



My Georgina...

March, 2008

Please think about this:

- Georgina is growing. More people will be coming to live here and projections from the Provincial and Regional Governments tell us that the next 25 years will see a 50% increase in people living in our Town. *That is an additional 23,000 residents.*
- It is also recognized that Georgina has fewer 'jobs-per-resident' than virtually all Communities of similar size in Ontario. The same provincial and regional growth projections show that we need to add 15,000 jobs, the second highest rate of job growth in York Region. These jobs are *needed* to create a more balanced Community.
- Some of the goals of creating more well-paying jobs in the Town of Georgina will be:
 - The industrial and commercial property tax base will be increased.
 - Georgina residents will have the opportunity to work locally which will increase their time at home with their families and in the Community.
 - Our youth will have these same employment opportunities available to them and fewer youth will be leaving the Community permanently.
 - Emissions from cars travelling to and from our Community to the GTA will be reduced, which will protect our air.

These are important goals for our Community; they will have far-reaching effects and will take many years to accomplish. To accomplish these goals, proper planning and consultation is necessary so that future Municipal Councils will have a "roadmap" to follow. ***Change will happen but we should not fear it if we plan it together.***

So what do we do?

The Town of Georgina is creating an ongoing Socio-Economic Development Mission to achieve these vital goals. The word 'socio' reminds us that we are doing this for the people. The very first step in this process is to understand the Values of the Community - this is where we need your input. Much work has already been done by organizations in Georgina but we need to know what you think.

In order to help us, the Town has retained an experienced consulting firm. Since the early 1990's, George Schrijver of WCM Consulting has been engaging with Communities in this process. George states very clearly that his role is not to tell Georgina what it wants, but to create a process that will enable the Community to achieve its own goals.

There are many ways for you to participate and we will use every means possible to encourage that participation. Attached are some views that have been compiled from previous consultations. This is just a starting point so please think well beyond this and add your comments to what you read here.

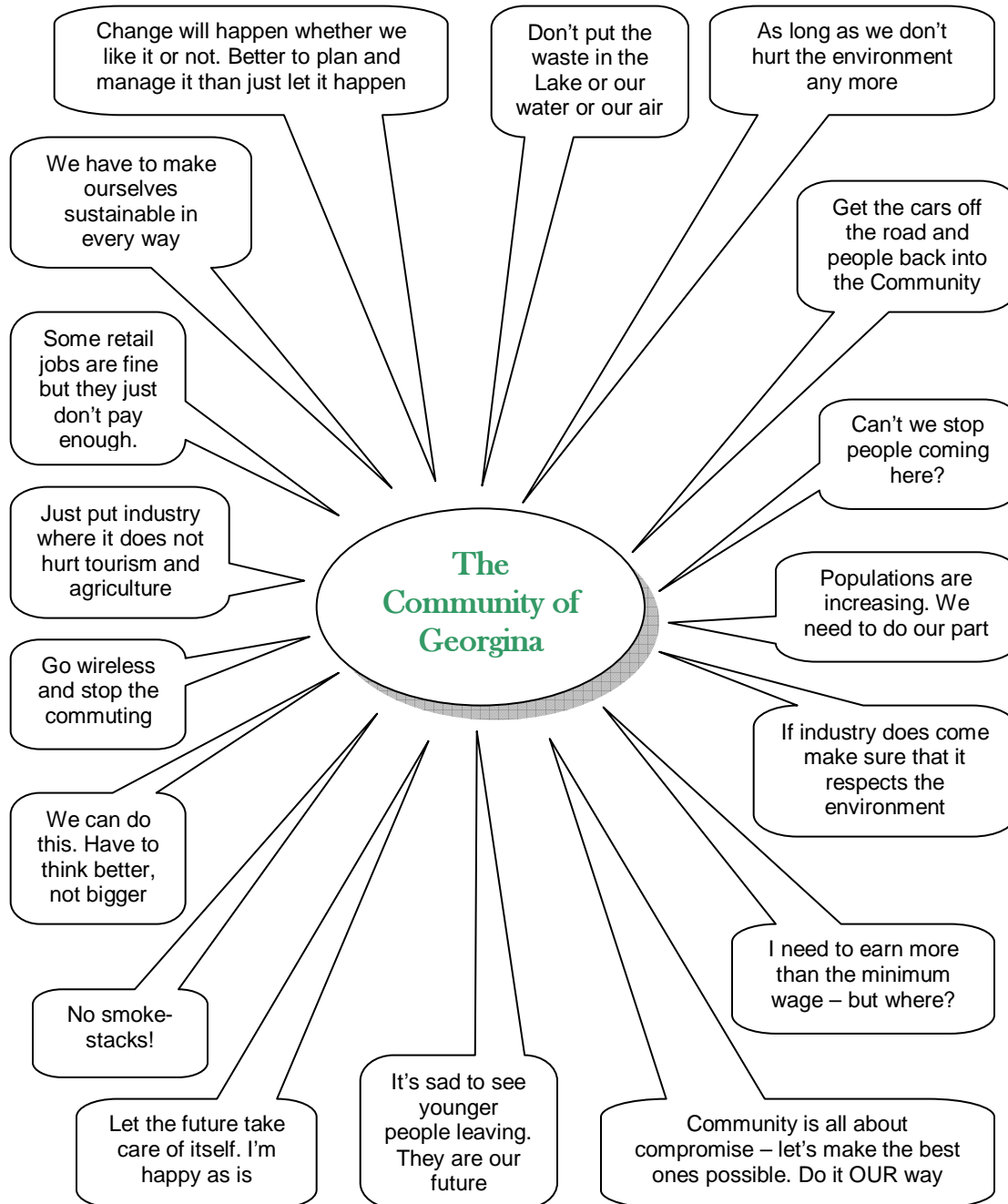
In the spring of this year we are planning Public Consultations across our Community. Your input now will do much to lay the foundation for vibrant and in-depth discussions at that time.

Thank you.



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What some have said. Now have YOUR say on the next page!





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Now have YOUR say...

Please describe your sense of Values in any manner that best suits you. Write as much or as little as you wish. Use the form below or send a separate E-Mail. Or a fax. Or call. Or would you like to meet? *The contact information is on the last sheet.*

If you wish, rank some of the examples below – use ‘1’ as the most important and so on but feel free to make two or more equal. Then add more own in your own words.

My Georgina...	Is this important to me?
...will have local, well-paying jobs year-round	
...will be prosperous	
...will have opportunities for youth, encouraging them to stay	
...will be second-to-none in telecommunications	
...will have excellent local services	
...will treat the Lake as a sustainable resource	
...have places to play	
...will maintain the small town feeling	
...will be socially sustainable	
...will be environmentally sustainable	
...will be a safe community	
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We would like to know who you are:

Your Name:	Telephone:	E-Mail:



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If you would like to write more, then please do so...

_____ *Add as many sheets as you like* _____

Have an idea? Beyond your Values, please share some ideas as to HOW to achieve socio-economic prosperity in Georgina?

Industry? Agriculture? Tourism? Other?

_____ *Add as many sheets as you like* _____

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