values of the organization.

Erin provided an overview on the different levels of support and shared a unique activity where a "Sensory Excursion" is arranged which focuses on experiences for individuals who are Deafblind.

RESOLUTION NO. GAAC-2025-0013

Moved By Michelle Radigan-Marriott

Seconded By Wendy Busby

That the presentation from DeafBlind Ontario Services be received for information.

Carried

9. **DELEGATIONS/ PETITIONS**

None.

10. **PRESENTATIONS**

None.

11. **REPORTS**

None.

12. **GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Multi-Year Accessibility Plan Update

Tim Higgins, Accessibility/AODA Compliance Advisor, provided an update on the 2025-2029 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan.

Tim presented an overview of the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan (MYAP), explaining that it serves as a public-facing roadmap for meeting AODA

requirements and for identifying, preventing, and removing accessibility barriers. He noted that the plan must be updated every five years.

Tim provided information on MYAP Initiatives for 2025-2029, where the progression of each initiative is part of a focus area, assigned a timeline, and supports ongoing compliance and barrier elimination.

RESOLUTION NO. GAAC-2025-0014

Moved By Dave Harding
Seconded By Scott Wollin

That the update on the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan be received for information.

Carried

2. Accessibility in Watson Subdivision

Scott Wollin, Committee Member, shared comments and experience of a friend who recently moved into the Watson Subdivision. Scott shared that the path from Fontaine Drive and Circle Ridge Drive has multiple sets of stairs, making it challenging for individuals with disabilities, mobility issues, or with strollers to get through from point *a* to point *b*. Scott raised this concern to help avoid potential future barriers between paths and parks.

Staff to investigate and provide the Committee with current information on the site.

RESOLUTION NO. GAAC-2025-0015

Moved By Wendy Busby
Seconded By Dave Harding

That the update on Accessibility in Watson Subdivision be received for information.

Carried

13. MOTIONS/ NOTICES OF MOTION

None.

14. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

15. CLOSED SESSION

None.

16. MOTION TO ADJOURN

RESOLUTION NO. GAAC-2025-0016

Moved By Dave Harding
Seconded By Wendy Busby

That the Georgina Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 10:33 am.

Carried

Councillor Lee Dale, Chair

Samantha Naumoski, Committee Services Coordinator