



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

Date: Wednesday, July 9, 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
Steve Lee-Young, Director of Community Services
Michael Bigioni, Legal Services/Town Solicitor
Ron Jenkins, Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief
Rob Wheeler, Deputy CAO/Treasurer
Shawn Nastke, Director of Corporate Services
Rachel Dillabough, Town Clerk
Carolyn Lance, Council Services Coordinator
Andrew Fung, Manager, Information Technology Services
Janet Porter, Manager of Development Planning
Jodi Pridham, Manager, Client & Cultural Services
Karyn Stone, Manager, Economic Development & Tourism
Tanya Thompson, Communications Manager
Samantha Naumoski, Committee Services Coordinator
Mario Puopolo, Manager, Operations, Water/Wastewater/Waste

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

An Animal shelter representative introduced Cashmere and Camo, two 10-week-old kittens rescued from a hoarding/abandonment situation along with thirty other cats.

2. Presentation of the Grate Groan-Up Spelling Bee Trophy to the Town Council Team

Presentation withdrawn from the agenda, to be presented at a future meeting

Community Announcements;

- July 26, Pefferlaw Lions Car Show and Community Festival
- July 12, Festival on High and Duck Races, 10am to 3pm
- July 19, 2pm, Roller Derby at 9am, Sutton Arena
- Painted Perch Festival, August
- July 12 and 13, Purple Turtle Art Festival at The Briars
- Saturday, July 12, 3:30pm, Music in the Streets at Parkette at Church and The Queensway
- Sunday, July 27, Terry Fox Day flag-raising event, Georgina Civic Centre

4. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEM(S)

- Item No. 16.7, Bylaw No. 2025-0044 (TA-1) replacing Item No. 16.2 of this agenda
- Item No. 16.5, Bylaw No. 2025-0047 (PWO-2) withdrawn from agenda
- minor corrections to June 4, 2025 minutes

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0161

Moved By Councillor Dale

Seconded By Councillor Neeson

That the July 9, 2025 Council agenda, with the following addendum items, be adopted;

- Item No. 16.7, Bylaw No. 2025-0044 (TA-1) replacing Item No. 16.2 of this agenda

- Item No. 16.5, Bylaw No. 2025-0047 (PWO-2) withdrawn from agenda
- minor corrections to June 4, 2025 minutes

Carried

6. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

Councillor Genge declared a conflict with Item No. 11.1.b, Report No. CSD-2025-0007, as it pertains to the Georgina Centre for Arts and Culture as her son is an employee of the Centre.

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0162

Moved By Councillor Fellini

Seconded By Councillor Biggerstaff

That the following minutes with minor corrections, be adopted:

1. Council Minutes held on June 4, 2025
2. Council Minutes held on June 11, 2025

Carried

8. SPEAKERS AND DELEGATIONS

1. PRESENTATION; Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority representatives regarding Chloride in the Lake Simcoe Watershed

David Lembcke and **Don Goodyear** of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority provided an overview of the steady growth in the concentration of chloride in the Lake Simcoe Watershed over the past 50 years, along with strategies and actions being pursued to address winter salt.

Discussion included;

- Communications staff; disseminate information both internally and externally via newsletters, social media channels
- willing to partner with LSRCA for public education sessions
- Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee re workshop/outreach with LSRCA

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0163

Moved By Councillor Neeson

Seconded By Councillor Fellini

That the presentation provided by representatives of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority regarding chloride in the Lake Simcoe Watershed along with initiatives to mitigate it, be received.

Carried

2. PRESENTATION; Joseph Moncada, Director of Library Services/CEO, and Bobbi Sabatini, Library Board Chair, presenting the Georgina Public Library 2024 Year in Review

Joe Moncada, Director of Library Services/CEO and Bobbi Sabatini, Library Board Chair presented the Georgina Public Library 2024 Year in Review.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0164

Moved By Councillor Neeson

Seconded By Councillor Biggerstaff

That the presentation provided by Joe Moncada, Director of Library Services/CEO and Bobbi Sabatini, Library Board Chair regarding the Georgina Public Library 2024 Year in Review be received.

