



Monday, September 23, 2024, 6:30 p.m.
Electronic and In-Person Participation - Council
The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville
(Mayor and Clerk at Town Hall - 87 Broadway)
Orangeville, Ontario

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1. **Call To Order**
2. **Approval of Agenda**
Recommendations:
That the agenda and any addendums for the September 23, 2024 Council Meeting, be approved.
3. **Disclosure of (Direct and Indirect) Pecuniary Interest**
4. **Closed Meeting**
Recommendations:
That a closed meeting of Council be held pursuant to s. 239 (2) of the Municipal Act for the purposes of considering the following subject matters:
 - 4.1 **September 9, 2024 Closed Council Minutes**
 - 4.2 **Confidential Verbal Report - Proposed Commemoration of a Special Person**
Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or

local board employees.

5. Open Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

6. Singing of National Anthem

7. Land Acknowledgement

We would like to acknowledge the treaty lands and territory of the Williams Treaty Nations and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. We also recognize that Dufferin County is the traditional territory of the Wendat and the Haudenosaunee, and is home to many Indigenous people today.

8. Announcements by Chair

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9. Rise and Report

Recommendations:

That the minutes of the September 9, 2024 Closed Council Meeting, be approved; and

That Confidential Verbal Report - Proposed Commemoration of a Special Person regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, be received; and

That staff proceed as directed.

10. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Council Meeting

Recommendations:

That the minutes of the following meeting be approved:

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11. Community Recognition

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Recommendations:

That the twelve submissions recommended by Sustainable Orangeville for the Best Garden Contest, be approved.

12. Question Period

Any member of the public connecting via telephone is reminded to press *6 to mute and unmute and that they have a maximum of 3 minutes to ask their question.

13. Presentation, Petitions and/or Delegation

Registered delegates and presenters are reminded that they have a maximum of 5 minutes to address Council.

13.1 Vivian Petho, Burbank Crescent - Solomon's Howl-o-ween Dog Parade
In-Person

13.2 Grant Peters - Fare Free Transit
In-Person

Note: Grant Peters submitted correspondence that is attached to item 14.2.1.

***13.3 Martina Rowley, Sustainable Orangeville - Fare Free Transit**
In-Person

Note: Martina Rowley submitted correspondence that is attached to item 14.2.2.

***13.4 Aislinn Main, Mayor's Youth Advisory Council - Fare Free Transit**
In-Person

Note: Aislinn Main submitted correspondence that is attached to item 14.2.3.

14. Consent Agenda

The following items have been compiled under the Consent Agenda to facilitate a single vote for Council consideration. Council may remove any item from the Consent Agenda for individual consideration.

Recommendations:

That all Consent Agenda items for the current Council Meeting listed under 14.1 Staff Reports, 14.2 Correspondence, and 14.3 Committee/Board Minutes, be received or approved as presented with the exception of the items removed for individual consideration.

14.1 Staff Reports

14.1.1 Fare Free Transit Update, INS-2024-043

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Recommendations:

That report INS-2024-043, Fare Free Transit Update, be received; and

That Council provide direction to Staff to continue the Fare Free Transit program that is set to expire on December 31, 2024, until July 1, 2027; and

That Staff be directed to report back to Council in the Spring of 2027 seeking further direction from Council as it relates to the continuation of the program at that time.

14.1.2 Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund - Rotary Park Re-Development, CMS-2024-018

