

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA

COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, February 8, 2017
7:02 PM

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
Bev Moffatt, Director of Human Resources
Darlene Carson-Hildebrand, Manager of Finance and Deputy Treasurer
Rob Wheeler, Budget Accountant
David Scherbarth, Operations Analyst
Robert Fortier, Acting Operations and Infrastructure Manager
Tanya Thompson, Communications Manager
Rachel Dillabough, Deputy 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:

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

3. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mayor Quirk and Council thanked staff efforts towards the SnoFest event held on Saturday, February 4th
- Saturday, February 25th, Egypt Hall Board hosting a Hypnotist at the Egypt Hall at 8:00pm
- Tuesday, February 13th, Valentine's Day public swim from 6:45pm to 8:15pm

4. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEM(S)

- Item No. 12(2)(C) Report AD-2017-0006 entitled 'Adoption of the 2017 Budget for the Town of Georgina'
- Item No. 17 (3) By-law 2017-0016 (TA-1), a by-law to adopt the 20178 Tax Levy Supported Budget
- Item No. 17(4) By-law 2017-0017 (TA-1), a by-law to adopt the 2017 Water and Sewer Rate Supported Budget

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Regional Councillor Davison, Seconded by Councillor Harding

RESOLUTION NO. C-2017-0081

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

- Item No. 12(2)(C) Report AD-2017-0006 entitled 'Adoption of the 2017 Budget for the Town of Georgina'
- Item No. 17 (3) By-law 2017-0016 (TA-1), a by-law to adopt the 20178 Tax Levy Supported Budget
- Item No. 17(4) By-law 2017-0017 (TA-1), a by-law to adopt the 2017 Water and Sewer Rate Supported Budget

Carried.

6. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF None.

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Sebo, Seconded by Councillor Fellini

RESOLUTION NO. C-2017-0082

That the following minutes, as amended, be adopted:

- (1) Minutes of the Council Meeting held on January 18, 2017, as amended.

Page 10, Item No. 16, the word 'Simcoe County' be replaced with 'Central County Tourism'.

Carried.

8. SPEAKERS

Mayor Quirk inquired if anyone was in attendance who wished to speak to any item on the agenda. *None.*

9. DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS

- (1) Sylvia Gerl on behalf of The Voices of Georgina to raise awareness of the town-sponsored choir and its activities in the community.

Sylvia Gerl, member of a local choir 'Voices of Georgina', expressed appreciation to the Town of Georgina for its support and sponsorship since the choir's inception in 1999, Voices of Georgina conducts performances for various Town events and senior's homes, and request assistance in advertising for new members. The choir has a Facebook page and interested parties can contact the Recreation and Culture Department for information. The choir performed a song for Council and those in attendance.

Moved by Regional Councillor Davison, Seconded by Councillor Fellini

RESOLUTION NO. C-2017-0083

That the delegation made by Sylvia Gerl on behalf of the local choir 'Voices of Georgina' be received and referred to the Communications Department for assistance in advertising the choir on social media and the Town's website.

Carried.

10. PRESENTATIONS *None.*

12. REPORTS

- (1) ADOPTION OF REPORTS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

- (A) DWQMS – Commitment and Endorsement

Report No. OID-2017-0005

Moved by Councillor Neeson, Seconded by Councillor Harding

RESOLUTION NO. C-2017-0084

1. That Council receive Report No. OID-2017-0005 prepared by the Operations Division, Operations and Infrastructure Department, dated February 8, 2017, respecting the Drinking Water Quality Management System (DWQMS) and the endorsement page of the Operational Plan.

2. That Council adopt a by-law authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign the commitment and endorsement page of the Operational Plan on behalf of Council/owner.

Carried.

(2) REPORTS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Reports from the Operations and Infrastructure Department:

- (A) Award of OID2016-060 Street Sweeping Services

Report No. OID-2017-0004

David Scherbarth provided a short summary of the report, pointing out the reduction in working days from 20 to 8 and that the program will be advertised in the newspaper and on the Town website.

