

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA

COUNCIL MINUTES

September 10, 2012
(7:06 p.m.)

1. MOMENT OF MEDITATION:

A moment of meditation was observed.

Town Council recognized the passing of Don Smith, the father of Michael Smith, a local planner and former employee of the Town of Georgina.

2. ROLL CALL:

The Council Services Coordinator gave the roll call and the following Council members were present:

Mayor Grossi

Councillor Craig

Councillor Hackenbrook

Councillor Szollosy

Regional Councillor Wheeler

Councillor Davison

Councillor Smockum

3. COMMUNITY SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

Councillor Smockum provided an update on the reconstruction of the Egypt Community Hall since the fire, indicating that the new hall will be built on the original footprint and will be basically identical to the original hall other than attempting to provide more storage space and accessibility updates that are required to be added to the building. It is hoped that construction will begin shortly.

The Skateboard Park in Sutton is under construction as of today.

4. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEMS AND DEPUTATIONS:

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

- 4.1 Amend wording of Item No. 17.2.2, Report No. PB-2012-0076 entitled 'Implications of Feed-In-Tariff (FIT) 2.0 Program', Recommendation 'C', change "50kw" to read "10kw".

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by Councillor Craig

Seconded by Councillor Szollosy

RESOLUTION NO. C-2012-0374

THAT THE AGENDA WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDENDUM ITEMS BE APPROVED:

- 5.1 RECOMMENDATION 'C' OF ITEM NO. 17.2.2, REPORT NO. PB-2012-0076 ENTITLED 'IMPLICATIONS OF FEED-IN-TARIFF (FIT) 2.0 PROGRAM' TO READ "10KW" RATHER THAN "50KW".

Carried.....

6. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

None.

7. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

Moved by Councillor Smockum

Seconded by Councillor Hackenbrook

RESOLUTION NO. C-2012-0375

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON APRIL 12, 2012, BE ADOPTED AS PRESENTED

RESOLUTION NO. C-2012-0376

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON APRIL 16, 2012, 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. 12.1, presentation by Superintendent Bruce West an Detective Sergeant Peter Heard of York Regional Police 3 District providing an update on the vandalism and car theft situations in the community of Keswick
- 9.2 Item No. 12.2, presentation by a representative of Canadian Solar respecting its proposed solar projects in Georgina
- 9.3 Item No. 15.2, various matters for disposition
- 9.4 Item No. 17.2.1, Report No. PB-2012-0075 entitled 'Proposed Goldlight and Earthlight Solar Projects, Municipal Consultation Forms'
- 9.5 Item No. 17.2.2, Report No. PB-2012-0076 entitled 'Implications of Feed-In-Tariff (FIT) 2.0 Program'
- 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 Davison

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 August 27, 2012:

RESOLUTION NO. C-2012-0377

17.1.1 THAT CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING HELD ON JUNE 18, 2012, BE DEFERRED TO THE SEPTEMBER 17TH COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING PENDING THE INCLUSION OF THE MISSING LAST PAGE OF THE JUNE 18TH MINUTES ON THE SEPTEMBER 17TH AGENDA.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2012-0378

17.1.2.A. THAT REPORT NO. PB-2012-0069 BE RECEIVED.

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

- B. THAT APPROVAL BE GRANTED TO DEEM LOT 1 AND BLOCK 208, PLAN 65M-3421, NOT TO BE A LOT AND A BLOCK ON A REGISTERED PLAN OF SUBDIVISION FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTION 50(3) AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 50(4) OF THE PLANNING ACT, R.S.O. 1990.
- C. THAT APPROVAL BE GRANTED TO DEEM LOT 145 AND BLOCK 209, PLAN 65M-3421, NOT TO BE A LOT AND A BLOCK ON A REGISTERED PLAN OF SUBDIVISION FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTION 50(3) AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 50(4) OF THE PLANNING ACT, R.S.O. 1990.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2012-0379

- 17.1.3 1. THAT REPORT OED-2012-0043 BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION.
- 2. THAT A BY-LAW BE PASSED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE A PRE-SERVICING AGREEMENT BETWEEN 2151028 ONTARIO LIMITED, AS OWNER, AND THE TOWN OF GEORGINA
- 3. THAT A BY-LAW BE PASSED DEDICATING BLOCKS 105 AND 108, PLAN 65M-4268 AS PUBLIC HIGHWAY AND FORMING PART OF WYNDHAM CIRCLE.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2012-0380

- 17.1.4 1. THAT REPORT NO. OED-2012-0049 BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION.
- 2. THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL DENY THE REQUEST MADE BY MICHAEL SMITH PLANNING CONSULTANTS ON BEHALF OF CHRISTINA HOMES LTD. TO REDUCE OR WAIVE THE SITE PLAN APPLICATION FEE FOR THE PURPOSE OF A SALES OFFICE SITE IN SUTTON.

