

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF GEORGINA**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES**

Tuesday, February 19, 2008
(9:08 a.m.)

1. MOMENT OF MEDITATION:

A moment of meditation was observed.

2. ROLL CALL:

The Clerk gave the roll call and the following Committee Members were present:

Mayor Grossi	Regional Councillor Wheeler
Councillor Jordan	Councillor Jamieson (left at 11:33 a.m.).
Councillor Szollosy (left at 11:00 a.m.)	Councillor Hackenbrook
Councillor Smockum	

3. COMMUNITY SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Committee members were made aware of a number of community events taking place.

4. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEMS AND DEPUTATIONS:

The following addendum item was identified as part of the agenda:

4.1 Correspondence from the Ontario Clean Air Alliance concerning power plan for northern York Region through the Ontario Power Authority, as Item No. 22.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by Councillor Smockum

Seconded by Councillor Hackenbrook

RESOLUTION NO. CW-2008-0050

THAT THE AGENDA WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDENDUM ITEM BE APPROVED:

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA cont'd:

5.1 CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE ONTARIO CLEAN AIR ALLIANCE CONCERNING POWER PLAN FOR NORTHERN YORK REGION THROUGH THE ONTARIO POWER AUTHORITY, AS ITEM NO. 22.

Carried.....

6. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

None.

7. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

Moved by Regional Councillor Wheeler

Seconded by Councillor Smockum

RESOLUTION NO. CW-2008-0051

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 4, 2008, BE ADOPTED AS PRESENTED.

Carried.....

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

None.

9. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION:

All items were separated for discussion.

10. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION:

10.1 Matters not subject to individual conflicts

None.

10.2 Matters subject to individual conflicts

None.

13. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION:

Mayor Grossi moved forward Item No. 12 at this time.

12. PRESENTATIONS:

12.1 Susan Sheard, Black River Public School Teacher and Chair of the school's 'Green Team' making a presentation on anti-idling, with the assistance of students.

Mrs. Susan Sheard, Teacher at Black River Public School, stated that she formed the 'Green Team' consisting of students interested in environmental issues and particularly climate change. She explained that she had witnessed a Town vehicle idling for quite awhile one day and noted her concerns with this practice and a few months later witnessed the same incident. She stated that the town has an anti-idling by-law and Town employees should try to be role models for everyone within the community by following the by-law.

Mrs. Sheard stated that the Ministry of Natural Resources has provided her with vinyl stickers that can be affixed to the windshields of vehicles, and she suggested that all Town vehicles have stickers affixed to their windshields to remind the drivers to turn their engines off rather than idling for a long period of time.

A group of students from Black River Public School made a power point presentation to Council at this time, indicating that greenhouse gases are adding to climate change and requesting that Town employees be persuaded to be good role models for the whole community by not idling their vehicles excessively. They collected over 100 signatures on a petition requesting Town staff to stop unnecessary idling of vehicles and requested that the Town show a commitment to the environment and affix the stickers to all Town vehicles.

Mr. Stan Armstrong, CAO, indicated that a directive can be given to all Town employees to not idle the town vehicles unnecessarily. The students have provided Council with worthwhile information and staff will review the information and consider establishing a policy on anti-idling.

Moved by Councillor Szollosy

Seconded by Councillor Hackenbrook

RESOLUTION NO. CW-2008-0052

THAT THE PRESENTATION MADE BY MS. SUSAN SHEARD, A BLACK RIVER PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER, AND STUDENTS CONCERNING CLIMATE CHANGE AND REQUESTING THE CESSATION OF UNNECESSARY IDLING OF TOWN VEHICLES, BE RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO THE DIRECTOR OF LEISURE SERVICES AND THE DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS TO PREPARE A REPORT ON AN ANTI-IDLING POLICY AND THAT THE PRESENTERS BE INVITED TO ATTEND THE MEETING AT WHICH THE REPORT WILL BE CONSIDERED.

Carried.....

Mayor Grossi moved forward Item No. 17.3.2 to be heard in conjunction with Item No. 11.1 at this time.