Carried

3. DELEGATION; Robin Legault concerning awareness of mental health and suicide prevention through the development of drop-in locations and Operation White Heart

Robin Legault advised that she would like to create drop-in centres within the three local library branches twice a month to provide safe spaces where people suffering with mental health can be heard with no judgement or bias. Operation White Heart is a community initiative promoting kindness and hope and reducing the stigma that surrounds mental health and suicide; creating a white heart on the Civic Centre grounds would serve as a visual reminder that supports are available for mental health and suicide prevention.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0165

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff

Seconded By Councillor Neeson

That the presentation provided by Robin Legault requesting the creation of drop-in centres at the three Georgina libraries for those suffering with mental health be received and referred to the Georgina Public Library CEO to investigate the proposal of drop-in centres, and to the Chief

Administrative Officer to investigate potential assistance through the Southlake Regional Health Centre MOU partnership for programming/services and through existing York Region programming.

Carried

9. PETITIONS

10. PUBLIC MEETINGS None

11. REPORTS

1. Adoption Of Reports Not Requiring Separate Discussion

Moved By Councillor Genge

Seconded By Councillor Dale

That Council adopt the following report recommendations;

- a. Approval of the 2025 Annual Budget and Appointment of Board Members for the balance of the 2022-2026 Term of Office for the Jackson's Point Business Improvement Area

Report No. SI-2025-0005

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0166

- 1. That Council receive Report No. SI-2025-0005 prepared by the Economic Development and Tourism Division, Strategic Initiatives Department dated July 9, 2025 respecting the approval of the 2025 Annual Budget and Appointment of Board Members for the balance of the 2022-2026 Term of Office for the Jackson's Point Business Improvement Area.
- 2. That the following individual be appointed to the vacancy on the Board of Management for the Jackson's Point Business Improvement Area for the remainder of the 2022-2026 Term of Office and that Council pass a by-law to give effect to this appointment:
 - David Marchese
- 3. That Council approve the 2025 annual budget for the Jackson's Point Business Improvement Area as set out in Attachment 1.
- 4. That the by-law to levy a charge and provide for the collection of a supplemental tax levy for the Jackson's Point Business Improvement Area be adopted by Council.

Carried

2. Reports Requiring Separate Discussion

- b. Service Delivery Review of the Georgina Centre for Arts and Culture, Georgina Military Museum and Georgina Chamber of Commerce

Report No. CSD-2025-0007

Councillor Genge declared a conflict with the portions of Report CSD-2025-0007 that relate to the Georgina Centre for Arts and Culture as her son is an employee of the Centre. Therefore, each item will be discussed separately.

Jodi Pridham reviewed service delivery reviews and annual funding amounts from the non-profit grant program for the Georgina Centre for Arts and Culture, Georgina Military Museum and Georgina Chamber of Commerce.

- Georgina Centre for Arts and Culture; \$165,000

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0167

Moved by Councillor Biggerstaff

Seconded by Councillor Neeson

That the Rules of Procedure be waived to permit Sheona Hurd, the new Director of the Georgina Centre for Arts and Culture, to address Council.

Carried.

Sheona Hurd introduced herself and briefly reviewed her business experience.

- Georgina Military Museum; \$28,000
- Georgina Chamber of Commerce; \$67,000

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0168

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff

Seconded By Councillor Fellini

1. That Council receive Report No. CSD-2025-0007 prepared by the Community Services Department and Corporate Services Department dated July 9, 2025, regarding the Service Delivery and Funding Model Review for the Georgina Centre for Arts and Culture, the Georgina Military Museum and the Georgina Chamber of Commerce.

Carried

Councillor Genge declared a conflict with Recommendation 2 of Report CSD-2025-0007 as it relates to the Georgina Centre for Arts and Culture as her son is an employee of the Centre; Councillor Genge did not participate or vote on the matter.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0169

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff

Seconded By Councillor Neeson

2. That Council approve the following annual funding amounts from the Non-Profit Grant Program for a five-year term (2026-2030) with an annual 2% inflationary increase for the Georgina Centre for Arts and Culture and direct the Treasurer to list it as a separate line item in the Budget moving forward:

Georgina Centre of Arts and Culture	\$165,000
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Carried

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0170

Moved By Councillor Neeson

Seconded By Councillor Biggerstaff

2. That Council approve the following annual funding amounts from the Non-Profit Grant Program for a five-year term (2026-2030) with an annual 2% inflationary increase for each of the Georgina Military Museum and the Georgina Chamber of Commerce and direct the Treasurer to list them as separate line items in the Budget moving forward:

Georgina Military Museum	\$ 28,000
Georgina Chamber of Commerce	\$ 67,000

Carried

Councillor Genge declared a conflict with Recommendation 3 of Report CSD-2025-0007 as it relates to the Georgina Centre for Arts and Culture as her son is an employee of the Centre; Councillor Genge did not participate or vote on the matter.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0171

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff

Seconded By Councillor Neeson

3. That Council provide staff the delegated authority to implement a 5-year service agreement with an optional 1-year extension and

Key Performance Indicators for the Georgina Centre for Arts and Culture.

