

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA

COUNCIL MINUTES

January 28, 2008

6:35 p.m.

Public Input Session concerning the 2008 Budget.

i) Helmut Kik

Mr. Kik stated that he had requested \$100,000 be budgeted towards the reduction of greenhouse gases. This year, he would like Council to consider instituting a carbon tax account, whereby each household would be charged \$5.00, each commercial business would be charged \$20.00 or \$25.00 and each golf course would be charged \$500.00 and through a by-law, each owner of a gasoline-powered boat would be charged \$100.00. All of these funds would be placed in the Carbon Tax Account towards the reduction of carbon monoxide.

Mr. Kik advised that carbon monoxide is a serious matter and if golf courses and businesses pay into this carbon tax account, they may invest in solar or wind energy devices for their own purposes. He indicated that he has an 8 phase financial research and development program that he would be willing to initiate.

Mr. Kik explained that European communities are concentrating on reducing the greenhouse gases, while our communities are not. Climate change is not receiving enough attention, but it is an urgent matter and every community should be dealing with it in one way or another. He suggested that Council appoint community representatives and Council representatives to a Committee to ensure that the funds from the carbon tax account are used to reduce carbon monoxide in Georgina and that it sponsor a public meeting on reducing greenhouse gases in Georgina.

Mr. Kik indicated that he has a program that would be affordable for the residents of the Town and he would be willing to put it together for the future of Georgina.

ii) Gerry Brouwer, GTTI

Mr. Brouwer updated Council on the Georgina Trades Training Incorporated (GTTI) and is not requesting funding at this time, but hopes to before the end of February. He explained that the GTTI's first Auto Mechanics graduating class will be honoured at The Briars this week, noting that all of the students who completed the program have found positions in companies.

Mr. Brouwer stated that the next course will be in Carpentry/Apprenticeship and has over 30 applicants to date. All applicants will be performing a literacy and numeracy assessment at the Learning Centre and if they do not pass the assessment, they must complete an upgrade at the Centre before commencing the course at GTTI.

Mr. Brouwer stated that the GTTI building is being transformed with windows and doorways at this time and they hope to start holding the courses within this building. Fundraising efforts are underway to raise \$280,000 to help fund renovations and purchase equipment for the new facility and they are making progress towards their target.

iii) Roland Peacock

Mr. Peacock stated that he is a low income person and is requesting that Council tread carefully into the 2008 budget. He stated that hydro, gasoline and home fuel charges are all increasing, Magna will be performing layoffs soon and the economic downfall in the United States will affect Canada in some way. The government had frozen the property assessment, but that freeze is now off and some property owners are facing 20 to 31% increases in their taxes. He stated that all of these factors will result in people having less to spend, which will in turn affect Georgina.

Mr. Peacock suggested that Council only deal with the major items in the 2008 budget and not include minor requests, in order to maintain the current tax levels.

iv) Udora Family Fun Day

Councillor Smockum spoke on behalf of the Udora Hall Board, requesting funding assistance from Town Council in support of a Family Fun Day event proposed to be held in July of this year at the Udora Hall. A proposed budget has been submitted.

v) Peter Sibbald Brown of The Lakewatch Society

Mr. Sibbald Brown was unable to attend the meeting. The Lakewatch Society's correspondence requests that sufficient funds be allocated to implement a 'made in Georgina' tree by-law, similar to those in place and pending in other municipalities of York Region, and that sufficient funds be allocated to increase the planting of individual trees on public lands throughout the municipality.

Staff was requested to research the costs involved and implications of implementing a Town of Georgina tree by-law through the 2008 budget.

1. MOMENT OF MEDITATION:

A moment of meditation was observed.

2. ROLL CALL:

The Clerk gave the roll call and the following Council Members were in attendance:

Mayor Grossi	Regional Councillor Wheeler
Councillor Jordan	Councillor Jamieson
Councillor Szollosy	Councillor Hackenbrook
Councillor Smockum	

3. COMMUNITY SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Council Members were made aware of a number of community events taking place.

4. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEMS AND DEPUTATIONS:

The following addendum items were identified as part of the agenda:

- 4.1 Motion concerning 'Earth Hour' under Other Business
- 4.2 Motion concerning Warden Avenue speed reduction under Other Business
- 4.3 Correspondence from the Women's Support Network of York Region related to Item No. 11.2

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by Councillor Smockum

Seconded by Councillor Szollosy

RESOLUTION NO. C-2008-0035

THAT THE AGENDA, WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDENDUM ITEMS, BE APPROVED:

- 5.1 MOTION CONCERNING 'EARTH HOUR' UNDER OTHER BUSINESS
- 5.2 MOTION CONCERNING WARDEN AVENUE SPEED REDUCTION UNDER OTHER BUSINESS
- 5.3 CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE WOMEN'S SUPPORT NETWORK OF YORK REGION RELATED TO ITEM NO. 11.2

Carried.....

6. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

Councillor Hackenbrook declared an interest in Item Nos. 15.2.3 and 15.2.5 because he is an employee of a company who sells pesticide products.

7. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

Moved by Councillor Smockum

Seconded by Councillor Hackenbrook

RESOLUTION NO. C-2008-0036

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 14, 2008, BE ADOPTED AS PRESENTED.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2008-0037

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 21, 2008, BE ADOPTED AS PRESENTED.

Carried.....

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Councillor Szollosy inquired any information was forthcoming from East Gwillimbury concerning the proposed water bottling plant and he was advised that the Director of Planning and Building has forwarded a letter to the Town of East Gwillimbury, but a reply has not been received to date.

9. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION:

The following items were identified for separate discussion:

- 9.1 Item No. 11.1, deputation by Annabel Slaight concerning the Lake Simcoe Governance Model
- 9.2 Item No. 11.2, deputation by Susan Dobson of the Women's Support Network of York Region
- 9.3 Item No. 15.2, various matters for disposition
- 9.4 Item No. Item No. 17.2.1, Report No. EPW-2008-0005 entitled 'Sutton Transportation Assessment'
- 9.5 Item No. 20.1, a by-law to amend Zoning By-law 500, Paul Brady, Part of Lots 123 & 14, Plan 168 and part of water lot in front of Lot 2, Concession 9 (G)

10. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION:

10.1 Matters not subject to individual conflicts

Moved by Councillor Jordan

Seconded by Regional Councillor Wheeler

That the following recommendations respecting the matters listed as 'Items Not Requiring Separate Discussion' be adopted as submitted to Council and staff be authorized to take all necessary action required to give effect to same:

Recommendations from the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on January 21, 2008:

RESOLUTION NO. C-2008-0038

- 17.1.1
1. THAT REPORT NO. DAS-2008-0006 BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION.
 2. THAT THE TOWN OF GEORGINA ADVERTISE THE PROGRAM ON THE TOWN'S WEBSITE AND ON THE TOWN PAGE OF THE GEORGINA ADVOCATE.
 3. THAT THE REBATE VOUCHER FOR ANY TOWN OF GEORGINA CAT SPAYED/NEUTERED DURING THE MONTHS OF MARCH AND APRIL, 2008 BE SET AT \$50.00 FOR MALES AND \$75.00 FOR FEMALES.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2008-0039

- 17.1.2
1. THAT REPORT NO. DAS-2008-0009 BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION; AND
 2. THAT THE MAYOR AND TREASURER BE AUTHORIZED TO BORROW BY WAY OF PROMISSORY NOTE, THE SUM OR SUMS REQUIRED FOR FINANCIAL PURPOSES NOT TO EXCEED THE LIMITS ESTABLISHED UNDER THE MUNICIPAL ACT, BEING SPECIFICALLY: FROM JANUARY 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30 OF THE YEAR, 50% OF THE TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES FOR THE PROCEEDING YEAR....FROM OCTOBER 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 25% OF THE TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES FOR THE PROCEEDING YEAR AND;

10. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION cont'd:

3. THAT THE APPROPRIATE BY-LAW BE PASSED AUTHORIZING SUCH BORROWINGS.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2008-0040

- 17.1.3 THAT REPORT NO. DAS-2008-0003 ENTITLED "CLEAN YARD BY-LAW" BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION, THAT THE MUNICIPAL LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION AND THE MAYOR'S OFFICE COORDINATE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMITTEE TO BE COMPRISED OF COUNCIL MEMBERS, STAFF AND A MAXIMUM OF FIVE PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES TO DISCUSS THE CURRENT DRAFT CLEAN YARD BY-LAW AND SUGGESTED REFINEMENTS INCLUDING A) A DIFFERENT APPROACH TO RESIDENTS RESTORING VEHICLES, B) THE LACK OF AN APPEAL PROCESS, C) THE NEED FOR A PROACTIVE APPROACH WITH REGARD TO SAFETY CONCERNS, D) SPECIFIC ZONING AREAS TO CONCENTRATE ON, E) SUGGESTED FINE, AND THAT THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER DRAFT THE SUGGESTED APPROACH FOR DISCUSSION BY THE COMMITTEE INCLUDING CONSIDERATION OF A SIX-MONTH TRIAL PERIOD.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2008-0041

- 17.1.4 THAT REPORT NO. DAS-2008-0008 ENTITLED 'FIDELITY INSURANCE – MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION AND REFERRED BACK TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION INTO THE ISSUE OF COMPUTER FRAUD COVERAGE, INCLUDING THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH DIFFERENT LEVELS OF COVERAGE.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2008-0042

- 17.1.5 THAT REPORT NO. EPW-2008-0001 ENTITLED 'DISPOSAL OF AQUATIC WEEDS' BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION, THAT COUNCIL RECOMMEND THE CONTINUATION OF YARD WASTE COLLECTION ALONG WITH THE SPECIAL COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF ROLL OFF BINS FROM PARKS, BEACH ASSOCIATIONS AND COMMUNITY CLEANUPS.

10. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION cont'd:**RESOLUTION NO. C-2008-0043**

- 17.1.6
1. THAT REPORT NO. EPW-2008-0002 BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION.
 2. THAT COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA SUPPORTS THE INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF ARLINGTON DRIVE/WOODBINE AVENUE AND WEXFORD DRIVE/WOODBINE AVENUE.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2008-0044

- 17.1.7
- THAT REPORT NO. LS-2008-0004 ENTITLED "MULTI SEASONAL RECREATION AREA – FACILITY OPTIONS" BE RECEIVED AND THE LEISURE SERVICES DEPARTMENT UPDATE COUNCIL ON A REGULAR BASIS WITH REGARD TO THE MOISTURE REMOVAL PROCESS AND GRADING ISSUES PRIOR TO COUNCIL MAKING A DECISION REGARDING POTENTIAL RECREATIONAL FACILITY OPTIONS.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2008-0045

- 17.1.8
- THAT THE CORRESPONDENCE FROM CHESTER STANKIEWICZ REQUESTING A CANCELLATION OR REDUCTION OF A WEED-CUTTING INVOICE DUE TO LACK OF NOTICE TO THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY BE RECEIVED AND THAT HE BE ADVISED THAT COUNCIL CONSIDERED HIS REQUEST AND WILL NEITHER CANCEL NOR REDUCE THE WEED-CUTTING INVOICE.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2008-0046

- 17.1.9
1. THAT REPORT NO. EPW-2008-0004 BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION.
 2. THAT THE FIRM OF TSH BE RETAINED TO PREPARE AN APPLICATION UNDER THE MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT INITIATIVE FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE FOLLOWING CULVERTS:
 - i) CULVERT 205 – GLENWOODS AVENUE WEST OF WARDEN AVENUE

10. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION cont'd:

- ii) CULVERT 203 – POLLOCK ROAD EAST OF WARDEN AVENUE

RESOLUTION NO. C-2008-0047

- 17.1.10 THAT REPORT NO. LS-2008-0006 ENTITLED "CIVIC CENTRE PONDS" BE RECEIVED.

