



Interoffice Memorandum

GEORGINA

Corporate Services Department

To: Mayor and Council

From: Samantha Naumoski, Committee Services Coordinator

cc: Rachel Dillabough, Town Clerk
Mamata Baykar, Deputy Clerk

Date: April 22, 2026

Re: Georgina Accessibility Advisory Committee budget request and support for the 2026 Georgina Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence in Accessibility Award

At its meeting on March 31, 2026, the Georgina Accessibility Advisory Committee received information on the Business Excellence in Accessibility Award from the Georgina Chamber of Commerce.

Jennifer Anderson, Executive Director at the Georgina Chamber of Commerce, shared information on the annual Business Excellence in Accessibility Award, as well as its historical implementation throughout 2019–2023, with the objective of collaborating with the Committee on an annual basis to proceed and relaunch the award. The Business Excellence in Accessibility Award acknowledges businesses within the community who are nominated based on eligibility requirements through an application process. Jennifer advised on the nomination and application processes, their requirements, and the need to seek members to act as judges for the award based on their knowledge and expertise in accessibility. With acknowledgement of the Committee being dissolved due to the 2022–2026 term of office ending, Jennifer's objectives are to work with the Committee to bring the award to life, create a structured process for the public and Committee to nominate businesses, and seek members of the Committee to serve as judges for the award in the fall of 2026.

The Committee agreed to support this award through the use of its budget and the formation of a working group. The working group will consist of two to three members who will participate in the nomination process and continue to engage as civilians, following the dissolution of the Committee's term of office, to assist with the 2026 awards.

The Committee unanimously passed the following resolutions in support of the 2026 Business Excellence in Accessibility Award from the Georgina Chamber of Commerce:

RESOLUTION NO. GAAC-2026-0010

Moved By: Charlene Biggerstaff

Seconded By: Michelle Radigan-Marriott

That the Georgina Accessibility Advisory Committee formally requests to utilize a budget of \$275.00 to sponsor the 2026 Business Excellence in Accessibility Award.

Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. GAAC-2026-0011

Moved By: Robin Konstantopoulos

Seconded By: Dave Harding

That the Georgina Accessibility Advisory Committee form a working group of 2-3 members at its next scheduled meeting, who will participate as civilians after the dissolution of the Committee's current term of office, to work with the Georgina Chamber of Commerce in support of the 2026 Business Excellence in Accessibility Award.

Carried.

Please note that the resolution and comments are taken from the un-adopted draft minutes.