

Agenda

Council

9:00 AM - Monday, July 13, 2026

99 Lone Pine Road, Port Severn Ontario



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Township of Georgian Bay

Staff Report

2026-118 - Fire & Emergency Services



To: Mayor Koetsier and Members of Council
From: Chad Dowell, Deputy Fire Chief
Date: July 13, 2026
Subject: Replacement of Battery-Powered Auto Extrication Tool

Recommendation

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the use of Fire/Emergency Services Reserve in the amount of up to \$24,000 before taxes, for the replace of the batter-powered extrication tool; and,

THAT staff be authorized to invite suppliers to provide demonstrations of current-generation tools, with evaluation to be completed by a small group of Fire Department personnel who are knowledgeable in auto extrication, to support selection of the most appropriate equipment.

Report Highlights

- The current battery-powered auto extrication tool has experienced multiple significant failures, and further repairs which are expected to be 50% of the replacement cost.
- Staff recommend replacing the tool and conducting supplier demonstrations, allowing firefighters to test and compare modern equipment before making a final decision.
- Replacement of this tool using fire reserves supports asset management goals, improves operational readiness, and reduces environmental impact compared to older hydraulic systems.

Background

The Fire Department uses a battery-powered auto extrication tool during motor vehicle collisions and rescue incidents where occupants may be trapped. This equipment is a critical component of the Department's rescue capability, allowing firefighters to quickly and safely gain access to patients during emergency situations. In addition to vehicle extrication, the tool may also be used during other rescue operations where cutting, spreading, lifting, or gaining access is required. The current tool has experienced two significant failures and is once again in need of repair. The estimated repair cost is approximately 50% of the cost of a new replacement unit, making continued investment in repairs difficult to justify.

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Given the repeated breakdowns and concerns regarding long-term reliability, staff are recommending replacement of the tool rather than further repairs. To support an informed purchasing decision, suppliers will be invited to demonstrate current battery-powered extrication systems. A small evaluation committee, consisting of the Department's auto extrication training leads and supported by frontline firefighters, will assess the available options and provide recommendations. The evaluation will consider operational performance, reliability, warranty coverage, service and support availability, and overall value. This approach supports the Asset Management Plan while encouraging firefighter involvement and strengthening collaboration between Council, Fire Department leadership, and frontline staff.

Analysis and Options

Option 1 – Replace with Supplier Demonstrations and Firefighter Evaluation (Recommended Option)

- Allows hands-on testing of available equipment
- Includes firefighter input in selection process
- Supports informed and transparent decision-making
- Aligns with current industry standards and asset planning

Option 2 – Repair Existing Tool

- Repair cost is estimated to be \$10,000.
- The last time this tool required a similar repair it was out of service for three months, which leaves the department with only one cutter during emergencies which is not advisable due to the large geographic area.
- Provides only short-term reliability.
- Does not address ongoing risk of failure, with the concern that this unit would fail during an auto extrication or emergency.

Environmental Consideration

Battery-powered extrication tools eliminate or significantly reduce reliance on hydraulic pumps and fluid-based systems, reducing the potential for hydraulic fluid leaks and associated environmental impacts. Modern battery platforms also tend to have improved energy efficiency and reduced maintenance waste compared to older equipment.

Financial Considerations

The estimated cost to replace the battery-powered auto extrication tool is between \$18,000 and \$24,000. This range is based on current pricing for modern battery-powered extrication equipment and allows for the evaluation of several manufacturers and models.

The cost to repair the existing tool is estimated at approximately 50% of the replacement cost. Given the tool's repeated failures and concerns regarding long-term reliability, further investment in repairs is not considered a cost-effective use of funds.

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Funding for the replacement will be provided through the Fire/Emergency Services Reserve, resulting in no impact on the Department's operating budget. The final purchase price will be determined following supplier demonstrations and the evaluation process, ensuring the selected equipment offers the best combination of performance, reliability, warranty coverage, service support, and overall value to the Township. The balance of the Fire/Emergency Services Reserve at the end of 2025 is \$596,048

Conclusion

Staff recommend replacing the tool and using supplier demonstrations, along with a firefighter-led committee, to determine the best option for the Department with reliability, performance, and long-term value in mind.

Report Supported By

This recommendation report is in alignment with the following strategic pillars:

- Environmental Protection
- Fiscal Responsibilities and Technology Efficiencies
- Streamline Planning Policies and Procedures
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Township of Georgian Bay

Staff Report

2026-115 - Operations - Parks & Facilities



To: Mayor Koetsier and Members of Council
From: Mara Engel, Director of Operations
Date: July 13, 2026
Subject: MacTier Memorial Arena and Community Centre Upgrades Consultant

Recommendation

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the engagement of Barry Bryan and Associates as the Architectural Consultant for the MacTier Memorial Arena and Community Centre upgrades; and

THAT Council authorize additional funding in the amount of \$36,240 for the provision of architectural consulting services associated with this project through the Working Capital Reserve.

Report Highlights

- Refresh MacTier remains a priority initiative with a focus on securing external funding to advance community improvements
- Detailed design submission required by July 31, 2026 to maintain eligibility for funding
- Architectural services awarded to Barry Bryan Associates, a multidisciplinary firm with relevant municipal and recreation facility experience
- Proposal cost for design services is \$108,240.36, exceeding the original \$72,000 estimate
- Limited market response to the RFP due to accelerated timelines reinforces the need to proceed with a qualified proponent
- Multidisciplinary design approach (architectural, structural, interior) supports high-quality design, improved coordination, reduced construction risk, and long-term operational efficiency

Background

The 'Refresh MacTier' initiative remains a top priority, with staff dedicated to securing extensive external funding.

Staff engaged in conversations with the Federal Economic Development Agency for Northern Ontario (FedNor), about community based priorities as a result of the Refresh MacTier community consultation.

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The Township is in an advantageous position with FedNor as the 'Refresh MacTier' plan from which these applications are based was funded by the agency and so they are already familiar with the MacTier community.

Staff has also had several in-person and remote meetings with the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC), to discuss the proposal of refreshing the arena and as a result, the Corporation is offering its initial support for the Refresh MacTier applications.

On June 1, 2026 Council approved a resolution to apply for funding and set aside \$255,117 from Reserves to complete upgrades to the Community Centre portion of the facility.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to apply for funding in the amount of \$500,000 from the Federal Economic Development Agency for Northern Ontario (FedNor), for the purpose of refreshing the MacTier Arena Community Space; and

THAT staff be directed to apply for funding in the amount of \$500,000 from the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC), for the purpose of refreshing the MacTier Arena Community Space; and

THAT staff be directed to set aside just over 10% of the total funding project in the amount of \$100,000 from the Working Capital Reserve for the purpose of refreshing the MacTier Arena Community Space; and

THAT staff be directed to set aside no more than \$125,117 from the Working Capital Reserve and \$30,000 from the IT Reserve to help with project management of the renovations, including IT, Project Coordination and Contingency.

On June 1, 2026 a letter was received from NOHFC confirming the application would proceed for further review and evaluation. A more detailed proposal including design detail drawings is required by July 31, 2026.

Staff issued invitational formal Request for Proposals (RFP2026-04) to four Architectural Consultant firms with specific experience in municipal arena and community center upgrades. Two firms responded declining to provide a proposal due to an inability to meet the project schedule. An additional firm submitted but was disqualified for failure to meet requirements.

Barry Bryan Associates (BBA) provided a proposal demonstrating extensive experience in similar projects. They provided a letter confirming they will meet the project schedule. The firm includes an in-house team with qualified Architects, Structural Engineers and Interior Designers. The total proposal to have a completed package ready for building permit and construction is \$108,240.36 including non-refundable HST.

The initial budget forecast presented to Council on June 1, 2026 included \$72,000 for Architectural Design, resulting in a requirement for additional funding in the amount of \$36,240.

Analysis and Options

Engaging an architectural firm with demonstrated experience in similar municipal projects provides significant value through integrated, multidisciplinary expertise. Teams that include architects, structural engineers, and interior designers deliver coordinated design solutions that address building functionality, structural integrity, accessibility, and user experience in a holistic manner. This integrated approach improves design quality, constructability, and long-term performance while reducing risks related to coordination gaps between disciplines.

Firms with relevant project experience, particularly in recreation and community facilities, bring a strong understanding of regulatory requirements, stakeholder needs, and operational considerations, resulting in more efficient approvals, design development, and construction delivery.

Overall, a multidisciplinary architectural team enhances project outcomes by ensuring alignment with budget and schedule, improving decision-making through technical expertise, and delivering facilities that are safe, accessible, and sustainable over the long term.

The result is cost savings during construction phase with fewer extras for issues identified when a project has already commenced.

To ensure timelines are met for a successful grant application, staff are requesting approval of the Architectural Design award to Barry Bryan Associates with additional funds appropriated from the Working Capital Reserve.

Environmental Consideration

BBA has extensive experience in Net Zero Building Design including LEED, Passive House and Zero Carbon Building. Where feasible these sustainable design processes will guide the development of the facility upgrades.

Financial Considerations

The following chart outlines the revised details of the project, resulting in a total municipal contribution of \$291,357.

Description of Upgrade	Value (\$)	Year
Project Management	70,000	2026/2027
Permit Fees	20,000	2026/2027
Entire Facility Painted	80,000	2027
Dressing Rooms	128,100	2026/2027
Main Floor Washroom & Foyer	211,967	2027
Lift/Elevator	75,000	2027
Kitchen & Bathroom	215,488	2026
Community Centre - Fixtures, Flooring, Ceiling	242,562	2026/2027
Generator	60,000	2026/2027
Infrastructure Technology	30,000	2026/2027
Architect Design	108,240	2026
Contingency	50,000	2026/2027
Total Expenditures	1,291,357	
NOHFC Funding	500,000	
FEDNOR Funding	500,000	
Municipal Contribution - 10% Working Capital Reserve	100,000	
Municipal Contribution - Working Capital Reserve	125,117	
Municipal Contribution - Working Capital Reserve	36,240	
Municipal Contribution - IT Reserve	30,000	
Total Funding	1,291,357	

Conclusion

The Refresh MacTier initiative is well-positioned to advance, supported by strong alignment with external funding priorities and early positive engagement from both FedNor and NOHFC. Council has demonstrated commitment through reserve allocations, and staff have progressed the project by initiating detailed design to meet upcoming funding deadlines. While the architectural design cost exceeds the initial budget estimate, the engagement of an experienced, multidisciplinary firm ensures a coordinated, high-quality design that strengthens the Township’s funding applications and reduces construction risk. Overall, the project remains financially manageable and is advancing in a manner that maximizes funding opportunities while maintaining schedule and project readiness.

Report Supported By

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Township of Georgian Bay

Staff Report

2026-117 - Operations - Parks & Facilities



To: Mayor Koetsier and Members of Council
From: Mara Engel, Director of Operations
Date: July 13, 2026
Subject: Back Flow Prevention Requirements

Recommendation

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize staff to proceed with engaging an approved contractor to install six back flow prevention devices in the North Shop, Stewart Lake Park, MacTier Arena, MacTier Fire Hall, MacTier Library and Bressette House respectively, at a cost not to exceed \$17,500 including non refundable HST; and

THAT the purchase be funded from the Operations Reserve; and

THAT Council authorize staff to proceed with awarding a three year contract to complete annual compliance inspections of all twelve back flow prevention devices in an amount not to exceed \$7,500 including non-refundable HST; and

THAT the Facilities Operating Budget be increased by \$2,500 annually commencing in 2027 for required annual compliance inspections.

Report Highlights

- The Township is required to install six backflow prevention devices to protect the drinking water system.
- Non-compliance may result in discontinuation of water service by the District of Muskoka.
- The cost for installation is not to exceed \$17,500.
- Annual testing of all devices is mandatory for ongoing compliance.
- Staff propose a three-year testing and maintenance contract not to exceed \$7,000.
- Immediate installation and implementation of a maintenance program will ensure regulatory compliance and protection of public health.

Background

The District of Muskoka adopted Backflow Prevention By-Law 2023-42, as amended by By-Law 2025-41 establishing a formal backflow prevention program to further protect the municipal drinking water supply.

This by-law requires the installation, annual testing, and maintenance of approved backflow prevention devices (for premise isolation) on all water services that pose a potential risk to the public water system. These proactive measures add another layer of protection to ensure the continued delivery of safe, clean drinking water to residents and businesses across Muskoka.

In the District of Muskoka's municipal drinking water system, water is designed to flow in a single direction — from the water treatment facility to homes and businesses. When water flows in the opposite direction, this is known as backflow, and it can contaminate the drinking water supply.

There are two main causes of backflow:

Back Siphonage

Back siphonage can occur when there is a sudden drop in water pressure, such as during a water main break or firefighting operations. This drop creates a vacuum in the system, which can pull potentially contaminated water from homes or businesses back into the public water supply.

Back Pressure

Back pressure happens when water from a non-drinking water source is forced into the drinking water system due to higher pressure. This can result from devices like booster pumps, heating systems (e.g., boilers), or elevated piping. If the pressure in these systems exceeds the pressure in the municipal water system, contaminated water can be pushed back into the drinking water supply.

The District completed a survey of the drinking water system and identified eleven Township facilities which require back flow prevention devices. Five have existing devices.

Township Back Flow Prevention Devices Table

<i>Facility</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Status</i>
Stewart Park / Stewart Lake	45 Stewart Street, MacTier	Required
GB Township Service Building	630 High Street, MacTier	Required
MacTier Arena	9 Haig Street, MacTier	Required
MacTier Fire Hall	16 Muskoka Road, MacTier	Required
MacTier Library	12 Muskoka Road, MacTier	Required
Bressette House (Heritage)	45 Lone Pine Road, Port Severn	Required
Port Severn Park - Splash Pad	28 Mintens Lane, Port Severn	Existing
Port Severn Park - Washrooms	28 Mintens Lane, Port Severn	Existing
GBT Administration Building	99 Lone Pine Road, Port Severn	Existing
Baxter Ward Community Centre	279 Honey Harbour Road, Port Severn	Existing
Library / GBT Building	71 Lone Pine Road, Port Severn	Existing

Analysis and Options

Backflow Prevention Devices – Installation

The Township is required to install six backflow prevention devices to protect the integrity of the drinking water system. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the discontinuation of water service.

Quotes are being obtained, with the lowest compliant submission expected not to exceed \$17,500. This requirement was not identified during the 2026 budget development process.

Recommendation – Installation

Staff recommend proceeding with the installation of the required backflow prevention devices at the earliest opportunity, subject to engaging a qualified contractor.

Ongoing Compliance Maintenance

In addition to installation, the District requires that all backflow prevention devices be tested on an annual basis to ensure continued compliance.

Recommendation – Maintenance

Staff recommend issuing a three-year service contract for annual testing and maintenance, with a total cost not to exceed \$7,500, to ensure consistent compliance and cost control.

Environmental Consideration

Backflow prevention devices are part of broader cross-connection control programs.

These programs:

- Reduce incidents where non-potable water mixes with potable systems
- Avoid emergency responses (flushing, contamination cleanup)

Financial Considerations

The requirement to install and maintain back flow prevention devices was not contemplated during the 2026 budget process.

The installation of required devices will be funded through the Operations Reserve not to exceed \$17,500 including non refundable HST.

To meet the needs of annual inspection, an increase in the amount of \$2,500 will be required in the Facilities Contracted Services Operating Budget for 2027 and moving forward.

Conclusion

Timely installation and ongoing testing of backflow prevention devices are necessary to maintain regulatory compliance, protect the Township's drinking water system, and avoid the risk of service disruption. Proceeding with both the installation and a multi-year testing contract provides a cost-effective and proactive approach to meeting District requirements while ensuring long-term operational reliability and public health protection.

Report Supported By

This recommendation report is in alignment with the following strategic pillars:

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Township of Georgian Bay

Staff Report

2026-114 - Operations - Parks & Facilities



To: Mayor Koetsier and Members of Council
From: Mara Engel, Director of Operations
Date: July 13, 2026
Subject: Port Severn Park Playground Resurfacing

Recommendation

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the report regarding Port Severn Playground resurfacing; and

THAT Council approve funding the budget shortfall of \$11,764.37 including non-rebatable HST from Operations Reserves; and

THAT Council approve a maximum of \$5,000 including non-refundable HST for removal of hazardous trees and roots from Operations Reserves.

Report Highlights

- Playground surface installed in 2009 has reached end of its 10–15 year lifecycle
- Replacement is required to maintain CSA-compliant fall protection and user safety
- 2025 capital funding of \$20,000 was approved but deferred to 2026 due to staffing gaps
- 2026 inspection identified additional issues with tree root intrusion
- Four quotes received; lowest bid is \$31,764.37 + Including non-refundable HST
- Staff recommend awarding contract to Park N'Play Design
- Additional allowance of up to \$5,000 recommended for removal of hazardous trees/roots

Background

The playground located at Port Severn Park was completed in 2009. At that time a rubberized safety surface was installed. This is a requirement to meet CSA standards for fall protection. The surface absorbs impact and minimizing the potential for injuries.

Port Severn Park has a poured in place rubberized surface. The estimated life of these surfaces is ten to fifteen years. As part of the 2025 Capital Budget \$20,000 was approved to replace the surface. Due to staffing gaps this was not completed and carried forward to be approved as part of the 2026 Capital Budget.

Four quotes through an informal invitational competitive process have been received for removal of the existing surface and installation of new rubberized surface. Costs range from \$31,764.37 including non-refundable HST to \$45,356.90 including non-refundable HST.

Through the 2026 annual playground inspection, additional issues were identified. These were noted as tree roots impacting the existing surfacing.

Analysis and Options

Analysis

The existing poured-in-place rubberized playground surface at Port Severn Park has exceeded its expected service life and is required to be replaced to maintain CSA-compliant fall protection and ensure user safety. The 2026 inspection further identified tree root intrusion compromising the integrity of the surface, indicating that localized repairs are not a viable long-term solution. Competitive quotations confirm that full replacement is required, with costs exceeding the previously approved capital budget.

Options

1. **Proceed with Full Replacement (Recommended)**

Award the contract to Park N'Play Design for \$31,764.37 including non-refundable HST, and approve an additional upset limit of \$5,000 for removal of hazardous trees and root systems. This option resolves safety concerns, ensures compliance, and provides a long-term solution.

2. **Defer the Project**

Delay replacement to a future budget year to secure additional funding. This option extends the lifecycle of a deteriorating surface and increases liability and risk exposure.

Environmental Consideration

By using material other than sand we eliminate the potential of turtles nesting in playgrounds.

Financial Considerations

Total cost to complete the work is estimated in the amount of \$36,764.37. Available approved funding through the 2026 Capital Budget is \$20,000.

The shortfall will be funded in the amount of \$16,764.37 from the Operating Reserve.

Conclusion

Replacement of the Port Severn Park playground surface is necessary to maintain CSA-compliant fall protection and ensure user safety. The existing poured-in-place surface has exceeded its expected lifecycle and is further compromised by tree root intrusion.

While previously approved funding is insufficient, competitive quotes have confirmed market pricing. It is recommended that Council award the contract to Park N'Play Design for \$31,764.37 + Including non-refundable HST and approve an additional upset limit of \$5,000 to address hazardous trees and root removal, enabling a complete and durable installation.

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Staff Report

2026-116 - Operations - Parks & Facilities



To: Mayor Koetsier and Members of Council
From: Mara Engel, Director of Operations
Date: July 13, 2026
Subject: Go Home Lake Pump

Recommendation

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize staff to engage a qualified contractor to inspect and undertake necessary repairs to the Go Home Lake Well, including the submission of a Well Alteration Record to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) and the installation of appropriate barriers, at a total cost not to exceed \$10,000, inclusive of non-refundable HST, to be funded from the Operating Reserve; and

THAT Staff be directed to review and update the agreement with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR); and

THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the updated agreement.

Report Highlights

- The Go Home Lake Road water pump was taken out of service on May 15, 2026, following significant damage caused by a collision, including a broken pump and potential casing damage.
- Due to uncertainty regarding below-grade impacts, there is a risk that surface water could enter the system and contaminate the groundwater.
- Repair costs are estimated at approximately \$7,000 - \$10,000, and remediation would include a full inspection, casing repair, pump replacement, and submission of a Well Alteration Record to the MECP, along with protective measures to prevent future damage.
- The well has a long-standing history, originally installed by the Go Home Lake Cottage Association (GHLCA) in 1985, with the Township assuming responsibility in 2012 through a Land Use Permit and ongoing maintenance obligations.
- The system has been clearly identified as **non-potable**, with signage in place as directed by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit; however, historic use and external messaging may contribute to public confusion regarding water safety.
- While the GHLCA conducts periodic testing and provides a disclaimer that the water is used at one's own risk, this creates potential inconsistency with Township and public health messaging regarding non-potable status.

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- The Township continues to perform quarterly water testing and maintenance; however, the well presents ongoing environmental and liability risks, including potential aquifer contamination and impacts to nearby private wells.

Background

On May 15, 2026 the Township was notified the pump on Go Home Lake Road (District Road 32) was not functioning. Further investigation found the pump had been hit with significant force resulting in a broken pump and damaged casing. Staff were unable to identify whether the casing was damaged below grade which could result in surface water entering the system and contaminating the ground water. The pump was immediately put out of service until repairs could be completed.

The pump has a long history within the Township. Available records show the following.

