

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA

## COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, January 18, 2017  
9:00 AM

### Staff:

Winanne Grant, Chief Administrative Officer  
Rebecca Mathewson, Director of Administrative Services and Treasurer  
Harold Lenters, Director of Development Services  
Robin McDougall, Director of Recreation and Culture  
Ron Jenkins, Director of Emergency Services and Fire Chief  
Dan Pisani, Director of Operations and Infrastructure  
Karyn Stone, Manager of Economic Development and Tourism Development  
Robert Fortier, Manager of Capital Projects  
Phil Rose-Donahoe, Manager of Cultural Services  
Ken McAlpine, Landscape Architectural Planner  
Ken Turriff, Interim Communications Manager  
John Espinosa, Town Clerk  
Carolyn Lance, Council Services Coordinator

### 1. CALL TO ORDER - MOMENT OF MEDITATION

A moment of meditation was observed.

### 2. ROLL CALL

The following Members of Council were present:

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| Mayor Quirk        | Regional Councillor Davison |
| Councillor Fellini | Councillor Harding          |
| Councillor Neeson  | Councillor Sebo             |

### 3. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, Mosquito Abatement Program public meetings to be held at Udora Community Hall, 5:30pm to 6:30pm and Pefferlaw Community Hall, 7:00am to 8:00am
- Make-A-Wish Charity Hockey Game between the Georgina Fire Fighters and Old-Timers was well attended
- Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, SnoFest at The ROC, 10:00am to 3:00pm
- Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, Georgina Chamber of Commerce AGM at The Link, 7:00pm

4. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEM(S)

- Item No. 10(3) Presentation by Arthur Field concerning the 2017 Budgetary Deliberations was withdrawn by the presenter, unable to attend
- Item No. 12(2)(C) Report No. RC-2017-0003 entitled 'Tenant Solicitation for the Link, Expression of Interest RC-2016-068' withdrawn from the agenda

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Fellini, Seconded by Councillor Harding

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2017-0019**

That the agenda, with the following amendments, be approved as presented.

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**Carried.**

6. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF *None.*
7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES *None.*
8. SPEAKERS

**Mayor Quirk** inquired if anyone was in attendance who wished to speak to any item on the agenda;

**Joanne Henderson**, 557 Lake Drive East, Willow Beach, inquired whether or not an insurance cheque has been received by the municipality with respect to Item 12(2)(A), Report No. AD-2017-0003 entitled '481 Lake Drive East' concerning the barn fire, and if so, whether or not it has been cashed. She inquired if more or less money will be paid out by the insurance company due to the fact that the barn was not designated as an historical site.

**Joanne Henderson** inquired, with respect to Item No. 10(2), how the insurance money will be spent if the barn structure is not rebuilt. Ms. Henderson advised that the subject site has been repurposed into a public event site and inquired if it will set

a precedent for other owners of farm property who may wish to use their property in a different manner such as residential development.

9. DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS *None.*

10. PRESENTATIONS

(1) Marcus Kolga, Monika Roose and Eerik Valter of the Estonian Youth Camp Joekaaru in Udora, presenting the camp's history.

**Marcus Kolga** addressed Council, advising that the Estonian Youth Camp has been in operation for 64 years and is a philanthropic non-profit organization with a mission to educate youth who travel to Udora from across Canada, USA, Sweden, Estonia and elsewhere to offer a unique, immersive experience in Estonian language, culture and spirit learning in a peaceful country setting.

**Eerik Valter** advised that the camp operates five weeks a year. For the balance of the year, the property and amenities are available for use by the community.

**Monika Roose** advised that their facilities are open to public use for the remaining weeks of the year which include amenities such as volleyball courts, beach courts, Olympic track, steeple chase/fitness trail in the woods, cross country skiing and forested paths.

**Marcus Kolga** advised that the camp has been paying annual property taxes of \$30,000 and fundraises to cover it but the camp will be forced to close within five years based on this rate. It is working with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) to create a category defined for tax exemption status for ethno-cultural camps as they are educational, not religious.

