



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

Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2026
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
Michael Bigioni, Legal Services/Town Solicitor
Steve Lee-Young, Director of Community Services
Rob Wheeler, Deputy CAO/Treasurer
Shawn Nastke, Director of Corporate Services
Michael Vos, Director of Operations and Infrastructure
Ron Jenkins, Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief
Rachel Dillabough, Town Clerk
Mamata Baykar, Deputy Clerk
Carolyn Lance, Council Services Coordinator
Samantha Naumoski, Committee Services Coordinator
Cheyenne McAnuff, Records and Information Coordinator
Alex Demoe, EA to Mayor and Council Members
Anne Winstanley, Supervisor, Communications
Janet Porter, Manager of Development Planning
Kelly Atkinson, Head, Human Resources
Patti White, Manager of Recreation Services
Tanya Thompson, Communications Manager

Others Present:

Shayne Connors, Senior Development Planner
Anne Antoniadis, Supervisor, Compliance/DWQMS Compliance Officer

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.”

Council recognized the recent passing of Ken Hackenbrook, former Georgina Councillor and Brian Slaight, husband of Annabel Slaight

2. ROLL CALL

As noted above

3. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mayor Quirk made remarks concerning the first in-person Council meeting in the replacement Civic Centre, expressing appreciation to the Sutton Legion for presenting colours, as well as to Chief Donna Big Canoe and Kelsey Trivett from Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation who conducted a brief ceremony and smudging prior to the commencement of this meeting and presenting Council with a CGIFN flag to be displayed in the chamber. Mayor Quirk expressed gratitude to staff, partners and community members for the success of the move to the replacement Civic Centre and to past Council who supported moving forward with the new building, a construction project that was conducted on time and within budget. Meeting rooms have been named after the late Joe Dales, former Mayor, and the late Danny Wheeler, former Regional Councillor.
- Puddle Jump event held at The ROC
- Georgina Library branches, second year of Seed Library
- Pefferlaw Lions hosting Bingo this evening, \$2,000 grand prize
- Pefferlaw Lions 70th Anniversary Raffle for 2026 ATV donated by Quinn's Marina

4. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEM(S)

- Item 11.1.f, Town Initiated Official Plan Amendment No. 153
- Item 16.3, Bylaw Number 2026-0026, adopting amendment No. 153 to the Official Plan
- Item 16.4, Bylaw Number 2026-0029 appointing members to Georgina Economic Development Advisory Committee
- Item 7, Correction to February 25, 2026 Council minutes, Page 11, Item 11.1.e, Resolution C-2026-0052 only includes #1, #s 2 3 and 4 were erroneously included

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**RESOLUTION NO. C-2026-0063**

Moved By Councillor Neeson

Seconded By Councillor Dale

That the March 25, 2026 Council agenda, with the following addendum items, be adopted;

- Item 11.1.f, Town Initiated Official Plan Amendment No. 153
- Item 16.3, Bylaw Number 2026-0026, adopting amendment No. 153 to the Official Plan
- Item 16.4, Bylaw Number 2026-0029 appointing members to Georgina Economic Development Advisory Committee
- Item 7, Correction to February 25, 2026 Council minutes, Page 11, Item 11.1.e, Resolution C-2026-0052 only includes #1, #s 2 3 and 4 were erroneously included

Carried

8. SPEAKERS AND DELEGATIONS

1. PRESENTATION; Walter Mackey and Rodney Beswick, Sutton Legion, to make a presentation concerning the Sutton Cenotaph

Walter Mackey and **Rod Beswick** presented certificates to members of Council, as well as Bob Ferguson and Courtney Rennie for their support and assistance in replacing the Sutton Cenotaph.

6. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF None.**7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES****RESOLUTION NO. C-2026-0064**

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff

Seconded By Councillor Fellini

That the following minutes as amended be adopted;

1. Council Minutes held on January 28, 2026
 2. Council Minutes held on February 11, 2026
 3. Council Minutes held on February 25, 2026
- page 11, Item 11.1.e, Resolution C-2026-0052 to include Recommendation Number 1 only, Recommendation Numbers 2 3 and 4 were erroneously included

Carried

8. SPEAKERS AND DELEGATIONS

2. DELEGATION; Sandie Orlando, Endurance Event Productions, requesting approval for disruption to eastbound traffic on Lake Drive during the annual Georgina Spring Fling Race being held on Sunday, May 3rd

Sandie Orlando, Endurance Event Productions, provided background on the Georgina Spring Fling Race and Georgina Marathon events held in Georgina for which participation has grown over the years and requested approval of Council's continued approval of both events, endorsement of the road closure plan as submitted for both events and the Town manage restricted road access closures and facilitating escorts.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2026-0065

Moved By Councillor Neeson

Seconded By Councillor Genge

That Council receive the presentation from Sandie Orlando of Endurance Event Productions concerning the annual Spring Fling Race and Georgina Marathon event and endorse the plan as outlined and discussed with Town staff.

Carried

RESOLUTION NO. C-2026-0066

Moved By Councillor Fellini

Seconded By Councillor Genge

That Council receive with thanks the presentation of certificates made by Walter Mackey and Ron Beswick of the Sutton Legion to Mayor and Council, Bob Ferguson and Courtney Rennie for their support and assistance in the replacement of the Sutton Cenotaph.

Carried

3. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Pet Of The Month - Animal Shelter staff introducing pets available for adoption from the Georgina Animal Shelter

Brooklyn, Animal Shelter Community Services representative, presented photographs of Bennie, an approximately 8-year-old Schnauzer/Poodle mix, now available for adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2026-0067

Moved By Councillor Neeson

Seconded By Councillor Fellini

That Council receive the 'Pet of the Month' presentation provided by the Animal Shelter staff.

Carried

9. PETITIONS None**10. PUBLIC MEETINGS** None**11. REPORTS**

1. Adoption Of Reports Not Requiring Separate Discussion

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff
Seconded By Councillor Dale

That the following report recommendations be adopted;

a. 2025 Annual Drinking Water Summary Report

Report No. OID-2026-0003

RESOLUTION NO. C-2026-0068

1. That Council receive Report No. OID-2026-0003 prepared by the Water/Wastewater/Waste Division, Operations and Infrastructure Department regarding the 2025 Annual Drinking Water Summary Report dated March 25, 2026, including the following attached reports;

a. Annual Water Quality Summary Report for the Keswick-Sutton Water Distribution System as required by Section 11 of Regulation 170/03, under the Safe Drinking Water Act - February 9, 2026 (attachment 1).

b. Annual Summary Report for Municipal officials as required by Schedule 22 of Regulation 170/03, under the Safe Drinking Water Act - March 25, 2026 (attachment 2).

c. QMS Management Review Report - February 2, 2026 (attachment 3).

b. Audit Plan for the 2025 Fiscal Year

Report No. DCAO-2026-0001

RESOLUTION NO. C-2026-0069

1. That Council receive Report No. DCAO-2026-0001 prepared by the Financial Controllershship and Reporting Division, Office of the Deputy CAO dated March 25, 2026 respecting the Audit Plan for the 2025 Fiscal Year.

2. That Council approve the Audit Plan for the 2025 Fiscal Year as prepared by KPMG LLP in consultation with Town staff, and described in the attached correspondence from KPMG LLP dated January 2026.

- c. Remuneration and Expenses for Members of Council and Council Appointees to Local Boards for 2025

Report No. DCAO-2026-0002.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2026-0070

1. That Council receive Report No. DCAO-2026-0002 prepared by the Financial Controllershship and Reporting Division of the Office of the Deputy CAO dated March 25, 2026 regarding Remuneration and Expenses of Members of Council and Council Appointees to Local Boards and Committees for 2025.

Carried

Moved By Councillor Neeson
Seconded By Councillor Dale

That Council members observe a recess at 10:15am

Carried

The Council meeting reconvened at 10:34am

2. Reports Requiring Separate Discussion

- f. Town-Initiated Official Plan Amendment, OPA 153 - Delegated Authority for Minor Zoning Bylaw Amendments and Alternate Public Notice Measures, File No. OPA-2025-0005

Report No DS-2026-0016

(Advisement: Listed on main agenda as Item 11.1.e)

Town staff provided an overview and clarification of the report concerning the use of delegated authority to deal with fairly minor applications that have generally no concerns.