Moved by Councillor Harding, Seconded by Councillor Fellini

RESOLUTION NO. C-2017-0085

1. That Council receive Report No. OID-2017-0004 prepared by the Operations Division, Operations and Infrastructure Department dated February 8, 2017, respecting the award of street sweeping services.
2. That Council award the contract for "Street Sweeping Services" to A&G The Road Cleaners in the amount of \$105,920 excluding applicable taxes.
3. That Council adopt a by-law authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to enter into contract between A&G The Road Cleaners, and the Town of Georgina.

Carried.

Mayor Quirk moved forward and dealt with disposition item Nos. 13 (1) (A) and (B).

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

(1) Dispositions/Proclamations

- (A) Terrence McCourt requesting an exemption from the parking by-law to permit wedding guests to park on the east side of Sunkist Road on Saturday, August 12th, between approximately 2:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Harding, Seconded by Regional Councillor Davison

RESOLUTION NO. C-2017-0086

That Council endorse the temporary exemption from the Parking By-law to permit the parking of vehicles on the east side of Sunkist Road in Virginia on Saturday, August 12th between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. and that this exemption be referred to the Director of Operations and Infrastructure to confirm arrangements.

Carried.

- (B) Rebecca Mathewson, Director of Administrative Services and Treasurer, providing additional information on postal banking.

Moved by Regional Councillor Davison, Seconded by Councillor Sebo

RESOLUTION NO. C-2017-0087

That Council receive the Interoffice Memorandum from Rebecca Mathewson, Director of Administrative Services and Treasurer, providing a brief review and additional information concerning postal banking, along with correspondence from the Town of Richmond Hill.

Carried.

General Information Item No. (viii), correspondence from Jeff Leal, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, announcing the launch of the renewed community-focused Rural Economic Development (RED) Program, was separated for discussion.

Moved by Councillor Sebo, Seconded by Councillor Neeson

RESOLUTION NO. C-2017-0088

That General Information correspondence from Jeff Leal, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, announcing the launch of the renewed community-focused Rural Economic Development (RED) Program, a program designed to help rural communities become better positioned to attract investment, retain and create jobs and sustain a highly skilled workforce, be received and referred to the Economic Development Division.

Carried.

11. PUBLIC MEETINGS

(1) STATUTORY MEETING(S) UNDER THE PLANNING ACT OR MEETINGS PERTAINING TO THE CONTINUATION OF PLANNING MATTERS, Section 11(1)

(7:30 p.m.)

- (A) Application to Amend Zoning By-law 500
SMITH, Tom and Debbie
Part of Lot 3, Concession 5 (NG), 216 Ravenscrest Road
AGENT: Michael Smith Planning Consultants

Report No. DS-2017-0003

Mayor Quirk explained the procedure for a public meeting at this time.

Gord Mahoney of Michael Smith Planning Consultants, Agent, addressed Council as follows;

- the application is to amend the zoning by-law to facilitate the severance of a 32 hectare farmland parcel to create a one hectare parcel containing an existing residential dwelling and associated structures
- Warden Avenue is to the west, Ravenshoe Road to the south and Ravenscrest Road to the east
- 32 hectares in size with 290 metres of frontage on Ravenscrest Road, 200 metres on Warden Avenue
- 19 hectares are currently farmed, 12 hectares are wooded, 1 hectare is used for residential purposes containing a single family dwelling, accessory buildings, a garden and a pool
- policies permit a severance of a residence surplus to a farming operation, provided the retained land is prohibited from construction of residential dwellings. The owners intend to sever and convey the farmland to a local farmer and retain the parcel of land containing their home
- will rezone a portion of the property from Rural to site-specific Rural and Open Space zones. The parcel containing the existing dwelling is to be rezoned to the site-specific rural zone to permit the single family dwelling and associated uses, while the farmland will be rezoned to Rural thereby prohibiting residential development
- the woodland on the west side would be rezoned to Open Space to permit conservation and forestry uses only, in order to ensure no residential development and protection of environmental features for the long term
- agree with staff respecting conformity with planning policies
- seeking to prohibit residential development on a portion of land which is required to permit the owner to sever 31 hectares of farmland to convey to a local farmer, while retaining a 1 hectare parcel containing their home

