



GEORGINA

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

Date: Tuesday, December 2, 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, Legal Services/Town Solicitor

Ron Jenkins, Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief

Rob Wheeler, Deputy CAO/Treasurer

Shawn Nastke, Director of Corporate Services

Michael Vos, Director of Operations and Infrastructure

Mamata Baykar, Deputy Clerk

Carolyn Lance, Council Services Coordinator

Cheyenne McAnuff, Records and Information Coordinator

Anne Winstanley, Supervisor, Communications

Dina Havkin, Manager of Finance and Deputy Treasurer

Becky Ridding, Senior Financial Analyst

Janet Porter, Manager of Development Planning

Karyn Stone, Manager, Economic Development & Tourism

Michael Iampietro, Manager, Development Engineering

Neil Macdonald, Manager, Capital Projects

Olga Lawton, Corporate Strategy and Transformation

Simone Weinstein, Program Manager, Strategic Initiatives

Stirling Munro, Manager of Procurement

Others Present: Patti White, Manager of Recreation Services
Joe Moncada, Director of Library Services, CEO
John Langevin, Deputy Fire Chief
Doug Bolton, Deputy Fire Chief
Heather Sheppard, Supervisor of Inspections, Deputy Chief
Building Official

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 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.”

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

Brooklyn MacRae, Animal Shelter representative, introduced Jaffar, a Abyssinian mix, 2-year-old male cat available for adoption from the shelter.

- Winter registration for programs
- Sunday, December 7th, Stephen Leacock Theatre 40th Anniversary celebration
- appreciation expressed to staff regarding the Vintage Christmas at the Georgina Historical Village, lights will remain on until January 4th from 5-10pm
- Friday, December 5, Pefferlaw Christmas Tree Lighting, Pefferlaw, 7-9pm
- Saturday, December 6, 8am, Pefferlaw Breakfast with Santa
- Friday, December 5, 3-9pm, Turkeyshoot hosting its Annual Holiday Market; owners have announced that they will be closing the micro-brewery after 5 successful years of operation
- Movember fundraiser - raised \$3,405
- Saturday, December 6, Sutton Santa Claus Parade of Lights, 5pm

- Sunday, December 7, Breakfast with Santa, Sutton Legion, 9am-12pm
- Sunday, December 7, Christmas Market at The Briars Resort, 10am-4pm
- December 13 and 14, Market at Homestead Orchard, 10am-5pm
- Saturday, December 20, Kid's Shop at the Link, 1-6pm
- Sunday, December 21, 6:30pm, Hanukkah on the Slopes at The ROC

4. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEM(S)

None

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0297

Moved By Councillor Neeson

Seconded By Councillor Biggerstaff

That the Special Council agenda of December 2, 2025 be adopted as presented.

Carried

6. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF None

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0298

Moved By Regional Councillor Davison

Seconded By Councillor Dale

That the following Council minutes be adopted;

1. Council Minutes held on November 5, 2025
2. Council Minutes held on November 12, 2025

Carried

8. SPEAKERS AND DELEGATIONS None

9. PETITIONS None

10. PUBLIC MEETINGS None

11. REPORTS

Advisement; Report No. DCAO-2025-0014 entitled 'Release of the 2026 Proposed Budget' was received by Council on November 5, 2025

Mayor Quirk prepared a budget that aligns with the 2023-2027 corporate strategic plan, all efficiencies and savings were sought, developed priorities for any new projects, staffing and service level adjustments. Input was provided for

members of the public indicating a desire for increased service levels for economic growth, local job creation, roads, local parks, trails, recreational facilities and programs enhanced. The 2026 budget proposes a 2.25% operating tax levy increase to ensure service levels are maintained as well as a 1.25% infrastructure levy to ensure the Town can continue to invest in the capital infrastructure the residents rely upon and is essential to address funding shortfalls identified in the asset management plan.

Ryan Cronsberry, CAO, this years' budget reflects a balanced approach investing in essential services and infrastructure while ensuring fiscal responsibility. It provides the tools and resources staff need to advance council priorities and make meaningful progress on strategic plan, building community and revitalizing spaces.

Rob Wheeler provided a brief overview of the 2026 proposed budget, 'Building Community and Revitalizing Spaces';

- Total budget of \$167,249,185 including operating expenditures of \$95,866,085, reserve contributions of \$18,919,600, and new capital projects of \$52,463,500
- Proposed 2026 tax increase; 2.25% operating budget plus 1.25% infrastructure levy equating to a 3.5% tax levy increase. For an average residential dwelling with a current value assessment (CVA) of \$454,000, this equates to an additional \$100 per year....