-staff to circulate Council concerns to other Council members for their knowledge; no discussion or decision to be made via email

RESOLUTION NO. C-2026-0071

Moved By Councillor Dale
Seconded By Councillor Fellini

1. That Council receive Report No. DS-2026-0016, prepared by the Development Planning Division, Development Services Department, dated March 25, 2026, and approve the Town-initiated Official Plan Amendment 153 (File No.: OPA-2025-0005) to delegate decision-making authority to the Director of Development Services (or their designate) for certain Minor Zoning Bylaw Amendments and establish alternate measures for informing and obtaining the views of the public

related to certain Minor Zoning Bylaw Amendments, as described in Report No. DS-2026-0016;

2. That Council pass the implementing bylaw for Official Plan Amendment 153 at the March 25, 2026, Council meeting;
3. That Council direct Staff to issue partial application fee refunds, if applicable, for any Minor Zoning Bylaw Amendment applications subject to delegated authority and submitted between the date that OPA 153 comes into effect and the Town's passing of an updated Fee Bylaw, in the event that a new Fee Bylaw prescribes a lesser application fee; and,
4. That Council direct Staff to prepare a bylaw to amend Schedule "A" of Bylaw Number 2025-0031 (AD-3) to delegate approval authority to the Director of Development Services (or their designate) for certain Minor Zoning Bylaw Amendments, and to bring the bylaw to a future Council meeting for consideration and passing following the date that OPA 153 comes into effect.

Carried

12. DISPOSITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Dispositions/Proclamations

- a. Georgina Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee requesting to utilize \$3,000 of its budget to sponsor the Pan-African Flag Festival taking place in August 2026

RESOLUTION NO. C-2026-0072

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff

Seconded By Regional Councillor Davison

That Council endorse the request of the Georgina Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee to utilize \$3,000 of its budget to sponsor the Pan-African Flag Festival taking place in August of 2026.

Carried

- b. Minister of Rural Affairs extending congratulations to the Towns of Georgina and East Gwillimbury on their joint submission being named a finalist at this year's Economic Developers Council of Ontario Awards of Excellence

RESOLUTION NO. C-2026-0073

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff
Seconded By Councillor Neeson

That Council receive and acknowledge correspondence from the Ministry of Rural Affairs extending congratulations to the Towns of Georgina and East Gwillimbury on their joint submission being named a finalist at this year's Economic Developers Council of Ontario Awards of Excellence.

Carried

- c. Georgina Accessibility Advisory Committee endorsement of implementing an accessibility audit prior to further upgrades at the Georgina Ice Palace

RESOLUTION NO. C-2026-0074

Moved By Councillor Dale
Seconded By Councillor Biggerstaff

That Council endorse the position of the Georgina Accessibility Advisory Committee that a Professional Accessibility Audit be conducted prior to the implementation of further upgrades at the Georgina Ice Palace, in accordance with AODA standards and the Ontario Building Code to identify issues and risks early and addressing potential human rights concerns before they arise.

Carried

2. General Information Items
 - a. Information Items

General Information item (a) was removed for discussion, being a resolution from York Region Council concerning the Blue Box Extended Producer Responsibility framework and Circular Materials.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2026-0075

Moved By Regional Councillor Davison
Seconded By Councillor Neeson

That Council endorse York Region's resolution regarding Extended Producer Responsibility and fair, consistent and equitable recycling collection service levels across all Ontario municipalities, and call upon the Province to pay due attention to said resolution and act accordingly, that Circular Materials and the Province of Ontario be requested to move Georgina back to weekly collection as per the southern municipalities in York Region and that this endorsement

be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, all Ontario Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Circular Materials Ontario and all Mayors of Ontario.

Carried

RESOLUTION NO. C-2026-0076

Moved By Councillor Dale

Seconded By Councillor Neeson

That the remainder of the General Information items for the March 25, 2026 Council meeting be received.

