



The Township of Georgian Bay
Resolutions
Planning Council - 10 Mar 2026

Item 9.(a)

Date: March 10, 2026

P-2026-012

Moved by Councillor Stephen Jarvis
Seconded by Councillor Kristian Graziano

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

THAT Council confirms its terms of reference for the concurrent 2026/28 Official Plan and Zoning By-law review and updates are to:

1. Actively consult and engage the community, partners, and stakeholders;
2. Produce an Official Plan and Zoning By-law that:
 - a. Conform to all applicable legislation, policies and regulations;
 - b. Are aligned with each other; and
 - c. Are user-friendly;
3. Identify timelines and budgets including any consultants and/or background studies for Council approval before starting a topic; and

THAT the topics on the Council wish list for the concurrent 2026/28 Official Plan and Zoning By-law review and updates are:

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

THAT Council authorizes the Director of Planning to set the membership of working groups for the concurrent 2026/28 Official Plan and Zoning By-law review and updates drawing firstly from the Planning Working Group, and adding members as needed to achieve appropriate representation from the community, partners, and stakeholders; and

THAT Planning staff are authorized to prepare project plans including any proposed request(s) for proposal of consulting services for consideration by Council at future meetings regarding the topics in the outline for the concurrent 2026/28 Official Plan and Zoning By-law review and updates.

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