



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

Date: Wednesday, June 4, 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
Andrew Fung, Manager, Information Technology Services
Anne Winstanley, Supervisor, Communications
Geoff Harrison, Manager, Taxation, Revenue & Customer Service
Karyn Stone, Manager, Economic Development & Tourism
Neil Macdonald, Manager, Capital Projects
Olga Lawton, Corporate Strategy and Transformation
Tanya Thompson, Communications Manager
Samantha Naumoski, Committee Services Coordinator

Others Present:

Patryk Frankiewicz, Senior Project Manager
Melissa Robinson, Manager of Service Excellence

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 introduced Olive, a four month old terrier-mix, who is available for adoption through the Georgina Animal Shelter

- the Town was chosen to receive the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its 2025 Budget for the second year in a row, recognizing municipalities that prepare their budget documents at the highest quality reflecting both the guidelines established by the National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting and the GFOA's best practices; staff was presented the GFOA award and congratulated

Steve Lee-Young advised that the Town was chosen to receive the Yes I Can Award for individuals who go above and beyond promoting inclusion, accessibility and empowerment for people of all abilities, the Community Services Team provides inclusive programming to build stronger and connected communities; staff was presented the award and congratulated

- Sutton Kinettes Duck Races
- Free Spirit Fest this weekend
- Pefferlaw Park, new walking path and exercise equipment available to the public
- this weekend, Art Gallery Live and Silent Auction at the Link
- Farmer's Market, the Link, Sundays from May to October
- Saturday, June 14, launch of Summer Reading and Learning Club's summer reading program
- Saturday, June 7, Clear Water Farm Spirit Festival, 11am
- Saturday, All Pride No Prejudice event, hosted by PRIDE Optimist Club, 10:30am to 3pm, The ROC
- June 10, 5pm-9pm, Open House to view plans for High Street redevelopment
- Chamber of Commerce 50th anniversary celebration at The ROC

4. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEM(S)

- Item No. 11.1.c, additional comments from The Atmospheric Fund in support of Report No. SI-2025-0008
- Item No. 11.1.d, additional comments from Murray Stewart, concerns regarding Report DS-2025-0031
- Item No. 11.1.f, additional comments from Roy Moquin, concerns regarding Report DS-2025-0034
- Item No. 11.1.f, additional comments from Laura LaPierre, concerns regarding Report DS-2025-0034

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0127**

Moved By Regional Councillor Davison

Seconded By Councillor Dale

That the June 4, 2025 Council agenda, with the following addendum items, be adopted;

- Item No. 11.1.c, additional comments from The Atmospheric Fund in support of Report No. SI-2025-0008
- Item No. 11.1.d, additional comments from Murray Stewart, concerns regarding Report DS-2025-0031
- Item No. 11.1.f, additional comments from Roy Moquin, concerns regarding Report DS-2025-0034
- Item No. 11.1.f, additional comments from Laura LaPierre, concerns regarding Report DS-2025-0034

Carried

Michael Vos provided a brief verbal update on the Lake Drive One-Way Project; initiating construction phase involving a number of traffic calming elements, line painting, signage; Lake Drive from Civic Centre Road to South Drive will become a seasonal multi-use pathway, the north lane will be a multi-use path and the south lane will be a one-way eastbound vehicular lane from the end of June to September.

6. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

Councillor Neeson declared a conflict of interest with Item No. 11.1.f regarding Lake Drive Shoreline Action Plan, Beach Association, because he and his family own a property in the area that has an affected beach association.

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0128**

Moved By Councillor Fellini

Seconded By Councillor Biggerstaff

That the following minutes be adopted as presented:

1. Council Minutes held on April 16, 2025
2. Council Minutes held on May 7, 2025

Carried

8. SPEAKERS AND DELEGATIONS

Murray Stewart advised he is opposed to the revised application for 66 Edith Street, Report DS-2025-0031, on the basis of specific attributes of the severance and the broader policy issues of maintaining the integrity of the Judges Plan 602 large lot character and advised that no further Judges Plan severances should be permitted until completion of the Sutton/Jackson's Point Secondary Review.

Michael Ramzy, owner of the Orange Pharmacy on the corner of High and Market Streets, regarding Report OID-2025-0008, advised of the need for more parking and concerns that the reconstruction of High Street will eliminate some parking, and suggested no limit be put on parking spaces as suggested in the report.