TAB 13, OPERATING BUSINESS CASES;

STAFFING REQUESTS:

-Business Case 26-SI-OI-01, Waste Management Coordinator, funded by assessment growth and cost recovery from municipal partners, \$106,000

-Business Case 26-SI-OI-02, Senior Project Manager and Project Manager, funded by reserves, \$315,700

-Business Case 26-SI-OI-03, Staff resources to undertake road closures to support BIA events, funded by tax levy, \$25,000

-Business Case 26-SI-LI-01, Maker Space Programmer, funded by assessment growth, \$82,670

-Business Case 26-SI-CO-01, Chief Information and Digital Officer, funded by assessment growth, \$225,410

-Business Case 26-SI-CO-02, Lead, Strategic Initiatives, funded by assessment growth, \$132,160

-Business Case 26-SI-DS-01, Two seasonal student planning positions, funded by discretionary reserve, \$25,000

-Business Case 26-SI-DS-02, Administrative Coordinator, funded by assessment growth, \$101,920

-Business Case 26-SI-DCAO-01, Senior Financial Analyst, funded by Development Charges and assessment growth, \$153,600

-Business Case 26-SI-HR-01, Human Resources Coordinator, funded by assessment growth, \$102,000

AMENDMENTS TO STAFFING REQUESTS;

a) Waste Management Coordinator

Moved by Councillor Genge

THAT Waste Management Coordinator position, Business Case 2026-SI-OI-01, in the amount of \$106,000, either be removed from the budget or be a one-year contract position

Lost, No Secunder

g) Lead, Strategic Initiatives

Moved by Councillor Genge

THAT the Lead, Strategic Initiatives position, Business Case 2026-SI-CO-02, remain on a contract basis and not be transitioned to a permanent position

Lost, No Secunder

k) Human Resources Coordinator

Moved by Councillor Genge

That the Human Resources Coordinator position, Business Case 2026-SI-HR-01, be removed from the budget

Lost, No Secunder

d) Staff Resources to Undertake Road Closures to support BIA Events

Moved by Councillor Genge

That the position of Staff Resources to Undertake Road Closures to Support BIA Events, Business Case 2026-SI-OI-03, be carried in the 2026 budget but the costs be re-examined in the 2027 budget.

Lost, No Secunder

DIRECTION TO STAFF to provide a review in the 2027 budget of staff position 'Staff Resources To Undertake Road Closures to Support BIA Events', Business Case 2026-SI-OI-03, including potential cost reductions

a) Maker Space Programmer, Business Case 2026-SI-LI-01 - to showcase this portable programming to other library branches to reach all of Georgina

NEW INITIATIVES;

- Business Case 26-NI-LI-01, Maker Space equipment replacement fund, funded by Library capital reserves, \$10,000
- Business Case 26-NI-CO-01, Two-Year extension of YSpace entrepreneurship programming, funded by discretionary reserves, \$37,500
- Business Case 26-NI-DCAO-01, Seniors property tax rebate program, funded by tax levy, \$30,000
- Business Case 26-NI-ST-01, Reducing Lake Simcoe nutrient loading, funded by stormwater rates, \$80,000
- Business Case 26-NI-ST-02, Invasive plant management - stormwater watercourse, funded by stormwater rates, \$30,000
- Business Case 26-NI-WAT-01, Inflow and infiltration inspection program for the wastewater collection system, funded by water and wastewater rate, \$30,000
- Business Case 26-NI-WAT-02, Leak detection for the water distribution system, funded by water and wastewater rate, \$20,000
- Business Case 26-NI-WAT-03, Testing and disposal of excess soil, funded by water and wastewater rate, \$40,000

DIRECTION; Business Case 26-NI-ST-01, Reducing Lake Simcoe Nutrient Loading - forward to the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee as information

TAB 14, CAPITAL BUSINESS CASES;**OPERATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

- Business Case 26-CI-OI-01, Streetlight Condition Assessment, funded by discretionary reserve, \$40,000
- Business Case 26-CI-OI-02, Streetlight new installations and rehabilitations, funded by discretionary reserve, \$40,000
- Business Case 26-CI-OI-03, Minor capital - concrete, funded by discretionary reserve, \$105,000
- Business Case 26-CI-OI-04, Pavement Management System Program, funding source \$1.3M BFF, \$2.202M OCIF, \$425.5K CCBF, \$3,927,500
- Business Case 26-CI-OI-05, Fleet and Equipment, funded by discretionary reserve, \$3,255,000
- Business Case 26-CI-OI-06, Station Road, Old Homestead Road Improvements and Multi-Use Path, funding source \$740K CCBF, \$323K grant, \$1,063,000
- Business Case 26-CI-OI-07, Sign and Pavement Marking Upgrades, funded by discretionary reserve, \$30,000