Carried

b. Briefing Notes

a. 2026 Non-Profit Organizations Grant Recipients

RESOLUTION NO. C-2026-0077

Moved By Councillor Genge

Seconded By Councillor Biggerstaff

That Council receive the list of successful recipients of the 2026 Non-Profit Organization Grant Program; Georgina Farmer's Market \$10,000, Georgina Feral Cat Committee \$10,000, Routes Connecting Communities \$10,000, The ClearWater Futures Foundation \$10,000, Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition \$10,000, The Learning Centre for Georgina \$10,000.

Carried

b. 2026 Beachfront Vendor Location Update

RESOLUTION NO. C-2026-0078

Moved By Councillor Dale

Seconded By Councillor Neeson

That Council endorse the addition of Holmes Point Park into the Beachfront Vendor Program and that staff amend the Request for Expression of Interest to allow for one to two (1-2) food vendor spots at Holmes Point Park.

Carried

13. MOTIONS/ NOTICES OF MOTION None.

14. REGIONAL BUSINESS

- 'By Ontario' app memo issued by the Province of Ontario, comments on how it may impact municipal government and procurement
- tax water and wastewater rates coming forward

- Regional Agriculture and Agrifood Committee won an award; Agriculture and Agrifood Strategy

15. OTHER BUSINESS None.

16. BYLAWS

Moved By Councillor Neeson
Seconded By Councillor Fellini

That the following bylaws be adopted as presented;

1. Bylaw Number 2026-0025 (PL-4), Part Lot Control By-law, Lots 10-24, 25-28, 47-55, 84-92, 101-104 and 111-126, Plan 65M-4857, File No. PLC-2025-0003
3. Bylaw Number 2026-0026 (PL-2) adopting Amendment No. 153 to the Official Plan of the Town of Georgina, File No. OPA-2025-0005
(listed on main agenda as Item 16.2)
4. Bylaw Number 2026-0029 (COU-1) to appoint members to the Georgina Economic Development Advisory Committee for the 2022-2026 term of office

Carried

17. CLOSED SESSION

Moved By Councillor Dale
Seconded By Councillor Biggerstaff

That Council convene into Closed Session at 11:22am to deal with the following matter(s):

- a. PERSONAL MATTER ABOUT AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL BOARD EMPLOYEES, Section 239(2)(b), MA; Confidential Attachment to Report No. CS-2026-0008, Item No. 11.1.d, Appointment to the Georgina Heritage Advisory Committee for the remainder of the 2022-2026 Term of Office

Carried

Moved By Councillor Genge
Seconded By Regional Councillor Davison

That the Council meeting reconvene into open session at 11:36am and report on matter(s) dealt with in closed session.

Carried

RESOLUTION NO. C-2026-0079

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff

Seconded By Councillor Fellini

In regard to closed session Item No. 17.1.a under Section 239(2)(b) of the Municipal Act being a personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, regarding Confidential Attachment to Report No. CS-2026-0008, Item No. 11.1.d, appointment to the Georgina Heritage Advisory Committee for the remainder of the 2022-2026 term of office;

1. That staff be directed to proceed accordingly
2. That Report No. CS-2026-0008 prepared by the Clerk's Division, Corporate Services, dated March 25, 2026 respecting an appointment to the Georgina Heritage Advisory committee, be received.
3. That Council direct the Clerk's Division to prepare the necessary bylaw to give effect to the appointment.
4. That the appointment of the selected applicant by Council come into effect upon the passing of the appointment bylaw and acceptance of the appointment by the Committee Designate.

Carried

Note: Item 11.1.a, Report No. CS-2026-0008, Georgina Heritage Advisory Committee appointment to fill a vacancy for the 2022-2026 Term of Office, was dealt with through Resolution No. C-2026-0079 above following closed session discussion.

18. CONFIRMING BYLAW

Moved By Regional Councillor Davison

Seconded By Councillor Neeson

That the following bylaw be adopted;

1. Bylaw Number 2026-0027 (COU-1) confirming proceedings of Council on March 25, 2026

Carried

19. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved By Councillor Biggerstaff
Seconded By Councillor Fellini

That the meeting adjourn at 11:38am

Carried

Margaret Quirk, Mayor

Rachel Dillabough, Town Clerk