- 1984 the Go Home Lake Cottage Association (GHLCA) requests financial assistance from the Township to install a a drinking water well on Go Home Lake Road (District Rd 32).
- 1985 The GHLCA secures an entrance permit to facilitate access to a drinking water well and parking area.
- December 7, 1985 the Go Home Lake Cottage Association installed a well off Go Home Lake Road, District Road 12. This well record was filed with the Ministry of Environment, Conservations and Parks (MECP).
- 2010 MECP notifies the Ministry of Natural Resources they have a well on their property.
- 2010 MNR offers Land Use Permit to District of Muskoka which is declined.
- June 4, 2012 Report comes to Council with resolution for Township to execute a Land Use Permit and take responsibility for the well.
- The Township is notified by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit signage is required at the pump location indicating it does not meet the standard of potable water. Signage has been in place since then.
- August 2025 the ABS well cylinder failed. Part not available, custom stainless steel part fabricated at a cost of \$1,258.82.
- May 2026, well head damaged in collision. Cost to repair estimated between \$7,000 - \$10,000 including non-refundable HST.

The Water Pump Status on the Go Home Lake Cottage Association webpage states:

Association Position

Simon normally only test the well water once per year on Regatta weekend, unless there is a caterpillar infestation. In the past 25 years E. Coli has NEVER been detected, and Coliforms have only been detected on 4 occasions (2008, 2013, 2014, and 2022). In all 4 cases a follow-up test was clear.

Disclaimer

You use the pump at your own risk, the association only tests the water as a service to members and does not guarantee that the water is potable.

Analysis and Options

Analysis:

Proper maintenance of water wells is essential to protect groundwater quality and public health, as wells act as a direct pathway to aquifers. Regular inspection, testing, and upkeep prevent contaminants such as bacteria, chemicals, and surface runoff from entering the system, while also reducing risks from nearby land uses like parked vehicles and road salts. Given that groundwater is a critical resource and extremely difficult to remediate once contaminated, proactive well maintenance is a key measure to ensure, sustain long-term supply, and protect the integrity of the broader water system.

Ongoing operation of the well incurs two points of risk for the Township.

1. Where non-potable systems are introduced, requirements apply to ensure the water is used only for approved purposes and does not create cross-connection risks with potable systems. Any water quality incident, even in non-potable systems can significantly impact public trust.
2. Contamination of the aquifer resulting from the operation of this well could impact other private drinking wells. This creates not only a health risk but significant remediation costs.

Repair of the well should include a complete inspection by a qualified contractor, repair of the casing, repair of the hand pump and submission of Well Alteration Record to the MECP. In addition concrete blocks should be placed around the well head to prevent future damage from collisions.

Options:

Option 1: Township repairs the well and installs protective barriers at a cost not to exceed \$10,000 including non refundable HST and continues to maintain. (recommended)

The well was approved by Council on June 4, 2012 under resolution C-195-2012 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to execute the MNR Land Use Permit for the water well on Go Home Lake Road.

The meeting minutes also record "Mr. Datema Advised that the municipality will be responsible for water testing of this well once the Land Us Permit is executed."

Quarterly testing has continued and the well has been maintained by the Township as a non-potable water source.

The addition of protective barriers should prevent a similar incident from occurring again.

Option 2: Township repairs the well at a cost not to exceed \$7,000 including non refundable HST and continues to maintain.

Repairing the well with no protective barrier may result in future damage reoccurring.

Option 3: Township repairs at a cost not to exceed \$7,000 including non refundable HST and turns responsibility over to the GHLCA.

The water pump located at Go Home Lake was installed and funded by the Go Home Lake Cottagers' Association (GHLCA) for the use of local residents. While the location may be accessed by others, it was not established as a municipal drinking water source. The system is untreated, and therefore presents a potential risk to the Township if it is perceived to be a municipally supplied service.

The GHLCA currently undertakes annual water testing and advises on its website that it cannot guarantee the water is potable. This statement implies an element of responsibility for monitoring and communicating water quality; however, it creates inconsistency with the Township and Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) messaging, which clearly identifies the supply as non-potable.

Maintaining the current arrangement may result in confusion for users and increases the Township's exposure to potential liability, particularly if the water is misinterpreted as safe for consumption.

Future maintenance would be the responsibility of the GHLCA. They would also be responsible for taking over the Land Use Permit with the MNR.

Option 4: Decommission and Seal the Well

The original purpose of the well was to provide drinking water to residents of Go Home Lake. Since it is not treated and deemed non-potable by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit it is not meeting the original purpose. The Township provides free access to municipally treated water supplies in both MacTier and Port Severn.

Environmental Consideration

Environmental considerations for wells focus on protecting groundwater quality and the surrounding ecosystem, as wells provide a direct connection to underlying aquifers. Improper siting, inadequate setbacks from contamination sources such as septic systems or fuel storage, and poor drainage conditions can allow pollutants to enter groundwater supplies. Additionally, activities within wellhead protection areas and vulnerable aquifers must be carefully managed, as contaminants can be transported through natural recharge processes. Proper construction, ongoing maintenance, and decommissioning of unused wells are critical to preventing contamination and ensuring the long-term sustainability of groundwater resources.

Financial Considerations

The current Operating and Capital budgets did not contemplate the cost of repair for the well, nor for additional protection from vehicular collisions. An estimated cost, not to exceed \$10,000 including non-refundable HST would be funded from the Operations Reserve.

Conclusion

Repairing the Go Home Lake well presents a relatively modest capital cost; however, it maintains an ongoing municipal responsibility for a non-potable water source that carries environmental, operational, and liability risks. The recent damage highlights the vulnerability of the system and the potential for groundwater contamination if the well integrity is compromised. While the Township has a long-standing role in maintaining and testing the well, the continued operation may contribute to public confusion regarding water safety despite clear non-potable designation. Proceeding with repairs and enhanced protective measures will restore service and mitigate immediate environmental risks, but Council should recognize that this option continues the Township's long-term exposure to maintenance obligations, public health considerations, and potential impacts to surrounding groundwater resources.

Report Supported By

This recommendation report is in alignment with the following strategic pillars:

- Environmental Protection
- Fiscal Responsibilities and Technology Efficiencies
- Streamline Planning Policies and Procedures
- Customer Experience and Community Engagement
- District and Township Relationship
- Engage with Indigenous Communities

Reviewed By/Collaborated With:

- Chief Administrative Officer
- Chief Building Official
- Director of Corporate Services / Clerk
- Director of Finance / Treasurer
- Director of Fire and Emergency Services / Fire Chief
- Director of Human Resources
- Director of Operations
- Director of Planning

Director of Sustainability

Other

Reviewed By

Status:

Karen Way, Director of Corporate Services / Clerk
Greg Mariotti, Chief Administrative Officer

Approved - 03 Jul 2026

Approved - 29 Jun 2026

Township of Georgian Bay

Staff Report

2026-113 - Corporate Services



To: Mayor Koetsier and Members of Council
From: Sydney Levesque, Deputy Clerk
 Karen Way, Director of Corporate Services / Clerk
Date: July 13, 2026
Subject: Tree Removal at the MacTier Union Cemetery

Recommendation

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive Corporate Services Report 2026-113 respecting the emergency hazardous tree removal at the MacTier Union Cemetery; and

THAT Council authorize the transfer of \$7,062.50 from the MacTier Union Cemetery Care & Maintenance Trust Fund to cover the costs of the emergency hazardous tree removal completed by Northshore Tree Experts Inc.

Report Highlights

- Staff seek Council approval to transfer \$7,062.50 from the MacTier Union Cemetery Care & Maintenance Trust Fund to cover the costs of the emergency removal of hazardous trees.
- The MacTier Union Cemetery was temporarily closed due to significant health and safety concerns related to dead and hazardous trees.
- Emergency tree removal was completed to eliminate immediate risks to the public, staff, contractors, and visitors, allowing the cemetery to safely reopen.
- Given the immediate risk to public safety and the Township's potential liability, staff proceeded with the emergency work to eliminate the hazard and are now seeking Council approval for the associated funding from reserves.
- Staff recommend funding the expenditure from the MacTier Union Cemetery Care & Maintenance Trust Fund, as the work was necessary to maintain the safety and integrity of the cemetery.

Background

On May 29, 2026, the MacTier Union Cemetery was immediately closed to the public due to significant health and safety concerns. During a burial service, numerous dead and hazardous trees were identified throughout the cemetery. Several trees were clearly dead or in severe decline, with branches actively falling or suspended overhead, creating an unacceptable risk to Township staff, contractors, visitors, and members of the public. Given the known hazards and the Township's potential liability, the cemetery was closed until the dangerous trees could be removed.

Following the closure, a professional arborist was engaged to assess the site and identify trees requiring immediate removal. The Township issued a public notice advising residents of the temporary closure while the hazardous trees were assessed and removed.

The arborist identified six hazardous pine trees requiring immediate removal. A quotation from Northshore Tree Experts Inc. in the amount of \$7,062.50, including HST, was approved, and the work was completed on June 10, 2026.

Analysis and Options

The hazardous condition of the trees presented an immediate risk to public safety and required prompt action to protect cemetery visitors, Township staff, contractors, and volunteers. Following the temporary closure of the cemetery, a qualified arborist was retained to assess the condition of the trees and identify those posing an immediate hazard.

The arborist confirmed that six pine trees required immediate removal due to the significant risk they posed to public safety. Based on this professional assessment, staff determined that the work could not reasonably be deferred until a future Council meeting without unnecessarily prolonging the cemetery closure and leaving a known safety risk unaddressed.

In emergency situations where there is an immediate threat to public safety, staff must act promptly to mitigate the risk and protect municipal assets and the public. Retaining Northshore Tree Experts Inc. to complete the work without delay allowed the Township to eliminate the identified hazards and safely reopen the cemetery for public use.

The MacTier Union Cemetery Care & Maintenance Trust Fund is the appropriate funding source for this expenditure. The Trust Fund is intended to support the long-term care, maintenance, preservation, and safe operation of the cemetery. The removal of hazardous trees was necessary to maintain a safe environment and preserve the integrity of the cemetery for residents and visitors.

As the emergency work has now been completed, staff are seeking Council approval to transfer \$7,062.50 from the MacTier Union Cemetery Care & Maintenance Trust Fund to cover the costs of the completed work.

Staff will be reviewing the condition of the cemetery as a whole for considerations within the 2027 operating budget to mitigate any potential future closures.

Financial Considerations

The total cost of the emergency hazardous tree removal was \$7,062.50, including HST.

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As the work constituted an emergency response to address an immediate public safety hazard, the expenditure was incurred prior to Council approval in order to mitigate the identified risk and restore safe public access to the cemetery.

Staff are requesting Council approval to transfer \$7,062.50 from the MacTier Union Cemetery Care & Maintenance Trust Fund to cover the costs of the completed emergency work.

There is no impact on the 2026 operating budget, as the expenditure will be funded entirely from the MacTier Union Cemetery Care & Maintenance Trust Fund.

Conclusion

The emergency removal of hazardous trees at the MacTier Union Cemetery was necessary to protect public safety, reduce the Township's exposure to liability, and restore safe access to the cemetery for residents, visitors, contractors, and staff.

Given the immediate nature of the hazard, staff acted promptly to address the risk and reopen the cemetery without unnecessary delay. Council approval is now requested to transfer \$7,062.50 from the MacTier Union Cemetery Care & Maintenance Trust Fund to cover the costs of the completed emergency work.

Report Supported By

This recommendation report is in alignment with the following strategic pillars:

- Environmental Protection
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Director of Sustainability

Other

Reviewed By

Status:

Karen Way, Director of Corporate Services / Clerk
Greg Mariotti, Chief Administrative Officer

Approved - 03 Jul 2026
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**Township of Georgian Bay
New Business
Item for Council**



Moved by: Councillor Jarvis
Seconded by: Councillor Cooper
Meeting Date: July 13, 2026
Subject: Expired Marine Flare Collection Program

Report:

For many years, CanBoat supported boaters by providing a safe collection process for expired marine flares, helping to ensure these hazardous marine safety devices were properly handled and disposed of.

With the discontinuation of funding support from Transport Canada, this collection service has been impacted, leaving boaters with limited options for responsible disposal. Expired marine flares cannot simply be placed in regular waste streams and require appropriate handling due to their hazardous nature.

The absence of a consistent flare collection program creates increased risk of improper disposal of expired flares, potential safety concerns for residents, waste management staff and emergency responders. In addition creates barriers for recreational boaters attempting to comply with marine safety requirements.

Recommendation:

WHEREAS expired marine flares are regulated safety devices that require proper handling and disposal and cannot be disposed of through regular waste streams; and

WHEREAS the previous expired marine flare collection program provided through CanBoat assisted boaters in safely disposing of outdated marine safety equipment; and

WHEREAS the loss of funding support from Transport Canada has reduced access to this important service, creating challenges for recreational boaters and communities across Canada; and

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WHEREAS municipalities located on or near waterways have an interest in promoting safe boating practices and preventing improper disposal of hazardous marine materials;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council:

1. Support the reinstatement of a federally supported expired marine flare collection program delivered through CanBoat or another appropriate organization; and
2. Requests that Transport Canada review the current gap in service and restore funding support to ensure safe and accessible disposal options for expired marine flares; and
3. Directs staff to share this resolution with the local MP, MPP, Transport Canada and relevant municipal and boating organizations.

**Township of Georgian Bay
New Business
Item for Council**



Moved by: Councillor Predko
Seconded by: Councillor Bochek
Meeting Date: July 13, 2026
Subject: Liveable Ontario and Non-Market Affordable Housing

Report:

The Alliance for a Liveable Ontario has released a roadmap with actions to build liveable communities.

These include:

- Support construction of housing within existing neighbourhoods.
- Preserve and protect natural areas, including watersheds.
- Supporting the protection and expansion of the Greenbelt.
- Forward a Council resolution to the Provincial and Federal governments to set aside provincial and federal lands for non-profit housing.

The roadmap can be viewed here: [Building a Liveable Ontario](#)

Part of this roadmap is to invest in non-market housing, which is recognized by the Canadian Human Rights Commission as a component to solving the Canadian housing crisis.

Non-market housing is housing that is not primarily built or operated to maximize profits. Instead, its purpose is to provide stable, affordable homes over the long term. Any surplus revenue is typically reinvested into maintaining existing housing or building more units, rather than distributed to shareholders or owners.

In Canada, non-market housing can include:

- Public housing – owned and operated by governments.
- Non-profit housing – owned by charitable or community organizations.
- Housing co-operatives (co-ops) – owned collectively by members who live there.
- Indigenous housing – developed and managed by Indigenous governments or organizations.

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- Community land trusts – organizations that own land permanently to keep housing affordable.

Investigate the feasibility of non-market housing in our towns.

Recommendation:

WHEREAS the Township of Georgian Bay lacks affordable housing; and

WHEREAS the Township of Georgian Bay has a role to play in seeking solutions to affordable housing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to research opportunities to support the development of non-market affordable housing within the Township of Georgian Bay; and

THAT staff investigate the feasibility of utilizing Township-owned lands within the Township's urban centres for the purpose of developing non-market affordable housing; and

THAT staff report back to Council with their findings and any recommendations.

Township of Georgian Bay

Minutes

Council

9:00 AM - Monday, June 1, 2026

99 Lone Pine Road, Port Severn Ontario



Present: Mayor Peter Koetsier
Councillor Brian Bocek
Councillor Peter Cooper
Councillor Steven Predko
Councillor Stephen Jarvis
Councillor Kristian Graziano
Councillor Allan Hazelton

Staff Present: Greg Mariotti, Chief Administrative Officer
Amy Buchanan, Director of Human Resources
Caely Nicholson, Chief Building Official
Chad Dowell, Deputy Fire Chief
Corinna King, Supervisor of Municipal Law Enforcement
Derek Witlib, Director of Planning
Jasvinder Rattigan, Director of Financial Services / Treasurer
Jennifer Schnier, Director of Sustainability
Karen Way, Director of Corporate Services / Clerk
Mara Engel, Director of Operations
Sydney Levesque, Deputy Clerk
Trish Walton, Communications and Sustainability Assistant

Others Present: Stephanie Clare, CEO, Township of Georgian Bay Library
Susan McGibbon, Library Board Chair

1. Call to Order

9:07 a.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement Statement

We acknowledge that we are working on the lands traditionally occupied by the Indigenous peoples. Indigenous people continue to care for this land and continue to shape our Township. We show our respect, and will continually honour the treaties that were signed as we consider our decisions and actions.

3. Resident Acknowledgement Statement

We want to acknowledge the commitment of the residents of Georgian Bay Township. We recognize that this municipality operates because of the financial support and volunteerism of a diverse community — including seasonal and full-time residents, volunteers, and businesses- who sustain our services, infrastructure, staff, and local democracy. We all share a common interest in having a transparent, fiscally responsible, well-governed municipality.

Council, the Corporation, including its municipal staff, commit to serving with accountability, fiscal responsibility, environmental stewardship, to create a service-oriented culture that focuses on helping and acting in the best interests of the community.

4. Strategic Directions

Environmental Protection
Fiscal Responsibilities and Technology Efficiencies
Streamline Planning Policies and Procedures
Customer Experience and Community Engagement
District and Township Relationship
Engage with Indigenous Communities

5. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest or Conflict of Interest

Councillor Graziano declared a conflict of interest with item:

- 14(d) Legal Files Listing

6. Deputations

- (a) Audited Year End Results as at December 31, 2025
Pahapill and Associates Chartered Accountants
Rebecca MacDonald, Associate Partner, Audit and Assurance

Rebecca MacDonald, Associate Partner, Audit and Assurance with Pahapill and Associates Chartered Professional Accountants, presented the Township's 2025 audited financial statements. The audit was completed without any significant issues, and no deficiencies in internal controls or other matters requiring Council's attention were identified.

11. Staff Reports

- (a) Audited Year End Results as at December 31, 2025
Financial Services 2026-093

J. Rattigan presented the Township’s audited year-end financial results for 2025. Ms. Rattigan reported that the Township achieved an operating surplus of \$232,236.70, primarily due to revenues exceeding budget projections. She reviewed key revenue and expenditure variances and recommended that the surplus be allocated to the Fire and Emergency Services Asset Reserve.

C-2026-113

Moved by Councillor Allan Hazelton

Seconded by Councillor Brian Bochek

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report regarding the Audited Year End Results as at December 31, 2025 be received; and

THAT the 2025 Operating Surplus of \$232,236.70 be allocated 100% to the Fire and Emergency Services Asset Reserve.

CARRIED

7. Delegations

- (a) Relocation of the Port Severn Library to the Baxter Ward Community Centre
 1. Cheryl Elliot-Fraser, President (Gloucester Pool Cottagers' Association)
 2. Naomi Emmett, Secretary (Georgian Bay Township Historical Society)
 3. Rachael Belanger, Community Relations Director (Baxter ATV Trail Riders)
 4. Arthur Christakos, President (Southeast Georgian Bay Chamber of Commerce and Tourism)
 5. Arthur Christakos, President (Baxter Snow Riders)
 6. Catherine Browne, President (Baxter Ward Lions Club Inc.)
 7. Laurie Russell, President (Condo Board MVLCC 64)
 8. Cathy DeCou, Volunteer (The Port Severn/Honey Harbour Santa Claus Parade Committee)

Cheryl Elliott-Fraser, President of the Gloucester Pool Cottagers' Association, requested the release of a detailed report outlining the costs associated with relocating the library to the Fireside Room and expressed concerns that the study did not accurately reflect community needs, survey responses, or available data.

Naomi Emmett, Secretary of the Georgian Bay Township Historical Society, advised that the Community Centre is used by numerous organizations and major community events and expressed concern regarding the potential loss of available community space.

Rachael Belanger, Community Relations Director for the Baxter ATV Trail Riders, advised that her organization regularly utilizes the facility for annual and committee meetings and emphasized the importance of maintaining access to the space.

Arthur Christakos, President of the Southeast Georgian Bay Chamber of Commerce and Tourism, stated that the library expansion had not been considered as a standalone matter by Council and expressed concern that community feedback had not been reflected in the proposed direction. He suggested the library continue utilizing the space for programming rather than occupying the facility on a permanent basis.

Arthur Christakos, President of the Baxter Snow Riders, encouraged Council to reconsider the proposal and expressed concerns regarding the impacts on existing Community Centre functions.

Catherine Browne, President of the Baxter Ward Lions Club Inc., expressed support for the concept of a community hub but did not support locating the expansion within the Community Centre, noting a petition containing over 400 signatures opposing the proposal.

Laurie Russell, President of Condo Board MVLCC 64, expressed concerns regarding governance, consultation, and discrepancies between the information presented and the data reviewed by members of the public.

Cathy DeCou, Volunteer with the Port Severn/Honey Harbour Santa Claus Parade Committee, advised that the organization relies on access to the entire facility for event-related activities and expressed concern that the loss of space would negatively affect its operations and increase costs.

8. Open Forum

The following members of the public addressed Council regarding these items on the Agenda.

11(e) Refresh MacTier – Memorial Arena and Community Centre
Renovation Funding Opportunity:

- Peggy Baumgartner
- Chris Fellows
- Richard Baumgartner
- Penny Middleton

11(c) Port Severn Library in Baxter Ward Community Center:

- Armin Grigaitis
- Susan Stokes
- Bud Knowles

11. Staff Reports

(c) Port Severn Library in Baxter Ward Community Center
Operations - Parks & Facilities 2026-097

G. Mariotti provided a summary of the report and outlined the rationale for relocating the Port Severn Library Branch to the Baxter Ward Community Centre.

Members expressed concerns the recommendation did not reflect feedback received through the community consultation process; discussed the option of deferring the matter or referring it back to staff for additional public consultation; considered implementing the relocation on a two-year trial basis, with the future of the library to be reassessed at the conclusion of the trial period.

Susan McGibbon, Library Board Chair, spoke in support of relocating the Library to the Baxter Ward Community Centre.

Members enquired whether the proposed space had been assessed for Library use; the Chief Building Official, C. Nicholson confirmed that the Baxter Ward Community Centre meets current standards and requirements to accommodate this use.