Carried

RESOLUTON NO. C-2025-0172

Moved By Councillor Dale

Seconded By Councillor Fellini

3. That Council provide staff the delegated authority to implement a 5-year service agreement with an optional 1-year extension and Key Performance Indicators for the Georgina Chamber of Commerce.

Carried

Councillor Genge declared a conflict with Recommendation 4 of Report CSD-2025-0007 as it relates to the Georgina Centre for Arts and Culture as her son is an employee of the Centre; Councillor Genge did not participate or vote on the matter.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0173

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff

Seconded By Councillor Neeson

4. That Council provide staff the delegated authority to implement a 10-year lease agreement for the Georgina Centre for Arts and Culture for the purpose of grant submissions.

Carried

Councillor Genge declared a conflict with Recommendation 5 of Report CSD-2025-0007 as it relates to the Georgina Centre for Arts and Culture as her son is an employee of the Centre; Councillor Genge did not participate or vote on the matter.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0174

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff

Seconded By Councillor Dale

5. That any service agreements with Town funding that is greater than \$100,000 annually shall require an annual financial audit that specifically includes a review of the organization's internal controls as part of such audit and that staff provide an annual briefing note update on the Georgina Centre for Arts and Culture agreements.

Carried

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0175

Moved By Councillor Fellini

Seconded By Councillor Dale

5. That any service agreements with Town funding that is greater than \$100,000 annually shall require an annual financial audit that specifically includes a review of the organization's internal controls as part of such audit and that staff provide an annual briefing note update on the Georgina Military Museum and Georgina Chamber of Commerce agreements.

Carried

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff

Seconded By Councillor Genge

That the Council meeting observe a recess at 11:00am

Carried

The Council meeting reconvened at 11:15am

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

- a. King Township encouraging municipalities to explore Smart About Salt Program certification, requesting collaboration with municipalities in the Lake Simcoe Watershed on an outreach campaign to raise awareness of the road salt pollution issue

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0176

Moved By Councillor Neeson

Seconded By Councillor Fellini

That Council receive correspondence from the Township of King urging the Province to work with key stakeholders to develop limited liability legislation for snow and ice management, to create and fund an 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 road salt, encouraging municipalities to explore Smart About Salt Program certification, requesting collaboration with municipalities in the Lake Simcoe watershed on an outreach campaign to raise awareness of the road salt pollution issue and refer the correspondence to staff for further discussion concerning an outreach campaign.

Carried

2. General Information Items

a. Information Items

General Information Items (i) and (ii) were removed for separate discussion.

Staff was requested to report back to Council with an update via email.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0177

Moved By Councillor Genge

Seconded By Councillor Dale

That Council receive General Information items (iii) to (x) of July 9, 2025.

Carried

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0178

Moved By Councillor Genge

Seconded By Councillor Neeson

That Council receive General Information Item (i) of July 9, 2025, and endorse the position of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury as follows;

WHEREAS the Town of Georgina recognizes the selfless service and enduring sacrifices made by Canadian Armed Forces veterans in the defence of our country and values;

AND WHEREAS the 2021 census, conducted by Statistics Canada, identified more than 460,000 veterans residing across Canada, a significant population segment deserving of comprehensive, accessible and modernized federal support;

AND WHEREAS Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) currently administers income support programs to assist veterans in need, including the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program;

AND WHEREAS the eligibility threshold for the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program which was created in 2019 - set at \$20,000 annually for a single-person household - fails to reflect today's economic reality, particularly in light of inflation, soaring housing costs and the general increase in cost of living;

AND WHEREAS such low eligibility thresholds may disincentivize employment and community participation by penalizing veterans for earning beyond an outdated benchmark, thereby discouraging reintegration and contribution to civic life;

