

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA

## SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, March 4, 2009  
Committee Room  
(9:10 a.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	Regional Councillor Wheeler
Councillor Jordan Clark	Councillor Jamieson
Councillor Szollosy	Councillor Hackenbrook
Councillor Smockum	

Members of Staff in attendance:

Sue Plamondon, CAO  
Rebecca Mathewson, Director of Administrative Services and Treasurer  
Harold Lenters, Director of Planning and Building  
Bob Magloughlen, Director of Engineering and Public Works  
Faye Richardson, Director of Leisure Services  
Bill O'Neill, Fire Chief  
Mary Baxter, Chief Librarian  
Darlene Carson Hildebrand, Manager of Finance and Deputy Treasurer  
Roland Chenier, Town Clerk  
Carolyn Lance, Administrative Assistant to the Town Clerk

3. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEMS AND DEPUTATIONS:

None.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by Councillor Szollosy

Seconded by Councillor Smockum

**RESOLUTION NO. SC-2009-0110**

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

Carried.....

5. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

Councillor Jamieson declared an interest in items dealing with the purchase of any vehicles as his employer, S & B Motors Keswick, could potentially be bidding. He also declared an interest in staffing, wages and benefits for Leisure Services Department unionized employees because his son is an employee of the Leisure Services Department.

Councillor Hackenbrook declared an interest in the budget dealing with physician recruitment as his spouse is an employee of a local health centre.

6. REVIEW OF DRAFT BUDGET

**6.1 Overview of Draft Budget Presentation**

Sue Plamondon, CAO, stated that she believes there are opportunities to streamline this budget process and changes will be made for next year's session. Given the current economic environment, she believes that this is a responsible budget based on sustainability and responsibility. Focus was on maintaining existing levels of service with the only new program relating to the Pefferlaw Ice Pad. Assessment growth has been a modest 0.8% and projecting that assessment growth in 2009 will also be modest. The budget has reflected the Planning Department slow-down and adjusted the bank interest and supplementary assessments.

Ms. Plamondon stated that this budget proposes a 3.8% tax increase on the Town portion of the tax bill. When combined with the Region and Board portions, it totals a 2.8% increase or \$80 per household. Ms. Plamondon explained that in a worst-case scenario unless Council needs to add more to the proposed budget, the total tax increase to residents would be 3.48%. Expenditures of 258,000 equals a 1% increase in the overall budget and an additional \$32.00 per household.

6. REVIEW OF DRAFT BUDGET cont'd:

Ms. Plamondon stated that in regard to grant projects, Council should determine the level of investment Council wishes to make in Economic Development and Community Building grants. Staff would then report on a process to assess individual requests, modeled on the process currently used by the Economic Development Committee.

Ms. Plamondon advised that based on further consideration staff recommends the following changes be made to the draft budget document:

- ***G891-0374-3909 - \$50,000 to be removed from Economic Development budget,***
- ***G891-0374-3909 - \$14,000 to be removed from the Economic Development budget in regard to the GTTI building,***
- ***G891-0334-3925 - \$60,000 to be removed from the Economic Development budget, GTTI building***

Mrs. Rebecca Mathewson, Director of Administrative Services and Treasurer, explained that the reassessment of values from 2005 to 2008 will be phased in over the next four years. The proposed budget includes net expenditures of \$26.8 million and gross expenditures of \$36.6 million. Staffing represents \$13.5 million of the budget, 1/3 of the gross expenditures. The CPI from January 2008 to January 2009 shows an inflation rate of only 1.1% including gas, and when gas is excluded, the CPI is 2.5%.

Mrs. Mathewson requested the following changes to the budget;

- Tab 7, Detailed Budget Summary, remove budget level worksheets
- Tab 3, Summary of Budget Review, replace with revised 2009 budget issue pages
- Tab 3, Draft Capital Budget, Fire Department No. 49, amend vehicle for the Fire Inspection Officer from \$30,000 to \$17,000***
- ***G132-0113-0861 - Tab 7, Bank Interest, amend figure from \$625,000 to \$313,000***

**6.3 Reserve and Reserve Fund Balances**

- Water meter installations reserve - \$126,392 – transfer from the tax levy budget to the water/wastewater budget, including the waterworks building reserve***

6. REVIEW OF DRAFT BUDGET cont'd:

***-Mosquito Program - \$68,455. Transfer to general revenue***

**Referred to Treasurer for consideration in forthcoming reserve fund report.**

**6.2 *Debenture Debt Position***

The only debenture debt financed through the taxes is the Georgina Ice Palace (\$2.4 million) and it will be retired in 2012. The balance of the debt is primarily the Willow Beach project, \$15.1 Million financed through local improvements and other sources of revenue.