Jessica Krushnisky of The Planning Partnership, retained as Planners for the Town of Georgina, addressed Council as follows;

- received no comments from the public
- no objections from departments or internal agencies

- Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority recommended a restrictive covenant agreement to prohibit residential uses on agricultural lands
- no objections from Hydro One
- staff recommend adjustments to the proposed rezoning; i) Restrictive Covenant Agreement, ii) prohibit residential-related uses on agricultural land, iii) restrict uses on retained land to residential-related uses and iv) delay passing of the Zoning By-law Amendment
- application is consistent with applicable upper tier policies and represents good planning

Moved by Regional Councillor Davison, Seconded by Councillor Fellini

RESOLUTION NO. C-2017-0089

1. That Council receive Report DS-2017-0003 prepared by The Planning Partnership on behalf of the Planning Division, Development Services Department dated February 8, 2017 respecting an application to amend Zoning By-law No. 500 submitted by Michael Smith Planning Consultants; Development Coordinators Ltd. on behalf of Tom and Debbie Smith for lands legally described as Part of Lot 3, Concession 5 (NG).
2. That Council approve the application submitted by Michael Smith Planning Consultants; Development Coordinators Ltd. on behalf of Tom and Debbie Smith, as amended, to amend Zoning By-law No. 500 to rezone a portion of the land described as Part of Lot 3, Concession 5 (NG) from Rural (RU) to site-specific Rural (RU-XXX), (RU-YYY) and Open Space (OS-ZZ) zones.
3. That the amending zoning by-law contain the site-specific provisions as outlined in Staff Report DS-2017-0003.
4. That Staff bring forward the amending By-law for Council's consideration and passing following the consideration of the associated Consent application by the Committee of Adjustment, and granting of Provisional Consent Approval.
5. That Council supports the recommendation of staff to request a condition be imposed at such time as the associated Consent application is considered by the Committee of Adjustment, requiring the applicant to enter into a Restrictive Covenant Agreement (RCA).
6. That pursuant to Section 34(17) of the Planning Act, in the event minor revisions are necessary respecting the proposed amending Zoning By-law, further notice shall not be required.

Carried.

(7:44 p.m.)

- (B) Application to Amend Zoning By-law No. 500
BACKUS, Mark and Cindy
Part of Lot 11, Concession 3 (G), 7729 Smith Boulevard
AGENT: Skelton Brumwell & Associates Inc.
Report No. DS-2017-0004

Michael Wynia, Senior Planner for Skelton Brumwell & Associates, agent, addressed Council as follows:

- firm retained in May of 2016 to assist with rezoning application to allow the development of a single family residence which requires some exceptions to the current zoning, and to assist them with approvals through the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority
- property is a long, narrow 8.69 hectare lot on Smith Blvd; 61 metres wide x 1,425 metres long, east of the Black River, south of Lake Simcoe and near Zephyr Creek Wetlands
- property is currently vacant, but was used for recreational purposes by previous owners
- surrounding land uses include forest and wetland areas to the north, forest, wetland and rural residential to the east, forest and rail line to the south and forest and rural residential to the west
- currently designated Rural with a significant wetland occupying the southern portion of the land
- rural zoning would permit construction of a residence except for the fact that the property falls short of the required frontage and area required for development
- minor variance application could be submitted, but because of the wetland on the property, and the desire of the Conservation Authority to rezone the balance of the property to a site-specific Open Space zone to limit permitted uses to conservation and forestry only, to protect the lands that are part of the provincially significant wetland, the zoning by-law amendment approach was followed which will rezone the rear portion of the property to Open Space with exceptions to allow for the erection of a residence on a small disturbed area in the northern portion of the property
- the tree preservation plan does not apply to the zoning by-law amendment, but addressed issues related to trees as the owners wish to either retain or restore them
- proposed rezoning is compatible with the Provincial Policy Statement, Lake Simcoe Protection Plan, Greenbelt Plan, York Region Official Plan, Georgina Official Plan and sections of the Planning Act
- new development will be restricted to the north/west portion of the property with the balance of the property to have an Open Space designation; a permit from the Conservation Authority has been applied for
- proposed zoning reflects the development potential of the property
- not creating a new lot; recognizing an existing lot
- requires a slight variance from the side yard setback that will not impact the neighbouring property, it is still a generous side yard setback
- recognize the frontage is slightly deficient but more than sufficient to support the proposed use