- Business Case 26-CI-OI-08, Walkways and through Connections, funded by discretionary reserve, \$65,000
- Business Case 26-CI-OI-09, Growth Related Fleet and Equipment, funding source \$565K Development Charges, 30K discretionary reserve, \$30K
- Business Case 26-CI-OI-10, Lake Drive North Revetment - Construction, funded by CCBF, \$928,000
- Business Case 26-CI-OI-11, Guiderail Upgrades Program - Year 1 Design and Construction, funded by CCBF, \$300,000
- Business Case 26-CI-OI-12, 2026 OSIM Bridge, Culvert and Pedestrian Bridge Condition Assessment, funded by discretionary reserve, \$50,000
- Business Case 26-CI-OI-13, Waste Management Plan Development, funded by discretionary reserve, \$80,000
- Business Case 26-CI-OI-14, Improvements at closed landfill site, funded by discretionary reserve, \$50,000
- Business Case 26-CI-OI-15, Update of Core Asset Management plan, funded by CCBF, \$100,000
- Business Case 26-CI-OI-16, Enhanced winter maintenance communications plan funded by discretionary reserve, \$20,000
- Business Case 26-CI-OI-17, Traffic Calming Measures at Community Safety Zones, funded by discretionary reserve, \$50,000
- Business Case 26-CI-OI-18, Combination flusher, vacuum and excavator unit funded by Development Charges, \$950,000

COMMUNITY SERVICES

- Business Case 26-CI-CS-01, Facility Repair and Remediation Program, funded by discretionary reserve, \$2,145,000
- Business Case 26-CI-CS-02, Stephen Leacock Theatre Upgrades, funded by discretionary reserve, \$421,000
- Business Case 26-CI-CS-03, Sports Hall of Fame, funded by discretionary reserve, \$30,000
- Business Case 26-CI-CS-04, Two-Way Radios for Municipal Law Enforcement Officers, funded by discretionary reserve, \$14,000
- Business Case 26-CI-CS-05, Willow Beach Park construction, funding source \$5.6M Development Charges, \$1.4M Cash in lieu of parkland, \$1.4M discretionary reserve, \$8,367,800
- Business Case 26-CI-CS-06, Parks repairs and remediation program, funding source \$586.7K discretionary reserve, \$53.3K Development Charges, \$640,000

-Business Case 26-CI-CS-07, Sutton cenotaph reassembly, funded by discretionary reserve, \$20,000

-Business Case 26-CI-CS-08, Recreation and Culture Master Plan, funded by Development Charges, \$100,000

-Business Case 26-CI-CS-09, Simcoe Landing Phase 9 Community Park - design, funded by Development Charges, \$512,000

-Business Case 26-CI-CS-10, Subdivision Entrance Features Revitalization, funded by discretionary reserve, \$50,000

FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES

-Business Case 26-CI-FS-01, Fire Equipment, funded by discretionary reserve, \$211,200

-Business Case 26-CI-FS-02, Station 1-6 Renovation, funded by CCBF, \$245,000

-Business Case 26-CI-FS-03, South Keswick Fire Hall Station, funded by long-term debt (Development Charge funded), \$15,300,000

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES;

-Business Case 26-CI-DS-01, 10 Year Official Plan Review, funding source \$75K Building reserve, \$75K Development Charges, \$150,000

-Business Case 26-CI-DS-02, Black River Road Sidewalk and Multi-Use Path (MUP), funding source \$1.96M Development Charges, \$490K discretionary reserve, \$2,450,000

CORPORATE SERVICES;

-Business Case 26-CI-CO-01, Development of a 2027-2031 Corporate Strategic Plan, funding source discretionary reserve, \$85,000

-Business Case 26-CI-CO-02, Service Georgina Modernization, funding source discretionary reserve, \$285,000

-Business Case 26-CI-CO-03, Annual Information and Communication (ICT) Cycling, funding source discretionary reserve, \$200,000

-Business Case 26-CI-CO-04, Website improvements, funding source discretionary reserve, \$25,000

-Business Case 26-CI-CO-05, Seasonal holiday pole display - replacement lights, funding source discretionary reserve, \$41,000