Mike Anderson, 40 Courting House Place, Jackson's Point, Co-Chair of Sutton BIA regarding Report OID-2025-0008, expressed appreciation to staff for listening to resident concerns and reflecting same in the report. Mr. Anderson agrees with the reduction of speed limit from 50 to 40 km and pedestrian crosswalk at Market Street but is concerned with the reconfiguration of Market Square Crescent for traffic flow and the resulting elimination up to 12 parking spaces and suggested acquiring more land for parking purposes.

Mitch Paul, 129 Lake Drive East, regarding Report DS-2025-0033, enquired regarding the retention of his legally documented use of the beachfront property, how would they be compensated for the loss of land value if said access is denied, and if those living directly across from the lake properties have access, what is the incentive for them to purchase it if it has already been given to them.

Roy Moquin, 830 Fairbank Avenue, President of Fairbank Beach Association, regarding Report OID-2025-0034, indicated concerns with the need for the definition of land ownership that is currently unclear and the process and costs associated with incorporation.

Sina Kazemi, 1019 Lake Drive North, Report DS-2025-0033, indicated he has deeded access to lakefront property and his house is not directly across from the lake property although the report indicates only those directly across from the lake property will be allowed access.

Laura McCloskey on behalf of the Atmospheric Fund, providing its strong support of Report SI-2025-0008, Georgina's Draft Climate Change Action Plan, encouraging the Town to require rather than encourage EV-ready infrastructure in new residential construction, pursue low or no cost changes that would have high impact, and prioritizing energy efficiency.

Mr. Kostas Kyriopoulos, 110 North Street, Sutton, Papa Luigi's Restaurant, regarding Report OID-2025-0008, in opposition to the closing of the highly utilized Market Square Crescent to traffic, Option 1.6 that would eliminate on-street parking and the plan for a 2-way entrance that would cause congestion on High Street and requested Council not close Market Square Crescent.

Carr Hatch, 877 Lake Drive North, regarding Report DS-2025-0033, indicated that the Eastbourne Community Association is disappointed in the staff report, believing it was to be completed by 2025 and indicated there is no reason for delaying processes, enquiring when letters will be mailed to property owners and enquired about impacts to property taxes and property values.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0129

Moved By Councillor Dale

Seconded By Councillor Genge

That the delegation provided by Roy Moquin regarding Lake Drive Beach Associations be received.

Carried

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0130

Moved By Councillor Neeson

Seconded By Councillor Genge

That the balance of delegations made by Georgina residents voicing concerns with various reports listed on the June 4, 2025 Council agenda be received.

Carried

11. REPORTS

1. Adoption Of Reports Not Requiring Separate Discussion

Moved By Councillor Fellini

Seconded By Councillor Biggerstaff

That the following report recommendations be adopted;

a. 2025 Property Tax Rates

Report No. DCAO-2025-0006

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0131

1. That Council receive Report No. DCAO-2025-0006 prepared by the Office of The Deputy CAO dated June 4, 2025 respecting 2025 Tax Rates.
2. That Council approve the 2025 tax rates for the Town of Georgina as detailed in Attachment #1, highlighted in yellow.
3. That Council adopt the necessary By-Law to establish the 2025 tax rates for the Town of Georgina.

- b. Town of Georgina 2023-2027 Corporate Strategic Plan – 2024 Strategic Plan Annual Report

Report No. SI-2025-0007

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0132

- 1. That Council receive Report No. SI-2025-0007 prepared by the Corporate Strategy and Transformation Division, Strategic Initiatives Department, dated June 4, 2025, titled “Town of Georgina 2023-2027 Corporate Strategic Plan - 2024 Strategic Plan Annual Report”.

Carried

Mayor Quirk moved Item 17, Closed Session, forward at this time for discussion.

17. CLOSED SESSION

Moved By Councillor Dale

Seconded By Councillor Neeson

That Council convene into Closed Session at 10:07am, to discuss the following matters;

- a. LABOUR RELATIONS OR EMPLOYEE NEGOTIATIONS, Section 239(2)(d), MA; Labour Relations
- b. A PROPOSED OR PENDING ACQUISITION OR DISPOSITION OF LAND BY THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD, Section 239(2)(c), MA; Sutton

Carried

Moved By Councillor Fellini

Seconded By Councillor Biggerstaff

That Council reconvene into open session at 12:00pm and report on matters dealt with in closed session.

