

# **THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA**

## **COUNCIL MINUTES**

April 14, 2008  
(7:07 p.m.)

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 present:

Mayor Grossi  
Councillor Jordan  
Councillor Szollosy  
Councillor Smockum

Regional Councillor Wheeler  
Councillor Jamieson  
Councillor Hackenbrook

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 Report No. LS-2008-0013 entitled 'Pesticide By-law' as Item No. 17.4.1
- 4.2 Correspondence from John Gerretsen, Minister of the Environment, concerning Public Information Forums concerning a new Lake Simcoe Protection Strategy, as Item No. 15.2.4.
- 4.3 Correspondence from Dr. Strawbridge concerning the proposed power plant, in conjunction with Item No. 11.1 and 12.1
- 4.4 Deputation by Jeffry Myers, President and CEO of Pristine Power, concerning the proposed power plant
- 4.5 Motion under Item No. 22, Notice of Motion by Councillor Szollosy

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by Councillor Smockum

Seconded by Councillor Jamieson

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2008-0143**

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

- 5.1 REPORT NO. LS-2008-0013 ENTITLED 'PESTICIDE BY-LAW' AS ITEM NO. 17.4.1
- 5.2 CORRESPONDENCE FROM JOHN GERRETSEN, MINISTER OF THE ENVIRONMENT, CONCERNING PUBLIC INFORMATION FORUMS CONCERNING A NEW LAKE SIMCOE PROTECTION STRATEGY, AS ITEM NO. 15.2.4.
- 5.3 CORRESPONDENCE FROM DR. STRAWBRIDGE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED POWER PLANT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH ITEM NO. 11.1 AND 12.1
- 5.4 DEPUTATION BY JEFFRY MYERS, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF PRISTINE POWER, CONCERNING THE PROPOSED POWER PLANT
- 5.5 MOTION UNDER ITEM NO. 22, NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR SZOLLOSZ

6. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

None.

7. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

Moved by Regional Councillor Wheeler

Seconded by Councillor Jordan

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2008-0144**

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 3, 2008 BE ADOPTED AS PRESENTED.

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2008-0145**

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MARCH 25, 2008, BE ADOPTED AS PRESENTED.

Carried.....

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

None.

9. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION:

The following items were identified for separate discussion:

- 9.1 Item No. 11.1, deputation by Ulli Baumhard concerning the proposed power plant
- 9.2 Item No. 12.1, presentation by the local group 'MegaWHAT' concerning the proposed power plant
- 9.3 Item No. 15.2, various matters for disposition
- 9.4 Item No. 17.2.3, Report No. PB-2008-0041 entitled 'Closure of Planning Application Files'
- 9.5 Item No. 17.4.1, Report No. LS-2008-0013 entitled 'Pesticide By-law'
- 9.6 Item No. 20, various by-laws

10. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION:

10.1 Matters not subject to individual conflicts

Moved by Councillor Szollosy

Seconded by Councillor Smockum

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:

Reports:

- 17.1 Recommendations from the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on April 7, 2008:

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2008-0146**

- 17.1.1 1. THAT REPORT NO. EPW-2008-0015 BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION.
- 2. THAT SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW NO. 94-60 (PWO-2) BE AMENDED TO ASSUME EASY STREET AS PUBLIC HIGHWAY.

10. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION cont'd:**RESOLUTION NO. C-2008-0147**

- 17.1.2 A. THAT REPORT PB-2008-0037 BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION.
- B. THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE URBAN DESIGN AND ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL GUIDELINES PREPARED BY BOUSFIELDS INC. AND DATED MARCH 2008 IN ORDER TO SATISFY DRAFT PLAN CONDITIONS 18-20 OF DRAFT PLAN OF SUBDIVISION 19T-95033.

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2008-0148**

- 17.1.3 A. THAT REPORT PB-2007-0038 BE RECEIVED AS INFORMATION.
- B. THAT THE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL FOR DRAFT PLAN OF CONDOMINIUM 19CDM-05G06, ATTACHED AS SCHEDULE '6' TO REPORT PB-2008-0038 BE APPROVED

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2008-0149**

- 17.1.4 THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY ESTABLISHED BY COUNCIL THROUGH REPORT NO. DAS-2003-0067 REGARDING CURRENT YEAR BUDGET AMENDMENTS PERTAINING TO THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE MUNICIPAL ACT, TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE ADDITIONAL FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$80,000 TO GEORGINA TRADES TRAINING INC. (GTTI) FOR THE INCLUSION OF GREEN TECHNOLOGIES IN THE BUILDING'S RENOVATIONS, THAT THE GTTI BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL SPECIFYING THE UPGRADES INSTALLED AND COSTS INVOLVED AND THAT A TOUR OF THE BUILDING BE ARRANGED FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF THE RENOVATIONS.