Moved by Councillor Harding, Seconded by Regional Councillor Davison

#### **RESOLUTION NO. C-2017-0020**

That the presentation made by Marcus Kolga, Monika Roose and Eerik Valter of the Estonian Youth Camp Joekaaru in Udora, presenting the camp's history and efforts through the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) to define a tax exemption category for ethno-cultural camps, be received and a letter of thanks be forwarded to the camp for its involvement in the community and activities provided for the community over many years.

**Carried.**

(2) Annabel Slaight, Ontario Water Centre, respecting youth workshops on the future of the barn and suggested next steps.

**Annabel Slaight**, founding chair of the Ontario Water Centre, which is an educational organization with charitable status, developing the ClearWater Farm as a social enterprise that will assist children's learning and increase economic development opportunities in the Town. A video was shown at this time. The barn was envisioned as part of the master plan, the educational heart of the farm. It influenced the design of the sheds and was to be the entry point for 2,000 young people per year visiting the farm. Following the barn fire, 2,000 people voted in favour of this project continuing through a funding contest. Recommendations include rebuilding the farm to keep old memories alive. It is intended that the barn reconstruction be as similar to the original barn as possible.

Moved by Councillor Neeson, Seconded by Councillor Fellini

#### **RESOLUTION NO. C-2017-0021**

That the presentation provided by Annabel Slaight, Ontario Water Centre, regarding youth workshops on the future of the barn and suggested next steps, be received.

**Carried.**

(3) Arthur Field concerning the 2017 Budgetary Deliberations.

Mr. Field was not in attendance. Mr. Field's information was referred to the January 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> budget deliberations.

**Robert Fortier** updated Council on the progress of the Dalton Road water and sewer construction project as a collaborate effort between the Town, the Region, Memme Construction and Cole Engineering, indicating that the scope of work is installation of a new trunk water main, new town water main, new water services and new sanitary laterals. Construction should begin near the end of January following the receipt of the road occupancy permit from the Region of York, with no specific completion date, but is estimated the final asphalt will be laid in 2018. Water mains are under the two west lanes and two-way traffic will be routed to the two east lanes, with traffic signals to be temporarily relocated to the east side of the road. It is the intent to maintain water to abutting businesses at all times during construction.

#### 11. PUBLIC MEETINGS *None.*

- (1) STATUTORY MEETING(S) UNDER THE PLANNING ACT OR MEETINGS PERTAINING TO THE CONTINUATION OF PLANNING MATTERS *None.*
- (2) STATUTORY MEETING(S) UNDER OTHER LEGISLATION *None.*
- (3) OTHER PUBLIC MEETINGS *None.*

## 12. REPORTS

(1) ADOPTION OF REPORTS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION  
None.

(2) REPORTS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Report from the Administrative Services Department:

(A) 481 Lake Drive East

Report No. AD-2017-0003

**Winanne Grant** advised that the use of the 481 Lake Drive East farm property has changed to involve public participation, while the previous question regarding use of agricultural land for non-agricultural related uses was referring to an application that was previously before Council by owners of farmland to create an inland lake for private wake boarding purposes.

**Harold Lenters** advised that he does not believe a precedent would be set to use agricultural land for non-agricultural uses, as the current official plan designation and zoning on the subject property would not permit residential development, and the Greenbelt Plan would make residential use difficult.

**Winanne Grant** advised that the integration of the public on the portion of the Reed Farm leased by the Ontario Water Centre was a requirement of Council. The municipality, when negotiating the terms of the lease agreement, required that the public was to have access to these public lands.

**John Espinosa** provided a summary of the report addressing the insurance issues. The barn was not an historical barn, but it was noted by an engineer that it was not a typical barn construction, that it contained features that increased its value. The Town has not received payment by the insurance company. No records of the barn construction is available. \$278,000 replacement value is for replacement of a 'like and kind' for a typical wood constructed barn. A wide variety of options were provided by the insurance adjuster. If Council chooses to rebuild the barn, the insurance company is willing to cover any increased costs that may occur as the project progresses.

Options include;

- if the Town wishes to rebuild the barn in 'like and kind manner', the \$286,000 insurance budget could be increased if there are cost overruns.
- the Town can accept insurance proceeds and rebuild in another location
- if the barn is rebuilt, any areas that originally had dirt floors would remain dirt floor unless concrete is requested

- if the Town decides to work with the Ontario Water Centre to rebuild the barn and wishes to add features for the Ontario Water Centre uses, those costs over and above the insurance adjuster's valuation of the barn would not be covered by the insurance carrier.