Carried

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0133

Moved By Councillor Neeson

Seconded By Regional Councillor Davison

In regard to Closed Session Item No. 17.1.a on the agenda under Section 239(2)(d) of the Municipal Act, being Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations regarding labour relations;

- 1. That staff be directed to proceed accordingly.

Carried

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0134

Moved By Councillor Genge

Seconded By Councillor Dale

In regard to Closed Session Item No. 17.1.b on the agenda under Section 239(2)(c) of the Municipal Act being a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board regarding Sutton;

1. That staff be directed to proceed accordingly.

Carried

Moved By Councillor Dale

Seconded By Councillor Neeson

That Council observe a 45-minute recess at 12:05pm.

Carried

The Council Meeting reconvened at 12:45pm.

11. REPORTS**2. Reports Requiring Separate Discussion****c. Climate Change Action Plan**

Report No. SI-2025-0008

Simone Weinstein and **Stephanie Wolfe** presented the Climate Action Plan, custom-built for Georgina due to the importance of Lake Simcoe and its protection.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0135

Moved By Councillor Neeson

Seconded By Councillor Dale

1. That Council receive Report No. SI-2025-0008, prepared by the Corporate Strategy and Transformation Division, Strategic Initiatives Department dated June 4, 2025 respecting the Climate Change Action Plan;
2. That Council endorse in principle the Climate Action Plan (attachment 1); and
3. That the implementation of the Climate Action Plan be subject to the annual business planning and budget approval process.

Carried Unanimously

- d. Application to Amend Zoning Bylaw No. 500
1000736226 Ontario Limited
Part of Lot 18, Concession 9 (G), Lot 38, Judge's Plan 602, 66
Edith Street, Jackson's Point
Report No. DS-2025-0031

Brittany Dobrindt responded to concerns made by the public.

Moved by Regional Councillor Davison

Seconded by Councillor Biggerstaff

That the rules of procedure be waived to permit Melissa Markham, Planner, to speak.

Carried.

Melissa Markham, Planner, thanked staff for bringing forward this revised proposal and noted that no other relief other than for lot frontage is being sought.

Moved by Councillor Genge

Seconded by Councillor Dale

Waive Rules of Procedure to permit Murray Stewart to speak.

Carried.

Murray Stewart agree that more housing and intensification is required but suggested a more comprehensive review, noting that this proposal is the same as 64 Edith Street which was referred back to staff in previous years, leading to a comprehensive review.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0136

Moved by Councillor Genge

Seconded By Councillor Fellini

1. That Council receive Report DS-2025-0031 prepared by the Development Planning Division, Development Services Department dated June 4, 2025 respecting a revised application to amend Zoning Bylaw No. 500 submitted by Melissa Markham on behalf of 1000736226 Ontario Limited for lands municipally addressed as 66 Edith Street;
2. That Council approve the revised Zoning Bylaw Amendment application to rezone the subject lands from Site Specific Low Density Urban Residential (R1-117) to Site Specific Low Density Urban Residential (R1-115) in order to facilitate the creation of one additional residential building lot, as described in Report No. DS-2025-0031;

3. That Council acknowledges that there have been revisions to the proposed Zoning Bylaw since the December 11, 2024 public meeting and that in accordance with Section 34(17) of the Planning Act has determined these revisions to be minor and not requiring an additional public meeting; and,
4. That Council pass the amending bylaw at the June 4, 2025 Council Meeting.

Carried

e. Lake Drive Shoreline Action Plan - Project Update

Report No. DS-2025-0033

Trevor Jacobs provided a brief summary of the report and outlined the three main types of easements; project-wide blanket emergency access easements over all divestible shoreline parcels for future slope stabilization works necessary to protect the Town's infrastructure including the Lake Drive roadway, parcel-specific blanket easements to protect existing utility company infrastructure and parcel-specific easements over existing drainage features or culverts, where required for proper stormwater flow and outlet access.

Mike Bigioni advised that letters will be delivered to all eligible property owners in the third quarter of 2025 and staff will be returning to Council with a short report within the next two months requesting delegation of authority to begin the process of putting agreements together with eligible property owners who wish to purchase land from the Town.