PUBLIC LIBRARY

-Business Case 26-CI-LI-01, Collections budget increase, funding source development charges, \$10,000

-Business Case 26-CI-LI-02, Minor capital investments - annual furniture and capital needs, funding source Library reserve, \$10,000

-Business Case 26-CI-LI-03, Secure print solution and public printing infrastructure upgrade, funding source Library reserve, \$20,000

-Business Case 26-CI-LI-04, Website replacement, funding source Library reserve, \$37,500

STORMWATER;

-Business Case 26-CI-SWM-01, Expansion of the catch basin filters program - Phases 1 and 2, funding source stormwater reserve, \$100,000

-Business Case 26-CI-SWM-02, Ditch, culvert and outlet rehabilitation, funding source stormwater reserve, \$250,000

-Business Case 26-CI-SWM-03, Drainage improvements - construction (area 1 - Duclos Point), funding source CCBF, \$380,000

-Business Case 26-CI-SWM-04, Flow forward; laying the foundation for stormwater resilience, funding source stormwater reserve, \$200,000

-Business Case 26-CI-SWM-05, Post Office Road drainage assessment, funding source stormwater reserve, \$125,000

-Business Case 26-CI-SWM-06, Integrated infrastructure master plans (sanitary, stormwater, water and SCADA), funding source development charges, \$1,000,000

WATER AND WASTEWATER

-Business Case 26-CI-WAT-01, Polybutylene water service replacements (area four) construction, funding source long-term debt, (water/wastewater reserve), \$750,000

-Business Case 26-CI-WAT-02, Woodbine Avenue isolated watermain - engineering services, funding source (water/wastewater reserve), \$110,000

-Business Case 26-CI-WAT-03, Additional funding for Queensway South watermain replacement, funding source long-term debt (water/wastewater reserve), \$3,269,000

-Business Case 26-CI-WAT-04, Morton Avenue watermain, funding source \$1.44M long term debt (water/wastewater reserve), \$160K Development Charges, \$1,600,000

-Business Case 26-CI-WAT-05, Facility rehabilitation of Simcoe Landing Booster Station, funding source water/wastewater reserve, \$125,000

-Business Case 26-CI-WAT-06, Line valves and hydrant rehabilitation and replacement, funding source water/wastewater reserve, \$250,000

- Business Case 26-CI-WAT-07, Leak detection for the water distribution system, funding source water/wastewater reserve, \$130,000
- Business Case 26-CI-WAT-08, Fire hydrant markers, funding source water/wastewater reserve, \$85,000
- Business Case 26-CI-WAT-09, Hydrant and blow-off access, funding source water/wastewater reserve, \$221,500
- Business Case 26-CI-WAT-10, Sample stations installation, funding source water/wastewater reserve, \$170,000
- Business Case 26-CI-SEW-01, Sanitary sewer and manhole condition assessment, funding source water/wastewater reserve, \$200,000
- Business Case 26-CI-SEW-02, Sanitary pumping station condition assessment, funding source water/wastewater reserve, \$100,000
- Business Case 26-CI-SEW-03, Additional funding for sewage pump station facility rehabilitation, funding source water/wastewater reserve, \$350,000

MOTIONS TO AMEND CAPITAL BUDGET;

- Business Case 26-CI-CS-02, Stephen Leacock Theatre Upgrades

Moved by Councillor Genge
Seconded by Councillor Dale

That the Theatre Seating Replacement at Stephen Leacock Theatre, Business Case 26-CI-CS-02, be removed from the budget and that the \$350,000 be instead utilized to repair or replace as appropriate the elevator at the Art Gallery for accessibility purposes.

Defeated

- staff to investigate sponsorship program for seat sales and plaques in the Stephen Leacock Theatre

Moved by Councillor Dale
Seconded by Councillor Neeson

That staff report in the first quarter of 2026 outlining additional Building Condition Assessment issues at the Art Gallery in terms of additional capital projects including the elevator, accessibility issues, HVAC system and any other items that have been or could be identified in the investigation, as well as all capital costs that have been invested into the Art Gallery over the last 5 years, the 10-year lease and the 5-year service agreement, including grant amounts.

Withdrawn

DIRECTION: That staff be directed to submit an information report to Council in the first quarter of 2026 that outlines the Building Condition Assessment of the

Georgina Centre for Arts and Culture which is included in the Town's Asset Management Plan, in terms of additional capital projects including the elevator, accessibility issues, HVAC system and any other items that have been or could be identified in that investigation, that said report should also include capital costs that have been invested into the building over the past five (5) years as well as planned investments that may be required over the 10-year lease and 5-year service agreements including the elevator and HVAC system.