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2008-0150**

- 17.1.5 1. THAT REPORT NO. LS-2008-0010 BE RECEIVED.

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

2. THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE VOLUNTEER AWARD(S) OF MERIT PROGRAM AS OUTLINED IN THE REPORT.

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2008-0151**

- 17.1.6
1. THAT REPORT NO. DAS-2008-0014 BE RECEIVED; AND
  2. THAT THE SITE PLAN COMMITTEE MEMBERS MEET TO REVIEW THE APPLICATIONS FOR SIGN RELIEF SUBMITTED BY MICHAEL SMITH PLANNING CONSULTANTS ON BEHALF OF CRATES LANDING FOR EIGHT (8) REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT SIGNS ERECTED WITHOUT SIGN PERMITS AT 306 THE QUEENSWAY SOUTH, KESWICK, AND THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF CRATES LANDING UPDATE COUNCIL AT THAT TIME ON THE APPLICATION.
  3. THAT STAFF OBTAIN COMMENTS FROM THE FIRE CHIEF AND CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL ON ANY CONCERNS OR IMPACTS THAT THE RELIEF REQUESTED MAY RESULT IN AND REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL AT ITS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF APRIL 21, 2008.

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2008-0152**

- 17.1.7
- A. THAT REPORT PB-2008-0036 BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION.
  - B. THAT COUNCIL AMEND INTERIM CONTROL BY-LAW 2007-0028(PL-3) AS PROVIDED IN SCHEDULE '4' TO REPORT PB-2008-0036 AND THAT THE TOWN PROVIDE NOTICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 38 OF THE PLANNING ACT.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2008-0153**

- 17.1.8 THAT TOWN COUNCIL PROCLAIM SATURDAY, APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2008 AS 'DAY OF MOURNING FOR WORKERS KILLED OR INJURED ON THE JOB' AND THE PROCLAMATION BE ADVERTISED ON THE TOWN PAGE OF THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER.

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2008-0154**

- 17.1.9 THAT TOWN COUNCIL ENDORSE THE REPLACEMENT OF MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEES AS REQUIRED BY THE CLEAN WATER ACT, NOTING THAT THE WORD 'GEORGIAN' IS MIS-SPELLED AS 'GEORGINA' IN THE REGION'S CORRESPONDENCE.

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2008-0155**

- 17.1.10 THAT TOWN COUNCIL SUPPORT THE CITY OF COLBORNE'S POSITION TO PETITION FOR AND WORK WITH THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND PROVISION OF A PROPER AND FAIR PROVINCIAL FUNDING MECHANISM TO ASSIST MUNICIPALITIES AND OTHER PROVINCIALY FUNDED PUBLIC SECTOR ORGANIZATIONS IN COMPLYING WITH THE PROVISIONS OF O. REG 429/07 UNDER THE ACCESSIBILITY FOR ONTARIANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, 2005, SO THAT THE FINANCIAL BURDEN IMPOSED BY THE REGULATION IS FAIRLY SHARED BY ALL THE RESIDENTS OF ONTARIO.

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2008-0156**

- 17.1.11 THAT TOWN COUNCIL PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF JUNE 16 TO 22, 2008, AS 'YORK REGION PRIDE WEEK' THROUGHOUT THE TOWN OF GEORGINA.

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2008-0157**

- 17.1.12 THAT A 'RACE RELATIONS COMMITTEE' BE ESTABLISHED COMPRISED OF REGIONAL COUNCILLOR WHEELER, COUNCILLOR SZOLLOSY,

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

MAYOR GROSSI AND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE YORK REGION POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND THAT THE CAO FACILITATE THE FIRST MEETING WHICH IS TO BE HELD WITHIN THE NEXT MONTH.

17.2 Reports from the Planning and Building Department:

- 17.2.1 Approval of Urban Design Guidelines and Architectural Design Guidelines  
Draft Plan of Condominium 19CDM-06G01  
Alliance Homes Inc. (Jackson's Landing by the Lake)  
Part of Lot 5, Concession 8 (G)

Report No. PB-2008-0039

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2008-0158**

- A. THAT REPORT PB-2008-0039 BE RECEIVED AS INFORMATION.
- B. THAT THE URBAN DESIGN GUIDELINES PREPARED BY THE MBTW GROUP AND DATED JUNE 2007 BE APPROVED IN ORDER TO SATISFY CONDITION NO. 27 TO THE APPROVAL OF DRAFT PLAN OF CONDOMINIUM 19CDM-06G01.
- C. THAT THE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN GUIDELINES PREPARED BY RENAISSANCE NOUVEAU DESIGN INC. DATED NOVEMBER 27, 2007 BE APPROVED IN ORDER TO SATISFY CONDITION NO. 28 TO THE APPROVAL OF DRAFT PLAN OF CONDOMINIUM 19CDM-06G01.

