

Council Highlights

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Southlake Regional Health Centre and Northern York South Simcoe Ontario Health Team provide an update on the Healthcare Memorandum of Understanding Council received the presentation regarding an update on the health-care memorandum of understanding between the Town of Georgina, Southlake Regional Health Centre and the Northern York South Simcoe Ontario Health Team. Work is underway to increase access to health care closer to home, including determining a location for an urgent care facility in Georgina. The presentation provided an update on the work done to date, including community outreach and engagement.

2025 Interim property tax levy

Council received the report regarding the 2025 interim property tax levy and authorized that an interim tax be levied on all rateable real property in Georgina and that the interim tax levy be set at 50 per cent of the total 2024 taxes payable on each property. For new properties added to the assessment for 2025 taxation, interim tax rates would be equivalent to 50 per cent of the 2024 tax rate. The interim tax levy for the realty taxes should be paid in two relatively equal instalments due Feb. 25, 2025 and April 25, 2025.

Climate Change Action Plan – status update

Council received the <u>presentation</u> and the report on a status update on the Climate Change Action Plan. Council directed staff to apply for a funding opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation initiative for the Climate Change Action Plan development.

2025 Non-profit Organization Grant Program intake

Council received the report regarding the 2025 Non-profit Organization Grant Program intake. Council approved an allocation of \$140,000 to the Georgina Centre for Arts and Culture for the 2025 program year. Council also approved funding for the Georgina Chamber of Commerce, Routes Connecting Communities Inc., Learning Centre for Georgina, Ontario Water Centre (Clearwater Farm), Georgina Military Museum, Georgina Feral Cat Committee and the Georgina Farmers' Market. Council directed staff to set aside the undispersed amount of \$35,290 for the Skills Training Centre until the provincial funding decision is made.

Mossington Bridge study results and implementation plan

Council received the report regarding the Mossington Bridge study results and implementation plan. Council received a letter of opinion prepared by LHC Heritage Planning and Archaeology Inc. regarding the cultural heritage aspects of the proposed safety measures for the Mossington Bridge and deemed the measures as acceptable from a cultural heritage standpoint.

Georgina Ice Palace backup generator replacement

Council received the report regarding the provision of a new permanent back-up generator at the Georgina Ice Palace. Council approved the reallocation of \$260,000 from the approved Capital Project No 23-CI-CS-07 – generator overhaul project and amended the 2025 proposed budget by approving an additional \$190,000 for the new back-up generator. A single-source procurement process was approved to permit the supply and installation, and all associated and required work.

Existing Civic Centre as an option to provide affordable housing

Council received the report regarding the potential use of the existing Civic Centre as an option for affordable housing. Council approved the Building Faster Fund of \$1.52M be utilized in another manner that is more cost effective and impactful to address affordable housing, and that the existing Civic Centre be demolished as previously approved by Council and required in the existing contract between the Town of Georgina and Maystar General Contractors Inc.

Update on the Lake Drive Improvement Project – Phase 1

Council received the report regarding the Lake Drive Improvement Project – Phase 1 status update. Council directed that the business case and associated funding request for construction of the first phase of improvements to Lake Drive be considered during the 2025 budget deliberations. Subject to budgetary approval of construction, staff were directed to provide an update report at the time of tendering, which will also serve to launch a public communication and education campaign regarding the Phase 1 seasonal reconfiguration of Lake Drive.

Closed session

In regard to Closed Session Item No. 17.1.a of the agenda under Section 239(2) (c) of the Municipal Act being a proposed or pending acquisition of disposition of land by the municipality or local board, regarding land donations,

That staff be directed to proceed accordingly.

In regard to Closed Session Item 17.1.b under Section 239(2) (c) of the Municipal Act, being a proposed or pending acquisition of disposition of land by the municipality or local board, regarding proposed land acquisitions – Keswick, That staff be directed to proceed accordingly.

In regard to Closed Session Item 17.1.c under Section 239(2) (d) of the Municipal Act, being labour relations or employee negotiations, regarding collective agreement negotiation update, That staff be directed to proceed accordingly.

In regard to Closed Session Item 17.1.d under Section 239(k) of the Municipal Act, being a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board, regarding Queensway North urbanization,

That staff be directed to proceed accordingly.

Additional Council information

Comprehensive minutes of Georgina Town Council meetings, which detail the full list of Council decisions, are available under <u>Agendas and Minutes</u> on the Town website once they have been ratified by Council.