- Original Sutton Cenotaph; will be reassembled/restored on a to-be-determined town-owned property
- Staff was requested to provide information on the design and \$15 Million financing of the additional South Fire Hall.

Chief Jenkins: Call volume continues to increase, population of 57,000 anticipated by 2029. A new station will improve response times, will guarantee increased depth of response for increased safety of fire fighters and residents, reduce time to assemble fire fighter force, allow for dynamic staging, remain effective and efficient.

Rob Wheater; \$15.3 Million construction budget, looking at 20 new permanent full-time fire fighters to be added to increase the staff compliment to 64, will need equipment and apparatus to be funded by development charges.

- will be fully funded by development charges
- operating costs put aside through assessment growth, therefore no tax increase when fire hall opens
- debenture payments include interest payments that can be covered by development charges.

Moved by Regional Councillor Davison
Seconded by Councillor Fellini

That the Council meeting recess at 12:05pm

Carried

The Council meeting reconvened at 12:35pm

#7 ADDITIONAL MOTIONS from members of Council to amend the budget

Moved by Councillor Genge
Seconded by Councillor Dale

WHEREAS the seasonal installation of the Multi Use Path on Lake Drive has polarized Georgina residents with respect to the continuation of the project;

AND WHEREAS this Council has been elected to represent the views of Georgina residents;

THEREFORE THAT THE TOWN hold a referendum on the issue of the Multi Use Path in conjunction with the 2026 municipal election and that the referendum question be the following, subject to minor amendments as may be

recommended by Council and/or staff; 'Do you support the annual seasonal installation of the Multi Use Path and the conversion to one-way eastbound traffic on Lake Drive East between South Drive and Civic Centre Road.'

Defeated

DIRECTION to staff to submit an information report by the end of first quarter or early second quarter of 2026 to provide cost and timeline impacts due to the potential alteration of the High Street Streetscape design from the burial of the hydro lines to installation of overhead hydro lines due to the significant impact to the budget and desired efficiencies.

#8 MOTION

Moved by Councillor Fellini

Seconded by Councillor Neeson

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0298

That Council end the 30-day budget amendment period as defined in the regulations to Bill 3, Strong Mayors Building Homes Act.

Carried.

#9 MAYOR AND COUNCIL CLOSING REMARKS;

The Mayor and Council Members provided individual closing remarks.

12. DISPOSITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS None

13. MOTIONS/ NOTICES OF MOTION None

14. REGIONAL BUSINESS None

15. OTHER BUSINESS

DIRECTION to staff to draft correspondence to the York Region District School Board and the York Catholic District School Board under the Mayor or CAO's signature, requesting that school bus zones be initiated according to weather conditions

- Provincial direction for Conservation Authority amalgamations; provincial meeting to be held on Monday, December 8th, Conservation Authority to provide comments to the Province respecting amalgamation concerns and offering alternatives to being amalgamated with areas such as Nottawasaga and Thunder Bay

DIRECTION to staff to provide comments to the province on the Conservation Authority amalgamation, expressing comments and concerns for the protection of Lake Simcoe.

Michael Vos provided a brief summary of the recent major snowfall on November 27 to 28; received between 15 and 74 cm of snow during a major snowfall event across Georgina, the highest two-day snowfall since recording began at Baldwin Station and the highest ever November snowfall on record. Staff met service levels and sidewalks were cleared in a timely fashion with limited breakdowns. During these events, the Town will declare a significant weather event.

- This is the last budget for this term of Council and the last meeting to be held in these Council Chambers, the first meeting was held on January 14, 1974. Recognized Mayor Joe Dales, Councillors Pollock, Noble, Larson, Davidson, Welch, Clark and Smockum who attended the first Council meeting in these chambers.
- Council meetings scheduled for January 21 and 28, February 4 and 11 will be entirely virtual during the transition from the current building to the replacement building.

16. BY-LAWS None

17. CLOSED SESSION None

18. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff
Seconded By Councillor Fellini

That the following bylaw be adopted;

1. Bylaw Number 2025-0077 (COU-2) confirming the proceedings of Special Council on December 2, 2025

Carried

19. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved By Regional Councillor Davison
Seconded By Councillor Neeson

That the December 2, 2025 Special Council budget meeting adjourn at 1:48pm.

Carried

Margaret Quirk, Mayor

Mamata Baykar, Deputy Clerk