Additional revisions to the draft budget were identified as follows:

***G111-0101-1159 – all other payroll costs – amend from \$77,991 to \$68,991***

***G132-0113-0861 –Bank interest amended from \$625,000 to \$313,000***

Recess at 10:37 a.m.; resumed at 10:50 a.m.

***G134-0334 – GTTI Building - reduce from \$24,000 to \$10,000***

***G216-0231-2710 – reduce by \$4,000 from \$8,000***

Issue – CAO to review widening doorways at Civic Centre

Council agreed to proceed through the draft budget in a page by page basis; where changes were proposed, they would be dealt with by motion.

**6.4 *Base Budget Details***

***Moved by Councillor Szollosy***

***Seconded by Councillor Smockum***

***RESOLUTION NO. SC-2009-0111***

***THAT ACCOUNT NO. G242-0213-3410 - CONTRACTED SERVICES, FOR MOSQUITO CONTROL BE AMENDED FROM \$185,000 TO \$100,000***

***Carried.....***

***G891-0374-3909 – Economic Initiatives – to be reduced from \$50,000 to \$1,865***

6. REVIEW OF DRAFT BUDGET cont'd:

**G891-0334-3925 – Grants and Donations – GTTI Building to be reduced from \$60,000 to nil**

**Economic Development Committee requesting permission to administer \$40,000 in grants – add to April 6<sup>th</sup> discussion**

**G891-0326-3410 – Contracted Services, Streetscaping – to be reduced from \$14,400 to nil**

Issue – Signs, Banners, hardware, contracted service – request for report

Recess at 12:27 p.m., resumed at 1:20 p.m.

**G132-0493-2245 – Miscellaneous – Signs, to be reduced from \$15,000 to \$9,000**

**G495-0385-8168 – Environmental/Energy Project – Reserve for future expenditures to be reduced from \$100,000 to \$60,000**

**Moved by Councillor Jamieson**

**Seconded by Councillor Jordan-Clerk**

**RESOLUTION NO. SC-2009-0112**

**THAT THE RESERVE FOR FUTURE EXPENDITURES FOR GREEN INITIATIVES BE REDUCED FROM \$100,000 TO \$60,000**

**Carried.....**

Physician Recruitment – Councillor Hackenbrook declared an interest in Physician Recruitment because his spouse is an employee of a local health clinic; he did not participate in any discussion or vote

**G561-0101-3320 – Physician Recruitment – Consultant Fees be reduced from \$20,000 to nil**

Moved by Councillor Szollosy

Seconded by Councillor Jamieson

That the consultant fees in the amount of \$20,000 be reduced from \$20,000 to nil.

Lost.....

6. REVIEW OF DRAFT BUDGET cont'd:

Moved by Councillor Jordan Clark  
Seconded by Councillor Smockum  
That the consultant fees of \$20,000 be approved

Lost.....

***Moved by Councillor Szollosy***

***Seconded by Councillor Jordan Clark***

***RESOLUTION NO. SC-2009-0113***

***THAT THE TOTAL PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT BUDGET BE REDUCED BY \$20,000 FROM \$156,500 TO \$136, 500***

***Carried.....***

Recess at 2:35 p.m.; back to order at 2:48 p.m.

Unregistered cemeteries – approximately 4 or 5 within the Town – need report back to officially recognize them

Issue List – place Family Life Centre on issues list

Councillor Hackenbrook and Regional Councillor Wheeler returned at this time (2:56 p.m.)

Issue List – place Building Energy Audit on issues list

Issue – true cost for Georgina Lawn Bowling

Pefferlaw Ice Rink – full report will be coming to Council.

***G721-0360-8168 – Community Parks – Reserve for future expenditures to be reduced from \$15,000 to nil***

***Moved by Councillor Szollosy***

***Seconded by Councillor Smockum***

***RESOLUTION NO. SC-2009-0114***

***THAT THE RESERVE FOR FUTURE EXPENDITURES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000 FOR THE PEFFERLAW ICE PAD BE REMOVED***

***Carried.....***

6. REVIEW OF DRAFT BUDGET cont'd:

Issue – Kennedy Road and parking at end of Kennedy Road

***G725-0743-8168 – Reserve for Future Expenditures, Keswick Skate Park, be reduced by \$50,000 from \$100,000 to \$50,000***

***Moved by Councillor Jordan Clark***

***Seconded by Councillor Szollosy***

***RESOLUTION NO. SC-2009-0115***

***THAT THE RESERVE FOR FUTURE EXPENDITURES FOR THE KESWICK SKATE PARK BE REDUCED FROM \$100,000 TO \$50,000***

***Carried.....***

Issue – Include De La Salle Chapel in building audit

Issue – In-house repair for vehicle and why 2 employees in truck to pick up garbage

***G739-0359-8168 – Reserve for Playgrounds – future expenditures for playgrounds be reduced by \$30,000, from \$60,000 to \$30,000***

Mayor Grossi removed himself from the Chair at this time; Deputy Mayor Wheeler assumed the Chair.