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

RESOLUTION NO. C-2012-0381

17.1.5 THAT THE DEPUTATION MADE BY MAX LEGACE OF WATCHORN ARCHITECT INC. DETAILING THE URBAN DESIGN REPORT AND ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR 711371 ONTARIO CORP. (OXFORD HOMES), PART LOT 3, CONCESSION 7 (G). BE RECEIVED.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2012-0382

17.1.6 A. THAT REPORT PB-2012-0068 BE RECEIVED.

B. THAT PURSUANT TO SECTION 51(33) OF THE PLANNING ACT, R.S.O., 1990, C.P.13, AS AMENDED, AN EXTENSION TO THE APPROVAL OF DRAFT PLAN OF SUBDIVISION 19T-90033 BE GRANTED TO OCTOBER 6, 2013.

C. THAT PURSUANT TO SECTION 51(44) OF THE PLANNING ACT, R.S.O., 1990, C.P.13, AS AMENDED, THE LAPSING PROVISION CONTAINED IN THE CONDITIONS OF DRAFT PLAN APPROVAL BE AMENDED TO READ "PURSUANT TO THE PLANNING ACT, R.S.O., 1990, C.P.13, AS AMENDED, APPROVAL OF THIS PLAN OF SUBDIVISION SHALL LAPSE IF FINAL APPROVAL FOR REGISTRATION HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN BY OCTOBER 6, 2013, UNLESS APPROVAL HAS BEEN SOONER WITHDRAWN OR THE TOWN OF GEORGINA HAS EXTENDED THE DURATION OF THE APPROVAL."

D. THAT PURSUANT TO SECTION 51(44) OF THE PLANNING ACT, R.S.O., 1990, C.P.13, AS AMENDED, COUNCIL APPROVE THE REVISED CONDITIONS OF DRAFT PLAN APPROVAL APPLIED TO DRAFT PLAN OF SUBDIVISION 19T-90033, ATTACHED AS SCHEDULE '4' TO REPORT PB-2012-0068.

E. THAT PURSUANT TO SECTION 51(47) OF THE PLANNING ACT, R.S.O., 1990, C.P.13, AS AMENDED, WRITTEN NOTICE SHALL NOT BE GIVEN AS THE CHANGE TO THE CONDITIONS OF DRAFT PLAN APPROVAL, AS NOTED IN D. ABOVE, ARE CONSIDERED TO BE MINOR.

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

F THAT PLANNING STAFF FORWARD THE REVISED CONDITIONS OF DRAFT PLAN APPROVAL TO THE APPLICANT, THEIR AGENT, THE YORK REGION DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY PLANNING BRANCH OF THE TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT, AND TO ALL OTHER AGENCIES WHICH HAVE IMPOSED THEIR RESPECTIVE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL; AND,

G. THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE URBAN DESIGN REPORT & ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN GUIDELINES PREPARED BY THE MBTW GROUP & WATCHORN ARCHITECT INC. ENTITLED "URBAN DESIGN, OPEN SPACE & ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN GUIDELINES" DATED AUGUST 2012, IN ORDER TO SATISFY DRAFT CONDITION NOS. 24 & 25 OF THE DRAFT PLAN OF SUBDIVISION 19T-90033.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2012-0383

17.1.7 THAT REPORT NO. CAO-2012-0015 ENTITLED 'APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY 2064322 ONTARIO LTD. TO AMEND THE CURRENT LOCAL COMMERCIAL (C3) ZONE TO PERMIT THE USE OF A REFRESHMENT CART ON THE LANDS DESCRIBED AS LOT 13, PLAN 177 AND PART 2, PLAN 65R-28514' BE RECEIVED, THEREBY CONFIRMING COUNCIL'S INTENT AT THE AUGUST 20TH COUNCIL MEETING TO REFUSE THE APPLICATION.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2012-0384

17.1.8 A. THAT REPORT PB-2012-0070 BE RECEIVED.

B. THAT COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO LODGE AN APPEAL TO THE ONTARIO MUNICIPAL BOARD REGARDING A CHANGE OF TERM FOR MINOR VARIANCE APPLICATION P411124, AS SET OUT IN THE COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT DECISION ATTACHED AS ATTACHMENT 'A' TO REPORT NO. PB-2012-0070.

C. THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE TOWN SOLICITOR AND STAFF TO PARTICIPATE IN SUPPORT OF THE APPEAL AT THE ONTARIO MUNICIPAL BOARD HEARING.

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

RESOLUTION NO. C-2012-0385

17.1.9I. THAT REPORT NO. CAO-2012-0016 BE RECEIVED; AND

II. THAT THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER BE DIRECTED TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR AN ENGINEERING SERVICES REVIEW AND TO REPORT BACK WITH THE RECOMMENDED CONSULTANT; AND

III. THAT THE FUNDS FOR THE REVIEW BE TAKEN FROM UNEXPENDED FUNDS IN THE 2012 ENGINEERING CAPITAL PROGRAM – STORMWATER MASTER PLAN.

Reports:

17.3 Report from the Emergency Services Department:

17.3.1 Red Cross 1st Aid Provider Agreement

Report No. DES-2012-0007

RESOLUTION NO. C-2012-0386

1. THAT REPORT NO. DES-2012-0007 RED CROSS 1ST AID PROVIDER AGREEMENT BE RECEIVED.

2. THAT THE MAYOR AND CLERK BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THE PROVIDER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY AND THE GEORGINA FIRE DEPARTMENT.