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	Recommendations: That report CMS-2024-018, Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund - Rotary Park Re-Development, be received; and	
	That Council direct Staff to apply for the Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Provincial funding.	
*14.1.3	Committee Updates, CPS-2024-059 Recommendations: That report CPS-2024-059, Committee Updates, be received; and That Council accept the resignation of Melissa Vinden from the Economic Development and Culture Committee; and That Council direct staff to proceed with advertising to fill the business community representative vacancy for the Economic Development and Culture Committee; and That Council accept the resignations of Braedon Peters, Clara Shaw, and Jack Bracken from the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council; and That Council direct staff to proceed with Option ___ for the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council.	38 - 42
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15.	Notice of Motion Prior to Meeting	
15.1	Mayor Post - Support of Ontario's Big City Mayors Solve the Crisis Campaign	
	Recommendations:	
	Whereas there is a humanitarian crisis in Ontario among our streets in small, large, urban and rural municipalities;	
	Whereas the cases related to homelessness, mental health and addictions continue to rise with 3,432 drug related deaths in 2023, an estimated 234,000 Ontarians experiencing homelessness and over 1,400 homeless encampments across Ontario communities;	
	Whereas we need immediate action from all levels of government, starting with the province;	
	Whereas the province has provided additional funding and support for mental health, addictions and homelessness programs, these efforts do not adequately address the growing crisis and the financial and social	

impact on municipalities and regions across the province;

Whereas municipalities, counties, and regions are stepping up and working with community partners to put in place community-specific solutions to address this crisis, however, municipalities and regions lack the expertise, capacity, or resources to address these increasingly complex health care and housing issues alone;

Whereas this is primarily a health issue that falls under the provincial's jurisdiction and municipalities and regions should not be using the property tax base to fund these programs;

Whereas there is no provincial lead focused on this crisis leading to unanswered questions that span over a dozen ministries, and a lack of support to manage the increasing needs of those who are unhoused;

Now therefore be in resolved that the Town of Orangeville supports the Ontario Big City Mayor's "Solve the Crisis" Campaign;

That the provincial and federal governments commit to immediate action to solve the Humanitarian Crisis that Ontario is facing as the numbers of unhoused individuals and those suffering with mental health and addictions grows exponentially;

That the province officially makes Homelessness a Health Priority;

That the Premier of Ontario appoint a responsible Minister and Ministry with appropriate funding and powers to act as a single point of contact to address the full spectrum of housing needs as well as mental health, addictions and wrap around supports;

That the provincial government strike a task force with broad sector representatives including municipalities, regions, healthcare, first responders, community services, the business community and the tourism industry to develop a *Made in Ontario Action Plan* to ensure that solutions can be implemented quickly and effectively to tack this crisis;

That the provincial government provide the adequate, sufficient and sustainable funding to ensure that municipalities have the tools and resources to support individuals suffering with mental health and addictions, including unhoused people and those from vulnerable populations that may be disproportionately impacted;

That the residents across the Town of Orangeville and within Dufferin County join Council in appealing to the provincial and federal governments by visiting [SolveTheCrisis.ca](https://www.solve-thecrisis.ca) and showing your support; and

That a copy of this motion be sent to:

- The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
- The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada
- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health
- The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- The Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
- The Honourable Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions
- County of Dufferin
- Local and area MPs, MPPs and Heads of Council
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and
- Ontario's Big City Mayors.

15.2 Councillor Stevens - Opening of College Avenue to Connect with Hansen Boulevard

Recommendations:

Whereas in 2017 due to the construction to connect the easterly portion of Hansen Road, barricades were placed at the intersection of College Avenue to prevent through traffic;

Whereas in March 2022, residents residing within the residential development west of Hansen Boulevard raised concerns with only having one way in and out of the area;

Whereas in response to the concerns raised, staff retained Triton Engineering Services Limited (Triton) to conduct a traffic study entitled "College Avenue Traffic Review" to determine any impacts of removing the barricades on College Avenue;

Whereas at a Council Meeting on May 16, 2022, staff brought forward Staff Report INS-2022-038 which included the findings from Triton and a recommendation to remove the barricades on College Avenue and open the road to allow vehicular access;

Whereas the recommendation was voted on and defeated and the barricades remain in place;

Whereas with delays associated with the completion of Hansen Boulevard and ongoing construction in the area, the concerns raised, and recommendations brought forward in 2022 remain outstanding and should be reconsidered;

Now therefore be it resolved that staff be directed to review the report prepared by Triton Engineering Services Limited entitled “College Avenue Traffic Review” to determine if it is still relevant and to determine whether there are any significant changes and report back to Council with options to open College Avenue at Hansen Boulevard;

That the Staff Report be brought forward at the Council Meeting on November 18, 2024.

