

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA

COUNCIL AGENDA

Continuation of 2014 Budget Review and Deliberations

Friday, March 7, 2014
9:00 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER - MOMENT OF MEDITATION
2. ROLL CALL
3. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS
4. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEM(S)
5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
6. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF
7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES *None.*
8. DETERMINATION OF REPORTS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION
9. PUBLIC MEETING(S) UNDER THE PLANNING ACT OR OTHER LEGISLATION
None.

***IF MORE THAN ONE PUBLIC MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THE SAME TIME, THEY WILL BE DEALT WITH IN THE ORDER THAT THEY APPEAR ON THE AGENDA OR AS COUNCIL MAY DETERMINE.**

- a. STATUTORY MEETING(S) UNDER THE PLANNING ACT OR MEETINGS PERTAINING TO THE CONTINUATION OF PLANNING MATTERS
- b. NON-STATUTORY MEETING(S) UNDER OTHER LEGISLATION
- c. OTHER PUBLIC MEETINGS

10. DELEGATIONS/SPEAKERS/PETITIONS

10.1 Opportunity for 2014 Budget public input

11. PRESENTATIONS

11.1 2014 Draft Budget

12. RESOLUTION TO MOVE INTO COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE

12.1 ADOPTION OF REPORTS ON CONSENT AGENDA NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

12.2 CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

13. RECONVENE TO COUNCIL FROM COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE

14. COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE

‘That all reports on the Council in Committee agenda, with the exception of the reports that have been deferred, deleted, tabled or withdrawn be received by Council and the recommendations contained therein, as presented or amended, be adopted.’

15. COMMUNICATIONS

15.1 General Information Items *None*.

- a) Committee of Adjustment Planning Matters
 - i) Under Review
 - ii) Recommendations
 - iii) Decisions
- b) All other matters

15.2 Disposition/Proclamations

Pages 1-2

15.2.1 Hajnalka Hartwick respecting her concerns with the Town’s draft budget, specifically funding requests from organizations.

16. MOTIONS/NOTICES OF MOTION

17. REGIONAL BUSINESS

18. OTHER BUSINESS

19. BY-LAWS
20. CLOSED SESSION *(if required)*
 - 20.1 Motion to move into closed session of Council
 - 20.2 Motion to reconvene into open session of Council and report on matters discussed in closed session.
21. CONFIRMING BY-LAW
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By-law No. 2014-0016 (COU-2), a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council on March 7, 2014.
22. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Subject:

2014 Town of Georgina Budget

I have taken the opportunity to review specific sections of the Town's budget. Below I have set out some of my concerns and specifically funding requests received.

1. Chamber of Commerce. Every year the Town funds this organization. The budget reflects funding of \$94,000 in 2013 and this year they are requesting \$93,087.50. I am not aware of any other chamber of commerce in neighboring municipalities that receive such a large amount of funding. Most municipalities will either host or provide nominal funding requests. This organization should be self sufficient and not rely on tax payers to provide funding. We support the businesses that are members by utilizing their services or purchasing their products, we should not be funding their professional networking group too.
2. Georgina Arts Centre and Gallery. This one really bothers me. Not only are we funding them annually, I believe they are currently located in a Town facility (the old Sutton Library) and it is my understanding they will be occupying space in the old Sutton Public School. Do they pay annual rent to the Town for use of this facility? This organization should be self-sufficient and should not rely on the \$90,000 funding request from the Town annually. Initiatives should be undertaken to get them off of the tax base.
3. Georgina Transit. I note that the Town has funded them annually \$50,000 since 2008. This year they are requesting \$70,000. This organization should work closer with Region and YRT to determine how the service can be provided and perhaps they need to amalgamate with other organizations to continue with the service. I do believe it is an important service needed in the community, however, I do not believe it should be funded from the tax base.
4. Georgina Military Museum. I note that they have submitted a phased in funding request. As a mother of a military daughter and a Canadian, I do believe it is important to have this type of facility, however, I do not believe it should be funded through the Town. Can you please confirm if the building they are located in is a Town facility and if it is, if they pay any rent.
5. GTTI. I do believe this is an important organization and education facility and much needed and utilized in the Town by residents. However, the request for an additional \$10,000 is not acceptable. This facility should be 100% self sufficient and not rely on funding from the Town at all. Perhaps the Town can provide some type of sponsorship, but not in the amount of \$30,000 annually. Can you please confirm if they also contribute any money to the Town for rent to their facility.
6. Georgina Gathering. This event I believe is the former Highland Games which was managed by the Chamber of Commerce. I do not see the Chamber of Commerce reducing their request by \$15,000. This event should not receive funding from the Town and should be self-sufficient.
7. I also noticed that \$60,000 is funded to Wilding Lake Simcoe which is a project of the Ladies of the Lake. We should not be funding this at all.

