

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF GEORGINA**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES**

April 20, 2009
(9:10 a.m.)

1. MOMENT OF MEDITATION:

A moment of meditation was observed.

Council expressed their appreciation to the many volunteers who have donated thousands of hours of volunteer work over the years for the Red Barn Theatre, which burned down this past weekend.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Mayor Grossi	Regional Councillor Wheeler
Councillor Jamieson	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:

None.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by Councillor Smockum

Seconded by Councillor Hackenbrook

RESOLUTION NO. CW-2009-0086

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

Carried.....

6. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

None.

7. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

Moved by Regional Councillor Wheeler

Seconded by Councillor Smockum

RESOLUTION NO. CW-2009-0087

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING HELD ON APRIL 6, 2009, BE ADOPTED AS PRESENTED.

Carried.....

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

None.

9. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION:

The following item was identified for separate discussion:

9.1 Item No. 12.1, presentation by Vivien Green, Executive Director, Victim Services of York Region, updating Council on the organization, its work and strategic directions

10. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION:

10.1 Matters not subject to individual conflicts

Moved by Councillor Jamieson

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:

Routine:

RESOLUTION NO. CW-2009-0088

THAT THE ROUTINE CORRESPONDENCE BE RECEIVED.

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

17.1.1 Release of Development Agreement
John Link Enterprises Limited
Part Lot 18, Concession 9 (NG)
Baseline Road, Sutton

Report No. EPW-2009-0013

RESOLUTION NO. CW-2009-0089

1. THAT REPORT NO. EPW-2009-0013 BE RECEIVED FOR CONFIRMATION.
2. THAT A BY-LAW BE PASSED AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE A RELEASE RESPECTING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN JOHN LINK AND THE TOWN OF GEORGINA.

Carried.....

10.2 Matters subject to individual conflicts

None.

11. DEPUTATIONS:

None.

12. PRESENTATIONS:

12.1 Vivien Green, Executive Director, Victim Services of York Region, updating Council on the organization, its work and strategic directions.

Ms. Green explained that she lived in Georgina for many years and was the Executive Director for the former Georgina Resource Centre. She has worked in Toronto for many years and has now been working for Victim Services of York Region for the last six months. It is 'National Victims of Crime Awareness Week during the last week of April and she is spending the next two weeks meeting with organizations, Mayors and Councils, to provide an idea of what Victim Services' mandate is, changes and growth that have taken place and ways in which to better work with the community.

Ms. Green stated that Victim Services provides crisis intervention support and emergency assistance. It began in 1998 and is an independent, non profit charitable organization. Staff works closely with the local police, fire departments and the OPP, but it is not part of

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the police. Victim Services provide support assistance to people directly either on-scene, in person or over the phone. They are the emotional support in the first few hours of a crisis, when a tragedy or crime has taken place.

Ms. Green stated that Victim Services works with everyone and responds to individuals victimized by crime or tragic circumstances. They have professionally trained crisis counselors in addition to a large volunteer component. Due to unprecedented growth in York Region, they have been able to increase their staffing level and now have 6 equivalent full time staff members as well as expanded hours in the office; 7:00am to 11:00pm weekdays and 7:00am to 7:00pm weekends. They also have a site office in Newmarket and are exploring other site offices to make their services more accessible.

Ms. Green explained that Victim Services covers two very different kinds of areas; sudden death/suicide, and all types of crime, noting that domestic violence/woman abuse makes up over 60% of police calls. The Police Department will call them and staff will be there for the survivors for the first 12 hours, contacting friends and relatives.

Ms. Green explained that in 2008, Victim Services was 'on-scene' for 320 events, made almost 5,000 telephone contacts and serviced over 5,000 clients. She noted that Support Link is a program for abused women at high risk.

Ms. Green advised that Victim Services needs to respond to the growing diversity in the communities and engage volunteers as they need a broad range of volunteers to promote awareness throughout the community. Over 90 percent of referrals come from the police, but there are many people out there going through difficult times and could use their help but are not contacting them. Part of their mandate is prevention through education. She noted that the Police receive 16 calls per day regarding domestic violence, making it clear that Victim Services could be doing a lot more work with this issue.

Ms. Green indicated that there are opportunities for working together in partnerships; volunteer recruitment, joint community education/fundraising initiatives and increased awareness of services. They are funded by the Ministry of the Attorney General and receive United Way funding, but this funding only covers certain staff programs, so they are constantly looking for fundraising initiatives.

Jill Yeo, Volunteer Program Manager, stated that Victim Services is a predominantly volunteer-based agency. They are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, as volunteers cover the times that the office is closed. They have approximately 70 volunteers at this time and all volunteers go through an extensive sixty hour training course over a six week period, being trained on different scenarios. They cover the whole of York Region and work closely with 3 District. They are presently looking to promote the diverse cultures and languages, needing volunteers with second languages, in order to meet the needs of the Region. A few of their volunteers are from Georgina, but they need more volunteers from the community that have knowledge of the area.