Staff advised that the primary costs associated with the relocation would be the moving of books, furnishings, and library supplies.

Councillor Graziano requested a recorded vote.

C-2026-114

Moved by Councillor Stephen Jarvis

Seconded by Councillor Steven Predko

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council defers the following:

- THAT Council consents to the use of the lounge space within the Baxter Ward Community Centre, and
- THAT the success of the relocation be reviewed in two years' time by the Library Board with a presentation to Council, and
- THAT the relocation will not negatively impact current service delivery nor community events at the Community Centre.

For: Mayor Peter Koetsier, Councillor Peter Cooper, and Councillor Kristian Graziano

Against: Councillor Brian Bochek, Councillor Steven Predko, Councillor Stephen Jarvis, and Councillor Allan Hazelton

DEFEATED 3-4

C-2026-115

Moved by Councillor Stephen Jarvis

Seconded by Councillor Steven Predko

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council consents to the use of the lounge space within the Baxter Ward Community Centre, and

THAT the success of the relocation be reviewed in two years' time by the Library Board with a presentation to Council, and

THAT the relocation will not negatively impact current service delivery nor community events at the Community Centre.

For: Councillor Peter Cooper, Councillor Stephen Jarvis, and Councillor Allan Hazelton

Against: Mayor Peter Koetsier, Councillor Brian Bochek, Councillor Steven Predko, and Councillor Kristian Graziano

DEFEATED 3-4

11. Staff Reports

- (g) 802/808 and 862 Hasketts Drive Drainage Update Administration 2026-112

G. Mariotti introduced the item, while Ken Smith of D.M. Wills Associates, presented a summary of the report and responded to questions from Members.

C-2026-116

Moved by Councillor Peter Cooper

Seconded by Councillor Kristian Graziano

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the date by which the engineer shall file the Drainage Report for the Petition at 862 Hasketts Drive with the clerk shall be extended from a period of one year to a period of 18 months; and

THAT the submission date shall be no later than March 8th, 2027; and

THAT Council receive the Drainage Engineer's report for 802/808 Hasketts Drive.

CARRIED

- (e) Refresh MacTier - Memorial Arena and Community Centre Renovation Funding Opportunity Sustainability & Communications 2026-111

J. Schnier presented a report seeking Council authorization to apply for funding through FedNor and NOHFC to support renovations and upgrades to the MacTier Memorial Arena and Community Centre.

Members noted that, regardless of whether the ice surface remains in operation in the future, the proposed facility upgrades are important and should proceed.

C-2026-117

Moved by Councillor Brian Bocek

Seconded by Councillor Stephen Jarvis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to apply for funding in the amount of \$500,000 from the Federal Economic Development Agency for Northern Ontario (FedNor), for the purpose of refreshing the MacTier Arena Community Space; and

THAT staff be directed to apply for funding in the amount of \$500,000 from the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation

(NOHFC), for the purpose of refreshing the MacTier Arena Community Space; and

THAT staff be directed to set aside just over 10% of the total funding project in the amount of \$100,000 from the Working Capital Reserve for the purpose of refreshing the MacTier Arena Community Space; and

THAT staff be directed to set aside no more than \$125,117 from the Working Capital Reserve and \$30,000 from the IT Reserve to help with project management of the renovations, including IT, Project Coordination and Contingency.

For: Mayor Peter Koetsier, Councillor Brian Bocek, Councillor Peter Cooper, Councillor Steven Predko, Councillor Stephen Jarvis, Councillor Kristian Graziano, and Councillor Allan Hazelton

CARRIED 7-0

- (b) OSPCA - Shelter Agreement Renewal
By-Law Enforcement 2026-095

C. King presented a summary of the report and responded to questions of Members.

C-2026-118

Moved by Councillor Kristian Graziano

Seconded by Councillor Peter Cooper

BE IT RESOLVED THAT that Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute the agreement for the OSPCA Midland and District Branch to provide pound services for the Township of Georgian Bay.

CARRIED

- (d) Municipal Sidewalk Plow Blower Replacement
Operations - Roads 2026-109

M. Engel presented a summary of the report and responded to questions of Members.

C-2026-119

Moved by Councillor Stephen Jarvis

Seconded by Councillor Brian Bocek

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the report regarding Emergency replacement of a 54" Blower for John Deere Sidewalk Plow; and

THAT Council approve the purchase be funded in the amount of \$7,632.01 including non-rebatable HST from the Fleet Reserves.

CARRIED

- (f) Bear Bin Program
Sustainability & Communications 2026-110

J. Schnier presented a summary of the report and responded to questions from Members.

Members discussed the proposed Bear Bin Program and expressed concern regarding the potential impact on water-access properties; it noted that many water-access properties do not receive waste collection services and discussed the need to ensure equitable waste management options.

Councillor Hazelton requested a recorded vote.

C-2026-120

Moved by Councillor Allan Hazelton

Seconded by Councillor Steven Predko

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to execute Option 2 (\$75 Subsidy) as it relates to the communication, purchase and delivery of bear bins for the 2026-2027 season up-to a maximum of 100 units; and

THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute an agreement with the successful vendor to determine delivery dates, warranty, discount and other relevant details of 100 bear bins to be made available to residents.

For: Mayor Peter Koetsier, Councillor Brian Bocek, Councillor Steven Predko, Councillor Stephen Jarvis, and Councillor Kristian Graziano

Against: Councillor Peter Cooper and Councillor Allan Hazelton

CARRIED 5-2

12. New Business

- (a) Lakeside Waste Collection Hours at Minors Bay (Predko)

Councillor Predko requested that the Township ask the District of Muskoka to revise the Sunday lakeside waste collection hours at Minors Bay citing improved convenience for water-access residents and reduced travel time, fuel costs, and boat traffic.

C-2026-121

Moved by Councillor Steven Predko

Seconded by Councillor Brian Bochek

WHEREAS the Go Home Lake water access residents receive Lakeside Collection on Wednesday and Sundays; and

WHEREAS the scheduled hours on Sundays do not provide convenience, cost effectiveness, or safe traffic conditions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Georgian Bay requests the District of Muskoka Public Works department to modify the hours of service to 11:30am to 2:30pm.

CARRIED

13. Consent Agenda

- (a) Adoption of Consent Agenda of June 1, 2026

C-2026-122

Moved by Councillor Brian Bochek

Seconded by Councillor Stephen Jarvis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the Consent Agenda of June 1, 2026 as circulated.

CARRIED

- (b) Council - May 4, 2026 - Minutes

C-2026-123

Moved by Councillor Peter Cooper

Seconded by Councillor Kristian Graziano

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the May 4, 2026 Council minutes as circulated.

CARRIED

- (c) Planning Council - May 5, 2026 - Minutes

C-2026-124

Moved by Councillor Steven Predko

Seconded by Councillor Allan Hazelton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the May 5, 2026 Planning Council minutes as circulated.

CARRIED

- (d) Committee of the Whole - May 5, 2026 - Minutes

C-2026-125

Moved by Councillor Steven Predko

Seconded by Councillor Brian Bocek

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the May 5, 2026 Committee of the Whole minutes as circulated.

CARRIED

- (e) Committee of the Whole - May 5, 2026 - Resolutions

C-2026-126

Moved by Councillor Peter Cooper

Seconded by Councillor Stephen Jarvis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the May 5, 2026 Committee of the Whole resolutions (COW-2026-012, COW-2026-013) as circulated.

CARRIED

- (f) MacTier Arena Advisory Committee - May 27, 2026 - Resolutions

C-2026-127

Moved by Councillor Brian Bocek

Seconded by Councillor Steven Predko

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the May 27, 2026 MacTier Arena Advisory Committee resolutions (MAAC-2026-013, MAAC-2026-014, MAAC-2026-015, MAAC-2026-016, MAAC-2026-017, MAAC-2026-018) as circulated.

CARRIED

- (g) May 2026 Monthly Department Highlights
Senior Management Team 2026-099

C-2026-128

Moved by Councillor Kristian Graziano

Seconded by Councillor Allan Hazelton

BE IT RESOLVED that Council received the May 2026 Monthly Department Highlights Senior Management Team Report 2026-099 for information purposes.

CARRIED

- (h) Quarterly Financial Results - First Quarter 2026
Financial Services 2026-096

C-2026-129

Moved by Councillor Stephen Jarvis

Seconded by Councillor Allan Hazelton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report regarding the Quarterly Financial Results - First Quarter 2026, be received for information.

CARRIED

9. Communications From Mayor and Council

The Mayor and Councillors provided their monthly updates and responded to constituents' communications.

10. Communications from CAO

CAO Mariotti updated Council on key highlights and accomplishments from the past month.

14. Closed Session

- (a) Closed Session

C-2026-130

Moved by Councillor Peter Cooper

Seconded by Councillor Kristian Graziano

WHEREAS section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended provides authority for Councils of Municipalities to close a meeting, or parts of a meeting, to the public if the subject matter pertains to a matter identified in Section 239(2); and

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Georgian Bay deems it necessary to close this portion of the meeting in order to address matters under the following Sections of 239(2):

- Refresh MacTier Advisory Committee Appointment (personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; labour relations or employee negotiations)
- Council Closed Minutes of May 4, 2026 - (per Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act as noted on May 4, 2026)
- Legal Files Listing (litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality; Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose)

NOW BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Georgian Bay moves into a Closed Session of Council at 2:17 p.m.

CARRIED

- (e) Rise from Closed

C-2026-131

Moved by Councillor Peter Cooper

Seconded by Councillor Kristian Graziano

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Georgian Bay rise from Closed Session at 2:55 p.m.

CARRIED

- (b) Refresh MacTier Advisory Committee Appointments
- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees

C-2026-132

Moved by Councillor Brian Bochek

Seconded by Councillor Peter Cooper

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council appoints the following persons to be public members of the Refresh MacTier Advisory Committee (RMAC):

1. Chris Fellows
2. Lyndsey Jordan
3. Michael Didur
4. Penny Middleton
5. Stephanie Armstrong
6. Steven Schell
7. Trish Thornton

CARRIED

- (c) Council - May 4, 2026 - Closed Minutes
- Per Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act as noted on May 4, 2026

C-2026-133

Moved by Councillor Steven Predko

Seconded by Councillor Stephen Jarvis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the May 4, 2026 Council Closed minutes as circulated.

CARRIED

15. By-laws

- (a) By-law 2026-037 - MLEO Student Appointment

C-2026-134

Moved by Councillor Brian Bochek

Seconded by Councillor Allan Hazelton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council enact By-law 2026-037 - MLEO Student Appointment.

CARRIED

- (b) By-law 2026-038 - MLEO Appointment (Woll, Mattice & McLean)

C-2026-135

Moved by Councillor Peter Cooper

Seconded by Councillor Kristian Graziano

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council enact By-law 2026-038 - MLEO Appointment (Woll, Mattice & McLean).

CARRIED

- (d) By-law 2026-040 - Sustainable Communities Advisory Group Appointment

C-2026-136

Moved by Councillor Kristian Graziano

Seconded by Councillor Steven Predko

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council enact By-law 2026-039 - Sustainable Communities Advisory Group Appointment.

CARRIED

- (c) By-law 2026-039 - Refresh MacTier Advisory Committee (RMAC) Appointment

K. Way advised public feedback recommended the District Councillor and Ward Councillor serve as the Council representatives.

Members discussed the option for a third or an alternate Councillor representatives; staff confirmed the Mayor serves as ex-officio on all committees, therefore with a third representative it would create a quorum of Council.

Councillors Bochek and Predko, as the District Councillor and Ward Councillor respectively, accepted the nominations to serve on RMAC. Councillor Graziano accepted the nomination to serve as the alternate Council representative.

C-2026-137

Moved by Councillor Steven Predko

Seconded by Councillor Stephen Jarvis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council enact By-law 2026-040 to appoint the following Refresh MacTier Advisory Committee (RMAC) members:

- Councillor Brian Bochek
- Councillor Steven Predko
- Chris Fellows
- Lindsey Jordan
- Michael Didur
- Penny Middleton
- Stephanie Armstrong
- Steven Schell
- Trish Thornton, and

THAT the following alternate Council representative be appointed:

- Councillor Kristian Graziano.

CARRIED

16. Addendum

- (a) Municipal Sidewalk Plow Blower Replacement
Operations - Roads 2026-109

[See Agenda Item 11(d)]

- (b) Refresh MacTier - Memorial Arena and Community Centre
Renovation Funding Opportunity
Sustainability & Communications 2026-111

[See Agenda Item 11(e)]

- (c) Bear Bin Program
Sustainability & Communications 2026-110

[See Agenda Item 11(f)]

- (d) 802/808 and 862 Hasketts Drive Drainage Update
Administration 2026-112

[See Agenda Item 11(g)]

- (e) MacTier Arena Advisory Committee - May 27, 2026 - Resolutions

[See Agenda Item 13(f)]

17. Confirming By-law

- (a) By-law 2026-041 - Confirming Council June 1, 2026

C-2026-138

Moved by Councillor Stephen Jarvis

Seconded by Councillor Brian Bochek

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts By-law 2026-041 to confirm the proceedings of the June 1, 2026 Council meeting.

CARRIED

18. Adjournment

- (a) Adjournment of June 1, 2026 Council

C-2026-139

Moved by Councillor Allan Hazelton

Seconded by Councillor Peter Cooper

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does now adjourn at 3:04 p.m. until July 13, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. or at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED

Peter Koetsier, Mayor

Karen Way, Clerk

Township of Georgian Bay

Minutes

Planning Council

9:00 AM - Tuesday, June 2, 2026

99 Lone Pine Road, Port Severn Ontario



Present: Mayor Peter Koetsier
Councillor Brian Bochek
Councillor Peter Cooper
Councillor Steven Predko
Councillor Stephen Jarvis
Councillor Kristian Graziano
Councillor Allan Hazelton

Staff Present: Greg Mariotti, Chief Administrative Officer
Andrew Donaldson, Planner II
Caely Nicholson, Chief Building Official
Chad Dowell, Deputy Fire Chief
Deb McCabe, Manager of Planning
Derek Witlib, Director of Planning
Jeff Kratky, Planner II
Jasvinder Rattigan, Director of Financial Services / Treasurer
Joshua Bondar, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer
Karen Way, Director of Corporate Services / Clerk
Shania Wonfor, Planner II
Sydney Levesque, Deputy Clerk

1. Call to Order

9:00 a.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement Statement

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Engage with Indigenous Communities

5. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest or Conflict of Interest

Nil.

6. Open Forum

Nil.

7. Municipal Act Public Meetings

- (a) Application to Close Shore Road Allowance R24-07 (13258 Georgian Bay Shore - Wendt)
Corporate Services 2026-086

S. Levesque presented the application.

No written or public comments were received.

P-2026-033

Moved by Councillor Stephen Jarvis

Seconded by Councillor Steven Predko

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council pass the Closing By-law 2026-042 to stop up, close and convey Part of the original shore road allowance in front of Broken Lot 34, Concession 13, being Part 2, Plan 35R28011, formerly Baxter, now in the Township of Georgian Bay, The District

Municipality of Muskoka, 13258 Georgian Bay Shore for the purchase price of \$30,567.02, subject to all applicable costs and fees being paid in full; and

THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute any documents necessary to complete the conveyance.

CARRIED

- (b) Application to Close Shore Road Allowance R25-07 (200 Stewart Lake Road - Zebrowski)
Corporate Services 2026-087

S. Levesque presented the application.

No written or public comments were received.

P-2026-034

Moved by Councillor Peter Cooper

Seconded by Councillor Kristian Graziano

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council pass the Closing By-law 2026-043 to stop up, close and convey Part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 2, Concession 9, being Part 1, Plan 35R28044, formerly Freeman, now in the Township of Georgian Bay, The District Municipality of Muskoka, 200 Stewart Lake Road for the purchase price of \$8,215.65, subject to all applicable costs and fees being paid in full; and

THAT Council pass the Deeming By-law 2026-044 part of Plan M228, formerly Township of Freeman, now in the Township of Georgian Bay, The District Municipality of Muskoka not to be a registered plan of subdivision for the purpose of the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990, c.P.13, s.50(3).; and

THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute any documents necessary to complete the conveyance.

CARRIED

8. Planning Act Public Meetings

- (a) Official Plan Amendment O26-05 and Zoning Bylaw Amendment Z26-10 (34 Curling Club Road - Brad Hutchinson Sales and Service)
Planning Services 2026-088

D. McCabe presented the application.

Written correspondence received:

- One (1) letter was received from Caely Nicholson, Chief Building Official stating that they will require MTO approval and will require building permits.
- One (1) letter was received from the District of Muskoka indicating that District staff would not oppose approval of the application, provided that appropriate development control measures are used to address the comments and requirements of the MTO.
- One (1) letter was received from Ministry of Transportation of Ontario stating they have no concerns regarding this application
- One (1) letter from Ministry of Natural Resources stating they have not comment regarding this application
- One (1) letter was received from Hydro One confirms receipt of the applications and does not comment on OPAs and ZBA's. They will review the proposal later in the planning process, and directs applicants to their local distributor or Hydro One's subdivision group for any low voltage matters.

The agent, Eric Scetto, was present and spoke in support of the application and advised that he was available to answer questions from Members.

The applicant, Brad Hutchinson was present and was present and did not make any public comments.

No public comments were received.

P-2026-035

Moved by Councillor Brian Bocek

Seconded by Councillor Allan Hazelton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report regarding Official Plan Amendment O26-05 and Zoning By-law Amendment Z26-10 (34 Curling Club Road), be received; and

THAT the comments provided at the Public Meeting held on June 2, 2026 be received; and

THAT Council direct staff to prepare a recommendation report and by-law for Council's consideration at a subsequent meeting after all consultation comments have been received and considered.

CARRIED

- (b) Temporary Use Zoning By-law Amendment Extension Application
Z26-05 (Rock Crushing) by OBD Developments Inc.
Planning Services 2026-092

D. Witlib presented the application.

Written correspondence received:

- One (1) letter was received from Caely Nicholson, Chief Building Official, indicating she had no comments on the application.
- Once (1) letter was received from The District of Muskoka stating District staff would not oppose the application if Township staff confirm that impacts such as odour, noise, contaminants, public health and safety risks, and effects on natural features are adequately mitigated.
- One (1) letter was received by the Ministry of Transportation stating the subject lands are not located within the MTO's permit control are therefore they have not comment.
- One (1) letter was received from Tatham Engineering Ltd which provided a record of four resident complaints while crushing and the manner in which they were addressed.
- One (1) letter was received from Hydro One confirms receipt of the application and does not comment on ZBAs. They will review the project at later stage, and directs applicants to their local distributor or Hydro One's subdivision group for any low voltage matters.

The agent, David White of DS White Professional Corporation, was present and responded to questions from Members. Mr. White advised that crushing activities on the Summerside property are anticipated to be completed by 2028.

Members discussed concerns raised by residents in previous proceedings and questioned whether residents of Oak Bay supported the proposal. D. White noted that if residents had outstanding concerns, they could have attended the meeting or submitted correspondence to the Township. Members further noted that concerns raised previously had been addressed through the Ontario Land Tribunal process.

P-2026-036

Moved by Councillor Peter Cooper

Seconded by Councillor Stephen Jarvis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report regarding Temporary Use Zoning By-law Amendment Extension Application Z26-05 (Rock Crushing) for lands known as "Summerside", situated on the north side of Golf Course Road in Port Severn and located in Parts of Lots 30 & 31, Concession 2 (Baxter), Township of Georgian Bay, be received; and

THAT the comments provided at the Public Meeting held on June 2, 2026 be received; and

THAT Council direct staff to prepare a recommendation report and by-law for Council's consideration at a subsequent meeting after all consultation comments have been received and considered.

CARRIED

- (c) Zoning By-law Amendment Z26-02 (377B Macey Bay Road - Bidinot) Planning Services 2026-089

A. Donaldson presented the application.

Correspondence received:

- One (1) letter was received from Caely Nicholson, Chief Building Official, stating that a consent condition will require sewage systems meeting OBC standards for each property with an existing dwelling
- One (1) letter was received from The District of Muskoka stating they are not opposed to the proposed application and look forward to providing formal comments on the related Consent applications once they are circulated.
- One (1) letter was received from the Ministry of Transportation stating the District Office has no comment but supports the request for an EIS due to the adjacent Provincially Significant Wetland and protected species in the area
- One (1) letter was received from Severn Sound Environmental Association stating the property is outside the Intake Protection zone there they have no comment.
- One (1) letter was received from Hydro One confirms receipt of the application and does not comment on ZBAs. They will review the project later in the process, and directs applicants to their local distributor or Hydro One's subdivision group for any low voltage matters.

The agent, Miriam Vasni of Land Use Planning & Project Management was present and available to answer questions from Members.

The applicant, Renny Bidinot, was present and did not provide any comments.

P-2026-037

Moved by Councillor Steven Predko

Seconded by Councillor Allan Hazelton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves Zoning By-law Amendment Application Z26-02; and

THAT Council enacts By-law 2026-045, being a Zoning By-law Amendment (Z26-02) to further amend Zoning By-law 2014-75, by rezoning the property municipally known as 377B Macey Bay Road, from the Shoreline Residential Type Five (SR5) Zone to the Shoreline Residential Type One (SR1) Zone.

CARRIED

9. Planning Application Staff Reports

- (a) Zoning By-law Amendment Z26-11 (227 Huron Trail - Belbeck)
Planning Services 2026-090

S. Wonfor presented the application.

No questions were raised by Members.