- 17.2.2 Extension of Draft Plan Approval Request  
Draft Plan of Condominium 19CDM-06G01  
Alliance Homes Inc. (Jackson's Landing By The Lake)  
Part of Lot 5, Concession 8 (NG)

Report No. PB-2008-0040

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2008-0159**

- A. THAT REPORT PB-2008-0040 BE RECEIVED AS INFORMATION.
- B. THAT PURSUANT TO SECTION 51(33) OF THE PLANNING ACT, R.S.O., 1990, AN EXTENSION TO THE APPROVAL OF DRAFT PLAN OF CONDOMINIUM 19CDM-06G01 BE GRANTED TO OCTOBER 19, 2012.

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

- C. THAT PURSUANT TO SECTION 51(44) OF THE PLANNING ACT, R.S.O., 1990, THE CONDITIONS OF DRAFT PLAN APPROVAL BE AMENDED, AS DETAILED ON SCHEDULE '5' TO REPORT PB-2008-0040.
- D. THAT PURSUANT TO SECTION 51(47) OF THE PLANNING ACT, R.S.O., 1990, WRITTEN NOTICE SHALL NOT BE GIVEN AS THE CHANGES TO THE CONDITIONS OF DRAFT PLAN APPROVAL ARE MINOR.

17.3 Report from the Engineering and Public Works Department:

- 17.3.1
1. Municipal Road and Bridge Infrastructure Investment Funding
  2. Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative

Report No. EPW-2008-0016

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2008-0160**

1. THAT REPORT NO. EPW-2008-0016 BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION.
2. WHEREAS THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION HAS ADVISED THAT THE TOWN OF GEORGINA HAS BEEN APPROVED TO RECEIVE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$764,997 TOWARDS OUR MUNICIPAL ROAD AND BRIDGE CAPITAL INVESTMENT NEEDS.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- I) THAT THESE FUNDS ALLOCATED BY THE PROVINCE WILL BE USED FOR MUNICIPAL ROAD AND BRIDGE CAPITAL INVESTMENT NEEDS.
- II) THAT A FINAL SUMMARY REPORT DETAILING EXPENDITURES, USE OF PROVINCIAL FUNDING AND OUTCOMES ACHIEVED SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE MINISTRY AND IT IS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE MINISTRY MAY REQUIRE AN INDEPENDENT AUDIT OF THE PROJECT AND,
- III) ANY FUNDS INTENDED FOR THE PROJECT THAT ARE NOT USED IN ACCORDANCE WITH REHABILITATION OF MUNICIPAL ROAD AND BRIDGE CAPITAL INVESTMENT NEEDS OR THE TERMS OUTLINED ABOVE WILL BE RETURNED TO THE MINISTRY.

Carried.....



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

10.2 Matters subject to individual conflicts

None.

Mayor Grossi moved forward and dealt with Item No. 12.2 at this time.

12. PRESENTATIONS:

- 12.2 Debbie Pella Keen, Program Manager, and Sharon Bailey, Director, Lake Simcoe Environmental Management Strategy, concerning the long-term comprehensive strategy to protect Lake Simcoe.

Ms. Bailey explained that the Premier promised a Lake Simcoe Protection Act in July of 2007 and in November of 2007 during a throne speech, it was said that the government will also move to protect our water and natural areas and will take strong action to protect Lake Simcoe's water quality for future generations. In December of 2007, an interim regulation was proposed and \$850,000 was announced for studies, pilots and outreach programs.

Ms. Bailey stated that it is important to protect Lake Simcoe as it is a part of Ontario's natural heritage and supports tourism and supports the lives in the area. LSEMS is concerned with what has happened over the last year and what may happen to the lake's ecosystem due to the pressures of climate change and invasive species.

Ms. Bailey explained that LSEMS intends to build on the partnerships that have been established to date. LSEMS was established in 1990 as a multi-agency partnership involving provincial ministries, the federal government, the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, municipalities in the watershed and the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation and steady progress has been made on the lake through these partnerships. The agricultural community has made significant progress in implementing improved agricultural practices and technologies, and municipalities have done a lot of work to reduce phosphorus inputs to the lake.

Ms. Bailey stated that LSEMS intends to produce an Environmental Strategy to determine what the threats are to the lake and how best to resolve or reduce them. She indicated that the new interim regulation will cut the amount of phosphorus entering Lake Simcoe by limiting phosphorus discharges from municipal and industrial sewage plants, stopping new plants that would discharge phosphorus and making new stormwater facilities serving new development meet the highest design standards. These rules are in place from April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009.