Carried.....

10.2 Matters subject to individual conflicts

None.

13. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION:

11. DEPUTATIONS:

- 11.1 Annabel Slaight of Ladies of the Lake regarding the Lake Simcoe Environmental Management Strategy' Reports of Working Group and Steering Committee on the new Lake Simcoe Governance Model.

Mrs. Slaight stated that the issue started in Georgina in October of 2005 during a dynamic conversation at LSEMS' open session. A lot of people wanted to push the issues of the Lake ahead and felt that something different was needed where a number of agencies can get together. They are proposing to bring the citizens, business people and government representatives together as a team.

Mrs. Slaight explained that LSEMS suggested a working group be established and suggest a different structure for Lake Simcoe. LSEMS did not attract the attention of the higher levels of government and by bringing together a new team structure consisting of higher-level individuals, the new team should then create some excitement, attract more attention and get things done. This working group would consist of government representatives, business people, developers and citizens with a common mission, and would report to a LSEMS Steering Group of government representatives.

Mrs. Slaight stated that a Lake Simcoe Protection Act is needed. She indicated that the Ladies of the Lake have three concerns; they feel that LSEMS needs to be renamed so that people can say it and won't confuse it with LSRCA, they feel that the Steering Committee should have its own identity, and that the new entity should have 'equal' rather than 'fair' representation, as 'equal' is measurable, while 'fair' is not. She stated that the new entity should be the leader with its own identity.

13. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION cont'd:

It should be a high level group consisting of senior levels of government and the private sector so that it can reach the Premier's attention. The Working group would be under the Steering group and would be housed in the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority offices, but be accountable to the higher Steering group.

Mrs. Slaight explained that a third group would consist of public and private sector scientists, possibly from the government and universities. An education committee would also be established consisting of educators. She stated that all of these committees and groups would consist of strong, committed and contributing people, people with a huge amount of passion and interest in the lake, in order that the Lake can be saved.

Mrs. Slaight stated that LSEMS expires on March 31st this year. There will be an opportunity for comments from everyone.

Budget Ms. Slaight mentioned that Ladies of the Lake is looking for sponsors for their new 2009 calendar. Sponsors can provide funding and in turn, purchase calendars less a certain percentage, or sponsors can sponsor the programs that the calendar will support. She submitted correspondence to the Chief Administrative Officer for consideration at the budget meeting.

Moved by Councillor Jordan

Seconded by Councillor Szollosy

RESOLUTION NO. C-2008-0048

THAT THE DEPUTATION MADE BY ANNABEL SLAIGHT OF 'LADIES OF THE LAKE' CONCERNING THE LAKE SIMCOE GOVERNANCE MODEL BE RECEIVED, THAT COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGE THE WORK BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THEM ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE AND THAT COUNCIL WILL COMMENT THROUGH THE LAKE SIMCOE PROTECTION ACT AND THE NEW LSEMS GROUP WHEN APPROPRIATE.

Carried.....

11.2 Susan Dobson, Women's Support Network of York Region.

Ms. Dobson stated that 1 out of every 2 women have experienced some form of sexual violence in their lives, but less than 10% of all sexual crimes are reported to the police due to a variety of factors including fear of the offender, fear of re-victimization in the legal process, shame and embarrassment and regional availability of services. The Women's Support Network is the only sexual assault/rape crisis center serving the entire York Region and responds to individuals

13. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION cont'd:

who have been affected by sexual assault, childhood sexual abuse, sexual harassment, date rape and any form of violence. Its 24-hour crisis line receives 2,000 calls annually, noting that its services are free and confidential. It delivers educational presentations and preventative programs in various settings throughout the region, including the school boards.

Ms. Dobson advised that studies show that a majority of women will experience sexual harassment at some point in their lives, and it can also happen to men. She indicated that in 2007, the McGuinty government declared the first week in June to be 'Sexual Harassment Awareness Week' and requested that Council proclaim the first week in June this year.