P-2026-038

Moved by Councillor Kristian Graziano

Seconded by Councillor Brian Bochek

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves Zoning By-law Amendment Application Z26-11; and

THAT Council enacts By-law 2026-046, being a Zoning By-law Amendment (Z26-11) to further amend Zoning By-law 2014-75, for the lands legally described as Lot 3 on Plan M-638, Part of Lot 19, Concession 10, formerly Baxter, now in the Township of Georgian Bay, District Municipality of Muskoka, and municipally known as 227 Huron Trail, to remove the Holding (H17); and,

THAT By-law 2026-046 take effect upon the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) decision date regarding By-law 2025-053 (Housekeeping Zoning By-law) in the matter of OLT-25-000597.

CARRIED

- (b) Official Plan Amendment File O23-05 and Zoning Bylaw Amendment File Z23-09 (129 Millard Drive - McCart)
Planning Services 2026-098

D. McCabe presented the application.

The agent, Jamie Robinson of MHBC Planning, was present and responded to questions from Members regarding the proposed zoning map and provided clarification on the proposed zoning boundaries.

P-2026-039

Moved by Councillor Allan Hazelton

Seconded by Councillor Brian Bochek

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council enacts By-law 2026-047, being a By-law to adopt Official Plan Amendment No. 29 (O23-05) to further amend the Township of Georgian Bay's Official Plan, by adding Site Specific Policy F.3.3.6.2.6 to permit two sleeping cabins in the required shoreline or front yard setback as defined by the Township's Zoning By-law on the lands municipally known as 129 Millard Drive; and

THAT By-law 2026-047 adopting Official Plan Amendment No. 29 be forwarded to the District of Muskoka for approval; and

THAT Council enacts By-law 2026-048, being a Zoning By-law Amendment (Z23-09) to further amend Zoning By-law 2014-75, by rezoning the property municipally known as 129 Millard Drive, from the Shoreline Residential Type One (SR1) Zone to a Shoreline Residential Type One - Exception (SR1-85) Zone and a Shoreline Residential Type One - Exception (SR1-86) Zone; and from Shoreline Residential Type One (SR1) Zone to Environmental Protection - Wetland Exception (EP-W-5) Zone; and

THAT By-law 2026-048 take effect after the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) decision date regarding By-law 2025-053 (Housekeeping Zoning By-law) in the matter of OLT-25-000597.

CARRIED

10. Staff Reports

- (a) Bill 98 & Georgian Bay Official Plan & Zoning By-law Review & Update
Planning Services 2026-091

J. Kratky presented the report and advised that recent changes under Bill 98 require municipalities to adopt a new Official Plan framework, which was not contemplated in the Township's current Official Plan and Zoning By-law Review process. As a result, staff recommended pausing the review and addressing necessary conformity matters through separate housekeeping amendments.

Members discussed opportunities for public engagement, including circulating information to cottage associations and community groups. J. Kratky advised that staff are also exploring the establishment of a working group to assist with future Official Plan and Zoning By-law review efforts.

Members emphasized the importance of bringing the matter before Council prior to the end of the summer season to ensure seasonal residents have an opportunity to participate in the discussion and provide input.

P-2026-040

Moved by Councillor Kristian Graziano

Seconded by Councillor Peter Cooper

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council pauses the 2026/28 Official Plan and Zoning By-law Review and Updates ("Review") as approved by Resolution P-2026-012 until after a further report from Planning staff provides an outline for the Review conforming to the "new official plan framework" that Bill 98 adds to the *Planning Act*; and

THAT the following topics shall be removed from the Review to instead be considered individually by Council during housekeeping amendments of the Georgian Bay Official Plan and/or comprehensive Zoning By-law 2014-75, as amended, being:

1. Additional residential units;
2. Aggregates;
3. Agriculture;
4. MacTier settlement boundary;
5. Minimum opening elevations;
6. Climate change;
7. Recreational water quality;
8. Source water protection; and
9. Wildland fire risk.

CARRIED

11. Addendum

- (a) Temporary Use Zoning By-law Amendment Extension Application Z26-05 (Rock Crushing) by OBD Developments Inc.
Planning Services 2026-092

[See Agenda Item 8(b)]

- (b) Official Plan Amendment File O23-05 and Zoning Bylaw Amendment File Z23-09 (129 Millard Drive - McCart)
Planning Services 2026-098

[See Agenda Item 9(a)]

- (c) Bill 98 & Georgian Bay Official Plan & Zoning By-law Review & Update
Planning Services 2026-091

[See Agenda Item 10(a)]

12. Confirming By-law

- (a) By-law 2026-049 - Confirming Planning Council June 2, 2026

P-2026-041

Moved by Councillor Stephen Jarvis

Seconded by Councillor Steven Predko

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Planning Council adopt By-law 2026-049 to confirm the proceedings of the June 2, 2026 Council Meeting.

CARRIED

13. Adjournment

- (a) Adjournment of July 14, 2026 Planning Council

P-2026-042

Moved by Councillor Allan Hazelton

Seconded by Councillor Stephen Jarvis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Planning Council does now adjourn at 11:22 a.m. until July 14, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. or at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED

Peter Koetsier, Mayor

Karen Way, Clerk

Township of Georgian Bay

Minutes

Committee of the Whole

1:00 PM - Tuesday, June 2, 2026

99 Lone Pine Road, Port Severn Ontario



Present: Mayor Peter Koetsier
Councillor Brian Bochek
Councillor Peter Cooper
Councillor Steven Predko
Councillor Stephen Jarvis
Councillor Kristian Graziano
Councillor Allan Hazelton

Staff Present: Greg Mariotti, Chief Administrative Officer
Amy Buchanan, Director of Human Resources
Caely Nicholson, Chief Building Official
Chad Dowell, Deputy Fire Chief
Derek Witlib, Director of Planning
Jasvinder Rattigan, Director of Financial Services / Treasurer
Jennifer Schnier, Director of Sustainability
Karen Way, Director of Corporate Services / Clerk
Kurt Woll, Deputy Fire Chi
Mara Engel, Director of Operations
Sydney Levesque, Deputy Clerk

1. Call to Order

12:15 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement Statement

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5. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest or Conflict of Interest

Nil.

8. Staff Reports

- (a) Fire & Emergency Services Regulatory Update – Firefighter Certification Requirements (O. Reg. 343/22)
Fire & Emergency Services 2026-094

C. Dowell presented an overview of upcoming firefighter certification requirements under Ontario Regulation 343/22 and the impacts on training, staffing, and future service delivery.

Members discussed challenges related to firefighter retention, noting that the Township's strong training program can make firefighters attractive candidates for other departments once they become fully trained. Questions were raised regarding strategies to improve long-term retention. C. Dowell advised that staff have introduced initiatives such as a \$200 firefighter spending allowance to support retention efforts, but acknowledged there is no single solution. He noted that retention remains a priority for the Department and that staff will continue to explore opportunities to improve firefighter recruitment and retention.

COW-2026-014

Moved by Councillor Peter Cooper

Seconded by Councillor Brian Bochek

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive this report for information regarding Ontario Regulation 343/22 – Firefighter Certification requirements; and

THAT Council acknowledge that future amendments to the Township of Georgian Bay Fire & Emergency Services Establishing and Regulating (E&R) By-law will be required to align with provincial certification and training standards.

CARRIED

- (b) Summary of Legal Fees 2023 to 2026 Quarter 1
Financial Services 2026-100

J. Rattigan advised that this matter was previously presented to Council as an information report at the May Council meeting. Council requested a more fulsome discussion regarding the report, and the item was therefore brought forward for further consideration and discussion.

J. Rattigan provided an overview of the report and responded to questions from Members regarding legal expenditures, reserve funding, and the Township’s use of external legal counsel.

Members discussed opportunities to manage legal costs, including encouraging negotiated resolutions where appropriate, and received clarification regarding Council oversight of legal matters and staff authority under the Procurement Policy.

COW-2026-015

Moved by Councillor Allan Hazelton

Seconded by Councillor Stephen Jarvis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report regarding Summary of Legal Fees 2023 to 2026 Quarter 1, be received for information.

CARRIED

6. Delegations

- (a) Strategic Plan Review
Georgian Bay Land Trust
Andrew Young, Executive Director
Andy Mitchell, Strategic Planning Consultant

Andrew Young, Executive Director of the Georgian Bay Land Trust, and Andy Mitchell, Strategic Planning Consultant, presented an overview of the organization's strategic planning process.

Members discussed shoreline protection, water quality, and the importance of balancing environmental stewardship with responsible growth. Members also commented on the value of continued collaboration between the Township and the Georgian Bay Land Trust in support of shared conservation objectives and long-term stewardship initiatives.

8. Open Forum

Nil.

9. Adjournment

- (a) Adjournment of June 2, 2026 Committee of the Whole

COW-2026-016

Moved by Councillor Steven Predko

Seconded by Councillor Kristian Graziano

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Committee of the Whole does now adjourn at 1:52 p.m. to reconvene on July 14, 2026 or at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED

Peter Koetsier, Mayor

Karen Way, Clerk



**The Township of Georgian Bay
Resolutions
Committee of the Whole - 02 Jun 2026**

Item 8.(a)

Date: June 2, 2026

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Seconded by Councillor Brian Bochek

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Carried Defeated Recorded Vote Referred Deferred

Recorded Vote:

	For	Against	Absent
Councillor Brian Bochek			
Councillor Peter Cooper			
Councillor Kristian Graziano			
Councillor Allan Hazelton			
Councillor Stephen Jarvis			
Councillor Steven Predko			
Mayor Peter Koetsier			

Peter Koetsier, Mayor



The Township of Georgian Bay
Resolutions
Committee of the Whole - 02 Jun 2026

Item 8.(b)

Date: June 2, 2026

COW-2026-015

Moved by Councillor Allan Hazelton
Seconded by Councillor Stephen Jarvis

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Councillor Peter Cooper			
Councillor Kristian Graziano			
Councillor Allan Hazelton			
Councillor Stephen Jarvis			
Councillor Steven Predko			
Mayor Peter Koetsier			

Peter Koetsier, Mayor



**The Township of Georgian Bay
Resolutions
Committee of the Whole - 02 Jun 2026**

Item 9.(a)

Date: June 2, 2026

COW-2026-016

Moved by Councillor Steven Predko
Seconded by Councillor Kristian Graziano

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Carried
 Defeated
 Recorded Vote
 Referred
 Deferred

Recorded Vote:

	For	Against	Absent
Councillor Brian Bochek			
Councillor Peter Cooper			
Councillor Kristian Graziano			
Councillor Allan Hazelton			
Councillor Stephen Jarvis			
Councillor Steven Predko			
Mayor Peter Koetsier			

Peter Koetsier, Mayor

Township of Georgian Bay

Minutes

MacTier Arena Advisory Committee

10:00 AM - Wednesday, May 27, 2026

99 Lone Pine Road, Port Severn Ontario



Present: Chair Kristian Graziano
Member Richard Baumgartner
Member Ron Cameron
Member Steven Predko
Member Trish Thornton

Absent: Member Arianna Fitchett
Member David Green
Member Megan Green

Staff Present: Jennifer Schnier, Director of Sustainability
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Council, the Corporation, including its municipal staff, commit to serving with accountability, fiscal responsibility, environmental stewardship, to create a service-oriented culture that focuses on helping and acting in the best interests of the community.

Strategic Directions

Environmental Protection
Fiscal Responsibilities and Technology Efficiencies
Streamline Planning Policies and Procedures
Customer Experience and Community Engagement
District and Township Relationship
Engage with Indigenous Communities

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest or Conflict of Interest

Nil.

5. Adoption of Minutes

(a) Adoption of April 27, 2026 Minutes

MAAC-2026-013

Moved by Member Steven Predko

Seconded by Member Ron Cameron

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Township of Georgian Bay MacTier Arena Advisory Committee approves the minutes of April 27, 2026 as circulated.

CARRIED

6. Open Forum

Nil.

7. New Business

(a) Sponsorship Advertising and Naming Rights RFP (Baumgartner)

Member Baumgartner presented this item to seek an RFP process to have naming rights of the Arena as a revenue source.

Staff advised an advertising policy is being prepared and an RFP of this kind should wait until after the policy is implemented; Members were willing to extend the timeframe in the proposed motion.

Staff advised naming rights should wait until a clear purpose and plan for the Arena is established, this may be premature to seek this type of advertising at this time.

Members discussed their interest in moving forward with an RFP for naming rights.

MAAC-2026-014

Moved by Member Richard Baumgartner

Seconded by Member Trish Thornton

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WHEREAS issuing an RFP carries no financial commitment and produces an objective, public record of market interest consistent with Council's obligation to pursue evidence-based stewardship of municipal assets;

WHEREAS the Municipal Act, 2001 requires Council to ensure the effective and efficient stewardship of municipal property, which includes actively exploring all reasonable mechanisms to optimize revenue from those assets;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff complete RFP development within 60 days of this motion passing, and that the RFP be issued no later than 75 days of this motion passing;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if staff are unable to meet either deadline, written reasons shall be provided to MAAC at the next scheduled meeting, and the MAAC Chair shall escalate the matter in writing to the Chief Administrative Officer for resolution within 10 business days;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that staff report back to Council within 90 days of the RFP issuance date with a full summary of all proposals received, an assessment of market interest, and recommended next steps for Council's consideration.

CARRIED

(c) Online Scheduling and Booking System Implementation
(Baumgartner)

Member Baumgartner presented this item requesting an online booking system be implemented.

Staff advised the Township has implemented TownSuite corporate wide and is currently in the process of implementing the booking portal and is hopeful to have this system available for the upcoming ice season; further it would be impossible to review, secure, and implement any new software by August 31, 2026.

Members discussed the desire for an online booking system and are supportive of the booking portal via TownSuite.

MAAC-2026-015

Moved by Member Richard Baumgartner

Seconded by Member Trish Thornton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MacTier Arena Advisory Committee recommend staff implement the recreational booking portal via TownSuite in time for the 2026-2027 ice season.

CARRIED

(b) Ice Time Marketplace Pilot Program (Baumgartner)

Member Baumgartner presented this item to seek a pilot program for a booking app.

Staff advised the implementation of the booking portal via TownSuite will allow users to review available ice time and book online; further it was noted that booking apps are designed for high-density communities with multiple ice surfaces to fill in gaps within bookings, not attract new regular ice users.

Members discussed the benefits of a booking app, compared to the incoming booking portal.

Member Baumgartner withdrew the motion.

(d) Utilization Metrics and Reporting Framework (Baumgartner)

Member Baumgartner presented this item to seek statistics regarding arena staffing, usage, etc. and for this information to benefit Council in make decisions on subsidizing the Arena.

Staff advised statistics are available in the SMT Monthly Highlights report listed on the Consent Agenda each month, and are willing to provide further statistics for the benefit of Council and Committee.

MAAC-2026-016

Moved by Member Richard Baumgartner

Seconded by Member Trish Thornton

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WHEREAS the absence of defined metrics allows subjective characterizations of facility performance to substitute for evidence-based analysis, impeding Council's ability to make informed decisions;

WHEREAS comparable rural arenas across Ontario report standardized utilization data as a matter of routine operational management, and the Township has no credible basis for exempting the MacTier Arena from this standard;

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- Breakdown of booked hours by category of use: league/sanctioned rental, public programming, practice, special events, and other
- Revenue per booked ice hour
- Hours booked and denied for ice time by hours

CARRIED

- (i) Facilitated Town Hall - Dedicated Arena Agenda Allocation (Baumgartner)

The motion was presented, staff advised this approach is restrictive and may encumber the Refresh MacTier Town Hall.

Members discussed the motion and their preference to have the beginning of the Town Hall focus on the future of the arena.

Staff advised it's imperative for the Refresh MacTier Town Hall to encourage discussion and resident feedback on the community as a whole and not just the ice surface independent from the other community needs and wants.

Members continued to have a preference for the arena pad to be the forefront of the discussion at the Town Hall.

MAAC-2026-017

Moved by Member Richard Baumgartner

Seconded by Member Trish Thornton

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WHEREAS the MacTier Arena faces significant capital investment decisions within the current Council term, including decisions related to its ice plant and concrete slab infrastructure, the outcome of which will determine the long-term viability of the facility for generations of residents;

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WHEREAS at the May 5, 2026 Council meeting, a consent agenda motion directing the facilitated town hall to include a dedicated arena agenda allocation was pulled from the consent agenda and subsequently amended in a manner that removed the dedicated agenda protection, despite an explicit request from a member of Council to retain it, and the matter was never brought to a recorded vote — meaning this motion is properly before Council as a new question;

WHEREAS the Municipal Act, 2001 requires Council to act in the public interest with respect to the stewardship of municipal assets, and ensuring that community engagement on a high-value, time-sensitive capital asset is conducted with appropriate focus and rigour is a direct expression of that obligation;

WHEREAS it is reasonable and administratively practical for the facilitated town hall to address additional Mactier community matters, provided that the dedicated arena discussion is fully

completed first and is not reduced, displaced, or subordinated to any other agenda item;

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CARRIED

- (e) Standardized Ice Time Release and Booking Policy (Baumgartner)

Meeting adjourned, this item not addressed.

- (f) Alternative Ice Programming Pilot (Baumgartner)

Meeting adjourned, this item not addressed.

- (g) Arena Outreach and Engagement Tracking (Baumgartner)

Meeting adjourned, this item not addressed.

- (h) Operating Model Optimization Review (Baumgartner)

Meeting adjourned, this item not addressed.

9. Adjournment

- (a) Adjournment of May 27, 2026 MacTier Arena Advisory Committee

MAAC-2026-018

Moved by Member Ron Cameron

Seconded by Member Steven Predko

BE IT RESOLVED that the May 27, 2026 MacTier Arena Advisory Committee now adjourns at 12:26 p.m.

CARRIED



**The Township of Georgian Bay
Resolutions
MacTier Arena Advisory Committee
Wednesday, May 27, 2026**

Item 5.(a)

Date: May 27, 2026

MAAC-2026-013

Moved by Member Steven Predko

Seconded by Member Ron Cameron

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Carried Defeated Referred Deferred

Kristian Graziano, Chair



**The Township of Georgian Bay
Resolutions
MacTier Arena Advisory Committee
Wednesday, May 27, 2026**

Item 7.(a)

Date: May 27, 2026

MAAC-2026-014

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Agenda Item #11.(g)

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Carried Defeated Referred Deferred

Kristian Graziano, Chair



The Township of Georgian Bay

Resolutions

MacTier Arena Advisory Committee Wednesday, May 27, 2026

Item 7.(c)

Date: May 27, 2026

MAAC-2026-015

Moved by Member Richard Baumgartner

Seconded by Member Trish Thornton

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Carried Defeated Referred Deferred

Kristian Graziano, Chair



The Township of Georgian Bay
Resolutions
MacTier Arena Advisory Committee
Wednesday, May 27, 2026

Item 7.(d)

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MAAC-2026-016

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Seconded by Member Trish Thornton

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The Township of Georgian Bay
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Carried Defeated Referred Deferred

Kristian Graziano, Chair



**The Township of Georgian Bay
Resolutions
MacTier Arena Advisory Committee
Wednesday, May 27, 2026**

Item 8.(a)

Date: May 27, 2026

MAAC-2026-018

Moved by Member Ron Cameron
Seconded by Member Steven Predko

BE IT RESOLVED that the May 27, 2026 MacTier Arena Advisory Committee now adjourns at 12:26 p.m.

Carried Defeated Referred Deferred

Kristian Graziano, Chair



The Township of Georgian Bay
Resolutions
Refresh MacTier Advisory
Committee
Monday, June 22, 2026

Item 5.(a)

Date: June 22, 2026

RMAC-2026-001

Moved by Member Trish Thornton
Seconded by Member Penny Middleton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Chris Fellows be appointed Chair and Steven Predko be appointed Vice-Chair of the Refresh MacTier Advisory Committee for the remainder of the Committee's term, or until their successors are appointed.

Carried Defeated Referred Deferred

Chris Fellows, Chair



The Township of Georgian Bay
Resolutions
Refresh MacTier Advisory
Committee
Monday, June 22, 2026

Item 8.(a)

Date: June 22, 2026

RMAC-2026-002

Moved by Member Trish Thornton
Seconded by Member Steven Predko

BE IT RESOLVED that the June 22, 2026 Refresh MacTier Advisory Committee now adjourns at 11:10 a.m. until July 29, 2026 or the call of the chair.

Carried Defeated Referred Deferred

Chris Fellows, Chair

Township of Georgian Bay

Staff Report

2026-126 – Senior Management Team



To: Mayor Koetsier and Members of Council
From: Senior Management Team
Date: July 13, 2026
Subject: June 2026 Monthly Department Highlights

Background

This report is being provided to Council for each department to provide monthly updates on activities and projects.

This report was completed by June 25, 2026.

Recommendation

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the report regarding June 2026 Monthly Department Highlights for information.

Building Services

Prepared By: Caely Nicholson, Chief Building Official

Building Department Statistics

Building Department Statistics for May 21 to June 30, 2026

ACTIVITY REPORT							For Period 2026-05-21 to 2026-06-30
Type	Previous Period			Current Period			
	Permits	Units	Value of Construction	Permits	Units	Value of Construction	
Single Family	24	7	4,699,000	22	2	6,141,321	
Duplex/Semi	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Apartments	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Other Residential	33	0	1,395,220	18	0	1,877,984	
Commercial	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Industrial	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Inst & Gov	0	0	0	1	0	767,500	
Agriculture	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Other	12	0	280,000	11	0	296,000	
Total	69	7	6,374,220	52	2	9,082,805	

Building inspections conducted as of date of report: 261

Inspections conducted in total for 2026: 526

Building complaints to date for 2026: 25

Reviews for STR's completed by the building department: 42 YTD

CAO's Office

Prepared By: Greg Mariotti, Chief Administrative Officer

Refresh MacTier

Staff have spent considerable time preparing for the Town Hall meeting and working with the funding organisations to prepare applications that meet the funding requirements. Staff quickly put together an RFP for architectural services to design and price out the Arena upgrades and are in the process of achieving a July 31st package submission deadline for the funders.