16. Notice of Motion at Meeting

17. Announcements

18. By-Laws

Recommendations:

That all by-laws for the current Council Meeting listed under item 18. By-laws, be read three times and finally passed.

18.1 A by-law to appoint Cheryl Braan as Treasurer for the Town of Orangeville and to repeal By-law 2024-051 90 - 90

18.2 A by-law to appoint Rebecca Medeiros as Acting Deputy Treasurer for the Town of Orangeville 91 - 91

18.3 A by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville at its closed and regular Council Meeting held on September 23, 2024 92 - 92

19. Adjournment

Recommendations:

That the meeting be adjourned.



Council Training Minutes

September 9, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

**Electronic and In-Person Participation - Council
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Members Present: Mayor L. Post
Deputy Mayor T. Taylor
Councillor J. Andrews
Councillor A. Macintosh
Councillor T. Prendergast
Councillor D. Sherwood
Councillor R. Stevens

Staff Present: M. Adams, Legislative Co-ordinator
R. Gill, Software Development Engineer
T. Kocialek, General Manager, Infrastructure Services
J. Lavecchia Smith, Deputy Clerk
R. Martell, Town Clerk
S. Pottle, Planning Technician
L. Russell, Planner
D. Smith, CAO
B. Ward, Manager, Planning

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Ministry staff acknowledged the treaty lands and territory of the Williams Treaty Nations and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. They also recognized that Dufferin County is the traditional territory of the Wendat and the Haudenosaunee, and is home to many Indigenous people today.

3. Training

3.1 Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism - Ontario Heritage Act Training

The Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism provided a training session to Members of Council on various aspects of the Ontario Heritage Act including the role of Members of Council and the role of Municipal Heritage Committees, recent changes from Bill 23 (More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022), as it relates to the Ontario Heritage Act, and Heritage Conservation Districts. The training was facilitated by Andrew Jeanes, Cultural Consultant, Heritage Branch and Chris Lawless, Cultural Consultant, Heritage Branch.

Members of Council asked questions and received responses from Ministry staff.

4. Adjournment

Resolution 2024-148

Moved by Councillor Macintosh
Seconded by Councillor Sherwood

That the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Carried

Lisa Post, Mayor

Jordyn Lavecchia-Smith, Deputy Clerk



Council Meeting Minutes

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Councillor R. Stevens

Staff Present: J. Bramley, Supervisor, Licensing and By-law Enforcement
T. Dulisse, Manager, Transportation and Development
R. Gill, Software Development Engineer
T. Kocialek, General Manager, Infrastructure Services
J. Lavecchia Smith, Deputy Clerk
R. Martell, Town Clerk
A. Minichillo, General Manager, Corporate Services
H. Savage, General Manager, Community Services
D. Smith, CAO

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Resolution 2024-149

Moved by Councillor Stevens
Seconded by Councillor Andrews

That the agenda and any addendums for the September 9, 2024 Council Meeting, be approved.

Carried Unanimously

3. Disclosure of (Direct and Indirect) Pecuniary Interest

None.

4. Closed Meeting

Resolution 2024-150

Moved by Councillor Sherwood
Seconded by Councillor Prendergast

That a closed meeting of Council be held pursuant to s. 239 (2) of the Municipal Act for the purposes of considering the following subject matters:

August 12, 2024 Closed Council Minutes

Visitor Services Agreement Review, CMS-2024-017

A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board. 2001, c. 25, s. 239 (2); 2017, c. 10, Sched. 1, s. 26.

Carried Unanimously

4.1 August 12, 2024 Closed Council Minutes

4.2 Visitor Services Agreement Review, CMS-2024-017

5. Open Meeting - 7:01 p.m.

6. Singing of National Anthem

David Nairn, Theatre Orangeville provided a pre-recorded version of the National Anthem which was played.