Moved by Mayor Grossi

Seconded by Councillor Jamieson

That the reserve for future expenditures for the playgrounds be reduced from \$60,000 to \$30,000

***Defeated.....***

Mayor Grossi resumed the Chair at this time.

Issue – Osprey platforms on top of hydro poles

6. REVIEW OF DRAFT BUDGET cont'd:

G739-0718 – Planting Program

Mayor Grossi removed himself from the Chair at this time; Deputy Mayor Wheeler assumed the Chair

Moved by Mayor Grossi

Seconded by Councillor Smockum

That the Planting Program be reduced from \$212,228 to \$150,000 and that staff report back

Defeated.....

Recess at 4:22 p.m.; resumed at 4:39 p.m.

***G751-0338-8168 – Reserve for future expenditures – Jackson's Point Harbour issue be reduced from \$55,000 to nil***

***Moved by Councillor Szollosy***

***Seconded by Councillor Smockum***

***RESOLUTION NO. SC-2009-0116***

***THAT THE RESERVE FOR FUTURE EXPENDITURES – JACKSON'S POINT HARBOUR – IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,000 BE ELIMINATED FROM ISSUES LIST  
Carried.....***

***G741-0711-0751 – Ice Rentals, Minor Hockey, Georgina Ice Palace be increased from \$227,500 to \$275,000***

Issue – Vending machines at Ice Palace – lack of operation and appearance

***G762-0711-0833 – Ice Rentals, Sutton Arena – to be increased from \$70,000 to \$95,000***



6. REVIEW OF DRAFT BUDGET cont'd:

**G763-0349-3410 – Contracted Services, Georgina Leisure Pool to remain at \$28,500**

***Moved by Councillor Jordan Clark***

***Seconded by Councillor Hackenbrook***

**RESOLUTION NO. SC-2009-0117**

**THAT THE \$20,000 ISSUE FOR THE CONTRACTED SERVICES FOR THE GEORGINA LEISURE POOL BE APPROVED**

***Carried.....***

Issues item – The Director of Leisure Services is to submit a report to Council regarding capacity at the Leisure Pool

**G768-7002 – Sutton Youth Centre - to be increased by \$25,000 – identified on Issues List**

***Moved by Councillor Jordan Clark***

***Seconded by Councillor Hackenbrook***

**RESOLUTION NO. SC-2009-0118**

**THAT THE TOTAL BUDGET FOR THE YOUTH CENTRE PROGRAMS BE INCREASED BY \$25,000**

***Carried.....***

Issue – Jericho Youth Centre Program to be reviewed by staff

G776-0705 – Udora Hall

Issue – CAO to examine costs for Udora Hall budget and send letter asking for increased contribution from Uxbridge for use of the hall. Should also address the Port Bolster Hall and have staff report back.

6. REVIEW OF DRAFT BUDGET cont'd:

LIBRARY BUDGET

***Moved by Councillor Szollosy***

***Seconded by Councillor Smockum***

***RESOLUTION NO. SC-2009-0119***

***THAT THE LIBRARY BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,525,254 BE APPROVED  
Carried.....***

G791-0354-3925 – Grants and Donations – Red Barn Theatre

Mayor Grossi removed himself from the Chair; Deputy Mayor Wheeler assumed the Chair

Moved by Mayor Grossi

Seconded by Councillor Smockum

That the grant and donations for the Red Barn Theatre be reduced by \$10,000, from \$60,000 to \$50,000

Defeated.....

Mayor Grossi resumed the Chair at this time.

***G791-0398-3925 – Grants and Donations – Military Museum***

***Multi-year funding and have letter from Military Museum to a Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss future funding***

***G791-0739-3925 – Grants and Donations – Georgina Art Council, be increased by \$25,000 to \$50,000***

***Moved by Councillor Szollosy***

***Seconded by Councillor Hackenbrook***

***RESOLUTION NO. SC-2009-0120***

***THAT THE GRANTS AND DONATIONS – GEORGINA ARTS COUNCIL – BE  
INCREASED BY \$25,000 TO \$75,000***

***Carried.....***

Recess at 6:35 p.m.; resumed at 6:49 p.m.