3. THAT A NEW BY-LAW BE PREPARED AND SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL AT THE COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2012.

17.4 Report from the Operations and Engineering Department:

17.4.1 Award of Tender
Commercial Bulk Water Fill Station

Report No. OED-2012-0050

RESOLUTION NO. C-2012-0387

1. THAT REPORT NO. OED-2012-0050 BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION.

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

2. THAT THE BID RECEIVED FROM THE BIRKS COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,030 (INCLUDING HST) FOR A BULK FILL STATION IS ACCEPTED AND THAT THE PURCHASING MANAGER IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO THE BIRKS COMPANY.

17.5 Report from the Economic Development Division:

- 17.5.1 Grant Application Program – Approval of Funding as recommended by the Economic Development Committee

Report No. ED-2012-0011

RESOLUTION NO. C-2012-0388

- A. THAT REPORT NO. ED-2012-0011 BE RECEIVED.
- B. THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE DISBURSEMENT OF THE FOLLOWING GRANT:

UPTOWN KESWICK BUSINESS AREA	\$2,500.00
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Carried.....

10.2 Matters subject to individual conflicts

None.

11. DEPUTATIONS:

None.

12. PRESENTATIONS:

- 12.1 Superintendent Bruce West and Detective Sergeant Peter Heard of York Regional Police 3 District, providing an update on the vandalism and car theft situations in the community of Keswick as well as any action plan that York Regional Police have established and implemented.

Superintendent West stated that he has been a senior officer for five years and started his career in Georgina with most of his career spent in investigative services. Detective Sergeant Peter Heard has been an officer for twenty-five years and has been involved in criminal investigations for ten years. Officer Dana Cuff is also in attendance and has been an officer for twelve years and is involved with crime prevention and the community service bureau.

12. PRESENTATIONS cont'd:

Superintendent West stated that Georgina has grown considerably since he joined the force 28 years ago and it will continue to grow as the Region grows. Some challenges the police force is experiencing include factors such as the cost of policing, the population growth and immigration, an aging population as well as intensification and urbanization. Criminal activity is more organized and more technology-related where protests can grow from 100 people to 10,000 people in a short amount of time.

Superintendent West explained that York Region's cost per capital in 2011 was \$243 vs. \$357 in Toronto and York Regional Police anticipates being the third lowest cost per capital in 2012. Costs are well below the average across the Province as well as across neighbouring regions. He advised that in 2011, each officer in York Region serviced 741 citizens compared to 491 in Toronto, 662 in Peel and 667 in Ottawa, noting that an additional 34 staff were hired in 2012, with 19 in the integrated domestic violence unit, 11 in support services, 3 in investigative services and 1 in executive services.

Superintendent West stated that the crime rate continues to trend downwards while the clearance rate is trending upwards. York Region continues to have one of the safest communities in all of Canada and in 2011 our region was first across the nation.

Superintendent West stated that the top 5 citizen concerns are crimes against property, traffic safety, crime prevention programs, guns and gangs and drug control and enforcement and the three top traffic concerns are aggressive driving, speeding or racing and impaired driving.

York Regional Police are responsible for Georgina, parts of Lake Simcoe and the waters of Georgina Island, managing borders with the Ontario Provincial Police and South Simcoe, noting that York Region has the best marine unit in the province, if not in the country. 3 District has 83 uniformed officers with a total of 107 officers covering six patrol areas day and night. He advised that in 2010, a community survey indicated that the top 5 community priorities were crimes against property, child abuse, traffic safety, drug control and crime prevention programs.

Superintendent West stated that there were quite a few crimes against property during the summer months with the warm weather. He stressed that Georgina is a safe community and that property crimes are trending downward. He advised that crime tends to migrate to areas containing older citizens. The crime rate, violent crime and property crime all decreased and Georgina's clearance rate is the highest in all of York Region at 72.5%.

12. PRESENTATIONS cont'd:

Superintendent West mentioned the concerns raised in the Keswick area respecting vandalism and theft, for which they have been successful in arresting quite a number of individuals for graffiti and theft from vehicles. He explained that thefts occur late at night during the warm weather when youth walk the streets and check vehicles for loose change as a crime of opportunity. Typically during the winter months, this type of crime decreases as it is colder outside and the youth don't tend to stay outdoors as long. The police are not aware of a lot of theft from vehicles in the Keswick area, but a lot of this type of crime is not reported. Despite the fact that there is not a lot of activity, the police started a Lock It or Lose It campaign that has been very successful in other areas for which Constable Cuff is responsible. Doorknockers are hung on citizen's doors and notices are placed at the entrances into the communities reminding residents to lock their vehicles.

Superintendent West advised that 3 District is hosting an information session this weekend regarding the Neighbourhood Watch Program as they are always interested to work with groups such as this. He stated that crime prevention has always been a large factor for them. They have officers out on ATV's, snowmobiles, foot patrols, bicycles and fight and prevent crime through detective work. He directed the public to visit their website at www.yrp.ca, and go to 'crime mapping' which indicates the locations for crimes have occurred in your community or anywhere within the Region and will indicate the type of crime that has occurred.