7. Land Acknowledgement

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

8. Announcements by Chair

Mayor Post advised the gallery and viewing audience with respect to the public nature of Council Meetings and that it is webcast. Mayor Post also provided instructions with respect to muting and unmuting during the meeting.

9. Rise and Report

Resolution 2024-151

Moved by Councillor Andrews
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Taylor

That the minutes of the August 12, 2024 Closed Council Meeting, be approved; and

That confidential report CMS-2024-017, Visitor Services Agreement Review regarding a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board. 2001, c. 25, s. 239 (2); 2017, c. 10, Sched. 1, s. 26., be received; and

That staff proceed as directed.

Carried Unanimously

10. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Council Meeting

Resolution 2024-152

Moved by Councillor Macintosh
Seconded by Councillor Stevens

That the minutes of the following meeting be approved:

10.1 August 12, 2024 Council Minutes

Carried Unanimously

11. Question Period

Nick Garisto, Orangeville asked why the fire department and libraries have not been assumed by the County of Dufferin.

Alan Toms, Orangeville asked Council for an update with respect to traffic control within the Town of Orangeville.

Ric Ugolini, Cedar Drive asked if infrastructure projects throughout the Town are inspected to ensure they meet code.

Richard Barry, Sunset Drive asked for an update with respect to the Town's active transportation strategy.

12. Presentation, Petitions and/or Delegation

12.1 Heather Hayes, Executive Director Orangeville Food Bank - Current Status of Food Insecurity in our Community

Heather Hayes, Executive Director, Orangeville Food Bank provided a presentation with respect to the current status of food insecurity in the Town of Orangeville. Ms. Hayes spoke to the increase in individuals accessing food banks, the increase in non-perishable purchases, community support programs, and space.

Resolution 2024-153

Moved by Councillor Andrews

Seconded by Councillor Prendergast

That the procedural by-law be waived to grant Heather Hayes an additional five minutes to provide her presentation.

Carried

Ms. Hayes further spoke to the neighbourhood community market, volunteers, budget, challenges, and answered questions from Council.

13. Consent Agenda

Resolution 2024-154

Moved by Councillor Andrews

Seconded by Councillor Prendergast

That all Consent Agenda items for the current Council Meeting listed under 13.1 Staff Reports, 13.2 Correspondence, and 13.3 Committee/Board Minutes, be received or approved as presented with the exception of the items removed for individual consideration.

Items Removed: 13.1.1, 13.1.3, 13.1.4, and 13.1.5

Carried Unanimously

13.1 Staff Reports

13.1.1 Alder Pool – Completion Status, CMS-2024-014

Resolution 2024-155

Moved by Councillor Sherwood

Seconded by Councillor Macintosh

That report CMS-2024-014 Alder Pool Completion Status, be received; and

That \$960,291 from the General Capital Reserve Fund, be transferred to fund the remainder of the ‘Alder Pool Liner Replacement’ project.

Carried

13.1.2 Successful Skills Development Fund Grant – New Fire Station, CMS-2024-016

That report CMS-2024-016, Successful Skills Development Fund Grant - New Fire Station, be received.

Carried through consent

13.1.3 False Alarm Calls Update, CPS-2024-034

Resolution 2024-156

Moved by Councillor Stevens

Seconded by Councillor Macintosh

That report CPS-2024-034, False Alarm Calls Update, be received; and

That Council direct staff to develop a False Alarm By-law and program on a permanent basis.

Carried Unanimously

13.1.4 Administrative Monetary Penalty System, CPS-2024-056

Resolution 2024-157

Moved by Councillor Andrews

Seconded by Councillor Macintosh

That report CPS-2024-056, Administrative Monetary Penalty System, be received; and

That Council direct staff to proceed with the various steps to create and implement the AMPS.

