



Georgina Town Council Jan. 15

Emerald Ash Borer Tree Removal Program Conclusion and Summary

Council received the update and summary regarding the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) tree removal program. EAB first entered the Town of Georgina around 2009-2010, rapidly spreading and infecting ash trees throughout the area. Virtually all ash trees over 10 centimeters diameter at breast height were impacted. Beginning in 2014, the Town took many preventative steps including creating an inventory of ash trees, conducting health assessments, performing thousands of removals of dead or dying trees, stump removals, and tree replacements. The completion of this project marks a significant achievement for the Town of Georgina in its efforts to address the devastating effects of the EAB infestation. This initiative involved the removal of 4,868 ash trees and 669 stumps, with 1,417 trees planted in direct replacement, helping the urban forest remain sustainable. The project not only mitigated the risks associated with the spread of the infestation but also enhanced the aesthetic appeal of the community and promoted the health of the local ecosystem. Throughout the project, challenges were effectively managed through collaborative efforts between the Town, staff, stakeholders, and residents, demonstrating a strong commitment to environmental stewardship.

Economic, Culture and Community Betterment Grant Program

Applications are now open for the Economic, Culture and Community Betterment (ECCB) grants. This Town program supports events, programs, or initiatives that enhance our community spirit, celebrate local culture, and boost our economy. There are three grant streams – Community Betterment Grant: Build community or neighbourhood capacity, Community Culture Grant: Showcase Georgina's creativity and Economic Development Grant: Create economic impact through events and initiatives. Eligible applicants include not-for-profit organizations, registered charities, and businesses or organizations promoting overnight stays and having significant local economic impact and/or celebrating Georgina's history and culture. By strategically investing in events that enhance Georgina's identity and attract visitors, the ECCB Grant program continues to strengthen the local economy while enriching the Town's vibrant cultural landscape. The first intake deadline is Feb. 28, with the second deadline on June 30. Learn more at georgina.ca/grants.

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