12. PRESENTATIONS cont'd:

Ms. Bailey stated that a discussion paper was produced on the Environmental Bill of Rights regarding legislation for the Lake Simcoe Protection Act. A Science Advisory Committee and Stakeholder Advisory Committee, along with public/stakeholder consultation and aboriginal engagement will work towards development of legislation and once legislation is introduced, a proposed protection plan will be developed.

Ms. Bailey explained that Ontario's Strategy for Action will be based upon consideration of a broad range of values associated with the lake, science, an approach that allows for continuous improvement and adaptation, the use of consistent and coordinated polices, programs and other management approaches along with the use of a variety of regulatory and non-regulatory management tools.

Ms. Bailey indicated that the consultation stage would include a proposed goal for the Lake Simcoe Protection Strategy, what the plan would cover, funding mechanisms available, a proposed new implementation partnership or governance body and what legislation should establish. She indicated that there will be a number of opportunities to obtain or give input into the process.

Ms. Bailey explained that legislation will ensure the long-term efforts to clean up the lake will be in place and the plan will be reviewed over time, ensuring a long-term commitment. The faster the legislation and plan are in place, the faster it can be determined where funding is needed. She noted that there has been no consensus on a priority list to date.

Moved by Councillor Szollosy

Seconded by Councillor Jordan

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2008-0161**

THAT THE DEPUTATION MADE BY SHARON BAILEY, DIRECTOR, LAKE SIMCOE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT STRATEGY CONCERNING THE LONG-TERM COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY TO PROTECT LAKE SIMCOE, BE RECEIVED WITH THANKS.

Carried.....

11. DEPUTATIONS:

11.1 Ulli Baumhard concerning the proposed power plant to serve Northern York Region.

Mr. Baumhard of 22843 McCowan Road stated that he has been a resident of Georgina for 19 years. Over the years, McCowan Road has been paved and the traffic has increased along with the truck traffic to LaRue's property and to Inland

11. DEPUTATIONS cont'd:

Iron and Metals. The immediate area may look rural, but there are many residential properties in this location, too many residential properties to accommodate a power plant.

Mr. Baumhard explained he was advised that during discussions with the Town regarding concerns with the operation of the Inland Iron and Metals property, Inland would be given priority treatment as it has been in operation in this location since the 1960's, long before the residential properties were established in the area. He stated that he believes he and the other residents in the area should now be given priority over the proposed power plant as the residential properties have been well established in the area for many years.

Mr. Baumhard inquired what benefits Georgina residents will gain from the proposed power plant. He stated that he assumes that any jobs created by the plant will be given to experts from outside Georgina and possibly outside York Region, and does not believe any tax gains obtained from the plant would be noticed on residential tax bills.

Mr. Baumhard indicated that he believes the provincial and local governments should do more to educate the public about energy consumption and possibly provide incentives to reduce energy consumption.

Moved by Councillor Szollosy

Seconded by Councillor Smockum

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2008-0162**

THAT THE DEPUTATION MADE BY ULLI BAUMHARD RESPECTING HIS CONCERNS WITH THE POTENTIAL CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROPOSED POWER PLANT WITHIN GEORGINA, BE RECEIVED.

Carried.....

12. PRESENTATIONS:

12.1 Representatives of the local 'MegaWHAT?' organization concerning the proposed power plant to serve Northern York Region.

Mr. Brad Smith of 22822 McCowan Road stated that he is a resident of Georgina and a member of the local group 'MegaWHAT' which is a newly formed group of residents concerned with the potential for the proposed plant being located within Georgina.

12. PRESENTATIONS cont'd:

Mr. Smith explained that a proposal for electricity was received by Hydro. The Ontario Power Authority was requested to explore the options and a working group was formed. He stated that Newmarket objected to a pollution-creating plant within its boundaries and therefore the potential sites grew smaller and Georgina became a more real possibility. He indicated that Georgina is at an extreme disadvantage as other municipalities have already objected while Georgina has not. He stated that the OPA is expected to provide a list of qualified bidders and Georgina stands a good chance of being on the short list for locations.

Mr. Bill Shore of 406 Mount Pleasant Trail stated that he is also a member of the MegaWHAT group. He explained that northern York Region did not use more than 359 MW of power even on its highest consumption day of October 1, 2007 due to air conditioning use at that time. He stated that there is no need to double the power capacity, explaining that if the peak use was 359 MW in 2007, a 350 MW power plant would double that capacity, which he believes is not necessary.

Mr. Shore explained that natural gas is a fossil fuel that releases carbon into the air and when it is in the air, it changes our climate. The Earth Day event held at the end of March when the majority of people turned off all possible electricity units within their homes and businesses for one hour was meant to show the government that fossil fuels should be drastically reduced.

Mr. Shore explained that \$250 Million is too costly to construct a new power plant that is proposed to be used only less than 10% of the time. This would be the most wasteful way of using natural gas, with 2/3 of the energy being wasted. More efficient plants have already been constructed and are in use in Ontario.