AND WHEREAS it is the duty of all levels of government to stand in unified support of our veterans and to advocate for policy changes that enable them to live with dignity and financial stability;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Georgina formally calls on the Government of Canada and all federal parties to increase the eligibility threshold for the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program from \$20,000 to no less than \$40,000 annually for a single-person household;

AND THAT Council urges Veterans Affairs Canada to review all income support programs with the intent to modernize eligibility criteria in line with the current cost of living across Canada;

AND THAT this motion be forwarded to The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada; the Honourable Jill McKnight, Minister of Veterans Affairs; the Honourable Andrew Scheer, Acting Leader of the Official Opposition; Jacob Mantle, MP for York-Durham; The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Carried

Moved By Councillor Genge
Seconded By Councillor Fellini

That Council receive General Information Item (ii) of July 9, 2025 and endorse the Municipality of Tweed's position requesting the Province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling product from all sources.

Defeated

b. Briefing Notes (None)

13. MOTIONS/ NOTICES OF MOTION None

14. REGIONAL BUSINESS

Regional Council meetings suspended during the summer months

15. OTHER BUSINESS

- Grant received from the Federal Green and Inclusive Community Buildings (GICB) program for improvements to the Georgina Sutton Arena to make it more energy efficient and accessible; the contribution is for up to \$1,118,412 or up to 80% of the total eligible project costs. Council members expressed appreciation to staff for preparing and submitting high quality applications for grant funding.

16. BYLAWS

Item No. 16.2 was replaced with Item No. 16.7, Item No. 16.5 was withdrawn.

Moved By Councillor Dale

Seconded By Councillor Biggerstaff

That the following bylaws be adopted;

1. Bylaw Number 2025-0043 (COU-1) to appoint one (1) new board member for the Jackson's Point Business Improvement Area for the 2022-2026 term of office
3. Bylaw Number 2025-0045 (AD-1) to appoint a Building Code Act inspector; Kurtis Farr
4. Bylaw Number 2025-0046 (TR-1) amending Bylaw 94-60 as amended, and assume certain roads as public highway; Haskins Crescent, Road Assumption, Oxford Homes Phase 2
6. Bylaw Number 2025-0048 (TR-1) amending Bylaw 2023-0087 (TR-1) as amended, to regulate traffic and control the parking of vehicles; amendments to Schedules, Oxford Homes Phase 2
7. Bylaw Number 2025-0044 (TA-1) to levy a special charge upon commercial properties in the Jackson's Point Business Improvement Area and to provide for its collection

(Advisement: This bylaw replaces Item No. 16.2 of this agenda)

Carried

17. CLOSED SESSION

Moved By Councillor Fellini

Seconded By Councillor Genge

That Council convene into Closed Session at 11:40am to discuss the following matters;

- a. THE SECURITY OF THE PROPERTY OF THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD, Section 239(2)(a), MA, Cyber Security
- b. THE SECURITY OF THE PROPERTY OF THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD, Section 239(2)(a), MA, Facility Security

Carried

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff
Seconded By Councillor Dale

That the Council meeting reconvene into open session at 12:44pm and report on matters dealt with in closed session.

Carried

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0179

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff
Seconded By Councillor Neeson

In regard to Closed Session Item 17.1.a on the agenda under Section 239(2)(a) of the Municipal Act being the security of the property of the municipality or local board regarding cyber security;

1. That Council receive the update provided.

Carried

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0180

Moved By Councillor Dale
Seconded By Councillor Fellini

In regard to Closed Session Item 17.1.b on the agenda under Section 239(2)(a) of the Municipal Act being the security of the property of the municipality or local board regarding facility security;

1. That Council receive the update provided.

Carried

RESOLUTON NO. C-2025-0181

Moved By Councillor Neeson
Seconded By Councillor Dale

That correspondence from the Municipality of Tweed requesting support of its position requesting the Province of Ontario to amend Ontario Regulation 391/21:Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling product from all sources be received.

Carried

18. CONFIRMING BYLAW

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff
Seconded By Councillor Fellini

That the following bylaw be adopted;

18.1 Bylaw Number 2025-0049 (COU-2) confirming the proceedings of Council on July 9, 2025.

Carried

19. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved By Councillor Dale

Seconded By Councillor Biggerstaff

That the Council meeting adjourn at 12:45pm.

Carried

Margaret Quirk, Mayor

Rachel Dillabough, Town Clerk