



## **Agenda**

### **Homelessness Task Force Meeting**

June 21, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Electronic and In-Person Participation - Homelessness Task Force

The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville

(Chair and Secretary at Town Hall - 87 Broadway)

Orangeville, Ontario

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4.1 Guest Speaker	
Welcome Deputy Mayor Taylor to the meeting	
5. Items for Discussion and Reports	
5.1 Recreation Facility Availability	
5.2 Community Safety and Well Being Plan (County vs. Town)	
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5.5 Coordination of Alternative Housing Manufacturing Facility	

6. Correspondence
7. New Business
8. Date of Next Meeting
9. Adjournment



## **Minutes of Homelessness Task Force**

**May 17, 2023, 7:00 p.m.**

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Members Present: R. Alvarez  
Councillor Andrews  
T. Carter  
E. Dunn  
E. Goodyear  
T. Grabb  
Councillor Sherwood

Staff Present: T. Barry, Executive Assistant, Community Services  
H. Savage, General Manager, Community Services

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm

### **2. Disclosures of (Direct or Indirect) Pecuniary Interest**

None

### **3. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**2023-004**

**Moved By R. Alvarez**

That the minutes of the following meeting are approved: April 19, 2023

**Carried**

#### **4. Presentations**

None

#### **5. Items for Discussion and Reports**

##### **5.1 AMO Homelessness Symposium - Attendee Overview**

Chair Andrews discussed the AMO Homelessness Symposium which took place in Toronto on May 3-4, 2023. Chair Andrews and Councillor Sherwood attended the symposium which included twelve "themed" sessions addressing what is homelessness and steps municipalities can implement to end homelessness within their communities.

The theme throughout the symposium is that housing is the solution to the problem of homelessness. Chair Andrews will provide a URL to the committee members setting out housing issues. Chair Andrews will also look into the co-op housing in Shelburne and how it is being funded (Shelburne owns the facility but property manager is County of Dufferin).

##### **5.2 Orangeville Men's Shelter Grand Opening - Overview**

The Dufferin Men's Shelter opened on March 27 with 8 funded beds. During the first week there was a trickle of individuals but by week 2 it was full and has now increased to 12 beds. The capacity is 20 individuals and the facility is slowly opening up after assessing demographics, needs, etc. Hours of operation are 7:00 pm - 8:00 am, so the individuals do need to leave for the day. On the weekend it is difficult for individuals as not everything is open for them. Increased funding is needed to enable staff to stay on site so that the men do not have to leave and just wander until they are able to return at 7:00 pm. Currently there are two staff on every shift (safety and security of all individuals), there is a curfew and this is a dry shelter (no using of drugs/alcohol on the property) Individuals are able to smoke, but currently not marijuana (this may change).

In order to be considered homeless to assist with getting support, an individual must be homeless for two weeks. Unfortunately, Dufferin County does not consider someone homeless if they are couch surfing or staying in illegal basement apartments. Other municipalities do consider these factors to allow for them to qualify for assistance faster.

Dufferin County does have a Landlord liaison and these landlords will work with the case workers/shelters to assist the individuals.

##### **5.3 Workplan Discussion**

Three key items to address in the workplan, which when presented to Council, committee members may be invited to present and provide further information on the Committee.

1. Zoning land use and planning policies (Council needs to set land policies for new developments - item to present to Council (report back and ask them to set tougher land policies). To assist with more affordable housing when new developments are presented - have a section in any new applications to address affordable housing

2. Increased hours for staff (increased funding)

3. Advocacy work for our community - be their voice. The ability to change policy or implement if necessary.

Purpose of task force - gather concerns and realities of homeless and gain power and speak out on these issues. Advocate to the County to get the needed funding - 24/7.

#### **5.4 Future Guest Speakers**

Manager BIA (Alison Scheel)

Shirley Hannigan (SHIP)

Member from Lived Experience Group (Anna McGregor to advise)

Reaching out to individuals outside of community to come in.

Lighthouse

Deputy Mayor

Tiny homes representative

Habitat for Humanity

Brandon Ward (or someone in planning to speak regarding tiny homes)

#### **6. Correspondence**

None

#### **7. New Business**

None

#### **8. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held June 21, 2023 at 7:00 pm

**9. Adjournment**

The meeting concluded at 9:02 p.m.

# Homelessness Task Force

## Work Plan for 2023



Updated: September 07, 2021

	Deliverable / Project	Description	Frequency	Scheduled Date	Location	Lead	Status	Deadline	Budget/Comments
1.	Zoning land use and planning policies								None
2.	Increased hours for staff								None
3.	Advocacy work for the community								None
4.									
5.									