Superintendent West stated that the public can report a crime to the police by telephone, online or by speaking directly with an officer in attendance. For a theft from vehicle crime officers do not always attend but if it is reported online or by telephone, an officer will return the call and generate a report and if a report is generated, to is directed to a detective and is investigated. He noted that actual incidents could be higher than what is reported, but if the police do not receive a report, they cannot investigate it.

Superintendent West advised that he has no figures concerning the Road Watch Program but he can obtain them and forward them to Council.

Superintendent West stated that it is very frustrating to take cases to court and watch the court system act too leniently.

Detective Sergeant Heard explained that their investigators do advocate for the victims of crime at the court level to ensure that the crown attorney or prosecutors realize how serious the crime is. He advised that the crime against the ROC Chalet earlier this year is still before the court system and they are asking for restitution to be considered due to the high cost of damages, but the decision is still pending.

12. PRESENTATIONS cont'd:

Constable Cuff stated that she is involved with crime prevention through the Neighbourhood Watch and Road Watch programs, among others. She stated that if there are meetings that a police officer should attend, she would be the one to contact. She explained that through a robbery prevention initiative, she visits each variety store and provides tips on what they could be doing to prevent robberies. The Neighbourhood Watch program is a program through which residents get involved in their community and advise police of what is happening. She noted that there have been several websites set up by residents for information purposes, telling individuals to contact the police when necessary. The police force has the resources to deal with specific issues in certain areas.

Constable Cuff stated that the flashing electronic speed limit sign is shared between different districts and Detective Shoniker is the officer who schedules its placement.

Moved by Councillor Hackenbrook

Seconded by Councillor Craig

RESOLUTION NO. C-2012-0389

THAT THE PRESENTATION MADE BY SUPERINTENDENT BRUCE WEST, DETECTIVE SERGEANT PETER HEARD AND OFFICER DANA CUFF OF YORK REGIONAL POLICE 3 DISTRICT, PROVIDING AN UPDATE ON THE VANDALISM AND CAR THEFT SITUATIONS IN THE COMMUNITY OF KESWICK AS WELL AS THE VARIOUS PROGRAMS THAT YORK REGIONAL POLICE HAVE ESTABLISHED AND IMPLEMENTED TO ASSIST RESIDENTS AND PREVENT CRIME, BE RECEIVED.

Carried.....

Mayor Grossi moved forward and dealt with Item No. 17.2.1 to be heard in conjunction with Item No. 12.2 at this time.

17.2 Reports from the Planning and Building Department:

17.2.1 Proposed Goldlight and Earthlight Solar Projects – Municipal Consultation Forms

Report No. PB-2012-0075

12. PRESENTATIONS cont'd:

12.2 A representative from Canadian Solar respecting its proposed Earthlight and Goldlight Solar Projects.

Mark Feenstra, Project Manager, Solar Farms, Canadian Solar Solutions Inc. made a brief presentation concerning Canadian Solar's proposed Beamlight, Earthlight and Goldlight solar projects.

Mr. Feenstra explained that in mid-April, Canadian Solar announced that it would be acquiring 16 solar projects, three of which are located in Georgina, namely Earthlight, Goldlight and Beamlight. Canadian Solar's strengths lie in project engineering and construction. He stated that Canadian Solar is leading the permitting, engineering and construction of the three solar projects in Georgina and several SkyPower staff members have transitioned to Canadian Solar and continue to work with the Town of Georgina.

Mr. Feenstra stated that Canadian Solar is a Canadian manufacturer established in 2001 and currently operates in thirteen countries and territories, employing over 10,000 employees globally. In Ontario they saw a unique opportunity to complement its manufacturing operations with project development made possible by the Renewable Energy Standard offer Program and the Green Energy Act and are now offering its project development internationally. They use a manufacturing facility located in Guelph that manufactures solar panels and noted that all of the panels for the Georgina projects will be manufactured at the Guelph plant.

Mr. Feenstra stated that the Beamlight project is to be located at Frog Street and Park Road, the Earthlight project will be on the south side of Old Homestead Road and the Goldlight project will be on the north side of Old Homestead Road and all are 10 mw of annual capacity.

Mr. Feenstra stated that there were some concerns raised about using Agricultural land for these solar projects, but the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs indicates the subject areas are not prime agricultural land. The Earthlight project will be bordered on the south by Smith Blvd with soil mapping Class 3 and 4, noting that Class 1 and 2 are prime agricultural land with no significant limitations or moderate limitations in use for crops, while Class 3 has moderately severe limitations that reduce the choice of crops and Class 4 has severe limitations that restrict the choice of crops.

Mr. Feenstra noted that the Goldlight project will use less land and will be located on soil class 3 to 5, Class 5 having very severe limitations that restrict capability to produce crops. He showed pictures of other solar projects to provide examples to

12. PRESENTATIONS cont'd:

Council Members of what the projects will look like. He advised that the Beamlight project application has been submitted to the Ministry of the Environment and if approved, construction will not begin until the spring of 2013. The Earthlight and Goldlight project applications will be submitted shortly, with the same type of timeframe.

Harold Lenters, Director of Planning and Building, stated that the approval authority for these projects does not rest with the municipality, but with the province. The Town is part of the process where Council is required to complete a municipal consultation form which has resulted in the recommendations before Council today. He noted that staff was concerned about the subject lands being designated Class 1 or prime agricultural farmland and being proposed for a solar project, but that is not the case.

