

TOWN OF GEORGINA  
COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 2, 2016

RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

*REGARDING THE EVALUATION CRITERIA USED FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR GRANT FUNDING  
SUBMITTED UNDER THE ONTARIO COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (OCIF), BUILDING CANADA  
FUND – SMALL COMMUNITIES FUND*

WHEREAS the Town of Georgina submitted Expressions of Interest for grant funding for the purpose of Watermain Works on Woodbine Avenue and Watermain Works on Dalton Road; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) has advised that the Town of Georgina's Expressions of Interest were not selected to move forward to the application stage as other municipalities were comparatively faced with more challenging economic conditions; and

WHEREAS the Town of Georgina strives to achieve sustainable service delivery through its Asset Management Plan and sound fiscal management; and

WHEREAS the evaluation criteria used by OMAFRA prevents the Town of Georgina from achieving access to grants available through the OCIF Build Canada Fund – Small Communities Fund due to the Town's sound fiscal management; and

WHEREAS the evaluation criteria used by OMAFRA are narrow in scope and do not reflect the broader economic landscape and the identified needs of the communities in the Town of Georgina; and

WHEREAS municipalities have little ability to alter their circumstances and improve their evaluation score or ranking;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Georgina urges the Honourable Jeff Leal, Minister of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs to discontinue use of the current evaluation criteria and instead consider a fair and equitable formula that promotes access to all future infrastructure grants for all municipalities in Ontario.

Moved: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_