- if the Town chooses not to rebuild the barn, the insurance coverage would be approximately \$249,000

- if rebuilding to replace the structure, \$286,000 would be the starting point; the insurance company is obligated to cover the replacement costs

**John Espinosa** advised that if the Town accepts cash before it decides on its course of action, the replacement value on \$249,000 will depreciate over time.

**Winanne Grant** advised that the lease agreement for the portion of the property on which the barn was located requires an annual work plan, which is forthcoming from the Ontario Water Centre in February. Any decision made about the barn and the long term plan for the replacement of the facility should not be made independent of that broader concept. The Town could contribute \$287,000 towards a rebuild project. It would be preferred that this be a Water Centre project with contributions from the municipality and no municipal staff time.

**John Espinosa** advised that if the barn is rebuilt, it remains the property of the Town.

Moved by Councillor Neeson, Seconded by Councillor Sebo

#### **RESOLUTION NO. C-2017-0022**

1. That Council receive Report No. AD-2017-0003, prepared by the Clerk's Division, Administrative Services Department dated January 18, 2017, regarding insurance replacement costs of property destroyed by fire at 481 Lake Drive East.
2. That staff work with Water Centre, AIG and ClaimsPro to develop a collaborative effort at rebuilding the barn structure destroyed by fire at 481 Lake Drive East and report back, as part of the annual report from the Ontario Water Centre expected in late February or early March of 2017.

**Carried.**

#### Reports from the Recreation and Culture Department:

(B) Facility Accessibility Design Standards

Report No. RC-2017-0002

**Phil Rose-Donahoe** provided a summary of the report. The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) implemented by the Province has instigated changes to the interior building code.

Moved by Councillor Davison, Seconded by Councillor Harding

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2017-0023**

1. That Council receive Report No. RC-2017-0002 prepared by the Cultural Services Division, Recreation and Culture Department dated January 18, 2017 respecting the 2017 Facility Accessibility Design Standards.
2. That Council approve the 2017 Facility Accessibility Design Standards prepared by DesignABLE Environments Incorporated.

**Carried.**

\*Attachment '1' to the report entitled 'Facility Accessibility Design Standards' has been provided electronically as part of the agenda, accessible on the Town's website.

(C) Tenant Solicitation for the Link, Expression of Interest RC-2016-068  
Report No. RC-2017-0003

This report was withdrawn by staff.

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

(1) Dispositions/Proclamations

- (A) Lisa Lyons, Town Clerk, Town of Aurora, requesting endorsement of its position concerning the potential establishment of designated areas in police stations for the safe exchange of online transactions.

York Regional Police has advised that their staff cannot guarantee safety, and noted that no staff is on site at the 3 District office during certain hours and entry to the building would not be an option during those times. It was suggested that exchanges of online transactions can be made in any public area.

Moved by Councillor Sebo, Seconded by Councillor Neeson

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2017-0024**

That correspondence from Lisa Lyons, Town Clerk, Town of Aurora, requesting endorsement of its position concerning the potential establishment of designated areas in police stations for the safe exchange of online transactions, be received.

**Carried.**

- (B) Anne Leonard, Executive Director, Ontario Community Council on Impaired Driving, requesting support of a Town of Pickering motion requesting the Province to implement legislation requiring operators of public transportation to install ignition interlock devices to prevent driving with unsafe blood alcohol levels the morning after drinking, along with an accompanying pamphlet.

Moved by Councillor Neeson, Seconded by Councillor Sebo

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2017-0025**

That correspondence from Anne Leonard, Executive Director, Ontario Community Council on Impaired Driving, requesting support of a Town of Pickering motion requesting the Province implement legislation requiring operators of public transportation to install ignition interlock devices to prevent driving with unsafe blood alcohol levels the morning after drinking, be received and referred to the Region of York for comment on the program including prevention of any form of intoxication and clarification with regard to blood alcohol levels.