Mr. Lenters stated that the Town is supportive of renewable and supportable alternative energy and the recommendations of the report request Canadian Solar to address a few concerns which they have agreed to do.

Mr. Feenstra confirmed that Canadian Solar will address all of the Town's concerns. He explained that once a solar project is getting close to being operational, they contact the Director of Operations and invite the local fire department for a tour of the facility and training programs are set up. He noted that most systems have lightning protection on them. He also noted that the Napanee solar project is 8.5 MW and covers 85-90 acres of land which is a fairly typical size, depending on the topography.

Mr. Feenstra explained that the process starts with numerous small wafers or squares which are assembled or streamed together into larger panels. The small wafers are manufactured overseas rather than in Canada and then assembled in Canada. He noted that there are no plants in Ontario that manufacture these small wafers.

Mr. Feenstra advised that no complaints of glare have been received from the Thunder Bay airport regarding the solar field located in close proximity to it. He noted that it is a requirement of the electrical safety authority that the entire area be fenced.

Mr. Lenters advised that another soil test could be requested to ensure that the results of the soil testing is correct, but he does not believe another test would be different.

12. PRESENTATIONS cont'd:

Mr. Feenstra stated that they have held at least three public meetings for each project and they go door-to-door inquiring what the neighbouring property owners think about the projects and if they have questions or concerns. He stated that he recently took over the projects and has been attempting to visit the neighbouring property owners. They choose the properties and they are aware of the technology being proposed, but they do not have any details to share with neighbours until later on in the process.

Mr. Feenstra stated that following the completion of construction, residents don't usually have many concerns. It is a relatively benign, low profile technology and the process does not generate a lot of noise.

Moved by Councillor Craig

Seconded by Councillor Szollosy

RESOLUTION NO. C-2012-0390

THAT THE PRESENTATION MADE BY MARK FEENSTRA, PROJECT MANAGER, SOLAR FARMS, CANADIAN SOLAR SOLUTIONS INC., RESPECTING ITS PROPOSED EARTHLIGHT, BEAMLIGHT AND GOLDLIGHT SOLAR PROJECTS WITHIN GEORGINA, BE RECEIVED.

- A. THAT REPORT PB-2012-0075 BE RECEIVED.
- B. THAT COUNCIL ENDORSE STAFF COMMENTS CONTAINED WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL CONSULTATION FORMS CONTAINED IN SCHEDULES '3' AND '4' TO REPORT PB-2012-0075 FOR THE GOLDLIGHT SOLAR PROJECT AND THE EARTHLIGHT SOLAR PROJECT RESPECTIVELY.
- C. THAT CANADIAN SOLAR PROVIDE A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE TOWN WHICH ADDRESS COMMENTS/CONCERNS OUTLINED IN THE MUNICIPAL CONSULTATION FORM FOR GOLDLIGHT SOLAR PROJECT, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING:
 - I. CANADIAN SOLAR PROVIDE REASONS AS TO WHY A TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE DRAFT REA DOCUMENTS.
 - II. CANADIAN SOLAR SUBMIT MORE DETAILED LANDSCAPE DESIGNS TO THE TOWN OF GEORGINA FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT, ALONG WITH RENDERINGS SHOWING WHAT THE PROJECT WILL LOOK LIKE FROM PUBLIC VIEWS (I.E. – STREET OR NEIGHBOURING PROPERTIES).

12. PRESENTATIONS cont'd:

- III. CANADIAN SOLAR PROVIDE INFORMATION, EDUCATION AND TRAINING TO THE GEORGINA FIRE DEPARTMENT IN REGARDS TO GOLDLIGHT.
 - IV. CANADIAN SOLAR PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN A FIRE SAFETY PLAN FOR GOLDLIGHT.
 - V. CANADIAN SOLAR PROVIDE EMERGENCY ACCESS TO THE SITE DURING CONSTRUCTION AND AFTER.
 - VI. A BUILDING PERMIT WILL BE REQUIRED FOR ALL PLUMBING, ALL BUILDINGS GREATER THAN 10 M. SQ. AND ALL BUILDINGS LESS THAN 10 M. SQ. THAT CONTAIN PLUMBING AS REGULATED UNDER THE BUILDING CODE ACT AND ONTARIO BUILDING CODE.
 - VII. CANADIAN SOLAR CIRCULATE THE STAGE 1 AND 2 ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT REPORT, STAGE 3 ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT REPORT (WHEN COMPLETED), AND THE CULTURAL HERITAGE SCREENING AND CULTURAL HERITAGE ASSESSMENT TO THE GEORGINA HERITAGE COMMITTEE PRIOR TO ANY SITE ALTERATION OR CONSTRUCTION TAKING PLACE ON THE SITE.
- D. THAT CANADIAN SOLAR PROVIDE A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE TOWN WHICH ADDRESS COMMENTS/CONCERNS OUTLINED IN THE MUNICIPAL CONSULTATION FORM FOR EARTHLIGHT SOLAR PROJECT, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING:
- I. CANADIAN SOLAR BE ADVISED THAT THE SITE WOULD BE BETTER SERVICED STRICTLY BY ACCESS FROM OLD HOMESTEAD ROAD YORK REGION RD. NO. 79.
 - II. CANADIAN SOLAR PROVIDE REASONS AS TO WHY A TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE DRAFT REA DOCUMENTS.
 - III. CANADIAN SOLAR SUBMIT MORE DETAILED LANDSCAPE DESIGNS TO THE TOWN OF GEORGINA FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT, ALONG WITH RENDERINGS SHOWING WHAT THE PROJECT WILL LOOK LIKE FROM PUBLIC VIEWS (I.E. – STREET OR NEIGHBOURING PROPERTIES).
 - IV. CANADIAN SOLAR PROVIDE INFORMATION, EDUCATION AND TRAINING TO THE GEORGINA FIRE DEPARTMENT IN REGARDS TO EARTHLIGHT.
 - V. CANADIAN SOLAR PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN A FIRE SAFETY PLAN FOR EARTHLIGHT.
 - VI. CANADIAN SOLAR PROVIDE EMERGENCY ACCESS TO THE SITE DURING CONSTRUCTION AND AFTER.