Jessica Krushnisky of The Planning Partnership, retained as Planners for the Town of Georgina, addressed Council as follows;

- received no comments from the public
- no objections from internal departments or external agencies concerning the proposed rezoning
- Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority determined that an Environmental Impact Statement would not be required provided all development was contained in the existing disturbed area, and is satisfied with the environmental evaluation conducted in support of the application
- detailed analysis of application and policies are provided in the staff report
- recommendation preparation of a Compensation Agreement respecting the proposed tree replacement ratio prior to the execution of the amended Zoning By-law, and the zoning by-law amendment include text provisions and a Schedule 'B' to delineate developable area in amending by-law to ensure that no development occurs outside the disturbed area
- staff believe the application is consistent with Upper Tier Policies, Provincial Policy Statement and represents good planning.
- tree loss/compensation agreement is required and the terms will change; the owner will post securities or a Letter of Credit will be held by the municipality to guarantee replacement of trees on the property by the owner, rather than payment of cash-in-lieu; to be released once completed to the Town's satisfaction

Harold Lenters suggested that the recommendation speaking to the compensation agreement should be reworded so that Council adopt a by-law authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a compensation agreement with the applicant concerning the tree compensation ratio, rather than authorizing the preparation and execution of a compensation agreement.

Moved by Councillor Harding, Seconded by Councillor Fellini

RESOLUTION NO. C-2017-0090

1. That Council receive Report DS-2017-0004 prepared by The Planning Partnership on behalf of the Planning Division, Development Services Department dated February 8, 2017 respecting an application to amend Zoning By-law No. 500 submitted by Skelton Brumwell and Associates Inc. on behalf of Mark and Cindy Backus for lands legally described as Part of Lot 11, Concession 3 (G).
2. That Council approve the application submitted by Skelton Brumwell and Associates Inc. on behalf of Mark and Cindy Backus, as amended, to amend Zoning By-law No. 500 to rezone the land described as Part of Lot 11, Concession 3 (G) from Rural (RU) to a site-specific Rural (RU-XX) and a site-specific Open Space (OS-XX) zone.

3. That the amending zoning by-law contain the site-specific provisions as outlined in Staff Report DS-2017-0004.
4. That Council adopt a by-law authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a Tree Compensation Agreement with the applicant.
5. That the "Compensation Agreement" noted above be executed at the owner's expense prior to the passing of the amending Zoning By-law.
6. That Staff bring forward the amending Zoning By-law for Council's consideration and passing following the execution of the "Compensation Agreement".
7. That pursuant to Section 34(17) of the Planning Act, in the event minor revisions are necessary respecting the proposed amending Zoning By-law, further notice shall not be required.

Carried.

- (2) STATUTORY MEETING(S) UNDER OTHER LEGISLATION *None.*
- (3) OTHER PUBLIC MEETINGS *None.*

Report from the Administrative Services Department:

(C) Adoption of the 2017 Budget for the Town of Georgina

Report No. AD-2017-0006

Rebecca Mathewson provided a short summary of the report, advising that budget deliberations resulted in a 4.5% tax levy increase for the Town's share of the tax bill. After blending the increase with rates set by the Region of York and the school boards, property taxes for an average home in Georgina will increase by 3.4% or approximately \$126 per household, based on an average home value of \$327,140.