Community Events

Staff are attending multiple community events, such as cottage association AGM's, fundraisers and community education programs like the "Paddles and Pages" program and election "info booths".

Corporate Services / Clerks

Prepared By: Karen Way, Director of Corporate Services / Clerk

2026 Meeting Statistics				
	June 2026		Year to Date	
Meeting Type	Number Conducted	Hours Clerking	Number Conducted	Hours Clerking
Council	2	8.5	12	58
Committee	3	4.75	16	22.5
Total	5	13	28	80.5

2026 Municipal and School Board Elections

- Staff attended the following events to promote the election and answer questions:
 - Repair Café
 - Go Home Lake AGM
 - Pioneer Day
- To date, six nominations have been received for Georgian Bay Council, plus one school board trustee.
- Staff continue to encourage electors to access Elections Ontario to verify and/or update their information for inclusion on the voters’ list by visiting registertovoteon.ca.

June Highlights

- Staff met with Managed Cemeteries for the initial site walkthrough and to capture drone imaging.
- The first Refresh MacTier Advisory Committee meeting was held.
- Continued preparation for the Refresh MacTier Town Hall.
- Staff attended the AMCTO Conference.
- Shore Road Allowance:
 - Two (2) new applications
 - Seven (7) enquiries
- Marriages:
 - One (1) licence issued
 - One (1) enquiry
- MacTier Union Cemetery
 - Three (3) interments
 - Ten (10) enquiries

Financial Services / IT

Prepared By: Jasvinder Rattigan, Director of Financial Services /
Treasurer

Budget Survey 2027

Staff have formally initiated the 2027 budget process. As part of this work, standardized budget templates for both capital and operating budgets will be distributed to all departments to support the initial stages of planning and ensure consistency across submissions. Preliminary timelines, key milestones, and deliverables have been communicated to facilitate a coordinated, structured, and timely development process.

In addition, staff have updated and enhanced the Budget Survey originally developed in 2026. The revised survey includes additional questions designed to better capture and understand resident priorities and service expectations. The survey will be made available to the public from early July 2026 through to September 2026, with results to be analyzed and incorporated into the budget development process. Staff will report back to Council on the findings and how they inform the 2027 budget.

Property Tax Calculator

Staff have implemented a new online tool to assist residents in estimating their property taxes based on their property assessment and applicable tax class. This calculator is intended to improve transparency and provide residents with a convenient way to better understand their potential tax obligations.

The property tax calculator can be accessed at the following link:

<https://forms.gbtownship.ca/Finance/Property-Tax-Calculator>

Final Tax Billing

Final Tax Bills were printed and distributed on June 10, 2026. The electronic tax bills were also successfully published. The due date for final payment is scheduled for August 26, 2026.

Asset Management Plan

Staff have received and reviewed the draft Asset Management Plan at approximately 90% completion in consultation with Dillon Consulting. The review process included detailed discussions to ensure accuracy and alignment with municipal requirements. Staff are now in the final stages of

refining and completing the 100% version of the document, which is scheduled to be presented to Council at the August meeting.

Procurement

Staff assisted department heads with reviewing and publishing the following procurement projects:

- MacTier Memorial Arena & Community Centre Project - Architect
- Cleaning Services for Township Facilities
- Sidewalk Reconstruction and Lighting
- Gravel Roads Project

Statistics

Type		Count	Amount
*Misc Revenue			2,253,865.35
	Cash		3,751.45
	Credit Card		42,283.42
	Cheque		364,000.84
	Debit		30,884.20
	Direct Deposit		112,413.80
	EDI (Electronic Deposit)		1,050,687.76
	E-Transfer		79,345.35
	TownSuite – Online Payments		103,348.69
	Pre-Authorized Payment		462,135.24
	US Cheque		5,014.60
*Accounts Payable		301	1,184,101.61

Information Technology

June was a productive month for the Information Technology Department, with continued progress on key strategic initiatives, cybersecurity enhancements, business process automation, and ERP implementation activities. Regular operational support and infrastructure maintenance also remained a priority to ensure reliable service delivery across the organization.

- Attended the Municipal Information Systems Association of Ontario Annual Conference and Trade Show, providing opportunities to engage

with municipal technology leaders, learn about emerging trends, and evaluate solutions that may benefit Township operations.

- Continued development of Laserfiche business process automation initiatives, focusing on improving efficiencies, reducing manual processes, and supporting the Township's digital transformation efforts.
- Leveraged Laserfiche forms and workflows to successfully administer the Township's budget and grant surveys, streamlining data collection and reporting processes.
- Investigated internet service provider options for Township facilities in MacTier to improve connectivity, reliability, and future service availability.
- Completed regular maintenance, updates, and security patching of server and network infrastructure to ensure system stability, performance, and cybersecurity protection.
- Participated in an Information Technology Strategic Plan workshop with Blackline Consulting as work continues on the development of a long-term technology roadmap aligned with organizational priorities.
- Provided audio-visual and technical support for Council, Planning Council, Committee of the Whole, and Committee of Adjustment meetings to ensure reliable meeting operations and public access.
- Continued evaluation of Security Information and Event Management and Managed Detection and Response solutions, including vendor assessments and selection activities aimed at strengthening the Township's cybersecurity posture.
- Advanced implementation planning for the Planning and Recreation modules within the TownSuite Enterprise Resource Planning system.
- Participated in Customer Experience and Community Engagement Committee initiatives to support improvements in service delivery and citizen engagement.
- Continued configuration and setup of operational staff payroll processes associated with the Township's work order management system.

The Information Technology Department remains focused on advancing strategic technology initiatives while maintaining secure, reliable, and efficient technology services. Work will continue in the coming months on cybersecurity improvements, business process automation, and enterprise system implementation projects that support the Township's long-term objectives.

Fire & Emergency Services / By-law

Prepared By: Chad Dowell, Director of Fire & Emergency Services

Fire Department Operations

Call Type	Reporting Period	Year Total
Alarms – CO No Symptoms		1
Alarms – CO With Symptoms	1	2
Alarms- Fire sounding at time of call	3	10
Burn Complaint	1	1
Fire- Structure	1	5
Fire - Grass	1	3
Fire - Misc.		1
Fire – Vehicle	1	5
Hazmat		1
Hydro- wire down	1	3
Mutual Aid	1	3
MVC	8	34
MVC- Extrication	1	2
Public Service		3
Rescue- Ice/Water		3
Tiered Medical	11	36
TOTAL	30	114

Burn Permits	Current Month	Current Year Total
	343	1802
Burn Permit Revenue	\$6,860.00	\$36,040.00

Fire Department Regular Activities

- Regular By-weekly Training (Ladders/Ventilation & Officers Choice)
- Bi-Weekly Inspections of Fire Trucks and Equipment
- SCBA Servicing
- Cottage Pump Servicing ongoing

Firefighter NFPA-Aligned Training

- One (1) in NFPA 1521 Safety Officer
- Two (2) in Part 9 Fire Code

Fire Prevention, Inspections, and Public Education

- Two (2) GBFD Standard Fire & life Inspection
- One (1) Licenced Home Daycare
- One (1) Home Smoke Alarm Inspection
- Two (2) Fire Safety Plans
- One (1) Display Fireworks Event Approval
- One (1) Site Plan Review
- One (1) Cottage Pump Demonstration
- One (1) Go Home Lake Cottage Association
- One (1) Honey Harbour Cottage Association Safety Talk
- One (1) Pioneer Day
- One (1) Water Day MacTier School

Total Fire Inspections	Current Month	Current Year total
	6	38

Total Fire Prevention Activities	Current Month	Current Year total
	5	7

Total For the Month

Fire Prevention People Connected with this month	Young Children 0-5 years	School Aged Child 6-17 years	Adult 18-54 years	Senior Adult 55-+ Years
	5	31	84	46

Total For the Year

Fire Prevention People Connected with Year Total	Young Children 0-5 years	School Aged Child 6-17 years	Adult 18-54 years	Senior Adult 55-+ Years
	12	34	89	47

Budget, Capital Projects, and Grant Updates

- No Capital Projects this month

Emergency Management

- No Actives this month

Agreements

- Parks Canada Agency and Georgian Bay Islands National Park and Township of Georgian Bay (MOA) Memorandum of Agreement.
 - ❖ Parks Canada and the Township of Georgian Bay to enter into an Agreement to cooperate in emergency response and the suppression of wildland fires.

By-law Department

Calls for Service

By-law	Reporting Period	Year Total
Animal Control	2	9
Blasting	-	-
Clean Yards	6	12
Dark Sky	-	1
Firearm Discharge	-	-
Fireworks	1	1
Feeding Wildlife	1	1
Miscellaneous	1	5
Noise	4	8
Open-Air Burning	5	5
Parking	-	4
Parks and Public Places	1	3
Property Standards	-	2
Short-Term Rental	4	22
Site Alteration	-	-
Signs	1	1
Tree Cutting	-	-
Zoning	1	2
TOTAL	27	76

Inquiries – **33**

June Highlights

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Parking Enforcement

- Tickets issued within reporting period – **86**
- Total tickets issued in 2026 – **139**

Status	Count
Open	60
Closed/Paid	66
Void	5
Filed for Court	6
Default onto owner’s license	2

Administrative Monetary Penalty System

Penalties Issued:

By-law	Reporting Period	Year Total
Animal Control	-	-
Clean Yards	-	-
Dark Sky	-	-
Election Sign	-	-
Fireworks	-	-
Noise	-	-
Open-Air Burning	3	4
Public Docks	-	6
Short Term Rental	4	19
Site Alteration	-	-
TOTAL	7	29

<p>Resolved Penalties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paid – 11 • Taxes –2 • Void - 1 	<p>Unresolved Penalties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open – 15
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- Requested Screening – 13
- Requested Hearing - 1

Short-Term Rentals

- Short term rentals currently active – 119
- Short term rentals removed in 2026 - 5
- Short-term rental registrations issued (2026) – 12

- Short-term rental renewals issued – 32
- Upcoming Renewals – 66
- Stalled - 1
- Short term rental renewals being processed/awaiting info - 2
- Short term rental applications/renewals awaiting payment – 2
- Non-compliant short-term rentals – 4

By-law Enforcement Administrative information

- Paddles and Pages planning with the library staff for the upcoming events.
- By-law staff met with District of Muskoka Mobile outreach services regarding homelessness in the Township.
- By-law officers have begun patrolling Go Home lake and speaking with crown land campers.
- Minors Bay large item pick up was supported by by-law staff.
- By-law staff attended the AGM at Go Home Lake as well as Pioneer day at the Bressette house.
- By-law staff have completed their part 9 course for the Ontario Fire Code.
- Short term rental renewals continue.

Human Resources

Prepared By: Amy Buchanan, Manager of Human Resources

Customer Feedback Survey

In support of the Township's 2022–2026 Strategic Plan, a Customer Service and Community Engagement Team was established to support one of the six strategic pillars: Customer Experience and Community Engagement. This pillar focuses on improving interactions with residents and ensuring they have a voice in Township matters.

In support of this objective, the Customer Service and Community Engagement Team developed a Customer Feedback Survey to gather input from residents on their experience with Township services. The survey is available on an iPad located near the front desk at the Administration Building and will also be launched on the Township's website.

May Survey Results

Question 1: *Were staff able to assist you with the purpose of your visit today?*

- 12 responses received
- 83.3% of respondents answered "Yes"
- 16.7% of respondents answered "Somewhat"

Question 2: *Comments (optional)*

- 1 respondent provided a comment:
"Paid property tax. Staff was helpful."
- 11 respondents chose not to provide additional comments

Human Resources/Payroll

- Coordinated Book 7 Training for Operations staff.
- Updated the Township's Smoke Free Workplace policy and drafted a Working Around Water and Boating Safety Policy.
- Organized WHMIS training for all staff.
- Ontario Municipal Health and Safety Professionals Association (OMHSPA) Learning and Development Day (*complimentary, half-day virtual event*). This included a health and safety legislation update and ergonomics training.
- Attended the Workforce Connect Conference, hosted by the County of Simcoe (*half-day complimentary conference*). Topics included Navigating Workforce Shifts in a Changing Global Economy, Strategies for success when applying for grant funding, Creating Workplace Resilience, and Workplace Champions: Strategies that Deliver Measurable Results.
- Customer Experience and Community Engagement Team meeting.

Social Committee

The Social Committee hosted the annual Staff and Council Appreciation BBQ this month. Staff enjoyed an afternoon of food, conversation, and yard games. The Social Committee thanks Council for donating the meat, buns, and desserts.



High-Five Recognition

The Social Committee's High-Five Program allows staff and members of the public to recognize and celebrate exceptional service within the Township. The following High-Fives were received in June:

- High-Five to Candace Waslenko, Deputy Treasurer for following up and ensuring all Legal Letter responses were provided to the auditors on time.
- High-Five to Mike Douglas, Brandon Paddison, Chad Mattice, Matt McLean, and Bryden Paulssen. Thank you Parks and Roads staff for answering the call for a last-minute cemetery burial, for rerouting staff and equipment, for staying late, for putting in more hard work after a long day, and most importantly for providing this grieving family with the care and compassion they deserved.
- High-Five to Ryan Leitch, Facilities Maintenance for fixing the Admin Building's kitchen window.
- High-Five to Jillian Forbes, Senior Municipal Law Enforcement Officer for helping a baby moose exit the highway. She not only saved the moose but prevented a possible car accident had the moose wandered back onto the highway. Great job, Jillian!
- High-Five to Charlotte Santa-Barbara, By-Law Enforcement Officer Student for stopping to help a turtle cross the road.
- High-Five to Candace Waslenko, Deputy Treasurer for always helping along the process. Her customer service in helping other departments is awesome!
- High-Five to Jeff Kratky, Planner II for taking the time to assist a property owner in such a professional and respectful way.
- High-Five to Andrew Donaldson, Planner II for washing the EV.
- High-Five to Geneva Lafrance, Recreation Labourer and Morgan Smith, Parks Labourer Student for doing a great job on the garden beds.
- High-Five to Alex Brown for providing excellent customer service at the front desk, especially during busy season. She is always happy to help and is the backbone of front-line staff.
- High-Five to Candace for designing and creating a fabulous new tool for residents on our website known as the "property tax calculator".

Operations Department

Prepared By: Mara Engel, Director of Operations

Roads and Fleet

Operations

Road Operations continue with clean up and potholes.

- 136.5 hours this month addressing Beaver Dams causing flooding.
- 32 Tonnes of cold patch for potholes on paved roads.
- Annual line painting is complete.
- All street sweeping is complete.

Capital Projects

- Tentative schedule for District led Slurry Seal program to commence July 9th.
- Gravel Road resurfacing has commenced and is forecasted to be complete early July.
- Tender closed for sidewalk replacement at Honey Harbour Landing.
- Tender closed for sidewalks and lights in MacTier.
- Hazardous tree removal has commenced in Parks and with roadside inspections.

Parks and Facilities

Operations

- All planters, hanging baskets and beds complete.
- Tender for Cleaning of facilities closed.

Staff continue to build inspection and preventative maintenance programs for facilities;

- Annual ESA inspection complete with all deficiencies addressed.
- Staff trained to complete weekly generator inspections.
- Backflow Prevention requirements submitted to Council for funding approval.
- Annual fire extinguisher inspections complete.

Facilities were kept clean and coordination of bookings were managed for a total of 241 rental hours. Books of passes continues to be piloted with

MacTier Pickleball. A total of 240 passes in 20 books were sold in June. A total of 66 participants chose to pay the cash drop-in fee of \$4.00.

	Facility	Pickleball	Interest-Adult Crafters	Sport Leagues	Shuffleboard	Events/Private Bookings	Fitness Program	Child Program	Township or District Events	Total hours booked	
J u n e	Arena	52								52	107.5
	Hall		15		7.5		11	17	5	55.5	
	Facility	Pickleball	Events/Private Bookings	Sports Leagues	Events: Eucure, Luncheon	Lions Club	Fitness Program	Child Program	Township or District Events	Total hours booked	
	Center - GYM	50.5	24	2	4		14	12	5	111.5	133.5
Lounge		3		8	6			5	22		

Unplanned repairs were required;

- Watermain break adjacent to MacTier Arena. Final repair and foundation inspection completed.
- Port of Honey Harbour dock complete with anchors reset and new ramp.
- Go Home Lake pump significantly damaged in collision, quotes being finalized and Report submitted to Council for funding approval.
- Port Severn Park Splash Pad identified for extremely high water usage by District and MECP. Temporary shutdown required to bring in company to assess and recalibrate system.
- Hazardous trees identified in Parks and MacTier Cemetery. Removal complete.

Capital Projects

- MacTier Playground installation complete. Picnic tables and benches ordered.
- Quotes received for resurfacing Port Severn Playground. Costs exceed budget. Report submitted to Council for additional funds.
- MacTier Memorial Arena and Community Center Upgrades scope of work developed and Architect engaged.

Planning Services

Prepared By: Derek Witlib, Director of Planning

Planning Application Activity

June and July statistics to be provided in July report.

Documents and Process Improvements

Denise Gucsma, Planning Technician and Shania Wonfor, Planner II have completed and launched in TownSuite all of the frequently used planning application processes. Remaining process to complete are Official Plan Amendments, Deeming By-laws, Blasting Permits.

Jeff Kratky, Planner II, has resumed work with Township Solicitor on the template for major site plan agreements.

Updated consolidation of the Zoning By-law, including Housekeeping Amendments, is now publicly available on the Township's website.

Official Plan and Zoning By-law Review

Jeff Kratky, Planner II prepared report to be considered by Council on June 14, 2026 regarding revised outline and work plan.

Shania Wonfor, Planner II and Russell Scarrow, Planning Student, preparing Official Plan and Zoning By-law amendments to achieve conformity with Provincial and District policies regarding Additional Residential Units and Source Water Protection.

Derek Witlib, Director of Planning and Jeff Kratky, Planner II met with the Planning Working Group to discuss waterfront related issues for consideration on the Official Plan and Zoning By-law review.

Oak Bay

Derek Witlib, Director of Planning:

- Prepared Staff Report regarding rock crushing, for consideration by Planning Council on July 14, 2026;
- Reviewed technical information from OBD's environmental consultant regarding Species at Risk protection associated with land reclamation on the north side of the Summerside site;

- Met with, spoke over the phone and exchanged emails with several potential purchasers seeking information regarding the status of Oak Bay development phases;
- Engaged in ongoing discussions with developer and Solicitors to finalize approval and agreement for Waterside 29-unit condominium development.

Lone Pine Edgewater Estates

Derek Witlib, Director of Planning in ongoing coordination with Director of Finance, Building Staff and with Developer to satisfy development agreement requirements for the commencement of construction of 22-unit condominium development.

Macey Bay

Jeff Kratky, Planner II, Derek Witlib, Director of Planning help Pre-Application Consultation Meeting with applicant for the purposes of Site Plan Approval and ongoing OLT mediation process regarding Macey Bay's appeal of the Township's imposition of a Holding Provision.

117 Port Severn Road

Jeff Kratky, Planner II:

- Engaged in extensive work to advance outstanding matters related to a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment to a previously approved 65-unit condominium development; and
- Prepared a Staff Report for consideration at a July 14, 2026 Public Meeting.

Hidden Glen Trailer Park

Deb McCabe, Manager of Planning, has met on-site and in office with owner, consultant and Township Staff toward achieving site plan compliance.

414 High Street, Mactier

Shania Wonfor, Planner II, finalizing Site Plan Approval for ice cream shop.

58, 60 & 78 Lone Pine Road

Shania Wonfor, Planner II, reviewed materials and pre-circulated information regarding proposed commercial development. Public Meeting to be scheduled.

Other Activities

- Planning Staff conducted site visits and prepared Staff Reports for consideration by Council and Committee of Adjustment.
- Planning Staff engaged in ongoing customer service by responding to inquiries (in-person, telephone, e-mail) and providing information and advice on planning and development matters to the public and to other Township Departments.

Sustainability

Prepared By: Jennifer Schnier, Director of Sustainability

June was Climate Action week, Repair Cafe and Sustainable solutions in the community.

Information that matters to you!

- Spring [Photo Contest](#)
- [Repair Cafe](#) a Resounding Success in Township of Georgian Bay
- [MacTier Union Cemetery](#), update
- MacTier Memorial Arena & Community Centre, Refresh MacTier [Town Hall](#)
- Port Severn Food Drive ([Fill a truck](#))

Refresh MacTier

Staff have been focusing on facility tours, preparation for the upcoming Town Hall in MacTier, and in this department grant applications.

Meetings with facilitator for Townhall

Meetings with Funders

Meetings with Community

Council Presentations

Tour *2 of the MacTier Community Centre and Arena

Food Bank

Food bank was offered twice in June with tremendous support from the Baxter Ward Lions Club. Staff have also received additional support from the District of Muskoka to support homeless transient persons in the community.

Bear Bins



Council and staff can find the link to order the Bear bin from Big Red Works here: <https://www.gbtownship.ca/living-here/environment-and-sustainability/bear-bin-program/>

Honey Bee Festival

Through committee consultation and to be fiscally responsible staff have opted to cancel the Night in Bloom for June, and focus on the main event during the day on October 3, 2026.

Staff will focus on:

- Pancake Breakfast with the Georgian Bay Metis Council
- Pickleball Tournament
- Marketplace
- Beer Garden
- Concerts
- Children's Kid Zone
- Education Stations
- Community Outreach support.