11. DEPUTATIONS:

11.1 Bob Smith, President, Lake Simcoe Arts Foundation, regarding a grant request.

Mr. Smith stated that the Foundation is requesting an additional \$40,000 funding from the Town for the next season of the Red Barn Theatre. The Barn has accumulated deficits over the years and is using most of its yearly revenue to pay down the debt and it needs the Town's assistance to get out of the cycle of using revenue to pay off debts.

Mr. Smith explained that the Foundation has hired a new Executive Director and she has been working hard to produce a cost effective season for 2008. He stated that the Foundation is also negotiating new contracts for all of its senior staff along with hiring new Board Members with a lot of experience. He explained that the Barn is hosting a VIP reception as a fundraiser to celebrate its 60th season this summer, noting that they have a new five year agreement with the Sibbald family for the use of the property and the barn.

The Barn's new Executive Director stated that she is an Arts Administrator and been in the theatre business for 22 years. She stated that the Barn has a workable budget, noting that revenues were underestimated in past years, the expenses are within their reach and they are anticipating a prosperous season this year. She noted that the Barn's reputation is extensive throughout the art world.

Mr. Smith stated that the final figure shouldn't be any worse than \$30,000 and the auditor will be meeting with them on March 10th to discuss the finances. He explained that a revenue projection in 2007 caused problems with ticket prices and brought the Barn into a deficit position. Cash flow is in a worse position with well over \$100,000 in payables. The expenses have been reduced and they are confident that the reduced expenses will work well.

Mr. John McLean, Director of Leisure Services, stated that the Board feels that the expenses and revenues are achievable and that is the reason he has recommended in his report that Council support in principle the \$40,000 funding and it be discussed at budget.

Mr. Smith stated that their deficit is approximately \$24,000 to 30,000 and they have been paying it down, but the \$40,000 requested from the Town would go directly to paying off these deficits which have accumulated over the years. There is approximately \$140,000 to \$150,000 owed to local businesses, staff and royalties for some of the shows. The accountant's final audit should be available by March 10th, but it will not be available before the Town's budget deliberations at the end of February.

11. DEPUTATIONS cont'd:

Mr. Smith explained that they have sent out letters notifying the people who are owed larger sums of money that the Foundation will pay the bills when they are in a position to do so. \$40,000 from the Town will go a long way to getting into a better financial position, although payables will still remain.

Mr. McLean suggested that this \$40,000 request will most likely be repeated again in 2009. The Barn has come a long way so far, but he felt it would be more appropriate to offer half of the required amount at this time and see what their position is at the end of this season. He explained that there was a major budgeting error on the revenue side due to improper sale of tickets last year, although the deficit has been accumulating over the last 9 or 10 years. He mentioned that more information provided to Council at budget time would be necessary.

Mr. Gord Josie stated that the Red Barn Theatre has a major impact on the local community and on behalf of the Lake Simcoe Arms, it would have a tough time surviving without the Red Barn patronage during the summer months.

17. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND STAFF REPORTS:

17.3 Report from the Leisure Services Department:

17.3.2 Red Barn Update

Report No. LS-2008-0009

Moved by Councillor Hackenbrook

Seconded by Councillor Smockum

RESOLUTION NO. CW-2008-0053

1. THAT REPORT NO. LS-2008-0009 BE RECEIVED.
2. THAT THE RED BARN SEASON BE DELCARED A 'COMMUNITY FESTIVAL EVENT' IN THE TOWN OF GEORGINA FOR THE DURATION OF THE SEASON.
3. THAT COUNCIL REFER TO THE BUDGET MEETING THE REQUEST OF THE LAKE SIMCOE ARTS FOUNDATION FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$40,000.00 IN FUNDING FOR THE 2008/2009 SEASONS WHICH SHALL BE USED TO RETIRE ACCRUED ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FROM PREVIOUS YEARS ACCUMULATED LOSSES, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE FOUNDATION REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE PROVIDING A MORE DETAILED BUDGET ANALYSIS AT THAT TIME.

Carried.....

Moved by Councillor Szollosy

Seconded by Councillor Hackenbrook

That the meeting recess at this time (10:25 a.m.).

Carried.....

The Meeting resumed at this time (10:35 a.m.).

Mayor Grossi moved forward and dealt with Item No. 17.3.1 at this time.

17. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND STAFF REPORTS:

17.3 Reports from the Leisure Services Department:

17.3.1 YMCA Draft Operating Agreement

Report No. LS-2008-0008

Steve Boone, Senior Vice President, Health and Fitness, YMCA of Greater Toronto, stated that he supports the draft agreement for the partnership between the YMCA and the Town for a YMCA facility in Georgina. He indicated that one of the most important parts of the agreement is the 'Guiding Principles' portion which talks about mutual trust and honest communication. All services and programs will be available to everyone regardless of ability to pay. The facility and services will be refined to meet the changing needs of the community. He stated that these agreements have had positive impacts on the public for 155 years.

Mr. Boone indicated that the YMCA is a charity and the new program centre will make connections with the youth as well as the whole community. He thanked Council for asking the YMCA to partner with the Town for a community centre, which was unanimously approved by the YMCA members, believing that it will be a positive relationship.

Mr. John McLean, Director of Leisure Services, explained that section 3.1 of the agreement was included so that the Town could have input from the Project Steering Committee concerning the final expectations of square footage being provided to the YMCA. This gives Council a 'drop dead' deadline date to determine whether or not they are able to proceed with the agreement's obligations. The Committee has not yet been established and the site has not been selected and therefore there are no costs estimated at this time, although they anticipate that costs will be available within the calendar year. He noted that the figures in Section 2.2 of the agreement may be filled in with regard to

17. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND STAFF REPORTS cont'd:

members of the Project Steering Committee within the next couple of weeks to move forward. He advised that once the site has been selected and the costs determined, the 'drop dead' deadline date would be one year from then. He indicated that the phrase 'within one year' can be inserted into Section 3.1 on the fourth line following the words "...the Town will decide...".

Mr. Boone stated that keeping the Project Steering Committee as small as possible works best, indicating that there will most likely only be two representatives on the Committee from the YMCA.

Mr. Boone explained that Section 12.5 of the agreement refers to the removal of equipment which would be the property of the YMCA. He explained that the Town will own the land and the actual facility, while the YMCA will own the equipment within the facility such as basketballs, fitness equipment, etc, as part of the capital. He stated that the YMCA has done a lot of research to investigate the viability of a YMCA in Georgina and it appears quite viable in a partnership form. The YMCA is in a community for the long term. Release clauses are included in the agreement, but its full intention is to maintain a presence in Georgina for years to come. The YMCA has no history of leaving a community.

Mr. McLean indicated that this partnership facility has worked in other communities over the years and it is known to work very well. Both the Town and the YMCA will maintain insurance and indemnify each other. He stated that he has received a written opinion from the Town Solicitor indicating concerns with the proposed agreement, noting that he and Mr. Boone have agreed to resolve these concerns prior to Council approving the agreement.

Councillor Szollosy left the meeting at this time (11:00 a.m.).

Mr. Boone explained that their fundraising goal is \$1 Million and they would commence this fundraising campaign soon. If funds were raised and the Town decided it could not proceed with the project, funds would be returned to the donors. The funds are held in trust from the beginning of the campaign. If the project does proceed, whatever funds are not raised will be paid out of the YMCA coffers to pay for the equipment, etc, needed for the facility. The volunteer fundraising board of directors are there to meet the needs of the community, to provide opportunities for growth, and the community needs to support the YMCA.

Mr. Stan Armstrong, CAO, stated that he is comfortable that the agreement provides structure to get to the point of establishing the Project Steering Committee, to plan the building, to establish costs, etc.

Mr. McLean stated that it could be included in the agreement that the funds would be returned to the donors if the project did not proceed as planned.

17. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND STAFF REPORTS cont'd:

He stated that the YMCA is responsible for all fixtures, furnishings and equipment for the facility and if the fundraising campaign does not meet the amount required, the YMCA must fund the balance from its own funds. The proposed agreement is an operating agreement, setting out the responsibilities for the Town and for the YMCA in operating the facility. A lot of work is necessary and the Project Steering Committee will look at the parameters.