Rebecca Mathewson noted that staff will be working on the necessary road investment as they continue to update the long range financial plan and will present as part of the 2018 budget.

Moved by Regional Councillor Davison, Seconded by Councillor Neeson

RESOLUTION NO. C-2017-0091

1. That Council receive Report No. AD-2017-0006 prepared by the Administrative Services Department dated February 8, 2017 respecting the Adoption of the 2017 Budget for the Town of Georgina.

2. That Council adopt the 2017 Budget with gross expenditure estimates of \$79,806,180 for operations and capital, requiring the levying of rates to raise net expenditures of \$51,547,140 as detailed in this report and the accompanying attachments.
3. That Council adopt a by-law to enact the 2017 Budget.
4. That Council authorize staff to prepare a by-law to establish 2017 property tax rates to raise \$38,720,350 in support of the Town of Georgina's tax levy supported net expenditure estimates.
5. That Council authorize staff to prepare a by-law to establish 2017 water rates to raise \$6,069,850 in support of water rate supported net expenditures estimates.
6. That Council authorize staff to prepare a by-law to establish 2017 wastewater/sewer rates to raise \$6,756,940 in support of sewer rate supported net expenditure estimates.

Carried unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Neeson, Seconded by Councillor Harding

That the meeting recess at 8:20 p.m.

Carried.

The meeting reconvened at 8:32 p.m.

General Information Item No. (vi), correspondence from Christopher Raynor, Regional Clerk, Region of York, respecting 'Review of Regional Council Governance', was separated for discussion.

Moved by Regional Councillor Davison, Seconded by Councillor Fellini

RESOLUTION NO. C-2017-0092

That correspondence from Christopher Raynor, Regional Clerk, Region of York, respecting 'Review of Regional Council Governance' be received and referred to staff for preparation of a report on the potential implications for the Town of Georgina, said report to include a draft response to the Region, to be submitted for Council's consideration at the March 1st Council meeting.

Carried.

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

(2) General Information Items *None*.

(3) Committee of Adjustment Planning Matters *None*.
(A) Under Review
(B) Recommendations
(C) Decisions

14. MOTIONS/NOTICES OF MOTION *None*.

15. REGIONAL BUSINESS

- Regional Development Charges Bylaw proposal; will provide significant services to the Region of York
- Bill 65, Safer School Zones Act

16. OTHER BUSINESS *None*.

17. BY-LAWS

Moved by Councillor Harding, Seconded by Councillor Davison

That the following by-laws be approved:

- (1) By-law Number 2017-0013 (CON-2), being a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a Contract between A&G the Road Cleaners and the Town of Georgina for street sweeping services.
- (2) By-law Number 2017-0014 (AD-3), a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the commitment and endorsement page of the Operational Plan.
- (3) By-law Number 2017-0016 (TA-1), being a by-law to adopt the 2017 Tax Levy Supported Budget for the Town of Georgina
- (4) By-law Number 2017-0017 (TA-1), being a by-law to adopt the 2017 Water and Sewer Rate Supported Budget for the Town of Georgina.

Carried.

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. 2017-0015 (COU-2), a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council on February 8, 2017.

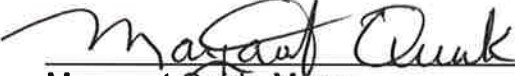
Carried.

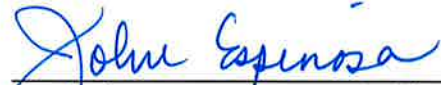
20. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by Councillor Neeson, Seconded by Councillor Sebo

That the meeting adjourn at 8:47 p.m.

Carried.


Margaret Quirk, Mayor


Rachel Dillabough, Deputy Clerk