There is no intended Gala this year for few reasons:

1. This is an election year and difficult to ensure rules will be followed by candidates.
2. There is an economic influence encouraging the committee to keep this year simple.
3. Volunteer fatigue.

For current information check out the [website](#).

RESOLUTION TRACKER

Building Services
Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and Human Resources (HR)
Corporate Services / Clerk
Emergency Services and By-law Enforcement
Financial Services and Information Technology (IT)
Operations
Planning
Sustainability

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- Environmental Protection (A)** - Protect and preserve our natural environment.
- Fiscal Responsibilities and Technology Efficiencies (B)** - Enhance financial viability and operational excellence.
- Streamline Planning Policies and Procedures (C)** - Make it more user-friendly, effective and efficient for both staff and residents.
- Customer Experience and Community Engagement (D)** - Better serve our residents.
- District and Township Relationship (E)** - Better return-on-investment and value for tax dollars.
- Engage with Indigenous Communities (F)** - Build strong relationships with and a safe environment for our Indigenous residents and neighbours.

Building										
Meeting Date	Meeting Type	Report/Item Title	Resolution Number	Resolution	Responsible Staff Member	Status	Date Closed	Number of Days Open	Department	Notes
May 4, 2026	Council	VORR - Request	C-2026-087	<p>WHEREAS Council has received a staff report regarding the proposed Vessel Operation Restriction Regulation (VORR) in the Honey Harbour area; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the proposed VORR limits would apply within the area extending from the northeast end of Royal Island to the west side of Mermaid Island, and from the southeast side of Mermaid Island to 2849 Honey Harbour Road, including the navigational channel in front of Nautilus Marina and the Honey Harbour Boat Club; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the proposed area is further defined by the following coordinates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 44.876333°N, 79.823567°W • 44.873439°N, 79.811017°W; <p>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council defer the decision pending additional information, further public consultation, or additional agency review.</p>	Caely Nicholson	Open		60	Building	

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO and Human Resources (HR))										
Meeting Date	Meeting Type	Report/Item Title	Resolution Number	Resolution	Responsible Staff Member	Status	Date Closed	Number of Days Open	Department	Notes
August 12, 2024	Council	Multi-Jurisdictional Affordable and Short Term Housing in MacTier	C-2024-283	<p>WHEREAS Staff for the Township of Georgian Bay presented two options for affordable, transient and seasonal housing in MacTier at the July 24th, 2024, Muskoka Housing Task Force meeting; and</p> <p>WHEREAS this housing would be a partnership between Georgian Bay Township, Moose Deer Point First Nation, the Township of The Archipelago and the District Municipality of Muskoka, benefitting all of the partners; and</p> <p>WHEREAS a delegation from Moose Deer Point First Nation and the Township of The Archipelago were also in attendance to fully support this partnership; and</p> <p>WHEREAS there was overwhelming support at the meeting for this partnership to explore housing options in MacTier further;</p> <p>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Georgian Bay formally commends this initiative; and</p> <p>THAT staff be directed to work with all the aforementioned partners to explore this initiative in further detail; and</p> <p>THAT the Council of the Township of Georgian Bay extends its gratitude and appreciation to its partners.</p>	Greg Mariotti	Pending		690	Administration	Staff meeting with potential contractors to assess if proposed location would be suitable from a construction stand point. RFP to be issued for preliminary review of suitability of a township owned parcel in MacTier. RFP issued in June 2025. Two bids received. Report will be coming to Council in August. Verbal update given to Council in August. Looking for grant funding opportunities before asking for Council approval to proceed.
August 13, 2025	Committee of the Whole	Process Improvements	COW-2025-037	<p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT an orientation program be developed for all members of senior staff and council; and</p> <p>THAT this program includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical development of the Township; • Social values of each community; • Goals, values, and concerns of residents; and • Diversity of the various communities. <p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the date by which the engineer shall file the Drainage Report for the Petition at 862 Hasketts Drive with the clerk shall be extended from a period of one year to a period of 18 months; and</p>	Greg Mariotti	Open		324	Administration	To be considered for next term of Council
June 1, 2026	Council	Hasketts Drive Drainage	C-2026-116	<p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the date by which the engineer shall file the Drainage Report for the Petition at 862 Hasketts Drive with the clerk shall be extended from a period of one year to a period of 18 months; and</p> <p>THAT the submission date shall be no later than March 8th, 2027; and</p> <p>THAT Council receive the Drainage Engineer's report for 807/808 Hasketts Drive</p>	Greg Mariotti	Pending		32	Administration	process in progress

Corporate Services / Clerk

Meeting Date	Meeting Type	Report/Item Title	Resolution Number	Resolution	Responsible Staff Member	Status	Date Closed	Days Open	Department	Notes
July 9, 2024	Planning Council	Policy-Municipal Road on Private Land	P-2024-057	WHEREAS the Township has a Policy to deal with situations where a Municipal Road crosses Private Property; and WHEREAS this policy was written in 2016; and WHEREAS this policy should be updated to reflect the current guidance received from Memebbers of CoA and Members of Planning Council; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to modify the clauses to recognize the following situation: a. where a property owener learns that a Township road crosses their property; and b. where the property owner seeks to do something with their property that requires the status of the road to be resolved before proceeding with further actions; and THAT Council direct staff to acquire the property associated with the Township Road so that all roads in the Township that may have been on private lands is resolved/purchased to then be on land owned by the Township; and THAT Council direct staff to have the Township of Geogrian Bay take full financial responsibility for the costs of surverying the road and the legal costs to transfer and register the property and any other direct costs; and THAT Council direct staff to honour the current Clauses "c)" and "d)" when dealing with these matters	Karen Way	Open		80	Corporate Services	
June 2, 2025	Council	Licence of Occupation - MVLCC64 - 144 Marina Village	C-2025-151	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Licence of Occupation application for MVLCC64 for a turn-around land to be built adjacent to 144 Marina Village drive be deferred.	Karen Way	Pending		396	Corporate Services	
September 10, 2025	Committee of the Whole	Process Improvements	COW-2025-045	BE IT RESOLVED THAT Committee of the Whole recommend a customer identification and customer service training program for Council and Senior Management Team.	Karen Way	Open		296	Administration	
October 6, 2025	Council	Members' Records and Privacy Guidebook	C-2025-249	BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff, in conjunction with the Integrity Commissioner, to develop a "Members' Records and Privacy" guidebook on the use of personal email/accounts for Council business, in preparation for the next term of Council.	Karen Way	Open		270	Administration	
December 1, 2025	Council	SRA - Hearn & Payne	C-2025-338	BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the closed session report regarding Shore Road Allowance at Go Home Lake Shore for information; and THAT staff be directed to bring forward an open report on applications SRC 2017-09 and SRC 2019-09. BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council recognize the value of upgrading to a new cemetery management software; and	Karen Way	Open		214	Corporate Services	
February 9, 2026	Council	Upgrading Cemetery Software	C-2026-012	THAT Council direct staff to proceed with Managed Cemeteries software in the amount of \$11,885 (\$12,094 including non-rebateable HST) to be funded from the Cemetery Geo-mapping Capital Project in the amount of \$10,000 and the remaining \$2,094 to be reallocated from the Cemetery Vinyl Fencing Capital Project; and THAT Council direct staff to include the annual licensing of \$2,100 plus HST in the operating hudget for 2027.	Karen Way	Open		144	Corporate Services	

				WHEREAS the Integrity Commissioner process is a critical accountability mechanism within municipal governance; and						
				WHEREAS Integrity Commissioner investigations involve public funds and matters of significant public interest; and						
				WHEREAS Council has not previously received a comprehensive historical summary of Integrity Commissioner costs, complaint types, and outcomes; and						
				WHEREAS Committee of the Whole is concurrently considering a Council-led working group to review and improve the Integrity Commissioner process;						
				NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to prepare a consolidated report detailing Integrity Commissioner activity over the past 13 years, including:						
February 10, 2026	Committee of the Whole	IC - Financial Insight and Transparency	COW-2026-003	<p>·Total annual and cumulative costs incurred,</p> <p>·The nature of each complaint categorized as Councillor vs. Councillor, Staff vs. Councillor, or Constituent vs. Councillor,</p> <p>·The general outcome of each matter (e.g., dismissed, resolved, breach found, no breach), and</p> <p>·The Integrity Commissioner retained at the time of each investigation; and</p> <p>THAT should staff identify capacity constraints in completing this work, the Mayor shall call a special meeting of Council within fifteen (15) days for the purpose of reviewing and adjusting annual Work Plans to ensure sufficient staff time is allocated to meet the reporting deadline, and that such adjustments shall not delay presentation of the report beyond the April 2026 Council meeting; and</p> <p>THAT the report be presented as a factual, non-evaluative transparency document, without commentary on the merits of individual cases, and be suitable for public release; and</p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the Committee Terms of Reference Policy as presented; and</p>	Karen Way	Open	143	Administration	joint with Jas *Clerk's Department is the lead	
April 13, 2026	Council	Refresh MacTier Advisory Committee	C-2026-067	<p>THAT the MacTier Arena Advisory Committee shall be evolved into the Refresh MacTier Advisory Committee upon adoption of its appointment by-law; and</p> <p>THAT the 2026 meeting schedule for the Refresh MacTier Advisory Committee be approved as presented; and</p>	Karen Way	Open	81	Corporate Services		
April 13, 2026	Council	IC Reports Summary - Code of Conduct Review	C-2026-079	<p>THAT staff be directed to commence the recruitment process for the Refresh MacTier Advisory Committee</p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council refer the Code of Conduct review to the Committee of the Whole for further consideration.</p>	Karen Way	Open	81	Corporate Services		
April 14, 2026	Committee of the Whole	Public Docks By-law	COW-2026-009	<p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT Committee of the Whole recommends staff be directed to review the Public Docks By-law for the inclusion of additional language regarding the use of launches for commercial operations, and updates to the fee schedule.</p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MacTier Arena Advisory Committee requests that Council direct staff to host an in-person Town Hall meeting at the MacTier Arena as soon as practicably possible to gather community input on the future of the Arena.</p>	Karen Way	Open	80	Corporate Services	Joint with Mara	
April 27, 2026	MacTier Arena Advisory Committee	In-Person Townhall at MacTier Arena	MAAC-2026-011	<p>AMENDED by C-2026-102 to include: THAT MAAC-2026-011 be amended to reflect on the future of the Arena and MacTier; and THAT Council authorize budget of up-to \$7,000 to be funded from the working fund reserve.</p> <p>REFERRED - Guy Giorno to come to COW in June</p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to update the Code of Conduct to require all staff concerns with Councillors be handled by either their SMT Manager, the Director of HR; and</p> <p>THAT only the Director of HR is permitted to file a Code of Conduct Complaint made by a member of staff against a Councillor; and</p>	Karen Way	Open	67	Administration	joint with Mara	
May 5, 2026	Committee of the Whole	Code of Conduct Review	COW-2026-012	<p>THAT Code of Conduct Complaints against a Councillor from the Director of HR cannot be filed with the IC without prior Mediation; and</p> <p>THAT the Mediator be selected and agreed upon by all parties; and</p> <p>THAT these specific Changes to the Code of Conduct be provided for consideration and adoption by Council no later than June 2026.</p>	Karen Way	Open	59	Corporate Services		

Emergency Services and By-law Enforcement

Meeting Date	Meeting Type	Report/Item Title	Resolution Number	Resolution	Responsible Staff Member	Status	Date Closed	Number of Days Open	Department	Notes
July 8, 2025	Committee of the Whole	Camping on Public Lands	COW-2025-025	<p>WHEREAS pursuant to the Municipal Act, Section 11(2) as amended, the Council has the authority to pass a By-law respecting the economic, social, and environmental well-being of the municipality; and</p> <p>WHEREAS Council deems it desirable to prohibit camping upon Municipally owned lands or lands subject to a Land Use Permit within the Township of Georgian Bay; and</p> <p>WHEREAS Section 446 (1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, provides that where the municipality has the authority under this or any other Act or under a by-law under this or any other Act to direct or require a person to do a matter or thing, the municipality may also provide that, in default of it being done by the person directed or required to do it, the matter or thing shall be done at the person's expense; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry issues Land Use Permits each year to the Municipality for certain Crown lands pursuant to the Public Lands Act for use as Municipally operated boat launch areas and it is a term of the Land Use Permit that the Municipality must ensure that the areas are kept clear of parked cars, etc.;</p>	Corinna King	Pending		360	By-law	Research ongoing
August 12, 2025	Committee of the Whole	Overnight Mooring	COW-2025-033	<p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to investigate options, revenues, and costs for Council to consider the regulation of camping on Township</p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that staff be instructed to report back on the feasibility of overnight mooring.</p>	Corinna King	Pending		325	By-law	jointly with Mara. Piloting over night mooring in the port of Honey Harbour for the summer of 2026
September 8, 2025	Council	Site Alteration By-law - Updates and Modernization	C-2025-233	<p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to review the Site Alteration By-law for definitions, updates, and modernization to be brought to Committee of the Whole for consideration.</p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council confirm the repair order issued to the property owner of 386 Baxter Loop Road; and</p>	Corinna King	Open		298	By-law	Staff are reviewing other similar by-laws and permitting processes.
November 4, 2025	Planning Council	Site Alteration Repair Order - 386 Baxter Loop Road	P-2025-076	<p>THAT Council direct staff to alter the due dates set out in the repair order as such:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 1 be updated to November 30th, 2025 Section 2 be updated to April 30th, 2026 Section 3 be updated to June 30th, 2026 <p>WHEREAS bubblers are used during winter months to prevent ice formation, including in proximity to known or commonly used snowmobile trails; and</p> <p>WHEREAS open water created by bubblers may pose safety risks to snowmobilers if not clearly identified or anticipated; and</p> <p>WHEREAS Georgian Bay Township currently has no permit process, signage standards, or formal guidelines related to the use of winter bubblers;</p>	Joshua Bondar	Pending		241	By-law	Working on compliance
February 10, 2026	Committee of the Whole	Bubblers	COW-2026-002	<p>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that staff be directed to prepare a report for Council that explores the feasibility, risks, benefits, and drawbacks of potential approaches related to winter bubbler use, which may include—but are not limited to—permit-based systems, visible signage, public awareness measures, or best-practice guidelines; and</p> <p>THAT the report be strictly exploratory in nature, intended only to determine whether such measures may represent a good idea or a bad idea for Georgian Bay Township, and shall not propose the introduction of a by-law, permit requirement, or regulatory framework at this stage; and</p> <p>THAT the report consider jurisdictional authority, enforcement implications, safety outcomes, and comparative practices in other municipalities, and return to Council for discussion and direction only; and</p> <p>THAT Council authorize a legal opinion of up-to \$5,000 to be funded from</p>	Corinna King	Pending		143	By-law	Working on research

Financial Services and Information Technology (IT)

Meeting Date	Meeting Type	Report/Item Title	Resolution Number	Resolution	Responsible Staff Member	Status	Date Closed	Number of Days Open	Department	Notes
June 1, 2026	Council	Audited Year End Results as at December 31, 2025	C-2026-113	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report regarding the Audited Year End Results as at December 31, 2025 be received; and THAT the 2025 Operating Surplus of \$232,236.70 be allocated 100% to the Fire and Emergency Services Asset Reserve.	Jasvinder Rattigan	Open		32	Finance	in progress

Operations									
Meeting Date	Meeting Type	Report/Item Title	Resolution Number	Resolution	Responsible Staff Member	Status	Date Closed	Number of Days Open	Department Notes
February 10, 2020	Council	potable water in Honey Harbour Trillium Lakelands District School Board public school	C-45-2020	RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to continue with the exploration of potable water in Honey Harbour at the Trillium Lakelands District School Board public school, AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to approve spending of the required equipment for potable water in Honey Harbour in accordance with Option 3 . Option 1 — No additional funds required. Option 2 — To a maximum of \$15,000 funded through the working capital reserve. Option 3 — To a maximum of \$105,000 funded through the working capital reserve	Former Staff Member	Pending		1691	Operations An existing system at Honey Harbour Landing is being relocated so it is accessible to the public. This is closer to the public docks and the treatment system allows for steady flow. We will also continue with to review options for an agreement with the School board which would limit the board's liability.
May 13, 2024	Council	Honey Harbour Road Wildlife Fencing	C-2024-157	BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to proceed with the installation of wildlife fencing along a portion of Honey Harbour Road as identified in Staff Report 2024-89; and THAT a sole source contract for the supply of the fencing be awarded to Animex Wildlife Fencing Canada with an upset limit of \$30,000 plus HST for the supply of the fencing materials; and THAT the project be funded from the general reserve BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to remove playground structures located at Mrs C's Park, 2 Muskoka Road, MacTier; and THAT Staff source and install a new playground compliant with applicable Canadian Standards Association (CSA) standard and consistent with the history of the community; and THAT Council authorize approved projects to be deferred to 2026 and funds be reallocated from the following capital projects to fund the purchase and installation of playground equipment for a total cost of \$104,000:	Former Staff Member	Pending		781	Operations Parks Canada will be providing a shared services agreement to established roles and responsibilities. This will be shared with the District to gain approval for a road occupancy permit since all works are on District Road.
July 7, 2025	Council	Mrs. C Park - Remove Playground Structures	C-2025-180	·2025-OP04 - Replenish Beach sand, Port of Honey Harbour and Port Severn Parks; ·2025-OP23 - Bench/Table concrete pad Honey Harbour Park Landing; 2025-OP23 - Bench/Table concrete pad Port Severn Park; ·2025 - OP29 - Backstop, fencing and infield material upgrade MacTier Ball Park; and THAT staff seek additional funding opportunities, such as provincial and federal grants or sponsorships for initial or expansion of modular playground. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township proceed with the steps remaining to assume Iroquois Road as per By-Law 2009-28 from section 7.5 Road Assumption Process; and THAT the residents benefitting from the road share the cost of the legal survey; and THAT the Township allows up-to \$5,000 for the cost of legal fees; and THAT the Township continue to maintain Iroquois Road while the assumption proceeds BE IT RESOLVED THAT the tender for the completion of slurry seal application on roads completed with chip and seal be awarded to Miller Group for \$375,900 plus HST; and THAT an additional allowance of \$50,000 plus HST be made available for Fowler Construction to complete hot mix asphalt patches on Bayview Road prior to slurry seal; and THAT funds be re-allocated from the Capital Gravel Roads budget; and THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the resulting agreement BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council agrees for organizations that have historically had fees waived, continue to be waived for the balance of 2025; and	Mara Engel	Pending		361	Operations Equipment delivered to MacTier Yard. Site Assessment completed.
August 11, 2025	Council	Assumption of Iroquois Road	C-2025-201	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township proceed with the steps remaining to assume Iroquois Road as per By-Law 2009-28 from section 7.5 Road Assumption Process; and THAT the residents benefitting from the road share the cost of the legal survey; and THAT the Township allows up-to \$5,000 for the cost of legal fees; and THAT the Township continue to maintain Iroquois Road while the assumption proceeds BE IT RESOLVED THAT the tender for the completion of slurry seal application on roads completed with chip and seal be awarded to Miller Group for \$375,900 plus HST; and THAT an additional allowance of \$50,000 plus HST be made available for Fowler Construction to complete hot mix asphalt patches on Bayview Road prior to slurry seal; and THAT funds be re-allocated from the Capital Gravel Roads budget; and THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the resulting agreement BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council agrees for organizations that have historically had fees waived, continue to be waived for the balance of 2025; and	Mara Engel	Open		326	Operations Survey complete and approved, once accessible, bars will be set and final deposit submitted to Land Registry Office.
August 11, 2025	Council	Slurry Seal	C-2025-203	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the tender for the completion of slurry seal application on roads completed with chip and seal be awarded to Miller Group for \$375,900 plus HST; and THAT an additional allowance of \$50,000 plus HST be made available for Fowler Construction to complete hot mix asphalt patches on Bayview Road prior to slurry seal; and THAT funds be re-allocated from the Capital Gravel Roads budget; and THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the resulting agreement BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council agrees for organizations that have historically had fees waived, continue to be waived for the balance of 2025; and	Mara Engel	Open		231	Operations Only 50% of slurry seal work completed due to lateness of the season. Balance will be completed May 2026.
September 8, 2025	Council	Waiver of Fees Policy or Amendment to Fees and Charges By-law	C-2025-215	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the tender for the completion of slurry seal application on roads completed with chip and seal be awarded to Miller Group for \$375,900 plus HST; and THAT an additional allowance of \$50,000 plus HST be made available for Fowler Construction to complete hot mix asphalt patches on Bayview Road prior to slurry seal; and THAT funds be re-allocated from the Capital Gravel Roads budget; and THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the resulting agreement BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council agrees for organizations that have historically had fees waived, continue to be waived for the balance of 2025; and	Mara Engel	Open		298	Operations Being reviewed by new Recreation Coordinator.
November 24, 2025	MacTier Arena Advisory Committee	MacTier Arena Facility Condition Assessment	MAAC-2025-018	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the tender for the completion of slurry seal application on roads completed with chip and seal be awarded to Miller Group for \$375,900 plus HST; and THAT an additional allowance of \$50,000 plus HST be made available for Fowler Construction to complete hot mix asphalt patches on Bayview Road prior to slurry seal; and THAT funds be re-allocated from the Capital Gravel Roads budget; and THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the resulting agreement BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council agrees for organizations that have historically had fees waived, continue to be waived for the balance of 2025; and THAT staff be directed to develop either a formal fee waiver policy or amendment to the Fees and Charges By-law to be presented to Committee of the Whole at a later date BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MacTier Arena Advisory Committee, with the support of staff, identify preferred options to support informed decision-making by Council for the long term operation of the arena; and THAT the MacTier Community Development Association be invited to the February 23, 2026 MacTier Arena Advisory Committee meeting for comments.	Mara Engel	Open		221	Operations February 23rd meeting included representative from MacTier Community Development Association. No discussion on preferred options.

