



## Georgina Town Council June 4

### Town of Georgina 2023-2027 Corporate Strategic Plan – 2024 Strategic Plan Annual Report

Council received the report regarding the [2023-2027 Corporate Strategic Plan – 2024 Strategic Plan Annual Report](#). In year two, 2024, significant movement was made towards achieving the Town's goals with 13 per cent of initiatives completed, 80 per cent in progress and continuously ongoing, and 70 per cent trending in the desired direction.

### Climate Change Action Plan

Council received the report regarding the [Climate Action Plan](#) and endorsed it in principle. Council also approved a recommendation that the plan be subject to the annual business planning and budget approval process. The plan outlines the top climate risks for the corporation and broader community, and the priority actions to take in the next five years. These actions will help Georgina adapt to current and future risks of climate change, protect Lake Simcoe, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

### Application to amend Zoning Bylaw No. 500

Council received the report regarding a revised application to amend Zoning Bylaw No. 500 submitted by Melissa Markham on behalf of 1000736226 Ontario Ltd. for lands municipally addressed as 66 Edith St. Council approved the revised zoning bylaw amendment application to rezone the subject lands from the Low Density Urban Residential R1-117 zone to the Low Density Urban Residential R1-115 zone. The effect of the amendment is a reduction in the required minimum lot frontage from 30 metres to 22 metres. This change would facilitate a future consent application for the creation of one additional residential building lot. Council passed the amending bylaw at the meeting.

### Lake Drive Shoreline Action Plan – project update

Council received the report regarding the Lake Drive Shoreline Action Plan project update and acknowledged that shoreline parcels identified as surplus Town-owned land within the plan area shall be offered for purchase only to Eligible Property Owners who own land directly opposite the shoreline on the inland side of Lake Drive. Council directed staff to ensure shoreline parcels sold through the Lake Drive Shoreline Action Plan include a legal restriction to prevent their future transfer or conveyance independent of the adjacent indirect waterfront property, unless authorized by the Town, and that staff include this condition in all future offer letters and legal agreements.

Council endorsed the inclusion of the following easements in future shoreline land-transfer documents:

- A project-wide blanket emergency access easement over all divestible shoreline parcels for the purposes of any future slope stabilization works necessary to protect the Town's infrastructure including the Lake Drive roadway
- Parcel-specific blanket easements to protect existing utility company infrastructure (e.g., gas lines), where applicable
- Parcel-specific easements over existing drainage features or culverts, where required for proper stormwater flow and outlet access

Council confirmed that longstanding structures such as fences and sheds will not require encroachment agreements on the retained Lake Drive road allowance, but may not be replaced, expanded or modified without prior approval. Staff were directed to take this information and include it in upcoming communication with Eligible Property Owners and to proceed with the next phase of the plan.

### **Lake Drive Shoreline Action Plan – beach associations**

Council received the report on the Lake Drive Shoreline Action Plan – Beach Associations and directed staff to discuss long-term lease agreements at no cost and having terms of up to 10 years with Beach Associations, starting with those within the Action Plan Area. Staff were directed to engage with Beach Associations to collaboratively develop a suitable general lease agreement template, including overarching rules related to membership and operations, and to discuss financial costs associated with incorporation. Staff were further directed to report back to Council following the consultation process.

### **High Street Streetscape and Infrastructure Redevelopment update and recommended design approach**

Council received the report regarding the High Street Streetscape and Infrastructure Redevelopment project and recommended design approach. Council endorsed the following key design concepts –

- Within the Sutton Downtown Business Improvement Area (BIA) – mountable curb design with flexible bump-outs
- Reconfiguration of Market Square Crescent to include a public gathering space and a new signalized pedestrian crossing
- Outside of the BIA – full restoration of sidewalks and boulevards with inclusion of greenspaces
- Hydro relocation – relocate all underground
- Gateway feature – wayfinding style sign

Staff were directed to explore opportunities for a potential program to assist businesses fronting on High Street with implementation of accessibility features and building façade improvements. Council approved additional project funding in the amount of \$4,125,000 for hydro relocation and wayfinding signage.

### **Closed session**

In regard to Closed Session Item 17.1.a under Section 239 (2) (d) of the Municipal Act being labour relations or employee negotiations, regarding labour relations  
That staff be directed to proceed accordingly.

In regard to Closed Session Item 17.1.b under Section 239 (2) (c) of the Municipal Act being a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board, regarding Sutton,  
That staff be directed to proceed accordingly.

**Additional Council information**

Comprehensive minutes of Georgina Town Council meetings, which detail the full list of Council decisions, are available under [Agendas and Minutes](#) on the Town website once they have been ratified by Council.