Carried Unanimously

13.1.5 Fleet Ownership Strategy, INS-2024-037

Resolution 2024-158

Moved by Councillor Macintosh

Seconded by Councillor Stevens

That report INS-2024-037 Fleet Ownership Strategy be received; and

That Council direct staff to transition the Town of Orangeville from the Enterprise Fleet Management Canada Inc. lease program to an in-house fleet management program; and

That Council approve the proposed fleet ownership strategy.

Carried Unanimously

13.1.6 Engineering Services for the Reconstruction of Third Avenue, First Street to Third Street; Reallocation of Existing Project Funds, INS-2024-042

That report INS-2024-042, Engineering Services for the Reconstruction of Third Avenue, First Street to Third Street; Reallocation of Existing Project Funds, be received; and

That Council approve the reallocation of project carry forward funds in the amount of \$23,893 from Project # 31119.0000 to Project # 31124.0000; and

That Council approve the reallocation of project carry forward funds in the amount of \$23,893 from Project # 31119.000 to Project # 31125.0000

Carried through consent

13.2 Correspondence

13.2.1 Credit Valley Conservation - FCM's Growing Canada's Community Canopies Funding Opportunity

Whereas planting trees across the Town of Orangeville will provide many benefits to residents, including increased forest cover and biodiversity, improved soil and water conservation, providing wildlife habitat and climate change adaptation and resiliency; and

Whereas Credit Valley Conservation is undertaking the Forestry Rural Tree Planting, Community Stewardship Tree Planting Project and Credit River Watershed Home Tree Planting Project; and

Be it resolved that Council acknowledges that Credit Valley Conservation is applying for a funding opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Growing Canada's Community Canopies initiative for Forestry Rural Tree Planting, Community Stewardship Tree Planting Project and Credit River Watershed Home Tree Planting Project in partnership with the Town of Orangeville; and

Further that Council recognizes that the lifetime contribution from the Growing Canada's Community Canopies initiative will not exceed \$10 million for tree planting within The Town of

Orangeville, inclusive of a maximum contribution of \$1 million for infrastructure activity costs, and that if approved this project will be counted towards that limit.

Carried through consent

13.2.2 Proclamation Request - World Mitochondrial Disease Week

That September 16 - 22, 2024 be proclaimed as World Mitochondrial Disease Week.

Carried through consent

13.3 Committee/Board Minutes

13.3.1 2024-05-01 Property Standards Committee Meeting Minutes

13.3.2 2024-06-05 Committee of Adjustment Meeting Minutes

13.3.3 2024-06-18 Sustainable Orangeville Meeting Minutes

13.3.4 2024-06-26 Library Board Minutes

14. Notice of Motion Prior to Meeting

None.

15. Notice of Motion at Meeting

Mayor Post advised that she will be making a motion at the next meeting with respect to the homelessness crisis.

16. Announcements

Councillor Andrews congratulated Community Living Dufferin for celebrating their 70th Anniversary and advised that there will be a Job Fair on October 1, 2024 from 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. at Best Western.

Councillor Prendergast advised that there is apple picking this weekend through the Urban Harvest program and the annual fall tree planting date is October 19, 2024.

Councillor Macintosh advised that the Orangeville Hydro Open House is September 10, 2024 from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

17. By-Laws

Resolution 2024-159

Moved by Councillor Stevens
Seconded by Councillor Andrews

That all by-laws for the current Council Meeting listed under item 17. By-laws, be read three times and finally passed.

Carried Unanimously

17.1 A by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville at its closed and regular Council Meeting held on September 9, 2024

18. Adjournment

Resolution 2024-160

Moved by Councillor Macintosh
Seconded by Councillor Prendergast

That the meeting be adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Carried

Lisa Post, Mayor

Jordyn Lavecchia-Smith, Deputy Clerk



Council - Public Meeting Minutes

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Councillor J. Andrews
Councillor A. Macintosh
Councillor T. Prendergast, connected virtually
Councillor D. Sherwood
Councillor R. Stevens

Staff Present: J. Hawkins, System Administrator
T. Kocialek, General Manager, Infrastructure Services
R. Medeiros, Acting Treasurer
J. Lavecchia Smith, Deputy Clerk
L. Raftis, Assistant Clerk
H. Savage, General Manager, Community Services
D. Smith, CAO

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Resolution 2024-161

Moved by Councillor Macintosh
Seconded by Councillor Stevens

That the agenda and any addendums for the September 16, 2024 Council - Public Meeting, be approved.