November 25, 2025	Special Council	Historical Society	C-2025-295	BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council per the Municipal Grant Policy C-2023-383 hereby approve a municipal grant to the Georgian Bay Township Historical Society in the amount of \$9,500 to be included in the 2026 operating budget; and THAT the Georgian Bay Township Historical Society work with the Township regarding the project design and the Township approves the final design.	Mara Engel	Open	220	Operations	
February 9, 2026	Council	Facility Conition Assessment Results	C-2026-006	BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to further investigate the recommendations contained within Facility Condition Assessment Results Report 2026-004 and return to Council with full costing options for consideration BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve up-to \$60,000 for a Roads Needs Study; and	Mara Engel	Open	144	Operations	Staff coordinating with Library phased move from CSB to BWCC.
February 9, 2026	Council	Roads Needs Study	C-2026-007	THAT Council approve up-to \$65,000 for a Transportation Master Plan; and THAT the funding shortfall come from the approved 2026 Road Rehabilitation Capital Budget WHEREAS the Township of Georgian Bay is in the process of replacing the existing MacTier welcome sign with a refreshed version; and WHEREAS moving the sign to a more prominent location along Lake Joseph Road would increase awareness of the community and the resources MacTier has to offer;	Mara Engel	Open	144	Operations	
February 9, 2026	Council	MacTier Welcome Sign	C-2026-014	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Georgian Bay engages with the Province Ontario to enter into a sign agreement to move the sign to Lake Joseph Road; and THAT the Township work with SEGBAY to help them simultaneously move their business directory sign to the same location; and THAT staff be directed to work with MTO to have MacTier signage included on Hwy 400 at Exit 207; and THAT staff to be directed to beautify sign setting.	Mara Engel	Open	144	Operations	Staff reviewed proposed location with MTO and it is not feasible. Other option on District Road 11 at the corner of Lake Joseph Road has been issued for review. If approved it will require approval from MTO and District. Staff have requested sign from MTO at Highway 141 and Lake Joseph Rd.
April 13, 2026	Council	2026 Road Restoration Work	C-2026-065	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the tender for Slurry Seal Application on roads rehabilitated with base reclamation and high float surface treatment in 2026 be awarded to Miller Group for \$232,540 including HST, contract administration and inspections; and THAT Staff prepare a Request for Tender for Gravel Road Rehabilitation to be awarded to the lowest bidder with an overall cost not to exceed \$925,000.00 including non-rebatable portion of HST, contract administration and inspections; and THAT Staff prepare a Request for Tender for Base Reclamation and High Float Surface Treatment to be awarded to the lowest bidder with a total cost not to exceed \$140,000.00 including non-rebatable portion HST, contract administration	Mara Engel	Open	81	Operations	Gravel Road Tender Posted
April 14, 2026	Committee of the Whole	Public Docks By-law	COW-2026-009	BE IT RESOLVED THAT Committee of the Whole recommends staff be directed to review the Public Docks By-law for the inclusion of additional language regarding the use of launches for commercial operations, and updates to the fee schedule. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MacTier Arena Advisory Committee requests that Council direct staff to host an in-person Town Hall meeting at the MacTier Arena as soon as practicably possible to gather community input on the future of the Arena.	Mara Engel	Open	80	Operations	Joint with Karen
April 27, 2026	MacTier Arena Advisory Committee	In-Person Townhall at MacTier Arena	MAAC-2026-011	AMENDED by C-2026-102 to include: THAT MAAC-2026-011 be amended to reflect on the future of the Arena and MacTier; and THAT Council authorize budget of up-to \$7,000 to be funded from the working fund reserve.	Mara Engel	Open	67	Administratio	joint with Karen

May 27, 2026	MacTier Arena Advisory Committee	Sponsorship Advertising and Naming Rights (RFP)	MAAC-2026-014	<p>WHEREAS the MacTier Arena Advisory Committee is mandated by Council to explore diversified revenue streams — including sponsorships, advertising, and naming rights — to reduce the Township's net operating contribution to the arena;</p> <p>WHEREAS comparable Ontario municipalities, including Russell Township, have successfully solicited naming rights and sponsorship proposals through formal public procurement channels, demonstrating verifiable private-sector interest in arena partnerships;</p> <p>WHEREAS staff conclusions regarding limited feasibility have not been supported by any formal market solicitation, and unvalidated internal assessments cannot constitute a sufficient basis for foreclosing a revenue opportunity;</p> <p>WHEREAS issuing an RFP carries no financial commitment and produces an objective, public record of market interest consistent with Council's obligation to pursue evidence-based stewardship of municipal assets;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Municipal Act, 2001 requires Council to ensure the effective and efficient stewardship of municipal property, which includes actively exploring all reasonable mechanisms to optimize revenue from those assets;</p> <p>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that staff be directed to develop and issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for sponsorship, advertising, and/or naming rights opportunities associated with the MacTier Arena, including but not limited to: rink-board advertising, facility naming rights, room sponsorships, event sponsorships, and digital or lobby signage inventory;</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the RFP be publicly advertised through the Township's procurement channels and applicable industry platforms including, but not limited to, WeeklyBids, Bids & Tenders, or an equivalent regional procurement</p>	Mara Engel	Open	37
May 27, 2026	MacTier Arena Advisory Committee	Online Scheduling and Booking System Implementation	MAAC-2026-015	<p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MacTier Arena Advisory Committee recommend staff implement the recreational booking portal via TownSuite in time for the 2026-2027 ice season.</p> <p>WHEREAS effective Council oversight and MAAC accountability require that performance be measured against clear, standardized, and consistently applied metrics;</p> <p>WHEREAS staff reports have referenced low utilization at the MacTier Arena without defining a methodology, establishing a baseline, or identifying a target utilization rate against which performance can be objectively assessed;</p> <p>WHEREAS the absence of defined metrics allows subjective characterizations of facility performance to substitute for evidence-based analysis, impeding Council's ability to make informed decisions;</p>	Mara Engel	Open	37
May 27, 2026	MacTier Arena Advisory Committee	Utilization Metrics and Reporting Framework	MAAC-2026-016	<p>WHEREAS comparable rural arenas across Ontario report standardized utilization data as a matter of routine operational management, and the Township has no credible basis for exempting the MacTier Arena from this standard;</p> <p>WHEREAS establishing performance baselines is a prerequisite for evaluating the impact of all current and future MAAC and RMAC initiatives, and any claim of improvement or decline is unverifiable without them;</p> <p>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that staff be directed to establish and report monthly on the following standardized utilization metrics for the MacTier Arena:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ·Total scheduled and unscheduled staffed iced hours (by month and season) ·Total booked ice hours (by month and season) based on scheduled and unscheduled staffed time ·Utilization rate expressed as a percentage of scheduled and unscheduled staffed hours ·Prime-time versus non-prime-time utilization, reported separately ·Breakdown of booked hours by category of use: league/sanctioned rental, public 	Mara Engel	Open	37

May 27, 2026	MacTier Arena Advisory Committee	Facilitated Town Hall - Dedicated Arena Agenda Allocation	MAAC-2026-017	<p>WHEREAS the MacTier Arena Advisory Committee (MAAC) is mandated by Council to advance the long-term sustainability, programming, and financial viability of the MacTier Arena as a municipally owned recreation asset serving all residents of Georgian Bay Township;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Township has retained a third-party facilitator to coordinate a community town hall related to Mactier-area matters, and the facilitator's professional mandate includes the design and management of the public engagement agenda;</p> <p>WHEREAS the MacTier Arena faces significant capital investment decisions within the current Council term, including decisions related to its ice plant and concrete slab infrastructure, the outcome of which will determine the long-term viability of the facility for generations of residents;</p> <p>WHEREAS a town hall that does not provide a minimum dedicated and protected time allocation for arena discussion risks producing diluted, inconclusive, or mixed community feedback that cannot reliably inform the strategic and financial decisions MAAC and Council are required to make;</p> <p>WHEREAS at the May 5, 2026 Council meeting, a consent agenda motion directing the facilitated town hall to include a dedicated arena agenda allocation was pulled from the consent agenda and subsequently amended in a manner that removed the dedicated agenda protection, despite an explicit request from a member of Council to retain it, and the matter was never brought to a recorded vote — meaning this motion is properly before Council as a new question;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Municipal Act, 2001 requires Council to act in the public interest with respect to the stewardship of municipal assets, and ensuring that community engagement on a high-value, time-sensitive capital asset is conducted with</p>	Mara Engel	Open	37
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Planning											
Meeting Date	Meeting Type	Report/Item Title	Resolution Number	Resolution	Responsible Staff Member	Status	Date Closed	Number of Days Open	Department	Notes	
April 12, 2021	Planning Council	Land Use Policy Review	P-023-2021	BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to prepare the following for Council's consideration: 1. Draft terms of reference for a potential study of land use policies inclusive of the Official Plan and Zoning By-law related or relevant to waterfront / lakeside / shoreline development including: a. A determination of the defined areas within the municipality where such study is appropriate, b. The use of appropriate supporting consulting expertise, and c. Stakeholder consultation including cottage associations and other community groups who have been proactively involved in the planning process in the Township; 2. An accompanying report with recommendations on the advisability of carrying such a study and associated timelines; and 3. An accompanying report identifying the use and impacts of land use planning controls; AND THAT staff bring forward recommendations with respect to the foregoing, including any appropriate Council resolution(s) to the June 14, 2021 Planning Council meeting; AND THAT Council further directs staff to prepare for Council's review and consideration a report outlining recent and/or proposed improvements to the Township's protocols and procedures for administering the process for	Derek Witlib	Pending		1908	Planning	1 a. b. c. completed in January 2022. Report for 2. to Planning Council in March 2022. To be included in 2026-2028 OP and ZB Update	
July 5, 2022	Planning Council	Township Comments on Common Element Condominium Application C2020 (Marina Towns (Marina Village Drive) - OBD Developments Inc.) Development Services Department Report 2022-50	P-2022-065	BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to propose a parking level requirements for multi-residential developments within the Township's Zoning By-law;	Derek Witlib	Open		1459	Planning	To be included in 2026-2028 Official Plan & Zoning By-law Update, along with collaboration with Township Operations Department on updated Engineering Standards.	
February 14, 2023	Planning Council	Community Plans	P-2023-014	BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to draft and present a chart identifying how many variance requests and by-law amendments were requested from the commencement of the Township's most recent iteration of our Official Plan (amended 2014) to current; and THAT staff be directed to create individual columns with each respective resident name and address, the request for relieve, followed by which residents applied for an appeal to the OLT, which residents lost and won their appeal(s), and the precise cost(s) associated with each individual OLT defense, borne back onto Georgian Bay Township. WHEREAS the Township of Georgian Bay has by-laws that provide the definitions and standards for the development of condos and their properties; and WHEREAS these by-laws appear to be inherited from more urban locations; and	Derek Witlib	Open		1235	Planning	Low staff priority given significant staff time commitment required and uncertain resulting benefits. Please note that a review of Minor Variances & Zoning By-law Amendments will form part of Official Plan & Zoning By-law review to assess if current policies/regulations are meeting community needs. Substantive elements of this resolution will be addressed through the Council/Staff 2025 Process Improvements Initiative, which is in progress	
March 6, 2023	Council	By-laws for Condos	C-2023-217	WHEREAS these by-laws need to be updated to reflect the needs of condo owners in our Township; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to develop revised by-laws for condo developments that reflect the unique needs of a Township of Georgian Bay community where condos are being developed as an alternative to detached residences.	Derek Witlib	Pending		1215	Planning	This is related to Resolution P-2022-065. To be included in 2026-2028 Official Plan & Zoning By-law Update, along with collaboration with Township Operations Department on updated Engineering Standards.	
August 15, 2023	Council	Environment Fast Track Program	C-2023-414	BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff develop a report outlining the feasibility of an Environmental Fast Track Program along with suggestions on what current green technologies or percentage of green development would be required for an applicant to be eligible should a fast-track program pass Council; and THAT staff also include within the report a realistic timeline for applicant building/permit approvals, should an applicant adhere to their environmental development commitments.	Derek Witlib	Pending		1053	Planning	To be included in Official Plan & Zoning By-law Update in 2026-2028.	
May 14, 2024	Planning Council	Environmental Consulting Services	P-2024-035	BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize staff to enter into a contract with Hutchinson Environmental Sciences Ltd. to be the primary Environmental Consultant for the Development Services Department for a two (2) year term.	Derek Witlib	Open		780	Planning	Current contractor continuing to provide services for 2-year term ending May 2026. RFP for consulting services is in progress.	
October 8, 2024	Planning Council	Z24-09 - 34032 Georgian Bay Shores	P-2024-081	BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to prepare a recommendation report and by-law for Council's consideration at a subsequent meeting.	Shania Wonfor	Open		633	Planning	Awaiting revised proposal from applicant - March 7, 2025. Jamie Robinson informally advised me at Council in June that a revised proposal is coming this summer - June 16, 2026.	

March 4, 2025	Committee of the Whole	Process Improvements	COW-2025-006	BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Process Improvements report from Councillor Cooper dated March 4, 2025; and THAT Council and staff move forward with the process improvement projects per the discussion of March 4, 2025 and as summarized below: 1. Process Improvements Through Debriefs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor Koetsier, Councillors Cooper and Jarvis, and the Director of Planning form a working group. 2. Goal Setting for Each Term of Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor and CAO to schedule one-on-ones together with each Member of Council. 3. Identification and Selection of Consultants and Experts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Predko and the Clerk to review motion. 4. Annual Staff Workplans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage more communication between Council and SMT regarding workplans. 5. Gaining Better Understanding of the Roles We Play <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include in discussions with Item 2 (Goal Setting for Each Term of Council). • Review again with Item 8 (Training and Orientation Program). 6. Codes of Conduct BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Township of Georgian Bay: 1. Accepts all information presented at the third public meeting on August 12, 2025 regarding development of the Subject Lands proposed by a new Official Plan Amendment and an updated Zoning By-law Amendment Applications No. O25-02 and No. Z23-13; 2. Refers all information and comments to Township staff for further discussion with the Owner and anyone who commented; and 3. Township staff shall not schedule the next meeting of Council to evaluate the Application until after comments are addressed. BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Township of Georgian Bay: 1. Accepts all information regarding Zoning By-law Amendment Application No. Z25-08 presented at the public meeting on October 7, 2025; 2. Refers all information and comments to Township staff for further discussion with the Agent, District staff, and anyone who commented; and 3. Township staff shall not schedule the next meeting of Council to evaluate the Application until after comments are addressed. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the staff report regarding Official Plan Amendment O25-04 & Zoning By-law Amendment Z25-07 (383 Arts Lane - Chiuch), be received; and THAT the comments provided at the Public Meeting held on November 4, 2025 be received; and THAT Council direct staff to prepare a recommendation report and by-laws for Council's consideration at a subsequent meeting after all consultation BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report regarding Official Plan Amendment O25-05 and Zoning By-law Amendment Z23-09 (129 Millard Drive), be received; and THAT the comments provided at the Public Meeting held on December 2, 2025 be received; and THAT Council direct staff to prepare a recommendation report and by-law for Council's consideration at a subsequent meeting after all consultation BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report regarding Zoning By-law Amendment Z25-09 (ARN 446502000106800), be received; and THAT the comments provided at the Public Meeting held on December 2, 2025 be received; and THAT Council direct staff to prepare a recommendation report and by-law for Council's consideration at a subsequent meeting after all consultation comments have been received and considered	Derek Witlib	Open	486		Director of Planning to schedule debrief meeting with Mayor Koetsier and Councillors Cooper and Jarvis in January 2026.	
August 12, 2025	Planning Council	O25-02 & Z23-13 - 65 Dayeo Drive	P-2025-048	BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Township of Georgian Bay: 1. Accepts all information presented at the third public meeting on August 12, 2025 regarding development of the Subject Lands proposed by a new Official Plan Amendment and an updated Zoning By-law Amendment Applications No. O25-02 and No. Z23-13; 2. Refers all information and comments to Township staff for further discussion with the Owner and anyone who commented; and 3. Township staff shall not schedule the next meeting of Council to evaluate the Application until after comments are addressed. BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Township of Georgian Bay: 1. Accepts all information regarding Zoning By-law Amendment Application No. Z25-08 presented at the public meeting on October 7, 2025; 2. Refers all information and comments to Township staff for further discussion with the Agent, District staff, and anyone who commented; and 3. Township staff shall not schedule the next meeting of Council to evaluate the Application until after comments are addressed. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the staff report regarding Official Plan Amendment O25-04 & Zoning By-law Amendment Z25-07 (383 Arts Lane - Chiuch), be received; and THAT the comments provided at the Public Meeting held on November 4, 2025 be received; and THAT Council direct staff to prepare a recommendation report and by-laws for Council's consideration at a subsequent meeting after all consultation BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report regarding Official Plan Amendment O25-05 and Zoning By-law Amendment Z23-09 (129 Millard Drive), be received; and THAT the comments provided at the Public Meeting held on December 2, 2025 be received; and THAT Council direct staff to prepare a recommendation report and by-law for Council's consideration at a subsequent meeting after all consultation BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report regarding Zoning By-law Amendment Z25-09 (ARN 446502000106800), be received; and THAT the comments provided at the Public Meeting held on December 2, 2025 be received; and THAT Council direct staff to prepare a recommendation report and by-law for Council's consideration at a subsequent meeting after all consultation comments have been received and considered	Jeff Kratky	Open	325		Council refused to adopt by P-2025-089 on December 2, 2025. Applicant appealed to OLT. OLT-26-000037 and OLT-26-000053. two-day Merit Hearing to commence on Thursday, September 10, 2026.	
October 7, 2025	Planning Council	ZBA - Z25-08	P-2025-065	BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Township of Georgian Bay: 1. Accepts all information regarding Zoning By-law Amendment Application No. Z25-08 presented at the public meeting on October 7, 2025; 2. Refers all information and comments to Township staff for further discussion with the Agent, District staff, and anyone who commented; and 3. Township staff shall not schedule the next meeting of Council to evaluate the Application until after comments are addressed. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the staff report regarding Official Plan Amendment O25-04 & Zoning By-law Amendment Z25-07 (383 Arts Lane - Chiuch), be received; and THAT the comments provided at the Public Meeting held on November 4, 2025 be received; and THAT Council direct staff to prepare a recommendation report and by-laws for Council's consideration at a subsequent meeting after all consultation BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report regarding Official Plan Amendment O25-05 and Zoning By-law Amendment Z23-09 (129 Millard Drive), be received; and THAT the comments provided at the Public Meeting held on December 2, 2025 be received; and THAT Council direct staff to prepare a recommendation report and by-law for Council's consideration at a subsequent meeting after all consultation BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report regarding Zoning By-law Amendment Z25-09 (ARN 446502000106800), be received; and THAT the comments provided at the Public Meeting held on December 2, 2025 be received; and THAT Council direct staff to prepare a recommendation report and by-law for Council's consideration at a subsequent meeting after all consultation comments have been received and considered	Jeff Kratky	Pending	269	Planning	Approved by P-2025-078 on November 4, 2025. OLT-25-000953 - Appellant is 2873800 Ontario Inc. (i.e., owner of 380 Macey Bay Rd). OLT mediation Interim Settlement being implemented through P25-10. If P25-10 proceeds to Site Plan Application, Council will be asked to repeal By-law 2025-076. Otherwise, OLT-25-000953 resumes.	
November 4, 2025	Planning Council	Official Plan Amendment O25-04 & Zoning By-law Amendment Z25-07 (383 Arts Lane - Chiuch)	P-2025-073	BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Township of Georgian Bay: 1. Accepts all information presented at the third public meeting on August 12, 2025 regarding development of the Subject Lands proposed by a new Official Plan Amendment and an updated Zoning By-law Amendment Applications No. O25-02 and No. Z23-13; 2. Refers all information and comments to Township staff for further discussion with the Owner and anyone who commented; and 3. Township staff shall not schedule the next meeting of Council to evaluate the Application until after comments are addressed. BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Township of Georgian Bay: 1. Accepts all information regarding Zoning By-law Amendment Application No. Z25-08 presented at the public meeting on October 7, 2025; 2. Refers all information and comments to Township staff for further discussion with the Agent, District staff, and anyone who commented; and 3. Township staff shall not schedule the next meeting of Council to evaluate the Application until after comments are addressed. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the staff report regarding Official Plan Amendment O25-04 & Zoning By-law Amendment Z25-07 (383 Arts Lane - Chiuch), be received; and THAT the comments provided at the Public Meeting held on November 4, 2025 be received; and THAT Council direct staff to prepare a recommendation report and by-laws for Council's consideration at a subsequent meeting after all consultation BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report regarding Official Plan Amendment O25-05 and Zoning By-law Amendment Z23-09 (129 Millard Drive), be received; and THAT the comments provided at the Public Meeting held on December 2, 2025 be received; and THAT Council direct staff to prepare a recommendation report and by-law for Council's consideration at a subsequent meeting after all consultation BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report regarding Zoning By-law Amendment Z25-09 (ARN 446502000106800), be received; and THAT the comments provided at the Public Meeting held on December 2, 2025 be received; and THAT Council direct staff to prepare a recommendation report and by-law for Council's consideration at a subsequent meeting after all consultation comments have been received and considered	Andrew Donaldson	Open	241	Planning	Site Plan Agreement sent to owner for confirmation on January 12, 2026. No response. Securities yet to be paid.	
December 2, 2025	Planning Council	Z23-09 - 129 Millard Drive	P-2025-083	BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Township of Georgian Bay: 1. Accepts all information presented at the third public meeting on August 12, 2025 regarding development of the Subject Lands proposed by a new Official Plan Amendment and an updated Zoning By-law Amendment Applications No. O25-02 and No. Z23-13; 2. Refers all information and comments to Township staff for further discussion with the Owner and anyone who commented; and 3. Township staff shall not schedule the next meeting of Council to evaluate the Application until after comments are addressed. BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Township of Georgian Bay: 1. Accepts all information regarding Zoning By-law Amendment Application No. Z25-08 presented at the public meeting on October 7, 2025; 2. Refers all information and comments to Township staff for further discussion with the Agent, District staff, and anyone who commented; and 3. Township staff shall not schedule the next meeting of Council to evaluate the Application until after comments are addressed. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the staff report regarding Official Plan Amendment O25-04 & Zoning By-law Amendment Z25-07 (383 Arts Lane - Chiuch), be received; and THAT the comments provided at the Public Meeting held on November 4, 2025 be received; and THAT Council direct staff to prepare a recommendation report and by-laws for Council's consideration at a subsequent meeting after all consultation BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report regarding Official Plan Amendment O25-05 and Zoning By-law Amendment Z23-09 (129 Millard Drive), be received; and THAT the comments provided at the Public Meeting held on December 2, 2025 be received; and THAT Council direct staff to prepare a recommendation report and by-law for Council's consideration at a subsequent meeting after all consultation BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report regarding Zoning By-law Amendment Z25-09 (ARN 446502000106800), be received; and THAT the comments provided at the Public Meeting held on December 2, 2025 be received; and THAT Council direct staff to prepare a recommendation report and by-law for Council's consideration at a subsequent meeting after all consultation comments have been received and considered	Deb McCabe	Closed	182	June 2, 2026	Planning	Public hearing for information took place at the December 2, 2025 Planning Council meeting. Recommendation Report to be considered on June 2, 2026.
December 2, 2025	Planning Council	Z25-09 Lamon	P-2025-084	BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Township of Georgian Bay: 1. Accepts all information presented at the third public meeting on August 12, 2025 regarding development of the Subject Lands proposed by a new Official Plan Amendment and an updated Zoning By-law Amendment Applications No. O25-02 and No. Z23-13; 2. Refers all information and comments to Township staff for further discussion with the Owner and anyone who commented; and 3. Township staff shall not schedule the next meeting of Council to evaluate the Application until after comments are addressed. BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Township of Georgian Bay: 1. Accepts all information regarding Zoning By-law Amendment Application No. Z25-08 presented at the public meeting on October 7, 2025; 2. Refers all information and comments to Township staff for further discussion with the Agent, District staff, and anyone who commented; and 3. Township staff shall not schedule the next meeting of Council to evaluate the Application until after comments are addressed. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the staff report regarding Official Plan Amendment O25-04 & Zoning By-law Amendment Z25-07 (383 Arts Lane - Chiuch), be received; and THAT the comments provided at the Public Meeting held on November 4, 2025 be received; and THAT Council direct staff to prepare a recommendation report and by-laws for Council's consideration at a subsequent meeting after all consultation BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report regarding Official Plan Amendment O25-05 and Zoning By-law Amendment Z23-09 (129 Millard Drive), be received; and THAT the comments provided at the Public Meeting held on December 2, 2025 be received; and THAT Council direct staff to prepare a recommendation report and by-law for Council's consideration at a subsequent meeting after all consultation BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report regarding Zoning By-law Amendment Z25-09 (ARN 446502000106800), be received; and THAT the comments provided at the Public Meeting held on December 2, 2025 be received; and THAT Council direct staff to prepare a recommendation report and by-law for Council's consideration at a subsequent meeting after all consultation comments have been received and considered	Shania Wonfor	Open	213		Planning	Applicant has not revised proposal or addressed comments/concerns as of March 18, 2026. Jamie Robinson informally advised me at Council in June that a revised proposal is coming this summer - June 16, 2026.