6. REVIEW OF DRAFT BUDGET cont'd:

**G811-0101-0715 – Land Use Report Fees, Planning – be reduced by \$3,500 from \$12,000 to \$8,500**

**6.5 Capital/Equipment Requests  
2009 Capital Budget – Draft for Review**

**LEISURE SERVICES**

- 1) Spectator Safety Netting – delete \$20,000 from Tax Levy

Mayor Grossi removed himself from the Chair; Deputy Mayor Wheeler assumed the Chair

***Moved by Mayor Grossi***

***Seconded by Councillor Szollosy***

**RESOLUTION NO. SC-2009-0121**

**THAT THE BUDGET OF \$20,000 FOR SAFETY NETTING IN ARENAS BE DELETED**

***Carried.....***

Mayor Grossi resumed the chair at this time.

Recess at 7:23 p.m.; resumed at 7:30 p.m.

- 5) Picnic Tables, Park Benches and Bleachers - \$20,000 to be reduced to \$5,000

***Moved by Councillor Szollosy***

***Seconded by Councillor Smockum***

**RESOLUTION NO. SC-2009-0122**

**THAT THE CAPITAL BUDGET BE REDUCED BY \$15,000 FROM \$20,000 TO \$5,000**  
***Carried.....***

6. REVIEW OF DRAFT BUDGET cont'd:

- 6) Boulder, Fence and Gate installation - \$25,000 to be reduced to \$10,000

***Moved by Councillor Smockum***

***Seconded by Councillor Szollosy***

**RESOLUTION NO. SC-2009-0123**

**THAT THE CAPITAL BUDGET BE REDUCED BY \$15,000 FROM \$25,000 TO \$10,000**

***Carried.....***

- 7) Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan – \$75,000 to be reduced to \$37,500

***Moved by Councillor Smockum***

***Seconded by Councillor Hackenbrook***

**RESOLUTION NO. SC-2009-0124**

**THAT THE CAPITAL BUDGET BE REDUCED BY \$37,500 FROM \$75,000 TO \$37,500 TO BE DONE OVER TWO YEARS**

***Carried....***

- 8) Leash Free Dog Park – \$25,000 to be removed from tax levy

***Moved by Councillor Jordan Clark***

***Seconded by Councillor Szollosy***

**RESOLUTION NO. SC-2009-0125**

**THAT THE CAPITAL BUDGET OF \$25,000 BE REMOVED FROM THE TAX LEVY AND THAT THE FUNDS BE DERIVED FROM LAND SALE PROCEEDS**

***Carried.....***

6. REVIEW OF DRAFT BUDGET cont'd:

- 9)
- KIN Hall
- \$60,000 to be deleted

***Moved by Councillor Smockum***

***Seconded by Councillor Szollosy***

***RESOLUTION NO. SC-2009-0126***

***THAT THE CAPITAL BUDGET OF \$60,000 FOR THE PARKING LOT PAVEMENT  
BE REDUCED FROM \$60,000 TO NIL AND STAFF TO PROCEED WITH GRAVEL  
Carried.....***

- 10)
- Tree Planting Program
- \$30,000 to be reduced to \$10,000

***Moved by Councillor Smockum***

***Seconded by Regional Councillor Wheeler***

***RESOLUTION NO. SC-2009-0127***

***THAT THE TREE PLANTING PROGRAM BE REDUCED BY \$20,000 FROM \$30,000  
TO \$10,000***

***Carried.....***

**ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS**

- 31)
- Deer Park Drive Reconstruction/Widening
- \$620,000

Mayor Grossi removed himself from the Chair; Deputy Mayor Wheeler assumed the Chair

Moved by Mayor Grossi

That the Capital Budget for Deer Park Drive be reduced by \$500,000 from \$620,000 to \$120,000

Motion withdrawn.....

Mayor Grossi resumed the chair at this time.