12. PRESENTATIONS cont'd:

- VII. A BUILDING PERMIT WILL BE REQUIRED FOR ALL PLUMBING, ALL BUILDINGS GREATER THAN 10 M. SQ. AND ALL BUILDINGS LESS THAN 10 M. SQ. THAT CONTAIN PLUMBING AS REGULATED UNDER THE BUILDING CODE ACT AND ONTARIO BUILDING CODE.
 - VIII. CANADIAN SOLAR CIRCULATE THE STAGE 1 AND 2 ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT REPORT, STAGE 3 ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT REPORT (WHEN COMPLETED), AND THE CULTURAL HERITAGE SCREENING AND CULTURAL HERITAGE ASSESSMENT TO THE GEORGINA HERITAGE COMMITTEE PRIOR TO ANY SITE ALTERATION OR CONSTRUCTION TAKING PLACE ON THE SITE.
- E. THAT CANADIAN SOLAR PROVIDE A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE GEORGINA ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE GEORGINA AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGARDING THE COMMENTS CONTAINED IN SCHEDULES '6' AND '7' RESPECTIVELY TO REPORT PB-2012-0075.
- F. THAT THE TOWN CLERK FORWARD A COPY OF REPORT PB-2012-0075 TO CANADIAN SOLAR FOR INCLUSION IN THEIR CONSULTATION REPORT SUBMITTED TO THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AS PART OF THE RENEWABLE ENERGY APPROVAL APPLICATION.

Carried.....

Mayor Grossi moved forward and dealt with Item No. 17.2.2 at this time.

17. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND STAFF REPORTS:

17.2 Report from the Planning and Building Department:

- 17.2.2 Implications of Feed-In-Tariff (FIT) 2.0 Program Rules and Version 2 of the MicroFIT Program Rules

Report No. PB-2012-0076

Harold Lenters, Director of Planning and Building, explained that individuals obtain points if the local Council is supportive of their project and several requests have been received to date. He explained that rather than taking individual requests to Council, other communities have taken the approach to adopt a general approval for rooftop proposals of a certain size and staff believes that this would be an appropriate approach for Council to take. He suggested that Council should deal with larger projects and non-rooftop projects on an individual basis.

17 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND STAFF REPORTS cont'd:

Mr. Lenters advised that staff had raised concerns to Council earlier of the rules for solar panels and wind generating devices and that those devices under the power range of 3KW did not need to comply with any rules. Through a review of the process, the Province of Ontario produced new guidelines and have gone from one extreme to the other as it is now next to impossible to locate a solar panel on any property.

Chief O'Neill stated that the fire department has concerns with the solar panels, especially on residential roofs. The roofs need to be constructed in order to carry the weight of the panels. The department's largest concern is the energy that is created by the panels, that there is no way of turning that energy off. The only way to stop the panels from being energized is to cover them up. This is a relatively new technology and more issues are coming to light. He stated that he has requested training and education on rooftop solar panels as they have concerns from a fire standpoint.

Moved by Councillor Szollosy

Seconded by Councillor Davison

RESOLUTION NO. C-2012-0391

- A. THAT REPORT PB-2012-0076 BE RECEIVED.
- B. THAT COUNCIL ENDORSE THE PROCEDURES FOR REVIEWING REQUESTS FOR MUNICIPAL COUNCIL SUPPORT RESOLUTIONS, FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS THAT ARE NOT ROOFTOP SOLAR PROJECTS, AS OUTLINED IN SECTION 4.1.1 OF REPORT PB-2012-0076.
- C. THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MUNICIPAL COUNCIL BLANKET SUPPORT RESOLUTION:

"WHEREAS THE PROVINCE'S FIT PROGRAM ENCOURAGES THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF ROOFTOP SOLAR PROJECTS OF NAMEPLATE CAPACITIES GREATER THAN 10KW AND LESS THAN 500KW;

AND WHEREAS ONE OR MORE PROJECT MAY BE CONSTRUCTED AND OPERATED IN THE TOWN OF GEORGINA;

17 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND STAFF REPORTS cont'd:

AND WHEREAS, PURSUANT TO THE RULES GOVERNING THE FIT PROGRAM (THE "FIT RULES"), APPLICATIONS WHOSE PROJECTS RECEIVE THE FORMAL SUPPORT OF LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES WILL BE AWARDED PRIORITY POINTS, WHICH MAY RESULT IN THESE APPLICANTS BEING OFFERED A FIT CONTRACT PRIOR TO OTHER PERSONS APPLYING FOR FIT CONTRACTS;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA SUPPORTS ROOFTOP SOLAR PROJECTS OF NAMEPLATE CAPACITIES GREATER THAN 10KW AND LESS THAN 500KW, WITHOUT RESERVATION THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE SAID PROJECTS ON ROOFTOPS ANYWHERE IN THE TOWN OF GEORGINA.

THIS RESOLUTION'S SOLE PURPOSE IS TO ENABLE THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE FIT PROGRAM TO RECEIVE PRIORITY POINTS UNDER THE FIT PROGRAM AND MAY NOT BE USED FOR THE PURPOSES OF ANY OTHER FORM OF MUNICIPAL APPROVAL IN RELATION TO THE APPLICATION OR PROJECT OF ANY OTHER PURPOSE.

THIS RESOLUTION SHALL EXPIRE TWELVE (12) MONTHS AFTER ITS ADOPTION BY COUNCIL."

- D. THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZE STAFF TO PROVIDE LETTERS TO APPLICANTS REQUESTING ZONING OPINION FORMS FOR A PROPOSED GROUND MOUNTED SOLAR PANEL ON A PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN A RURAL ZONE AS OUTLINED IN SECTION 4.2 OF STAFF REPORT PB-2012-0076.

Carried.....

13. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION:14. PUBLIC MEETINGS:15. COMMUNICATIONS:15.1 Matters for Routine:

None.

15. COMMUNICATIONS cont'd:

15.2 Matters for Disposition:

- 15.2.1 Robert Bailey requesting permission to hold the annual Keswick Santa Claus Parade on Saturday, November 17th commencing at 1:30 p.m. along the annual route and to use a P.A. System during the parade.

Moved by Regional Councillor Wheeler

Seconded by Councillor Craig

RESOLUTION NO. C-2012-0392

THAT TOWN COUNCIL GRANT PERMISSION TO ROBERT BAILEY TO HOST THE ANNUAL KESWICK SANTA CLAUS PARADE ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH COMMENCING AT 1:30 P.M. ALONG THE TRADITIONAL ROUTE ALONG THE QUEENSWAY SOUTH FROM R.L. GRAHAM PUBLIC SCHOOL TO THE INTERSECTION OF THE QUEENSWAY AND CHURCH STREET, AND TO USE A P.A. SYSTEM DURING THE PARADE, THAT THE NECESSARY ROADS BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED DURING THE EVENT, AND THAT THE LOCAL EMERGENCY SERVICES BE SO ADVISED

Carried.....

- 15.2.2 Municipal Property Assessment Corporation updating municipalities on its activities for the first and second quarters of 2012.

Rebecca Mathewson, Director of Administrative Services and Treasurer, explained that if a residential property is subject to an decrease in property taxes due to a re-assessment, that decrease will be processed immediately, while if the property is subject to an increase, the increase would be phased in over a four year period in an attempt to ease the additional or unanticipated burden upon taxpayers. She stated that MPAC also has a program in place where anyone with concerns about re-assessment notices can call their office and speak to a staff member for reconsideration and staff will review it. Residents can look at assessments on the 'about my property' website and can compare their assessments to similar properties in their neighbourhood to ensure assessments are fair.

Ms. Mathewson stated that residents should be clear on the fact that the Town has nothing to do with the assessments and should contact MPAC rather than the Town if they have questions or concerns.

15. COMMUNICATIONS cont'd:

Moved by Councillor Davison

Seconded by Regional Councillor Wheeler

RESOLUTION NO. C-2012-0393

THAT CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MUNICIPAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT CORPORATION UPDATING MUNICIPALITIES ON ITS ACTIVITIES FOR THE FIRST AND SECOND QUARTERS OF 2012 BE RECEIVED

Carried.....

- 15.2.3 Royal Canadian Legion requesting permission to host its annual Remembrance Day Parades and Service on Sunday, November 11th at 10:30 a.m. in Sutton along High Street to the cenotaph followed by a service at the Legion, and at 10:30 a.m. in Keswick from the Keswick Public School to the cenotaph.

Moved by Councillor Hackenbrook

Seconded by Councillor Craig

RESOLUTION NO. C-2012-0394

THAT TOWN COUNCIL GRANT PERMISSION TO THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION TO HOST ITS ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE AND SERVICE ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH IN SUTTON COMMENCING AT 10:30 A.M. FROM THE BELL CANADA BUILDING AT HIGH STREET AND DALTON ROAD, ALONG HIGH STREET TO THE CENOTAPH FOR A SERVICE AT 11:00 A.M. FOLLOWED BY A SERVICE AT THE LEGION, AS WELL AS IN KESWICK COMMENCING AT 10:30 A.M. FROM THE KESWICK PUBLIC SCHOOL ALONG THE QUEENSWAY NORTH TO THE CENOTAPH AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE QUEENSWAY NORTH AND CHURCH STREET FOR A SERVICE AT 11:00 A.M., THAT THE LOCAL EMERGENCY SERVICES BE SO ADVISED AND THAT THE PARADE EVENTS AND RESPECTIVE ROAD CLOSURES BE POSTED ON THE TOWN'S WEBSITE.