Mr. Shore explained that the population is steadily rising by 1.5% a year and wondered what would happen if people did not use as much energy over the years. He did some calculations and with the assistance of an overhead presentation, explained the energy consumption per person from 1997 to 2007, taking into consideration the rising population. The slide indicated that even with the rising population, the use of electricity has decreased by approximately 1.4% per year between this time period.

Ms. Katherine Parsons, also a member of MegaWHAT, stated that she has been researching water issues in East Gwillimbury and Georgina over the years, along with water supply issues in Mount Albert and was requested to review water issues in Georgina with regard to the power plant.

Ms. Parsons indicated that the plant is proposed within a sensitive area of the Black River, noting that there is a huge tract of land that has been designated as Protected Conservation Land. The tributaries of the Black River can affect the flow of water for several miles of the river itself and can lower well levels substantially.

12. PRESENTATIONS cont'd:

Ms. Parsons investigated the amount of water required by peaker plants and indicated that they can use 874 litres of water per MW per hour and that a 350 MW plant running at full capacity would use 7 million litres of water per day.

Ms. Parsons indicated that there are no plants of this size running here at this time, but America has some of this size in operation, although California now avoids plants of this size, stating that they can use from \$1 million to 9 million litres of water per day, with an average of \$5.8 million litres of water per day.

Ms. Parsons suggested that a long and extensive review be made of this proposal, noting that the plant would be running at the same time the local farmers required water for their crops and livestock and the residents need it for their wells.

Mr. Smith had some emission data to relate at this time. He indicated that a natural gas plant's emissions include Nitrogen Dioxide which is a poison by itself and is part of the ozone pollution problem, Sulphur Dioxide which the Ontario Medical Association advises causes breathing problems and respiratory illness, Smog Particles which Environment Canada indicates can be inhaled deep into the lungs causing damage to the lungs and subsequent breathing problems, and Carbon Dioxide which is the main component in greenhouse gas affecting climate change.

Mr. Smith explained that Georgina contains 11,000 children under the age of 19 years and more than 4,000 seniors over the age of 65. Over 1,400 of those children have asthma and approximately 1,000 seniors have some degree of respiratory illness, while 1,600 have heart disease, and some have both. It stated that it is absurd to locate a powerplant such as this near protected wetland. He stressed that the a power plant should not be considered in this area, as health is of the utmost importance and a plant would negatively impact the lives of the residents.

Mr. Smith explained that the MegaWHAT group has organized a meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Belhaven Hall to discuss the issues in depth and invited Council to attend at this time. He stated that we are fortunate to live in a community with abundant natural resources which together with the wetlands are too valuable to jeopardize.

Mrs. Debbie Gordon, a member of MegaWHAT, read a letter by Dr. Strawbridge at this time, indicating that he has practiced family medicine in Keswick for 26 years and lived close to Keswick for the last 15 years. Environment Canada indicates that 'the electricity sector is unique among industrial sectors in its very large contribution to emissions associated with nearly all air issues. Gas-fired turbines produce less emissions than coal-fired plants, but the potential impact on our health and air quality will still be of significant consequence, particularly locally.

12. PRESENTATIONS cont'd:

Dr. Strawbridge wrote that according to the Ontario Medical Association “smog is a complex mixture of pollutants, commonly ground-level ozone and fine particulate matter... The yellowish-brown colour in the sky on polluted days is the result of nitrogen dioxide, a poison on its own and one of the building blocks of smog particles.” There is extensive documentation freely available on the detrimental effects of inhaled smog on our respiratory and cardiovascular systems, plus the increased incidence of lung cancer. There are both immediate and long-term adverse health effects. He wrote that the Ontario Medical Association says smog has significant health impacts, including increased emergency room visits, hospitalizations and premature deaths.

Dr. Strawbridge wrote that it is our good fortune to live where the air is still relatively clean, but this could change with the proposed peaker plant. Keep in mind that the plant could easily be asked to run up to 30% of the time, with associated increase in toxic emissions. Full-time operation of peaker plants has been described in the U.S. Also factor in the probability of the peaker plant being constructed in such a way as to be easily convertible to a combined cycle operation which would operate all of the time. The subsequent emissions, even though proportionally less, would easily eclipse those of a peaker plant.

Dr. Strawbridge wrote the lazy days of summer in Georgina could conceivably become quite hazy secondary to ozone and airborne particulate matter. For those of us not used to living in a smog-filled environment, it will be a significant change and an appreciable assault on our senses. Our children, the elderly and people with cardio-respiratory compromise are particularly susceptible to the adverse health effects of smog. He understands the importance of moving away from coal-fired power plants to protect the general health of the people of southern Ontario, but I also strongly question the necessity of having such a large natural gas turbine plant in northern York Region. He strongly suspects there is considerable economic advantage for any agency involved in building a single large facility such as the one proposed for Georgina, but at a cost to our health.

