



Minutes of Access Orangeville

September 12, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

Electronic and In-Person Participation - Access Orangeville

The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville

(Chair and Secretary at Town Hall - 87 Broadway)

Orangeville, Ontario

Members Present: Councillor R. Stevens, Chair
P. Charbonneau
S. Clarke
M. Hartley
J. Jackson
R. Ugolini
K. Van Ryn

Members Absent: K. Murphy-Fritz

Staff Present: G. Brennan, Legislative Assistant, Corporate Services
S. Doherty, Manager, Recreation and Events, Community Services
T. Dulisse, Manager, Transportation and Development, Infrastructure Services
J. Lavecchia-Smith, Deputy Clerk, Corporate Services
J. Rawn, Executive Assistant, Infrastructure Services

1. Call to Order

Councillor R. Stevens, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

2. Disclosures of (Direct or Indirect) Pecuniary Interest

None.

3. Land Acknowledgement

Councillor R. Stevens, Chair, acknowledged the treaty lands and territory of the Williams Treaty Nations and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. He also recognized that Dufferin County is the traditional territory of the Wendat and the Haudenosaunee and is home to many Indigenous people today.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

2024-018

Moved By J. Jackson

That the minutes of the following meeting are approved:

4.1 2024-06-13 - Access Orangeville - Minutes

Carried

5. Presentations

5.1 Jordyn Lavecchia-Smith, Deputy Clerk, Corporate Services, Town of Orangeville - Committee Governance

Jordyn Lavecchia-Smith, Deputy Clerk, Corporate Services, provided the Committee with a Committee Governance Refresher presentation. Mrs. Lavecchia-Smith discussed the various Boards, Committees, and Task Forces that advise Council on important matters. She shared details on the roles and responsibilities for Committee Members, the Chair, the Staff Liaison, and the Committee Secretary. She advised the Committee on the effectiveness of having an agenda, and how that contributes to the efficiency of a meeting. Mrs. Lavecchia-Smith clarified the decision-making process for when a motion is up for consideration, and the various outcomes when a motion is being voted on. Mrs. Lavecchia-Smith advised the Committee on next steps and plans for 2025.

5.2 Delegate - Grant Peters - Fare Free Transit

Grant Peters discussed the importance of having a Fare-Free Transit program operating in the Town of Orangeville. Mr. Peters shared details around the Town of Orangeville becoming one of the first municipalities to pilot a Fare-Free Transit program, and the blueprint it sets for surrounding municipalities. He discussed why transit needs to become more accessible – and affordable – for residents with the removal of the financial barrier for those who need it and can benefit from it the most. The committee discussed the positive impact the Fare-Free Transit program

has had on various community groups in Orangeville, and discussed the steps required to make transit more accessible and inclusive.

2024-019

Moved By M. Hartley

That the correspondence regarding the Fare-Free Transit Program be received, That Access Orangeville express their support of the Fair-Free Transit Program in principle, through a letter, and That the letter of support be included in the September 23 Council Agenda.

Carried

5.3 Delegate - Kylie-Anne Grube, Climate Engagement Specialist, Dufferin County - Community Resilience Hub

Kylie-Anne Grube, Climate Engagement Specialist, and Sara MacRae, Manager, Climate & Energy for Dufferin County, provided an overview of the County's Community Resilience Hub project. The Resilience Hub pilot project aims to design and install an outdoor structure that acts as a trusted neighborhood location that meets the everyday physical and social needs of a neighborhood and enhances their resilience during times of disruption and recovery. Ms. Grube and Ms. MacRae shared that resilience hubs provide an opportunity to effectively work at the nexus of community resilience and social equity while also providing opportunities for communities to become more self-determining, social connected, and successful.

Ms. Grube and Ms. MacRae provided details on what a resilience hub could look like:

- Everyday Mode - meets the daily needs of the neighbourhood, both physical and social,
- Disruption Mode - supports neighbourhoods during disruption events (e.g power outage, extreme weather event),
- Recovery Mode - supports neighbourhoods to recover after disruption event

The Committee discussed the following:

- The programs and services that could be offered at a community resilience hub,

- The need for accessible transportation options near potential community resilience hub locations,
- The features a community resilience hub would require to make the space accessible and inclusive for all,
- The challenges of a community resilience hub including maintenance of the space and graffiti markings.

Ms. Grube and Ms. MacRae advised the Committee on the All Access Toolkit: Guide on Application of Design of Public Spaces (DoPS) and the Integrated Accessibility Standards - Design of Public Spaces which are the guiding documents for accessibility. They shared that Phase one (1) of the project timeline: Feasibility and Engagement is ongoing. Phase two (2) Design, Engagement, and Implementation is scheduled to begin in 2025. The Committee provided details on upcoming community events for Ms. Grube and Ms. MacRae to attend and solicit additional feedback on this project.

6. Items for Discussion and Reports

6.1 Stop Gap Initiative

Sharon Doherty, Manager, Recreation and Events, Community Services provided the Committee with an update on the Stop Gap Initiative. She shared the following details:

- Project guidelines and planning is underway,
- The budget for the Stop Gap Initiative is included on the Committee's multiyear Work Plan, and
- That Town of Orangeville Staff will bring next steps to the Committee when they have an update to provide.

The Committee discussed working with the Orangeville Business Improvement Area (OBIA), the Community Improvement Committee, and additional local organizations when they are ready to roll out the Stop Gap Initiative.

6.2 Unique Inventions - Sledge Quote

The Committee discussed the roll out process for sledges at public skates. They discussed the need for information sessions, workshops for Staff, and advertisement opportunities. Sharon Doherty, Manager, Recreation and Events, Community Services, provided clarity to the Committee that

any individual will be able to use sledges and stressed the importance of being inclusive to all members of the public.

2024-020

Moved By K. Van Ryn

That Council direct staff to look into purchasing sledges on behalf of Access Orangeville at a total cost of \$10,000.

Carried

7. Correspondence

None.

8. Announcements

None

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 10 at 10:00 a.m.

10. Adjournment

2024-021

Moved By R. Ugolini

That the meeting be adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Carried