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It was suggested that Victim Services contact local groups such as the Kinsmen, the Lions and the Pefferlaw Association of Ratepayers for assistance with an awareness program.

Ms. Green indicated that they do receive funding from the Ministry of Attorney General, but funding is an area that they would be interested in partnering with local groups in events as community-based fundraising is important.

Moved by Councillor Smockum

Seconded by Councillor Hackenbrook

RESOLUTION NO. CW-2009-0090

THAT THE PRESENTATION MADE BY VIVIEN GREEN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, VICTIM SERVICES OF YORK REGION, UPDATING COUNCIL ON THE ORGANIZATION, ITS WORK AND STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS, BE RECEIVED.

Carried.....

13. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION:

14. PUBLIC MEETINGS:

None.

15. COMMUNICATIONS:

15.2 Matters for Disposition:

- 15.2.1 Gillian Angus-Traill, Acting Council Coordinator, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, requesting support of its position concerning outstanding issues on the Highway 48 corridor concerning setbacks and permits/approval for public works.

Moved by Councillor Smockum

Seconded by Regional Councillor Wheeler

RESOLUTION NO. CW-2009-0091

THAT TOWN COUNCIL ENDORSE THE POSITION OF THE TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE PETITIONING THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION TO RESOLVE OUTSTANDING ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH HIGHWAY NO. 48,

15. COMMUNICATIONS cont'd:

CONCERNING ISSUES SUCH AS RELIEF FROM SETBACK REQUIREMENTS AND THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND APPROVALS FOR PUBLIC WORKS ON OR ADJACENT TO THE HIGHWAY.

Carried.....

- 15.2.2 John O'Mara, Committee Co-Chair, York Region Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans Community Outreach Project (LGBT Outreach Project), requesting Council proclaim the week of June 7 -14 as Pride Week and to fly the Rainbow Flag during this week.

Moved by Councillor Smockum

Seconded by Councillor Hackenbrook

RESOLUTION NO. CW-2009-0092

THAT TOWN COUNCIL PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF JUNE 7 – 14, 2009, AS 'PRIDE WEEK' THROUGHOUT THE TOWN OF GEORGINA AND ADVERTISE IT ACCORDINGLY.

Carried.....

- 15.2.3 Paul Mathur, Ministry of Transportation, respecting the annual compliance monitoring report for the Highway 404 Extension, Advanced Bridge Structures at Mount Albert Road, Town of East Gwillimbury and York Region.

Moved by Councillor Smockum

Seconded by Councillor Jamieson

RESOLUTION NO. CW-2009-0093

THAT TOWN COUNCIL RECEIVE THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION'S ANNUAL COMPLIANCE MONITORING REPORT FOR THE HIGHWAY 404 EXTENSION, ADVANCED BRIDGE STRUCTURES AT MOUNT ALBERT ROAD, TOWN OF EAST GWILLIMBURY AND YORK REGION AND REQUEST THE DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE REPORT TO COUNCIL FOLLOWING THE JUNE MEETING CONCERNING THE PROJECT AND ITS TIMELINES.

Carried.....

15. COMMUNICATIONS:

- 15.2.4 John Gooderham, Parade Chairman, Royal Canadian Legion, requesting permission to host its annual D-Day Parade and Service on Sunday, May 31, 2009.

Moved by Councillor Hackenbrook

Seconded by Regional Councillor Wheeler

RESOLUTION NO. CW-2009-0094

THAT TOWN COUNCIL GRANT PERMISSION TO THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION TO HOST ITS ANNUAL D-DAY PARADE AND SERVICE ON SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2009, TO COMMENCE AT THE PETER GZOWSKI LIBRARY ON BLACK RIVER ROAD AT 1:30 P.M., THEN EAST ALONG BLACK RIVER ROAD TO THE BRIAR HILL CEMETERY FOR A 2:00 P.M. SERVICE, THAT THE REGION OF YORK BE RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE THIS PORTION OF BLACK RIVER ROAD ALONG WITH THE DALTON ROAD/BLACK RIVER ROAD INTERSECTION FOR THIS PARADE, AND THAT THE LOCAL EMERGENCY SERVICES BE SO ADVISED.

Carried.....

16. PETITIONS:

None.

18. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

19. REGIONAL BUSINESS:

None.

20. MOTIONS:

None.

21. NOTICES OF MOTION:

None.

22. OTHER BUSINESS:

The Director of Engineering and Public Works was requested to discuss the issue of potential improvements that can be made to traffic signals and their blockage by large vehicles, with the Ministry of Transportation, similar to the existing traffic signals at the intersection of Green Lane and Yonge Street.

The Town Clerk was requested to prepare a report for Council on the potential of the expansion of marriage ceremonies performed by the Town's Clerk's staff so that ceremonies may be performed on more days of the week than just Fridays, as well as being performed off-site.

23. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Councillor Smockum

Seconded by Councillor Hackenbrook

That the meeting adjourn at this time (9:55 a.m.).

Carried.....