Dr. Strawbridge wrote that he would imagine construction and disbursement of much smaller units situated in various different locations throughout the region would lessen their adverse impact on our environment and prove more acceptable. Burning coal for power is a very filthy process, and burning natural gas is less so but filthy nonetheless. To describe it as “clean” is a grossly over-used misnomer, largely by the gas industry, and certainly not used by people unfortunate to live in close proximity to a peaker plant.

Dr. Strawbridge wrote that there is a significant body of litigation in the U.S. concerning the location of peaker plants and he is not surprised.

12. PRESENTATIONS cont'd:

12.3 Jeffry Myers, President and CEO of Pristine Power,

Mr. Myers stated that it is important for Council to know who Pristine Power is and what they are up to. He indicated that his company is from Calgary and was a privately owned company until they went public this year and has a reputation for being very proactive and straight forward with the public.

Mr. Myers explained that his company has been involved with five other plants in Ontario with the same effect on the environment as the proposed plant. This process is in the very early stages of bidding and his company has not yet pre-qualified for the tender process. He explained that a potential site has been identified in Georgina, within an area of existing industrial uses and adjacent to the power lines. Georgina is being identified because the Ontario Power Authority says that if a new generation facility is not in operation within the next three to five years, the lights will go out.

Mr. Myers explained that his company was involved in plants in Milton, Sarnia and Windsor. They built a gas turbine project in a mixed industrial/residential neighbourhood in Windsor and they had to demonstrate that there were no health impacts or noise impacts. There are negligible impacts.

Mr. Myers stated that there is no official schedule of events, but he expects to hear from the OPA as the developer, whether they have pre-qualified or not, then tender packages would be forthcoming in June, with tenders being submitted by November of 2008 and a decision made by the end of the year to select one company to develop a gas powered peaker plant within one of the northern municipalities.

Mr. Myers explained that his company is reviewing seven technological options, and noted that six of the options use no water whatsoever and are air cooled, while the seventh option uses a little water for cooling/emissions control. There are no sulphur emissions for any of these technologies.

Mr. Myers stated that nitrous oxide emissions from the Windsor plant were compared to the emissions from eight residential homes and it was shown that the nitrous oxide emissions were equal to the emissions of those eight homes, as the technology is so advanced. He noted that if his company does not pre-qualify, they are no longer involved in the process.

Mr. Harold Lenters, Director of Planning and Building, indicated that because a public utility is required to conform to the Official Plan and Zoning By-law requirements as a private company, the company will need to follow the zoning process for land use and the site plan approval process, noting that they are very public processes.

12. PRESENTATIONS cont'd:

Moved by Councillor Jamieson

Seconded by Councillor Smockum

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2008-0163**

THAT THE PRESENTATION MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL 'MEGAWHAT' ORGANIZATION INCLUDING BRAD SMITH, BILL SHORE, KATHARINE PARSONS AND DEBBIE GORDON, OBJECTING TO A PROPOSED POWER PLANT BEING LOCATED WITH THE GEORGINA BOUNDARIES, ALONG WITH THE DEPUTATION MADE BY JEFFRY MYERS, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF PRISTINE POWER, CONCERNING ITS BID TO DEVELOP A POWER PLANT FOR NORTHERN YORK REGION, BE RECEIVED.

Carried.....

Mayor Grossi moved forward Item No. 22.2 at this time.

22. NOTICES OF MOTION:

That the following Notice of Motion be placed on the April 28<sup>th</sup> Council Agenda:

Moved by Councillor Szollosy

WHEREAS ON JANUARY 31, 2008, THE ONTARIO MINISTER OF ENERGY ISSUED A DIRECTIVE TO THE ONTARIO POWER AUTHORITY (OPA) TO PROCURE A SIMPLY CYCLE NATURAL GAS-FIRED ELECTRICITY GENERATING FACILITY, WITH RATED GENERATION CAPACITY OF APPROXIMATELY 350MW AND NOT MORE THAN 400 MW;

AND WHEREAS THE TOWN OF GEORGINA IS IDENTIFIED IN THE NORTHERN YORK REGION REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (JANUARY 2008) AS ONE OF THE PREFERRED CONNECTION POINTS OF THE GENERATOR TO THE EXISTING TRANSMISSION SYSTEM;

AND WHEREAS AT LEAST ONE PRIVATE ENERGY COMPANY HAS EXPRESSED AN INTEREST TO THE TOWN IN THE LOCATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF A NATURAL GAS SINGLE CYCLE TURBINE POWERED ENERGY GENERATION PEAKER PLANT IN THE TOWN OF GEORGINA;