Current encroachments onto the travelled portion of the road will be permitted to remain.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0137

Moved By Councillor Neeson

Seconded By Councillor Fellini

1. That Council receive Report No. DS-2025-0033, prepared by the Planning Policy Division, Development Services Department, dated June 4, 2025, regarding the Lake Drive Shoreline Action Plan - Project Update;
2. That Council acknowledge that shoreline parcels identified as surplus Town-owned land within the Lake Drive Shoreline Action Plan Area shall be offered for purchase only to Eligible Property Owners who own land directly opposite the shoreline on the inland side of Lake Drive;
3. That Council direct staff to ensure shoreline parcels sold through the Lake Drive Shoreline Action Plan include a legal

restriction to prevent their future transfer or conveyance independent of the adjacent indirect waterfront property, unless authorized by the Town, and that staff include this condition in all future offer letters and legal agreements;

4. That Council endorse the inclusion of the following easements in future shoreline land-transfer documents:

a. A project-wide blanket emergency access easement over all divestible shoreline parcels for the purposes of any future slope stabilization works necessary to protect the Town's infrastructure including the Lake Drive roadway;

b. Parcel-specific blanket easements to protect existing utility company infrastructure (e.g., gas lines), where applicable;

c. Parcel-specific easements over existing drainage features or culverts, where required for proper stormwater flow and outlet access;

5. That Council confirm that longstanding structures such as fences and sheds will not require encroachment agreements on the retained Lake Drive road allowance, but may not be replaced, expanded or modified without prior approval; and,

6. That staff be directed to incorporate this Council direction into the upcoming communication with Eligible Property Owners and to proceed with the next phases of the Action Plan accordingly.

Carried Unanimously

f. Lake Drive Shoreline Action Plan – Beach Associations

Report No. DS-2025-0034

Councillor Neeson declared a conflict of interest with Item No. 11.1.f regarding Lake Drive Shoreline Action Plan, Beach Association, because he and his family own a property in the area that has an affected beach association; Councillor Neeson left the Council Chambers at this time and did not participate in any discussion or vote.

Trevor Jacobs provided a brief summary of the report.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0138

Moved By Councillor Genge

Seconded By Councillor Dale

1. That Council receive Report No. DS-2025-0034, prepared by the Planning Policy Division, Development Services Department, dated June 4, 2025, regarding the Lake Drive Shoreline Action Plan – Beach Associations;

2. That in keeping with Policy Step #12 outlined in the Action Plan (See Attachment 2), Council direct staff to discuss up to 10-year long-term lease agreements with Beach Associations, starting with those within the Action Plan Area (see Attachment 1), with the option for renewal;
3. That at the appropriate time, long-term leases will be offered to Beach Associations at no cost and with no fees.
4. That staff be directed to engage with Beach Associations to collaboratively develop a general lease agreement template suitable for long-term leases and over-arching membership and operations, and discuss financial costs associated with incorporation, and that staff be directed to report back to Council following the consultation process and include long term cost for required staffing.

Carried

Moved By Councillor Dale
Seconded By Councillor Genge

That the Council meeting observe as recess at 3:35pm

Carried

The Council meeting resumed at 3:45pm

- g. High Street Streetscape & Infrastructure Redevelopment Update and Recommended Design Approach

Report No. OID-2025-0008

Councillor Neeson returned to the meeting at 4:05pm.

Ron Albright of CIMA presented the next step in the process of the High Street streetscape and infrastructure redevelopment project, providing a general overview and update on the status of the project including design options developed to date, stakeholder input and recommendations on preferred options proposed to move forward into detailed design.

Mayor Quirk separated the recommendations for voting purposes;

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0139

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff
Seconded By Councillor Fellini

1. That Council receive Report No. OID-2025-0008 prepared by the Capital Delivery Division, Operations & Infrastructure

Department, providing an update on the High Street Streetscape & Infrastructure Redevelopment project and recommended design approach.

Carried

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0140

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff

Seconded By Councillor Fellini

2. That Council endorse the following recommended key design concept:

a (i). Within the Sutton Downtown Business Improvement Area (BIA): mountable curb design with flexible bump-outs (Appendix 1).