Ms. Dobson stated that it is vital for the Network to have partnerships with municipalities in order to continue to provide its services to the public, to increase accessibility to essential services for all survivors of sexual violence throughout York Region. She is requesting that all municipalities partner with the Network in some way during 2008's upcoming 'Sexual Harassment Awareness Week' through educational presentation to staff, showing support at a community awareness-raising event or releasing an awareness-raising statement in the local media.

Moved by Councillor Szollosy

Seconded by Councillor Jordan

RESOLUTION NO. C-2008-0049

THAT THE DEPUTATION MADE BY SUSAN DOBSON OF THE WOMEN'S SUPPORT NETWORK OF YORK REGION CONCERNING SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN YORK REGION AND THAT TOWN COUNCIL DECLARE THE FIRST WEEK OF JUNE AS 'SEXUAL HARASSMENT AWARENESS WEEK" THROUGHOUT THE TOWN OF GEORGINA TO RAISE AWARENESS OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND THAT THE PROCLAMATION BE ADVERTISED ON THE TOWN PAGE IN THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER.

Carried unanimously.....

17. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND STAFF REPORTS:

17.2 Report from the Engineering and Public Works Department:

17.2.1 Sutton Transportation Assessment

Report No. EPW-2008-0005

13. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION cont'd:

Moved by Councillor Szollosy

Seconded by Councillor Hackenbrook

RESOLUTION NO. C-2008-0050

1. THAT REPORT EPW-2008-0005 BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION.
2. THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE PURCHASING BY-LAW BE WAIVED IN RESPECT TO THE CONSULTANT REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR THE PURPOSE OF SELECTING A CONSULTANT TO CARRY OUT THE SUTTON TRANSPORTATION ASSESSMENT.
3. THAT THE FIRM OF POULOS & CHUNG LIMITED BE RETAINED TO CARRY OUT A TRANSPORTATION ASSESSMENT OF THE SUTTON COMMUNITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR PROPOSAL DATED DECEMBER 17, 2007 AND THAT THE PURCHASING AGENT ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER ACCORDINGLY.

Carried.....

12. PRESENTATIONS:

None.

14. PUBLIC MEETINGS:

None.

15. COMMUNICATIONS:15.1 Matters for Routine:

None.

15.2 Matters for Disposition:

- 15.2.1 Janet Beckett, City Clerk, City of Port Colborne, requesting support its position respecting the looming collapse of Canada's Municipal Infrastructure.

15. COMMUNICATIONS cont'd:

Moved by Councillor Jordan

Seconded by Councillor Smockum

RESOLUTION NO. C-2008-0051

THAT CORRESPONDENCE FROM JANET BECKETT, CITY CLERK, CITY OF PORT COLBORNE, REQUESTING SUPPORT OF ITS POSITION RESPECTING THE LOOMING COLLAPSE OF CANADA'S MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE, BE RECEIVED.

Carried.....

- 15.2.2 Sandra Kranc, City Clerk, City of Oshawa, urging support of the actions taken in East Gwillimbury opposing the location of an incinerator within its boundaries.

Moved by Councillor Wheeler

Seconded by Councillor Jamieson

RESOLUTION NO. C-2008-0052

THAT CORRESPONDENCE FROM SANDRA KRANC, CITY CLERK, CITY OF OSHAWA, URGING SUPPORT OF THE ACTIONS TAKEN IN EAST GWILLIMBURY OPPOSING THE LOCATION OF AN INCINERATOR WITHIN ITS BOUNDARIES BE RECEIVED.

Carried unanimously.....

- 15.2.3 Draft correspondence from the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee concerning a ban on the over-the-counter sale of pesticides for Council's consideration.
- 15.2.5 Ontario Recreation Facilities Association regarding proposed legislation banning cosmetic use of pesticides that may be introduced in the spring of 2007, noting a comment period of January 18th to February 17th.