AND WHEREAS AS PART OF THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS, THE OPA HAS COMPLETED THE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS STAGE AND IS NOW IN THE PROCESS OF EVALUATING THE RFQ APPLICANTS;



22. NOTICES OF MOTION cont'd:

AND WHEREAS TOWARDS THE END OF APRIL 2008, THE OPA WILL ANNOUNCE THE SHORT LIST OF QUALIFIED PRIVATE ENERGY COMPANIES TO BUILD AND OPERATE A 350 MW PEAKING NATURAL GAS-FIRED POWER GENERATION FACILITY IN NORTHERN YORK REGION;

AND WHEREAS THE OFFICIAL PLAN OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA STATES AS A GUIDING PRINCIPLE "TO PREVENT THE POLLUTION OF LAND, AIR AND WATER RESOURCES OF THE TOWN";

AND WHEREAS IT FURTHER STATES AS A GUIDING PRINCIPLE, "TO PROTECT THE HIGH CAPABILITY AGRICULTURAL LAND BASE FROM URBAN ENCROACHMENT AND LAND USE CONFLICTS AND TO RECOGNIZE THE AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY AND ITS ASSOCIATED SERVICES AS AN IMPORTANT ECONOMIC ACTIVITY";

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN OF GEORGINA SHALL PREPARE A WRITTEN COMMUNICATION TO THE ONTARIO POWER AUTHORITY TO FORMALLY REGISTER THE TOWN OF GEORGINA'S POSITION THAT THE TOWN DOES NOT INTEND TO ACCEPT ANY PROPOSAL FOR A NATURAL GAS-FIRED POWER GENERATION FACILITY TO SUPPLY ADDITIONAL POWER TO MEET THE NEEDS OF NORTHERN YORK REGION, SOUTH SIMCOE AND THE INTEGRATED PROVINCIAL ELECTRICITY SUPPLY SYSTEM;

FURTHER THAT THE TOWN OF GEORGINA SUPPORTS CONSERVATION AND PEAK DEMAND MANAGEMENT INITIATIVES AS WELL AS COMBINED HEAT AND POWER PROJECTS AND ELECTRICITY GENERATION USING RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES; AND

THAT A COPY OF THE LETTER SHALL BE SENT TO THE MINISTER OF THE ENVIRONMENT, ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD AND THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK.

Carried.....

Moved by Councillor Szollosy

Seconded by Councillor Jordan

That the meeting recess at this time (8:15 p.m.).

Carried.....

The meeting resumed at this time (8:20 p.m.).

13. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION:

20. BY-LAWS:

Moved by Councillor Jordan

Seconded by Councillor Jamieson

That the following by-law be given three readings:

20.7      By-law Number 500-2008-0008      Being a by-law to amend Zoning  
By-law 500, R.L. Clee  
Contracting (Keswick Home  
Hardware), Part Lot 4, Conc. 3  
(NG), The Queensway South,  
Keswick

Carried.....

Mayor Grossi moved forward and dealt with Item No. 17.2.3 at this time.

17. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND STAFF REPORTS:

17.2      Report from the Planning and Building Department:

17.2.3      Closure of Planning Application Files

Report No. PB-2008-0041

Moved by Regional Councillor Wheeler

Seconded by Councillor Smockum

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2008-0164**

- A.      THAT REPORT PB-2008-0041 BE RECEIVED AS INFORMATION.
- B.      THAT ALL TOWN PLANNING APPLICATION FILES ASSOCIATED WITH THE PLAN OF SUBDIVISION FILES BEING CLOSED BY THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK AS IDENTIFIED IN REPORT PB-2008-0041, BE CLOSED.
- C.      THAT THE APPLICANTS AND/OR AGENTS BE NOTIFIED IN WRITING RESPECTING THE CLOSURE OF THE PLANNING APPLICATION FILES REFERRED TO IN RECOMMENDATION B. ABOVE.

Carried.....

14. PUBLIC MEETINGS:

None.

15. COMMUNICATIONS:

15.1 Matters for Routine:

None.

15.2 Matters for Disposition:

- 15.2.1 Gord Steeves, President, FCM Centre for Sustainable Community Development, respecting a call for applications for Green Municipal Fund financing after May 7, 2008.

Moved by Regional Councillor Wheeler

Seconded by Councillor Szollosy

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2008-0165**

THAT CORRESPONDENCE FROM GORD STEEVES, PRESIDENT, FCM CENTRE FOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, RESPECTING A CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR GREEN MUNICIPAL FUND FINANCING AFTER MAY 7, 2008, BE RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO CIRCULATE TO THE APPROPRIATE STAFF.

Carried.....

Mayor Grossi brought forward and dealt with Addendum Item No. 17.4.1 at this time.

17.4 Report from the Leisure Services Department:

17.4.1 Pesticide By-law

Report No. LS-2008-0013

Mr. Brock McDonald, Manager of Policy and Development, reviewed the report at this time.

17. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND STAFF REPORTS cont'd:

Moved by Councillor Szollosy

Seconded by Councillor Jordan

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2008-0166**

1 THAT REPORT LS2008-0013 BE RECEIVED.

2 THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE PESTICIDE REDUCTION STRATEGY DOCUMENTS ATTACHED AS SCHEDULES 1 THROUGH 9 AND AUTHORIZE THEIR DISTRIBUTION.

Carried.....

15. COMMUNICATIONS cont'd:

15.2.2 Mark Cousins, Ontario Family Fishing Weekend Steering Committee, requesting Council declare the weekend of July 4 to 6, 2008 as '2008 Ontario Family Fishing Weekend' and publicize the event in any calendar of Georgina summer events.

Moved by Councillor Smockum

Seconded by Councillor Hackenbrook

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2008-0167**

THAT TOWN COUNCIL DECLARE THE WEEKEND OF JULY 4 TO 6, 2008 AS '2008 ONTARIO FAMILY FISHING WEEKEND' AND PUBLICIZE THE EVENT IN ANY AND ALL TOWN BROCHURES AND CALENDARS OF GEORGINA SUMMER EVENTS.

Carried.....

15.2.3 Township of Lanark Highlands requesting endorsement of its position concerning the sharing of Federal Excise Tax on gasoline with all Canadian municipalities.

15. COMMUNICATIONS cont'd:

Moved by Regional Councillor Wheeler

Seconded by Councillor Szollosy

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2008-0168**

THAT CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE TOWNSHIP OF LANARK HIGHLANDS REQUESTING ENDORSEMENT OF ITS POSITION CONCERNING THE SHARING OF FEDERAL EXCISE TAX ON GASOLINE WITH ALL CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES BE RECEIVED.

Carried.....

15.2.4 John Gerretsen, Minister of the Environment, inviting participation in one of two Public Information Forums.

Moved by Councillor Szollosy

Seconded by Regional Councillor Wheeler

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2008-0169**

THAT CORRESPONDENCE FROM JOHN GERRETSEN, MINISTER OF THE ENVIRONMENT, INVITING PARTICIPATION IN ONE OF TWO PUBLIC INFORMATION FORUMS CONCERNING A NEW LAKE SIMCOE PROTECTION STRATEGY, BE RECEIVED.

Carried.....

16. PETITIONS:

None.

18. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

19. REGIONAL BUSINESS:

None.

20. BY-LAWS:

Moved by Councillor Smockum

Seconded by Councillor Hackenbrook

That the following by-laws be given three readings:

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| 20.1 | By-law Number 2008-0038 (AD-1)  | Being a By-law to appoint local weed inspectors for the Town of Georgina; Rebecca Butler   |
| 20.2 | By-law Number 2008-0039 (CON-1) | Being a By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Sponsorship Agreement between the World Fishing Network and the Town of Georgina respecting the 2008 World Fishing Network Tour, Bass Championships |
| 20.3 | By-law Number 2008-0040 (LA-1)  | Being a By-law to authorize the Sale of Surplus Land described as Part of Lot 40, Registered Plan 229  |
| 20.4 | By-law Number 2008-0041 (LA-1)  | Being a By-law to authorize the Sale of Surplus Land described as Part of Lot 3 and 4, Block 15, Registered Plan 69  |
| 20.5 | By-law Number 2008-0042 (LA-1)  | Being a By-law to Stop Up, Close and Sell the Lane described as Block 16, Registered Plan 69   |
| 20.6 | By-law Number 2008-0043 (LA-1)  | Being a By-law to Stop Up, Close and Sell a portion of the original High Street Road Allowance, Registered Plan 69   |
| 20.8 | By-law Number 500-2008-0009     | Being a By-law to amend Zoning By-law 500, CHERRYVIEW ESTATES INC., Murray Koebel & Malcolm Campagne, Part Lot 9, Conc. 3 (NG), and Lot 95, Plan 290, Brenner Court, Keswick                                     |

20. BY-LAWS cont'd:

20.9 By-law Number 500-2008-0010

Being a By-law to amend Zoning By-law 500, BECKER, Marvin & Vyril, Plan 425, Pt. Block A, Plan 65R-2194, Part 3, Part Lot 5, Conc. 3 (NG), 490, 492 and 498 The Queensway South

Carried.....

21. MOTIONS:

None.

23. OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

24. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Moved by Councillor Smockum

Seconded by Councillor Szollosy

That the following by-law be given three readings:

By-law Number 2008-0044 (COU-2)

Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

Carried.....

25. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Councillor Smockum

Seconded by Councillor Hackenbrook

That the meeting adjourn at this time (9:00 p.m.).

Carried.....

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Robert Grossi, Mayor

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Roland Chenier, Town Clerk