Carried Unanimously

3. Disclosure of (Direct and Indirect) Pecuniary Interest

None.

4. Closed

None.

5. Singing of National Anthem

David Nairn, Theatre Orangeville provided a pre-recorded version of the National Anthem which was played.

6. Land Acknowledgement

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

7. Announcements by Chair

Mayor Post advised the gallery and viewing audience with respect to the public nature of Council Meetings and that it is webcast. Mayor Post also provided instructions with respect to muting and unmuting during the meeting.

8. Statutory Public Meeting

Deputy Mayor Taylor assumed the role of the Chair at 7:02 p.m. and outlined the procedure to be followed during the Statutory Public Meeting.

8.1 Presentation by Nancy Neale, Manager, Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. - 2024 Development Charges Background Study

Resolution 2024-162

Moved by Councillor Sherwood

Seconded by Councillor Macintosh

That Council waive the five-minute timeframe in the procedure by-law to permit Nancy Neale to address Council for a maximum of thirty minutes.

Nancy Neale, Manager, Watson & Associates Economics Ltd. provided a presentation with respect to the 2024 Development Charges Background Study. Ms. Neale provided an overview of the study noting that municipalities can enact by-laws to levy charges governed under the Development Charges Act, 1997. She highlighted that the intent of a Development Charges By-law is to fund capital costs required by new development, such as infrastructure, public services and community amenities. Ms. Neale shared municipal comparisons and suggested calculations for the Town of Orangeville. She concluded her presentation noting that the by-law will be presented to Council for consideration on October 7th.

Deputy Mayor Taylor invited questions or comments from members of the public. Alan Toms, Orangeville sought clarification whether or not the proposed Development Charges By-law would require developers to install sound barriers specifically between townhouses in residential zones. Ms. Neale provided a response to Ms. Toms. Tim Kocialek, General Manager, Infrastructure Services advised that any new development that may have noise implications, may require the consideration of various conditions as part of the site plan approval process.

Deputy Mayor Taylor invited questions or comments from members of Council. Councillor Andrews sought clarification with respect to how the proposed development charges are calculated based on the number of homes projected to be built in Orangeville on an annual basis. Ms. Neale advised that the growth forecast takes into consideration Dufferin County's Official Plan, prior development studies, actual growth, and current applications in the planning process.

Councillor Macintosh inquired if the new fire station would be eligible for development charges. Ms. Neale provided clarification with respect to replacing and expanding a current municipal facility. David Smith, CAO clarified that if the facility was the same size, it would not be eligible for development charges.

Mayor Post sought clarification with respect to the planning process in terms of when the developer receives the development charges. Ms. Neale explained that it depends on the type of application.

Councillor Sherwood asked if there is a reduction in development charges for long term care homes. Ms. Neale advised that not for profit housing is exempt fully as per the Development Charges Act, however, for profit developments may only be exempt by the will of Council.

Councillor Stevens sought clarification with respect to operating costs for Ontario Provincial Police. Ms. Neale advised that there are asset management requirements and as assets are added, there will be operating impacts that are included in the calculation.

8.1.1 2024 Development Charges Background Study, PM-2024-001

Resolution 2024-163

Moved by Councillor Andrews

Seconded by Mayor Post

That Report PM-2024-001, 2024 Development Charges Background Study, be received for information.

Carried Unanimously

9. Non-Statutory Public Meeting

Deputy Mayor Taylor outlined the procedure to be followed during the Non-Statutory Public Meeting.

