



GEORGINA

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF GEORGINA**

Georgina Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2026
Time: 9:00 AM

Members of
Committee Present: Charlene Biggerstaff
Lee Dale
Michelle Radigan-Marriott
Dave Harding
Robin Konstantopoulos

Members of
Committee Absent: Scott Wollin
Wendy Busby

Staff Present: Samantha Naumoski, Committee Services Coordinator
Bob Ferguson, Manager of Parks Development and Operations
Tim McClatchie, Manager of Facilities
Courtney Rennie, Senior Project Manager, Capital Projects –
Vertical
Jennifer Anderson, Executive Director, Georgina Chamber of
Commerce

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 9:03 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-2026-0008

Moved By Dave Harding
Seconded By Michelle Radigan-Marriott

That the March 31, 2026 meeting 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 February 24, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. GAAC-2026-0009

Moved By Charlene Biggerstaff
Seconded By Michelle Radigan-Marriott

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on February 24, 2026 be approved as presented.

Carried

8. SPEAKERS

1. Georgina Chamber of Commerce - Business Excellence in Accessibility Award

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 it's next scheduled meeting, who will participate as civilians after the dissolution of the Committee's term of office, to work with the Georgina Chamber of Commerce in support of the 2026 Business Excellence in Accessibility Award.

Carried

9. DELEGATIONS/ PETITIONS

None.

10. PRESENTATIONS

None.

11. REPORTS

None.

12. GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Belhaven Accessible Pathway - Update

At its meeting on February 24, 2026, the Georgina Accessibility Advisory Committee was presented with the proposed design of the Belhaven Park Accessible Pathway, and discussed various concerns and suggestions related to user accessibility. The Committee recommended the addition of a rest area due to the length of the trail, as well as paving the trail to improve accessibility. Staff were requested to further investigate the suggestions provided by the Committee through research, consultation with the architect and design team, consideration of available options within the approved budget, and to report back at the next scheduled meeting.

At the subsequent meeting on March 31, 2026, Courtney Rennie, Senior Project Manager, Capital Projects – Vertical, provided an update on the proposed design for pedestrian access at the Belhaven Hall Baseball Diamond. Courtney addressed the recommendations put forward by the Committee. It was advised that paving the trail would exceed the approved budget and cannot be accommodated at this time. As a path forward, the project team will proceed with issuing the tender and constructing the trail in 2026 within the approved budget. This will include a provisional item for

a bench to provide a rest area midway along the pathway, and continued coordination with the Belhaven Hall Board members.

In support of the project, the Georgina Accessibility Advisory Committee passed the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. GAAC-2026-0012

Moved By Charlene Biggerstaff
Seconded By Michelle Radigan-Marriott

That the Georgina Accessibility Advisory Committee formally endorses the Belhaven Accessible Pathway Project, and that the remaining Committee budget in the amount of \$9,925.00 be utilized to support this initiative; and further, that Council be requested to consider providing additional support as deemed appropriate.

Carried

13. MOTIONS/ NOTICES OF MOTION

None.

14. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

15. CLOSED SESSION

None.

16. MOTION TO ADJOURN

RESOLUTION NO. GAAC-2026-0013

Moved By Robin Konstantopoulos
Seconded By Dave Harding

That the Georgina Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Carried

Councillor Lee Dale, Chair

Samantha Naumoski, Committee Services Coordinator