Moved by Councillor Jamieson

Seconded by Councillor Hackenbrook

RESOLUTION NO. CW-2008-0054

THAT REPORT NO. LS-2008-0008 REGARDING THE DRAFT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA AND THE YMCA OF GREATER TORONTO BE DEFERRED PENDING THE RECEIPT OF COMMENTS FROM THE TOWN SOLICITOR AND THAT THE MATTER BE PLACED ON THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA OF MARCH 3, 2008 FOR RECONSIDERATION.

Carried.....

Councillor Jamieson left the meeting at this time (11:33 a.m.).

Mayor Grossi moved forward and dealt with Item No. 17.1.1, 17.1.2 and 17.2.1 at this time.

17. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND STAFF REPORTS:

17.1 Reports from the Administrative Services Department:

17.1.1 Development Charges Act 1997/1989

Report No. DAS-2008-0010

Moved by Regional Councillor Wheeler

Seconded by Councillor Jordan

RESOLUTION NO. CW-2008-0055

1. THAT REPORT NO. DAS-2008-0010, THE STATEMENT OF DEVELOPMENT CHARGES COLLECTED AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2007, UNDER THE DEVELOPMENT CHARGES ACT 1997 AND THE DEVELOPMENT CHARGES ACT 1989, BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION.

17. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND STAFF REPORTS cont'd:

2. THAT EXISTING LOTS OF RECORD BE IDENTIFIED AS PART OF THE NEXT DEVELOPMENT CHARGE REVIEW IN 2009 IN REGARD TO SERVICES PROVIDED TO THEM.

Carried.....

17.1.2 Fire Department Marine Rescue Air Boat Replacement

Report No. DAS-2008-0011

Moved by Councillor Jordan

Seconded by Councillor Hackenbrook

RESOLUTION NO. CW-2008-0056

1. THAT REPORT NO. DAS-2008-0011 BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION; AND
2. THAT THE REPLACEMENT PROCEDURE FOR THIS BOAT BE UNDERTAKEN AT THIS TIME IN ORDER TO HAVE A NEW UNIT READY FOR SERVICE FOR THE START OF THE 2008 WINTER SEASON.

Carried.....

17.2 Report from the Engineering & Public Works Department:

17.2.1 Expropriation

1. Block C, Plan 126
2. Part Lot 1, Block 36, Plan 69

Report No. EPW-2008-0003

It was noted that the Town does not intend to sell the portion of Block C that abuts Lots 12 and 32, as otherwise indicated in the report.

Moved by Councillor Smockum

Seconded by Regional Councillor Wheeler

RESOLUTION NO. CW-2008-0057

1. THAT REPORT NO. EPW-2008-0003 BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION.

17. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND STAFF REPORTS cont'd:

2. THAT THE CLERK AS AGENT FOR THE EXPROPRIATING AUTHORITY IS AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO EXPROPRIATE THE FOLLOWING LANDS AND TO ISSUE THE REQUIRED STATUTORY PUBLIC NOTICES FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPROPRIATING THE FOLLOWING LANDS:
 - A) PART OF BLOCK C, PLAN 126, PIN NO. 03508-0322 (LT)
 - B) PART OF LOT 1, BLOCK 36, PLAN 69, PIN NO. 03523-0195 (LT)
3. THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN, AS APPROVING AUTHORITY HEREBY ACCEPTS THE ABOVE REFERENCED APPLICATIONS TO EXPROPRIATE THE SAID LANDS.

Carried.....

14. PUBLIC MEETINGS:

None.

15. COMMUNICATIONS:

15.1 Matters for Routine:

15.1.1 Routine Correspondence

Moved by Councillor Jordan

Seconded by Councillor Smockum

RESOLUTION NO. CW-2008-0058

THAT THE ROUTINE CORRESPONDENCE BE RECIEVED.

Carried.....

15.2 Matters for Disposition:

- 15.2.1 Brian Harrison, Director, Operations, Region of York, requesting the Town consider improving the illumination levels along The Queensway between Ravenshoe Road and Glenwoods Avenue.