**Carried.**

- (C) Sarah Brislin, Committee Services Coordinator, Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee, requesting Council support its recommendation that the Region of York consider the enactment of a Regional Producer Responsibility By-law.

It was suggested that the Region request local stores to eliminate the practice of providing non-biodegradable plastic bags to customers.

Moved by Councillor Neeson, Seconded by Regional Councillor Davison

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2017-0026**

That Town Council endorse the position of the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee requesting the Region of York consider the enactment of a Regional Producer Responsibility By-law and that this position be circulated to the other lower tier York Regional municipalities for support.

**Carried.**

- (D) Sarah Brislin, Committee Services Coordinator, Georgina Agricultural Advisory Committee, requesting Council investigate livestock trailer emergency training and the purchase of necessary equipment to deal with such situations.



Moved by Councillor Harding, Seconded by Councillor Sebo

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2017-0027**

That Council endorse the position of the Georgina Agricultural Advisory Committee with regard to the need for livestock trailer emergency training, and that the Committee's resolution be referred to Fire Chief Jenkins and to Northern 6 (N6) discussions to determine joint training with the involvement of the Police Department, Fire Department and EMS, and that Council to be advised of the results.

**Carried.**

- (E) Sarah Brislin, Committee Services Coordinator, Georgina Accessibility Advisory Committee, requesting endorsement of its motion to purchase accessibility stickers for use by businesses to allow Registered Service Animals.

Moved by Regional Councillor Davison, Seconded by Councillor Harding

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2017-0028**

That Council endorse the Georgina Accessibility Advisory Committee's recommendation to purchase 'Registered Service Animals' accessibility stickers as part of an awareness campaign for use by businesses, that this endorsement be referred to the Communications Division to work with the Georgina Accessibility Advisory Committee concerning potential inclusion of Georgina and Regional branding, and to contact the Region concerning funding assistance with an awareness campaign and to develop a communication plan to incorporate these suggestions.

**Carried.**

- (F) Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration inviting submissions of nominations for the Ontario Medal for Young Volunteers and the Ontario Volunteer Service Awards by January 25, 2017.

Moved by Regional Councillor Davison, Seconded by Councillor Fellini

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2017-0029**

That correspondence from the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration inviting submissions of nominations for the Ontario Medal for Young Volunteers and the Ontario Volunteer Service Awards by January 25, 2017 be received and referred to the Recreation and Culture Department for disposition.

**Carried.**

(2) General Information Items

Moved by Councillor Sebo, Seconded by Councillor Harding

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2017-0030**

That the General Information Listing for January 18, 2016, be received.

**Carried.**

(3) Committee of Adjustment Planning Matters *None.*

- (a) Under Review
- (b) Recommendations
- (c) Decisions

Moved by Councillor Neeson, Seconded by Councillor Harding

That the meeting recess at 11:02 a.m.

**Carried.**

Reconvene at 11:15 a.m.

14. MOTIONS/NOTICES OF MOTION *None.*

15. REGIONAL BUSINESS *None.*

16. OTHER BUSINESS

Council was advised that with regard to the disposition item on the previous week's agenda concerning grant approvals, \$1,000 was taken from each of the ice fishing grants to comprise the \$2,000 towards advertising for the ice fishing tournaments. Our Central Counties Tourism organization has utilized these funds to produce a full page ad in the February 11<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Globe and Mail. It was suggested that a copy of this ad be provided to Council for their information.

17. BY-LAWS *None.*

18. CLOSED SESSION *None.*

- (1) Motion to move into closed session of Council
- (2) Motion to reconvene into open session of Council and report on matters discussed in closed session.

19. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Moved by Councillor Neeson, Seconded by Councillor Fellini

That the following by-law be approved:

- (1) By-law No. 2017-0005 (COU-2), a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council on January 18, 2017.

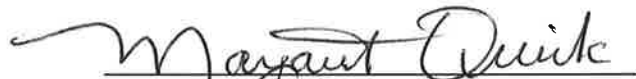
**Carried.**

20. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by Councillor Harding, Seconded by Regional Councillor Davison

That the meeting adjourn at 11:17 a.m.

**Carried.**

  
Margaret Quirk, Mayor

  
John Espinosa, Town Clerk