

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA

SPECIAL COUNCIL ADDENDUM (#2)

Wednesday, September 16, 2015
9:00 AM

13. DISPOSITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS, GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS AND COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

(1) Dispositions/Proclamations

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- (c) Board of Directors, Georgina Arts Centre & Gallery, requesting \$66,000 to sustain the operation of the Arts Centre for the balance of the year.

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- (d) Memorandum from Sarah Brislin, Committee Services Coordinator, advising of Georgina Accessibility Advisory Committee approval for the use of accessibility reserve funding for accessibility upgrades at De La Salle Park and The Link.

(Advisement: Refer to Resolution No. C-2015-0616 of September 9, 2015, and Direction of the same date endorsing the above-noted upgrades, pending approval of the GAAC)

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- (e) Kevin Arjoon, Acting City Clerk, City of Kingston, supporting the continued operation of Hydro One as a publicly owned asset, and that the sale of any Hydro One assets be limited solely to the sale to other public bodies.

(Advisement: Correspondence separated for discussion, from the General Information Listing of September 16, 2015)

**Delivered by hand**

September 11, 2015

Mr. P. Rose-Donahoe
Manager of Culture
Town of Georgina
26557 Civic Centre Road
Keswick, Ontario

Dear Phil:

Re: Cash Flow Relief – Georgina Arts Centre & Gallery

Yesterday, we discussed issues pertaining to our shortage in cash flow. Please accept this letter as our official request for immediate cash flow relief. The reasons as discussed, relate to issues stemming from December 2014 when the GAC experienced a series of events, which have impacted our cash flow. The ensuing result of these issues has now placed the GAC in dire need of financial assistance.

As you are aware we have been in discussions for over two years with the Town vis a vis our possible relocation to the Link. This had made it very difficult for the GAC to do any long term strategic plan development, apply for possible grants (grants have always been a part of our major core funding) and as well causing uncertainty among community members as to future programming.

Our facility issues started in December of last year when we were forced to be closed, by the Town due to significant leaking of the roof. This occurred during our most productive retail time and during the period when we promote the 2015 programming. In addition, this was right after we lost our executive director and several board members.

With the instability of our facility, staff and board our early 2015 programming had limited success. In March we hired a new Marketing Manager, who unfortunately did not pass probation.

The GAC has had numerous OTF grants, including support for the position of Aboriginal Cultural Coordinator. However, the grant ended in June and the GAC was unable to continue with this position. The new OTF structure requires a 5 year business plan and lease to qualify. Due to the instability of a permanent location and as a result of not having any signed agreement with the Municipality we have been declared ineligible to pursue any grants. The Georgina Arts Centre & Gallery applied for Seed Funding from OTF, which we expected would start to flow in October 2015. However, the application was denied.

At this time we find ourselves with no additional financial options, we will not be able to make our payroll for months end. Additional operating costs such as payment to co-op artists and suppliers cannot be met.

With the fire code issues, and construction required to bring our facility up to code we cannot confidently rent or program this space. This further limits our potential income.

The Town and the GAC are also currently working on an operating agreement, which going forward will establish clear goals and guidelines for the GAC, in return for continued and possible additional financial support. We fully expect as a result of this operating agreement that the Town's support will increase significantly. This agreement will then allow the GAC to appropriately apply for grants and donations from a variety of sources. The GAC will continue to provide quality programming, in lieu of the Town of Georgina providing this service on its own at a higher cost. The GAC has established an excellent reputation within the community over the last 15 years and as we implement our business plan our services to the community will grow.

Our monthly expenses are about \$21,000. At this time we officially request \$66,000 to sustain the operation of the GAC for the rest of this year. The GAC expects to be able to cover any additional operating expenses from sales and programming. Without, the Town support there are no other options for the Georgina Arts Centre & Gallery to continue to provide a much needed cultural service in accordance with the Town's Cultural Master Plan. We appreciate your consideration of this serious issue and look forward to your positive reply.

Sincerely



Georgina Arts & Gallery
Board of Directors

cc: Mayor M. Quirk
Ms. R. Mathewson
Mr. F. Sebo



TOWN OF GEORGINA
Civic Centre, Keswick, Ontario L4P 3G1

**The Clerks
Department**

Memo

To: Georgina Town Council,

From: Sarah Brislin, Committee Services Coordinator

Date: 14/09/2015

Re: Adoption of Georgina Accessibility Advisory Committee Resolutions.

On September 9, 2015 Council passed resolutions, for which minutes have not yet been adopted, approving the use of funding from the Accessibility Reserve. These resolutions included approving the Improvement of De La Salle Park's Accessibility at the Waterfront Park/Beach in the amount of \$217,800; and approving for funds in the amount of 35,500.00 for construction of a ramp at The Link. Council directed that these resolutions be contingent upon a recommendation of the Georgina Accessibility Advisory Committee.

In respect of the aforementioned Council resolutions, on September 14, 2015 The Georgina Accessibility Advisory Committee (GAAC) passed the following resolutions, for which minutes have not yet been adopted:

(1) RESOLUTION NO. GAAC-2015-0039

That, subject to the site plan process, the Georgina Accessibility Advisory Committee approve spending \$217,800 of the Accessibility Reserve to cover the Town's contributions towards the Accessibility upgrades project for De La Salle Park.

(2) RESOLUTION NO. GAAC-2015-0040

That, subject to the site plan process, the Georgina Accessibility Advisory Committee approve spending \$35,500.00 of the Accessibility Reserve to cover the Town's contributions towards the Accessibility Ramp project for The Link.



Office of the City Clerk

September 3, 2015

Via email to: premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier
Main Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Wynne:

RE: Kingston City Council Meeting – September 1, 2015 – Deferred Motion

I would confirm that Kingston City Council at its regular meeting held on September, 2015, approved the following resolution, being a Deferred Motion from the August 11, 2015 City Council Meeting:

Whereas Hydro One is a public asset, owned and paid for by generations of residents, ratepayers, and taxpayers in Ontario; and

Whereas a public utility's surpluses stay in the province and have contributed to our common wealth; and

Whereas as a public service it has helped our province become the industrial heartland of Canada, contributing to generations of economic growth; and

Whereas as a public asset, our provincially elected legislature has been able to appropriately and accountably set electricity policy over time, such as green energy initiatives and the stewardship of nuclear energy;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the City of Kingston states that it supports the continued operation of Hydro One as a publicly owned asset, and furthermore, that the sale of any Hydro One assets be limited solely to the sale to other public bodies, such as Ontario municipally owned utilities; and

That this motion be shared with Kingston and the Islands MPP Sophie Kiwala; MP Ted Hsu; Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne; and Opposition Leaders; Patrick Brown and Andrea Horwath, as well as Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Electricity Distributors Association, and all municipalities in Ontario with populations over 30,000.

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Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Kevin Arjoon
Acting City Clerk

/s

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The Honourable Patrick Brown, MPP, Leader, Official Opposition
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