					BE IT RESOLVED:							
December 2, 2025	Planning Council	025-04 & Z25-07 - 383 Arts Lane (Chiuch)	P-2025-087		<p>1. THAT Council enacts By-law 2025-087, being a By-law to adopt Official Plan Amendment No.27 (O25-04) to further amend the Township of Georgian Bay's Official Plan, by adding Site Specific Policy F.5.9.9.4 to permit a sleeping cabin in the required shoreline or front yard setback as defined by the Township's Zoning By-law on the lands municipally known as 383 Arts Lane;</p> <p>2. THAT By-law 2025-087 adopting Official Plan Amendment No.27 be forwarded to the District of Muskoka for approval;</p> <p>3. THAT Council enacts By-law 2025-088, being a Zoning By-law Amendment (Z25-07) to further amend Zoning By-law 2014-75, by rezoning the property municipally known as 383 Arts Lane, from the Six Mile Lake Residential (SR6) Zone to a Six Mile Lake Residential - Exception (SR6-67) Zone; and</p> <p>4. THAT the Owner apply for and obtain Site Plan Approval from the Township of Georgian Bay, including if required, the execution and registration of a Site Plan Agreement against the title of the lands.</p>	Andrew Donaldson	Open		213	Planning	Site Plan Agreement sent to owner for confirmation on January 12, 2026. No response. Securities yet to be paid.	
March 10, 2026	Planning Council	OPA O25-05 & ZBA Z25-14 - 2416 Island 404	P-2026-009		<p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report regarding Official Plan Amendment O25-05 and Zoning By-law Amendment Z25-14 (2416 Island 404), be received; and</p> <p>THAT the comments provided at the Public Meeting held on March 10, 2026 be received; and</p> <p>THAT Council direct staff to prepare a recommendation report and by-law for Council's consideration at a subsequent meeting after all consultation comments have been received and considered.</p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the outline for the concurrent 2026/28 Official Plan and Zoning By-law review and updates starting on March 10, 2026; and</p> <p>THAT Council confirms its terms of reference for the concurrent 2026/28 Official Plan and Zoning By-law review and updates are to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Actively consult and engage the community, partners, and stakeholders; 2. Produce an Official Plan and Zoning By-law that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Conform to all applicable legislation, policies and regulations; b. Be aligned with each other; and c. Be user-friendly; 3. Identify timelines and budgets including any consultants and/or background studies for Council approval before starting a topic; and 	Deb McCabe	Closed	May 5, 2026	56	Planning	Adopted by Council on May 5, 2026. OPA is opening District of Muskoka approval.	
March 10, 2026	Planning Council	Outline for the 2026-2028 Official Plan and Zoning By-law review and updates	P-2026-012		<p>THAT the topics on the Council wish list for the concurrent 2026/28 Official Plan and Zoning By-law review and updates are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Map the Waterfront (and, by extension, Rural) designation(s) and adjust definitions / zones as necessary; 2. Review the "H2" conditions to better balance environmental objectives and landowner rights; 3. Improve how access to navigable waterways is controlled to provide tests and/or conditions for development of water access only lots, including marina access; 4. Examine whether to continue prohibiting or allow Gazebos on shoreline structures such as docks, ramps, platforms, and/or free-standing decks; 5. Review definitions and controls regarding building height, width and gross floor area; 6. Determine how to include green building standards; and <p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report regarding Zoning By-law Amendment Z26-03, be received; and</p>	Derek Witlib	Open		115	Planning	Outline and workplan to be adjusted to accommodate Bill 98.	
April 14, 2026	Planning Council	Z26-03 (ARN 446503003102300 - Myers)	P-2026-016		<p>THAT the comments provided at the Public Meeting held on April 14, 2026 be received; and</p> <p>THAT Council direct staff to prepare a recommendation report and by-law for Council's consideration at a subsequent meeting after all consultation comments have been received and considered.</p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report regarding Official Plan Amendment O26-01 and Zoning By-law Amendment Z26-04, be received; and</p>	Shania Wonfor	Open		80	Planning	District requires OPA and will not support - June 11, 2026. Meeting with agent by end of week (June 18).	
April 14, 2026	Planning Council	O26-01 & Zoning By-law Amendment Application Z26-04 (146 Prisque Road - Pawlowski)	P-2026-017		<p>THAT the comments provided at the Public Meeting held on April 14, 2026 be received; and</p> <p>THAT Council direct staff to prepare a recommendation report and by-law for Council's consideration at a subsequent meeting after all consultation comments have been received and considered.</p>	Shania Wonfor	Open		80	Planning	Recommendation report scheduled for July Council.	

April 14, 2026	Planning Council	Z26-02 (377B Macey Bay Road - Bidinot)	P-2026-018	BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves zoning by-law Amendment Application Z26-02; and THAT Council enacts By-law 2026-022, being a Zoning By-law Amendment (Z26-02) to further amend Zoning By-law 2014-75, by rezoning a portion of the property municipally known as 377B Macey Bay Road, from the Commercial Tourism Type Two (CT2) Zone to the Shoreline Residential Type Five (SR5) Zone; and	Andrew Donaldson	Open	80	Planning	Council approved the application at the April 13, 2026 Planning Council meeting, however, cannot sign the amending by-law until the OLT settlement matter regarding the Zoning By-law update is finalized (waiting on OLT). Application returning to June Planning Council to rezone subject property from SR5 to SR1 to allow for the further division of land. -AD
April 14, 2026	Planning Council	O26-04 & Z26-08 (Water Access, Navigation & Marinas)	P-2026-019	THAT By-law 2026-022 take effect upon the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) decision date regarding By-law 2025-053 (Housekeeping Zoning By-law) in the matter of OLT-25-000597 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the 'Project Plan for O26-04 & Z26-08 (Water Access, Navigation & Marinas)' including its nominal budget commitment, and authorizes Planning staff to implement the project plan without need for a further report unless significant revisions become necessary WHEREAS the Township of Georgian Bay has the authority to consider measures that may encourage new commercial and residential development; and	Jeff Kratky	Pending	80	Planning	Paused by P-2026-040
April 14, 2026	Committee of the Whole	House and Commercial Development Incentives	COW-2026-010	WHEREAS Council wishes to explore options to improve affordability and support more efficient development approval processes in targeted areas;	Derek Witlib	Open	80	Planning	
May 5, 2026	Planning Council	SML GFA Definition	P-2026-027	NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to report back on potential approaches to encourage development, including options to improve affordability and streamline processes where appropriate BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves Township led Zoning By-law Amendment Application No. Z26-01 to add a new definition of Gross Floor Area (GFA) applicable only to dwellings in the Six Mile Lake (SML) Inland Waterfront Community as an amendment under Section 34 of the Planning Act to Zoning By-law 2014-75, as amended up to and including By-law 2025-053 (Housekeeping Z24-15), having regard to provincial interests in Section 2 of the Planning Act, being consistent with the Provincial Planning Statement, 2024, and conforming to the policies of the Muskoka Official Plan and Georgian Bay Official Plan; and	Jeff Kratky	Open	59	Planning	Last day to appeal is June 29, 2026.
May 5, 2026	Planning Council	OPA & ZBA - 2416 Island 404	P-2026-029	THAT Council approves and authorizes the Mayor to enact By-law 2026-032 (SML GFA Definition) to implement its approval of Zoning By-law Amendment Application No. Z26-01; and THAT By-law 2026-032 take effect upon the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) decision date regarding By-law 2025-053 (Housekeeping Zoning By-law) in the matter of OLT-25-000597, and BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council enacts by-law 2026-034, being a By-law to adopt Official Plan Amendment No. 28 (O25-05) to further amend the Township of Georgian Bay's Official Plan, by adding Site Specific Policy F.3.3.6.2.6 to permit a sleeping cabin in the required shoreline or front yard setback as defined by the Township's Zoning By-law on the lands municipally known as 2416 Island 404; and THAT By-law 2026-034 adopting Official Plan Amendment No. 28 be forwarded to the District of Muskoka for approval; and	Deb McCabe	Pending	59	Planning	Adopted May 5, 2026 and OPA submitted to District for approval
June 2, 2026	Planning Council	O26-05 and Z26-10 - 34 Curling Club Road	P-2026-035	THAT the Owner apply for and obtain Site Plan Approval from the Township of Georgian Bay including if required, the variation and certification of a Site Specific Policy F.3.3.6.2.6 to permit a sleeping cabin in the required shoreline or front yard setback as defined by the Township's Zoning By-law on the lands municipally known as 2416 Island 404; and Zoning By-law Amendment Z26-10 (34 Curling Club Road), be received; and BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report regarding Official Plan Amendment O26-05 and Zoning By-law Amendment Z26-10 (34 Curling Club Road), be received; and	Deb McCabe	Pending	31	Planning	
				THAT Council direct staff to prepare a recommendation report and by-law for Council's consideration at a subsequent meeting after all consultation comments have been received and considered					

June 2, 2026	Planning Council	Temporary Use By-law Amendment Extension (Rock Crushing OBD)	P-2026-036	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report regarding temporary use zoning by-law Amendment Extension Application Z26-05 (Rock Crushing) for lands known as "Summerside", situated on the north side of Golf Course Road in Port Severn and located in Parts of Lots 30 & 31, Concession 2 (Baxter), Township of Georgian Bay, be received; and THAT the comments provided at the Public Meeting held on June 2, 2026 be received; and THAT Council direct staff to prepare a recommendation report and by-law for Council's consideration at a subsequent meeting after all consultation	Derek Witlib	Pending	31	Planning
June 2, 2026	Planning Council	Z26-02 - 377B Macey Bay Road	P-2026-037	BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves Zoning By-law Amendment Application Z26-02; and THAT Council enacts By-law 2026-045, being a Zoning By-law Amendment (Z26-02) to further amend Zoning By-law 2014-75, by rezoning the property municipally known as 377B Macey Bay Road, from the Shoreline Residential Type Five (SR5) Zone to the Shoreline Residential Type One (SR1) Zone BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council enacts By-law 2026-047, being a By-law to adopt Official Plan Amendment No. 29 (O23-05) to further amend the Township of Georgian Bay's Official Plan, by adding Site Specific Policy F.3.3.6.2.6 to permit two sleeping cabins in the required shoreline or front yard setback as defined by the Township's Zoning By-law on the lands municipally known as 129 Millard Drive; and THAT By-law 2026-047 adopting Official Plan Amendment No. 29 be forwarded to the District of Muskoka for approval; and	Andrew Donaldson	Pending	31	Planning
June 2, 2026	Planning Council	O23-05 and Z23-09 (129 Millard Drive - McCart)	P-2026-039	THAT Council enacts By-law 2026-048, being a Zoning By-law Amendment (Z23-09) to further amend Zoning By-law 2014-75, by rezoning the property municipally known as 129 Millard Drive, from the Shoreline Residential Type One (SR1) Zone to a Shoreline Residential Type One - Exception (SR1-85) Zone and a Shoreline Residential Type One - Exception (SR1-86) Zone; and from Shoreline Residential Type One (SR1) Zone to Environmental Protection - Wetland Exception (EP-W-5) Zone; and THAT By-law 2026-048 take effect after the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) decision regarding By-law 2025-053 (Housekeeping Zoning By-law) in the BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council pauses the 2026/28 Official Plan and Zoning By-law Review and Updates ("Review") as approved by Resolution P-2026-012 until after a further report from Planning staff provides an outline for the Review conforming to the "new official plan framework" that Bill 98 adds to the Planning Act; and	Deb McCabe	Pending	31	Planning
June 2, 2026	Planning Council	Bill 98 & Georgian Bay Official Plan & Zoning By-law Review & Update	P-2026-040	THAT the following topics shall be removed from the Review to instead be considered individually by Council during housekeeping amendments of the Georgian Bay Official Plan and/or comprehensive Zoning By-law 2014-75, as amended, being: 1. Additional residential units; 2. Aggregates; 3. Agriculture; 4. MacTier settlement boundary; 5. Minimum opening elevations; 6. Climate change; 7. Recreational water quality; 8. Source water protection; and	Derek Witlib	Pending	31	Planning

Sustainability											
Meeting Date	Meeting Type	Report/Item Title	Resolution Number	Resolution	Responsible Staff Member	Status	Date Closed	Number of Days Open	Department	Notes	
April 3, 2023	Council	Selling Naming Rights, Advertisting etc	C-2023-155	BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff provide a report and proposed by-law(s) to provide the Township with options and guidelines for defining and selling naming rights for a facility, meeting room, or other resource, advertising, and memorial items.	Jennifer Schnier	Pending		1187	Sustainability	Advertising Policy to be started	
November 3, 2025	Council	Bear Bins Bulk Order	C-2025-271	<p>WHEREAS the District Municipality of Muskoka provides waste collection services to the Township and the EPW Committee has passed a motion to extend curb side collection to private roads; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the Township of Georgian Bay has a number of private roads that used to be served by "Bin Sites" and are now potentially eligible for curb side collection;</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Georgian Bay pursue purchasing up to 100 bear bin units from a local manufacturer for resale to curb side collection residents in the Township; and</p> <p>THAT the Township of Georgian Bay ensures that the risk to the Township finances is minimized by surveying residents to estimate the demand volume for current curb side collection residents and future properties that will be added to this program.</p>	Jennifer Schnier	Pending		242	Sustainability	Quotes have been requested	
March 23, 2026	Sustainable Communities Advisory Group	Climate Adaptation 2026 with Indigenous Learnings	SCAG-2026-008	<p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Sustainable Community Advisory Group confirm their support for Option 1 – to continue as planned and achieve the identified key milestones, reaffirming the intention of Resolution C-2025-229 to support the application of up to \$70,000 to prepare an adaptation plan, capacity building initiatives, and/or a community-wide risk and vulnerability assessment;</p> <p>AND THAT the Sustainable Community Advisory Group advise the Mayor and Council to direct staff to undertake a fair and transparent Request for Proposal (RFP) process to retain a qualified consulting team to complete this work.</p>	Jennifer Schnier	Pending		102	Sustainability	In progress - meeting with Moose Deer Point FN	
May 4, 2026	Council	Honey Bee Festival 2025 and 2026 Save the Date	C-2026-091	<p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council declare that the Honey Bee Festival for 2026 be a municipal significant event to be held on and around the Port of Honey Harbour in Honey Harbour, Ontario on Saturday October 3, 2026 with a preliminary Gala to be held on June 20, 2026.</p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to apply for funding in the amount of \$500,000 from the Federal Economic Development Agency for Northern Ontario (FedNor), for the purpose of refreshing the MacTier Arena Community Space; and</p> <p>THAT staff be directed to apply for funding in the amount of \$500,000 from the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC), for the purpose of refreshing the MacTier Arena Community Space; and</p>	Jennifer Schnier	Pending		60	Sustainability	Underway - Christies Mill has been booked and sponsorship package being finalised	
June 1, 2026	Council	FedNor - MacTier Arena Community Space	C-2026-117	<p>THAT staff be directed to set aside just over 10% of the total funding project in the amount of \$100,000 from the Working Capital Reserve for the purpose of refreshing the MacTier Arena Community Space; and</p> <p>THAT staff be directed to set aside no more than \$125,117 from the Working Capital Reserve and \$30,000 from the IT Reserve to help with project management of the renovations, including IT, Project Coordination and Contingency.</p>	Jennifer Schnier	Open		32	Sustainability		

June 1, 2026	Council	Bear Bins Bulk Order	C-2026-120	BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to execute Option 2 (\$75 Subsidy) as it relates to the communication, purchase and delivery of bear bins for the 2026-2027 season up-to a maximum of 100 units; and THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute an agreement with the successful vendor to determine delivery dates, warranty, discount and other relevant details of 100 bear bins to be made available to residents.	Jennifer Schnier	Open	32	Sustainability
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**THE CORPORATION OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF GEORGIAN BAY**

BY-LAW 2026-XXX

Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Township of Georgian Bay at the Council Meeting held July 13, 2026

(Confirming July 13, 2026)

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 5 (1) of the *Municipal Act, S.O. 2001*, as amended, the powers of a municipality shall be exercised by its Council; and

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 5 (3) of the *Municipal Act, S.O. 2001*, as amended, a Municipal power, including a municipality's capacity, rights, powers and privileges under section 9, shall be exercised by by-law unless the municipality is specifically authorized to do otherwise; and

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient that proceedings of the Council of Township of Georgian Bay as herein set forth be confirmed and adopted by by-law;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Georgian Bay enacts as follows:

1. The actions of the Council of the Township of Georgian Bay at the Meeting held on July 13, 2026 in respect of each recommendation contained in the minutes of Standing and Special Committees as adopted or amended and each motion and resolution passed and other action taken by the Council of the Township of Georgian Bay at this meeting is hereby adopted and confirmed as if all such proceedings were expressly embodied in this by-law.
2. The Mayor and proper officials of the Township of Georgian Bay are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the actions of the Council of the Township of Georgian Bay referred to in the preceding section hereof.
3. The Mayor and Clerk are authorized and directed to execute all documents necessary in that behalf and to affix thereto the Seal of the Township of Georgian Bay.

4. Section 1 does not apply to any action or matter that is required by law to be done by resolution.
5. Section 1 does not apply to any action or matter to which Ontario Land Tribunal approval is required until such approval is obtained but Section 2 applies for the purpose of obtaining such approval.
6. For the purposes of the exercise of the authority of the head of council to veto a by-law in accordance with Section 284.11 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, this Confirming By-law shall be deemed to be separate Confirming By-laws for each item listed on the meeting agenda.
7. This by-law shall come into force and take effect on the day it is passed.

READ AND ADOPTED in Open Council this 13th day of July, 2026.

DEEMED ENACTED on the date of signing this 15th day of July, 2026.

PETER KOETSIER, MAYOR

KAREN WAY, CLERK