Each year I see these funding requests in the budget and do not understand why the Town continues to feel that the taxpayers of Georgina should fund these organizations and that they should not be self-sufficient. I request that Town Council consider eliminating this funding model. Plan simple, we cannot afford it anymore and

this money should be invested in other much needed capital projects.

Council needs to tighten their pencils and stop funding these organizations. There are many organizations in Georgina who operate successfully without public funding. These organizations should be doing the same.

In the past Council has loaned money to organizations i.e. the Red Barn, Internet Lake Simcoe, etc. Perhaps these organizations should be seeking funding from traditional funding sources and not rely on public funds to keep them afloat or perhaps they should be adjusting their own budgets and spending habits so they can operate a balanced budget. I am worried that with the continual funds being requested year after year, the tax payers are going to own an Art Gallery or start running the Chamber of Commerce. We already own an internet company through default payments that were owed to the Town.

I noted in the budget documents include an email from a resident noting a petition to council addressing the need of a sidewalk along Station Road to provide safe pedestrian traffic and requested that it be considered in the 2014 budget. I did not see reference to any capital project for a sidewalk in Pefferlaw. It is my understanding that this project has been axed by Town council many times. The residents of Pefferlaw deserve this much needed sidewalk. This road is very narrow and the use of this road by pedestrians is very high especially in the warmer months. It is my opinion that the Town is exposing itself to potential liability should an unforeseen accident occur in this area especially since it is documented in public records of the need for the sidewalk through this correspondence and also through local media. Council needs to start investing into every community within Georgina, and not just in the higher populated areas.

Various capital items or "new initiatives" also caught my eye. Why on earth would we need a forestry person. The majority of the forest are owned and operated by either LRSCA, the Region or the Ministry. Dealing with the emerald ash borer situation should be handled by current staff not new hires.

As Ms. Grant stated in her budget presentation. "Synergy" is essential and should include the public. I do not know the reasoning for the change of day but moving the budget meeting from the regularly scheduled Wednesday meeting to Tuesday was not a good display of "synergy" . Perhaps it should have been postponed to a regularly scheduled Wednesday evening when individuals who may have planned on attending could have attended.

I am not able to attend the budget deliberations during the day and ask that this email be considered during the discussions.

Thank you,

Hajnalka Hartwick
Pefferlaw, Ontario

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA
IN THE
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

BY-LAW NO. 2014-0016 (COU-2)

**BEING A BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 7th DAY
OF MARCH, 2014**

WHEREAS under subsection 5(3) of the *Municipal Act, S.O. 2001*, chapter 25, as amended, the powers of a council of a municipal corporation shall be exercised by by-law;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient that the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Georgina at its meeting held on the 7th day of March, 2014 be confirmed and adopted by by-law.

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Town of Georgina, in the Regional Municipality of York, hereby enacts as follows:

1. The proceedings and actions of Council as contained in the Reports and Additional Business referred to in Schedule 'A' at the end of this by-law are adopted and confirmed as if each proceeding and action were expressly adopted and confirmed by by-law. As if all such proceedings were expressly embodied in this by-law.
2. Subject to section 3, the Mayor, any other appropriate member of Council and the proper Town officials be authorized and directed to undertake all actions necessary to give effect to the proceedings and directions of Council referred to in section 1.
3. Where a proceeding or action requires an additional approval to that of Council before a particular action can be done in order to give full effect to it, the Mayor, any other appropriate member of Council and the proper Town officials before taking the particular action under the authorization of section 2, shall seek and obtain the necessary additional approval and are authorized to do so.
4. A document required to be signed on behalf of the Town shall be signed by the Mayor or Deputy Mayor, Town Clerk or Deputy Clerk.
5. A Member of Council, whose name is set out in Column 1 of Schedule 'B', Conflict of Interest, at the end of this by-law, has declared an interest with respect to any item in Column 2 set out opposite the member's name, and the Member has declared an interest in this confirmatory by-law as it relates to the confirmation of the proceedings and actions on the item.
6. This by-law shall be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, affixed with the seal of the Corporation and engrossed in the By-law book.

READ and enacted this 7th day of March, 2014.

Robert Grossi, Mayor

Yvonne Aubichon, Town Clerk

Schedule 'A' to By-law No. 2014-0016 (COU-2)

MINUTES

Council Meeting of March 7th, 2014.

Schedule 'B' to By-law No. 2014-0016 (COU-2)

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Column 1

Column 2

n/a

n/a