Councillor Hackenbrook declared an interest in Item Nos. 15.2.3 and 15.2.5 because he is an employee of a company who sells pesticide products; he did not participate in any discussion or vote.

15. COMMUNICATIONS cont'd:

Moved by Councillor Szollosy

Seconded by Councillor Jordan

RESOLUTION NO. C-2008-0053

THAT DRAFT CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE GEORGINA ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONCERNING A BAN ON THE OVER-THE-COUNTER SALE OF PESTICIDES AND CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE ONTARIO RECREATION FACILITIES ASSOCIATION REGARDING PROPOSED LEGISLATION BANNING COSMETIC USE OF PESTICIDES THAT MAY BE INTRODUCED IN THE SPRING OF 2007 BE RECEIVED, THAT COUNCIL ENDORSE THE GENERAL INTENT OF THE CORRESPONDENCE AND REFER THEM TO THE GEORGINA ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR REDRAFTING AND RESUBMISSION TO COUNCIL AT ITS MEETING OF FEBRUARY 11, 2008.

Carried.....

- 15.2.4 The Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee recommending that Council undertake an energy audit on all town-owned facilities.

Moved by Councillor Szollosy

Seconded by Regional Councillor Wheeler

RESOLUTION NO. C-2008-0054

THAT CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE GEORGINA ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDING THAT COUNCIL UNDERTAKE AN ENERGY AUDIT ON ALL TOWN-OWNED FACILITIES BE RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO PREPARE A REPORT DETAILING SUCH A PROJECT, INCLUDING ANY PAST AUDITS THAT MAY HAVE BEEN PERFORMED AND THEIR CONCLUSIONS.

Carried.....

16. PETITIONS:

None.

23. OTHER BUSINESS:

Moved by Regional Councillor Wheeler

Seconded by Councillor Smockum

RESOLUTION NO. C-2008-0055

THAT TOWN COUNCIL REQUEST THE REGION OF YORK TO CONDUCT A TRAFFIC STUDY ON WARDEN AVENUE BETWEEN OLD HOMESTEAD ROAD AND BASELINE ROAD WITH REGARD TO A POTENTIAL SPEED REDUCTION IN THIS AREA AND ADVISE THE TOWN OF GEORGINA ACCORDINGLY.

Carried.....

18. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

19. REGIONAL BUSINESS:

None.

20. BY-LAWS:

Moved by Councillor Hackenbrook

Seconded by Regional Councillor Wheeler

That three readings be given to the following by-law:

20.1 By-law Number 500-2008-0004

A By-law to amend Zoning By-law 500, Paul BRADY, Part of Lots 123 & 14, Plan 168 and part of water lot in front of Lot 2, Concession 9 (G), 47 Malone Road

Carried.....

21. MOTIONS:

Moved by Councillor Smockum

Seconded by Councillor Szollosy

RESOLUTION NO. C-2008-0056

WHEREAS CLIMATE CHANGE IS THE BIGGEST ENVIRONMENTAL THREAT TO OUR PLANET AND THE NUMBER ONE CONCERN FOR CANADIANS;

AND WHEREAS AT EXACTLY 8:00 PM ON MARCH 29, 2008, MAJOR CITIES AROUND THE WORLD WILL TURN OFF THEIR LIGHTS FOR ONE HOUR TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE AND TO SYMBOLIZE THAT, WORKING TOGETHER, THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST GLOBAL WARMING;

AND WHEREAS THE EVENT, CALLED "EARTH HOUR", A WORLD WILDLIFE FUND (WWF) INITIATIVE THAT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN DECEMBER 2007 AT THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON CLIMATE CHANGE, HAS GROWN FROM A SINGLE EVENT IN SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA TO A GLOBAL PHENOMENON THAT WILL OCCUR ACROSS SIX CONTINENTS AND IN AS MANY AS 20 CITIES IN 2008;