Carried

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0141

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff

Seconded By Councillor Fellini

2. That Council endorse the following recommended key design concepts:

a (ii). Within the Sutton Downtown Business Improvement Area (BIA): reconfiguration of Market Square Crescent (Appendix 1)

| | <u>YEA</u> | <u>NAY</u> |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|
| Councillor Genge | | x |
| Mayor Quirk | x | |
| Councillor Biggerstaff | x | |
| Councillor Dale | x | |
| Councillor Neeson | x | |
| Councillor Fellini | x | |
| Regional Councillor Davison | x | |

Carried (6-1)

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0142

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff

Seconded By Councillor Fellini

2. That Council endorse the following recommended key design concepts:

b. Outside of the BIA: full restoration of sidewalks and boulevards with inclusion of greenspaces

Carried

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0143

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff

Seconded By Councillor Fellini

2. That Council endorse the following recommended key design concepts:

c. Hydro relocation: Relocate All Underground

| | <u>YEA</u> | <u>NAY</u> |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|
| Councillor Genge | x | |
| Councillor Biggerstaff | x | |
| Councillor Dale | x | |
| Mayor Quirk | x | |
| Councillor Fellini | x | |
| Councillor Neeson | x | |
| Regional Councillor Davison | | x |

Carried (6-1)**RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0144**

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff

Seconded By Councillor Fellini

2. That Council endorse the following recommended key design concepts:

d. Gateway feature: wayfinding style sign

Carried**RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0145**

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff

Seconded By Councillor Fellini

3. That authorization be given to long-term finance the additional amounts of the High Street Streetscape and Infrastructure Redevelopment Project through the additional issue of debentures of The Regional Municipality of York (the "Region") in the principal amount not to exceed \$4,125,000 with a repayment term not to exceed twenty (20) years, with the debt servicing payments to be repaid annually through the Corporate Capital Reserve, and that the Treasurer be requested to review the funding plan as part of the 2026 Budget, with the goal of reducing the amount to be debentured, if financially viable to do so.

Carried

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0146

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff

Seconded By Councillor Fellini

4. That Council return to Council before the end of 2025 with;
 - a. a plan on what facade improvement program (signage, lighting, siding, etc) could look like specific to this project area (High Street only),
 - b. what methods and options are available to ensure that the 'last mile' accessibility, being the access to businesses that front this project, is upgraded or modified in such a way that businesses are accessible by all, and
 - c. the associated cost impacts, if any, to the municipality, including those that make up an incentive or grant program related to private property improvements.

Carried

Councillor Neeson left the Council meeting at 5:47pm.

12. DISPOSITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Dispositions/Proclamations
 - a. Chatham-Kent advising of potential risk to communities of proposed Bill 5 that would remove the obligation for a full Environmental Assessment for new landfill and recycling facility locations

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0147

Moved By Councillor Genge

Seconded By Councillor Fellini

That correspondence from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent advising of potential risks to communities of proposed Bill 5 that would remove the obligation for a full environmental assessment for new landfill and recycling facility locations, be received.

Carried

2. General Information Items

- a. Information Items

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0148

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff

Seconded By Councillor Genge

That the June 4, 2025 General Information items be received.

Carried

- b. Briefing Notes None

13. MOTIONS/ NOTICES OF MOTION

Mayor Quirk advised of receipt of correspondence from the Province regarding Bill 17 which deals with several topics including accelerating infrastructure and housing development; staff advised that this Bill will receive Royal Assent shortly.

14. REGIONAL BUSINESS None**15. OTHER BUSINESS**

Mayor Quirk clarified that concerning the vote for Item No. 11.1.f, Lake Drive Shoreline Action Plan - Beach Associations, 4 members including herself were in favour, while 2 members were against the motion.

16. BYLAWS

Moved By Councillor Fellini
Seconded By Councillor Dale

That the following bylaws be adopted as presented;

1. Bylaw Number 2025-0037 (PWO-3) to set stormwater utility rates for the year 2025
2. Bylaw Number 2025-0038 (TA-1) to set Tax Rates for the year 2025
3. Bylaw Number 500-2025-0002 (PL-5) amending Zoning Bylaw 500, 1000736226 Ontario Limited, Part Lot 18, Conc. 9 (G), Lot 38, Judge's Plan 602, 66 Edit Street, File #03.1184

Carried

18. CONFIRMING BYLAW

Moved By Councillor Genge
Seconded By Councillor Biggerstaff

That the following bylaw be adopted;

- 18.1 Bylaw Number 2025-0039 (COU-2) confirming the proceedings of Council on June 4, 2025.

Carried.

19. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved By Councillor Fellini
Seconded By Councillor Biggerstaff

That the Council meeting adjourn at 5:50pm.

Carried

Margaret Quirk, Mayor

Rachel Dillabough, Town Clerk