Carried.....

The Director of Recreation and Culture and the Director of Operations and Engineering were requested to ensure that both cenotaph parks are well maintained prior to these events taking place, including landscaping and new flags.

15. COMMUNICATIONS cont'd:

- 15.2.4 Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority concerning the second formal consultation on Draft Proposed Source Protection Plan and Explanatory Document with a deadline for comments of October 5, 2012 at 4:30 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Craig

Seconded by Councillor Szollosy

RESOLUTION NO. C-2012-0395

THAT CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE LAKE SIMCOE REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY CONCERNING THE SECOND FORMAL CONSULTATION ON DRAFT PROPOSED SOURCE PROTECTION PLAN AND EXPLANATORY DOCUMENT WITH A DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS OF OCTOBER 5, 2012 AT 4:30 P.M., BE RECEIVED.

Carried.....

- 15.2.5 Association of Municipalities of Ontario requesting a Council resolution of support for any member of Council interested in putting their name forward for a Director Vacancy, Regional and Single Tier Caucus, 2012-2014 AMO Board of Directors, by September 25th.

Moved by Councillor Smockum

Seconded by Councillor Szollosy

RESOLUTION NO. C-2012-0396

THAT TOWN COUNCIL NOMINATE ROBERT GROSSI FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR, REGIONAL AND SINGLE TIER CAUCUS, 2012 – 2014 AMO BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND THAT THE REGION OF YORK BE REQUESTED TO INCLUDE IT ON THE REGIONAL AGENDA OF SEPTEMBER 25TH FOR ENDORSEMENT.

Carried unanimously.....

15. COMMUNICATIONS cont'd:

- 15.2.6 Ministry of Infrastructure concerning the launch of its Municipal Infrastructure Strategy beginning with the new Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative (MIII) of \$60 Million over the next three years.

Moved by Councillor Craig

Seconded by Councillor Davison

RESOLUTION NO. C-2012-0397

THAT CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE CONCERNING THE LAUNCH OF ITS MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY BEGINNING WITH THE NEW MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT INITIATIVE (MIII) OF \$60 MILLION OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS BE RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS AND ENGINEERING FOR INCLUSION IN HIS ASSET MANAGEMENT STRATEGY AND REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS

Carried.....

16. PETITIONS:

None.

18. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

19. REGIONAL BUSINESS:

None.

20. BY-LAWS:

Moved by Councillor Davison

Seconded by Councillor Wheeler

That the following by-laws be given three readings:

- 20.1 By-law Number 2012-0079 (FI-2) Being a By-law to authorize the Georgina Fire Department to enter into a Red Cross 1st Aid Provider Agreement to provide for the participation of the Georgina Fire Department in the Red Cross 1st Responder Program.

Carried.....

Moved by Councillor Smockum

Seconded by Councillor Davison

That the following by-law be given three readings:

- 20.2 By-law Number 2012-0080 (PWO-2) Being a By-law to dedicate certain lands as public highway and forming part of Wyndham Circle.

Carried.....

Moved by Councillor Hackenbrook

Seconded by Councillor Wheeler

That the following by-law be given three readings:

- 20.3 By-law Number 2012-0081 (PWO-3) Being a By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Pre-Servicing Agreement between 2151028 Ontario Limited, as owner, and the Corporation of the Town of Georgina respecting the development of Part Lots 18 and 19, Concession 9.

Carried.....

20. BY-LAWS cont'd:

Moved by Councillor Szollosy

Seconded by Councillor Craig

That the following by-law be given three readings:

20.4 By-law Number 2012-0082 (PL-1) Being a By-law to deem a lot not to be a lot on a Registered Plan of Subdivision, Block 208 and Lot 1, Plan 65M-3421, 2 Highcastle Avenue.

Carried.....

Moved by Councillor Szollosy

Seconded by Councillor Craig

That the following by-law be given three readings:

20.5 By-law Number 2012-0083 (PL-1) Being a By-law to deem a lot not to be a lot on a Registered Plan of Subdivision, Block 209, Lot 145, Plan 65M-3421, 1 Highcastle Avenue.

Carried.....

21. MOTIONS:

None.

22. NOTICES OF MOTION:

None.

23. OTHER BUSINESS:

23.1 Streetlights along Woodbine Avenue

Dan Pisani, Director of Operations and Engineering, indicated that he has no recent update on this issue but has been advised by the Region that the lights are to be operational in the early part of September.

24. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Moved by Councillor Craig

Seconded by Councillor Davison

That the following by-laws be given three readings:

By-law Number 2012-0084 (COU-2)

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

Carried.....

25. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Councillor Szollosy

Seconded y Councillor Smockum

That the meeting adjourn at this time (8:40 p.m.).

Robert Grossi, Mayor

Winanne Grant, Deputy Clerk