AND WHEREAS LAST YEAR, ALMOST 2.3 MILLION SYDNEY RESIDENTS PARTICIPATED IN EARTH HOUR – INCLUDING MORE THAN 2,100 BUSINESSES – RESULTING IN A 10 PER CENT REDUCTION ON THE ELECTRICAL GRID, SAVING 25,000 TONNES OF CARBON DIOXIDE – THE EQUIVALENT OF TAKING ABOUT 50,000 CARS OFF THE ROAD FOR ONE HOUR;

AND WHEREAS SOME OF THE MAJOR CITIES AROUND THE WORLD COMMITTED TO JOINING SYDNEY IN 2008 INCLUDE MANILA, COPENHAGEN, TEL AVIV, AND TORONTO;

AND WHEREAS MARKHAM, MISSISSAUGA, BRAMPTON AND NEWMARKET MAY SOON BE JOINING THE WORLDWIDE EFFORT;

AND WHEREAS PARTICIPATING IN THIS HISTORIC EVENT SENDS A POWERFUL MESSAGE TO EVERY CITIZEN AND BUSINESS AROUND THE WORLD THAT IT'S POSSIBLE TO TAKE ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND THAT SWITCHING OFF OUR LIGHTS IS JUST ONE SIMPLE ACTION WE CAN TAKE TO HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE;

21. MOTIONS cont'd:

AND WHEREAS THE GOAL IS TO EDUCATE THE COMMUNITY ON THE THREAT OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND WHAT EACH INDIVIDUAL AND BUSINESS CAN DO TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE EVERY DAY; AND TO GET AS MANY INDIVIDUALS, HOUSEHOLDS AND BUSINESSES AS POSSIBLE TO TURN OFF THEIR LIGHTS AS A SYMBOLIC STATEMENT THAT NOW IS THE TIME TO TAKE ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE;

AND WHEREAS PARTICIPATING IN THIS HISTORIC EVENT SENDS A POWERFUL MESSAGE TO EVERY CITIZEN AND BUSINESS THAT THE TOWN OF GEORGINA CARES ABOUT OUR PLANET AND IS WILLING TO TAKE A LEADERSHIP POSITION AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE AND GLOBAL WARMING;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT AT 8:00 PM ON MARCH 29, 2008, THE TOWN OF GEORGINA WILL JOIN CITIES AROUND THE WORLD IN LITERALLY "TURNING OUT THE LIGHTS" BY SHUTTING OFF ALL NON-ESSENTIAL LIGHTING IN ALL OF ITS FACILITIES, WHERE FEASIBLE, AND WITHOUT JEOPARDIZING SAFETY, FOR ONE FULL HOUR;
2. THAT, TO BE FORMALLY RECOGNIZED AROUND THE WORLD AS AN EARTH HOUR PARTICIPANT, THE APPROPRIATE STAFF REGISTER AT WWF.CA/EARTH HOUR, THE OFFICIAL WEBSITE FOR THIS INITIATIVE;
3. THAT THE TOWN OF GEORGINA'S PARTICIPATION IN EARTH HOUR BE WIDELY PROMOTED AND PUBLICIZED IN ORDER TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE AND IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE EVERY INDIVIDUAL, HOUSEHOLD AND BUSINESS IN GEORGINA AND BEYOND TO JOIN IN BY TURNING OFF THEIR LIGHTS FOR ONE HOUR AT 8:00 PM ON MARCH 29, 2008;
4. THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE FORWARDED TO EVERY MUNICIPALITY IN THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK, ENCOURAGING THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN EARTH HOUR; AND,
5. THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION ALSO BE FORWARDED TO THE FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES.

Carried unanimously.....

22. NOTICES OF MOTION:

24. None.
CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Moved by Councillor Szollosy

Seconded by Councillor Jordan

That the following by-law be given three readings:

By-law Number 2008-0012 (COU-2)	Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.
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Carried.....

25. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Councillor Smockum

Seconded by Councillor Jamieson

That the meeting adjourn at this time (8:18 p.m.).

Carried.....

Robert Grossi, Mayor

Roland Chenier, Town Clerk