6. REVIEW OF DRAFT BUDGET cont'd:

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Master Fire Services Plan - \$46,650, remove \$16,650 from tax levy

The funding of \$16,650 be amended from the tax levy to funding from reserves and that the CAO evaluate and report back at the meeting of March 23, 2009

49) Vehicle for Fire Prevention Officer - \$30,000 to be reduced to \$17,000

***The Capital Budget was reduced by \$13,000 from \$30,000 to \$17,000***

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

53) Civic Centre Building Repair/Maintenance – \$27,350 to be eliminated

***Moved by Councillor Szollosy***

***Seconded by Councillor Smockum***

***RESOLUTION NO. SC-2009-0128***

***THAT THE CAPITAL BUDGET BE REDUCED BY \$27,350***

***Carried.....***

PLANNING AND BUILDING

56) Official Plan Greenbelt Conformity Exercise – \$40,000 to be eliminated

***Moved by Councillor Szollosy***

***Seconded by Councillor Smockum***

***RESOLUTION NO. SC-2009-0129***

***THAT THE CAPITAL BUDGET BE REDUCED BY \$40,000 TO NIL***

***Carried.....***

6. REVIEW OF DRAFT BUDGET cont'd:OTHER CAPITAL ITEMS

Councillor Hackenbrook brought forward the following Capital Items:

A) Planting Program to be extended on Dalton Road - \$20,700

Moved by Councillor Hackenbrook

Seconded by Councillor Smockum

That the Planting Program (flowers) be extended on Dalton Road at a cost of \$20,700

Defeated.....

B) Dredging at mouth of Black River - \$52,700

Moved by Councillor Hackenbrook

Seconded by Councillor Smockum

That the Capital request of \$52,700 to dredge the mouth of the Black River be approved

Defeated.....

C) Queen Street Sidewalk

***The extension of the sidewalk on Queen Street from Black River Road to King Street is be included in next year's report.***

**6.6 Individual Issue Items and Justification**

A) Canine Control Staffing – \$20,000

***Moved by Councillor Szollosy***

***Seconded by Councillor Jordan Clark***

**RESOLUTION NO. SC-2009-0130**

***THAT THE BUDGET OF \$20,000 FOR ADDITIONAL PART-TIME STAFF AT THE ANIMAL SHELTER BE APPROVED AND THAT GEORGINA REQUEST ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM THE OTHER THREE MUNICIPALITIES TO HELP OFFSET THIS ACCOUNT***

***Carried.....***

6. REVIEW OF DRAFT BUDGET cont'd:

B) Information Technology Staffing - \$77,000

*Moved by Councillor Szollosy*

*Seconded by Councillor Smockum*

**RESOLUTION NO. SC-2009-0131**

**THAT THE BUDGET OF \$77,000 FOR AN ADDITIONAL STAFF MEMBER FOR THE I.T. DEPARTMENT BE APPROVED**

**Carried.....**

C) Chamber of Commerce - \$90,775

Moved by Councillor Szollosy, Seconded by Councillor Smockum

That \$10,000 be referred to EDC for special projects and to inquire as to where the extra \$19,000 in 2008 was spent

Defeated.....

*Moved by Councillor Jamieson*

*Seconded by Councillor Jordan Clark*

**RESOLUTION NO. SC-2009-0132**

**THAT THE TOTAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUDGET BE INCREASED BY \$9,350 FROM \$90,775 TO \$100,125**

**Carried.....**

Requests for Grants/Funding Assistance/Sponsorship – 2009

New Requests - \$107,350

Requests not specifically dealt with in budget were referred to Economic Development Committee:

Regional Councillor Wheeler left the meeting at this time 9:50 p.m.

**No. 21- Alliance for a Better Georgina – budget request of \$8,000 for 2009 to be taken from 2008 surplus**



6. REVIEW OF DRAFT BUDGET cont'd:

**6.7 Overview of Budget Review Adjustments**

The Director of Administrative Services/Treasurer summarized the adjustments as follows:

- Capital Budget - \$264,500 was removed subject to staff report re any implications for future gas tax or other infrastructure funding
- Net additions to the budget - \$98,050
- Budget increase would be 4.2% if we take out capital reductions of 1% and tax impact would be 2.6%
- if capital remains the same as last year, the increase would be 5.2% for Town and the rate increase would be 3.1% or \$99.75/year on the average assessment of \$230,000.

**6.8 Recommendation of Budget to Council**

-An additional Special Council Meeting is to be scheduled for the week of March 16, 2009 in the Second Floor Committee Room to permit further review to seek further reductions.

7. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Moved by Councillor Jordan Clark

Seconded by Councillor Jamieson

That the following by-law be passed at this time:

By-law Number 2009-0028 (COU-2)

Being a by-law to confirm the Proceedings

Carried.....

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Councillor Hackenbrook

Seconded by Councillor Szollosy

That the meeting adjourn at this time (10:25 p.m.)

Carried.....

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Robert Grossi, Mayor

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Roland Chenier, Town Clerk