15. COMMUNICATIONS cont'd:

Moved by Regional Councillor Wheeler

Seconded by Councillor Jordan

RESOLUTION NO. CW-2008-0059

THAT CORRESPONDENCE FROM BRIAN HARRISON, DIRECTOR, OPERATIONS, REGION OF YORK, REQUESTING THE TOWN CONSIDER IMPROVING THE ILLUMINATION LEVELS ALONG THE QUEENSWAY BETWEEN RAVENSHOE ROAD AND GLENWOODS AVENUE BE RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO THE DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS AND TO THE 2008 BUDGET DISCUSSIONS FOR CONSIDERATION AND THAT THE REGION'S CORRESPONDENCE AND A COPY OF THIS MOTION BE FORWARDED TO JEFFREY AND ANN ALDRED.

Carried.....

The Director of Engineering and Public Works was requested to prepare a motion requesting the region of York to install traffic control signals at the intersection of The Queensway and Miami Drive, for consideration at the February 25th Council meeting.

- 15.2.2 Township of Greater Madawaska requesting all Ontario municipalities to support its position concerning compensation to municipalities with regard to logging companies and local road damage.

Moved by Councillor Smockum

Seconded by Regional Councillor Wheeler

RESOLUTION NO. CW-2008-0060

THAT TOWN COUNCIL ENDORSE THE POSITION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GREATER MADAWASKA REQUESTING THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO TO ESTABLISH A SYSTEM WHEREBY REVENUE FROM STUMPAGE FEES PAID TO THE PROVINCE BY THE LOGGING COMPANIES BE USED TO COMPENSATE MUNICIPALITIES FOR DAMAGES SUSTAINED TO MUNICIPAL ROADS AS A RESULT OF THE LOGGING COMPANIES USE OF MUNICIPAL ROADS AND THAT THIS SYSTEM COMPENSATE MUNICIPALITIES PER TONNE OF LOGS IN THE SAME MANNER AS CURRENTLY OCCURS WITH AGGREGATE EXTRACTION IN MUNICIPALITIES.

Carried.....

15. COMMUNICATIONS cont'd:

- 15.2.3 Donna Pelrine, Vice Chair, Queen's York Rangers Army Cadet Corps, requesting permission to conduct its annual Tag Days in Georgina on March 29 and 30, 2008.

Moved by Councillor Jordan

Seconded by Councillor Hackenbrook

RESOLUTION NO. CW-2008-0061

THAT TOWN COUNCIL GRANT PERMISSION TO THE QUEEN'S YORK RANGERS ARMY CADET CORPS TO CONDUCT THEIR ANNUAL TAG DAYS WITHIN THE TOWN OF GEORGINA ON MARCH 29 AND 30, 2008.

Carried.....

- 15.2.4 Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands requesting support of this position with regard to access to potable water.

Moved by Regional Councillor Wheeler

Seconded by Councillor Jordan

RESOLUTION NO. CW-2008-0062

THAT CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE TOWN OF NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN AND THE ISLANDS REQUESTING SUPPORT OF ITS POSITION WITH REGARD TO ACCESS TO POTABLE WATER BE RECEIVED.

Carried.....

- 15.2.5 Hazel McCallion, Mayor, City of Mississauga, concerning the need for residential fire sprinklers in high-rise residential buildings within the Province of Ontario.

Moved by Councillor Jordan

Seconded by Councillor Smockum

RESOLUTION NO. CW-2008-0063

THAT TOWN COUNCIL ENDORSE THE POSITION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA THAT THE REQUIREMENT FOR RESIDENTIAL FIRE SPRINKLER PROTECTION IN ALL NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION BE DEFINED UNDER THE ONTARIO BUILDING CODE ACT AND IN THE ONTARIO FIRE CODE.

Carried.....

16. PETITIONS:

None.

18. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

19. REGIONAL BUSINESS:

None.

20. MOTIONS:

None.

21. NOTICES OF MOTION:

None.

22. OTHER BUSINESS:

The CAO was requested to determine if the rental of the temporary fencing encircling the Tube and Terrain Park hill portion will be extended at its rental expiry at the beginning of March, 2008, or if it will be terminated.

Addendum Item No. 22.1, Routine Item No. (i) from the Clean Air Alliance concerning the Ontario Power Authority procuring power from a simple-cycle gas generator to meet the needs of northern York Region, be placed on the February 25th Council agenda for consideration.

23. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Councillor Smockum

Seconded by Councillor Hackenbrook

That the meeting adjourn at this time (12:28 p.m.).

Carried.....