9.1 Presentation by Jordyn Lavecchia-Smith, Deputy Clerk - Kite Fighting By-law

Jordyn Lavecchia-Smith, Deputy Clerk provided a presentation with respect to the proposed kite fighting by-law. Ms. Lavecchia-Smith outlined that Council directed staff to prepare a by-law in August 2024. She noted that the by-law is intended to prohibit kite fighting on both private and public property. Ms. Lavecchia-Smith identified various enforcement measures relating to the type of enforcement and clarified the persons who will be appointed to enforce the by-law. She concluded her presentation advising that the by-law will be before Council for consideration on October 21st.

Deputy Mayor Taylor invited questions or comments from members of the public. No questions or comments were raised.

Deputy Mayor Taylor invited questions or comments from members of Council. Councillor Stevens sought clarification regarding charges outlined

in the proposed by-law and suggested that the by-law include a minimum fine of \$1,000.00 for the first offence. Ms. Lavecchia-Smith advised that she will work with staff in municipal law enforcement to clarify this section of the by-law.

Councillor Macintosh provided a comment to ensure a clear distinction between kite flying and kite fighting. Ms. Lavecchia-Smith advised that should the by-law be passed on October 21st, staff in the Clerk's Division will work with staff in the Communications Division to ensure that there is an effective communication strategy that includes a clear distinction between kite flying and kite fighting.

Mayor Post sought confirmation from staff whether or not the proposed by-law is similar to the Town of Mono's Kite Fighting By-law. Ms. Lavecchia-Smith advised that the proposed by-law is consistent with the Town of Mono's.

9.1.1 Proposed Kite Fighting By-law, PM-2024-003

Resolution 2024-164

Moved by Councillor Sherwood
Seconded by Councillor Stevens

That Report PM-2024-003, Proposed Kite Fighting By-law, be received for information.

Carried Unanimously

Mayor Post resumed the role of the Chair at 7:59 p.m.

10. By-Laws

Resolution 2024-165

Moved by Councillor Andrews
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Taylor

That the by-laws listed below be read three times and finally passed:

10.1 A by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville at its Council-Public Meeting held on September 16, 2024

Carried Unanimously

11. Adjournment

Resolution 2024-166

Moved by Councillor Macintosh

Seconded by Councillor Sherwood

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Carried

Lisa Post, Mayor

Jordyn Lavecchia-Smith, Deputy Clerk

Corporate Services

Re: Best Garden Contest Submissions

Please be advised that Sustainable Orangeville, at its Meeting held on August 29th, 2024, approved the following resolution:

That Sustainable Orangeville recommend the following submissions receive an award for Sustainable Orangeville's Best Garden Contest:

Submission B;

Submission C;

Submission D;

Submission E;

Submission F;

Submission G;

Submission H

Submission I

Submission J;

Submission L;

Submission M;

Submission N; and

That the contest winners be recognized during the September 23rd Council Meeting.

Carried.



Subject: Fare Free Transit Update

Department: Infrastructure Services

Division: Transportation and Development

Report #: INS-2024-043

Meeting Date: 2024-09-23

Recommendations

That report INS-2024-043, Fare Free Transit Update, be received.

And that Council provide direction to Staff to continue the Fare Free Transit program that is set to expire on December 31, 2024, until July 1, 2027;

And that Staff be directed to report back to Council in the Spring of 2027 seeking further direction from Council as it relates to the continuation of the program at that time.

Overview

This report provides Council with Ridership Data during the 2023 and 2024 fare free transit pilot program, covers the data to current budget expenditures and provides a cost/rider amount that equates to the net cost of the program to the municipality. This information is included in the report to provide Council with background information to assist with making an informed financial decision on the future of the Fare Free Transit Program.

Background

At its regular Council meeting on July 11, 2022, Council passed the following resolution:

“That report INS-2022-048, Orangeville Fare-Free Transit, be received;

And that staff be directed to implement a two-year pilot project, offering free fares on the Orangeville Transit system commencing January 1, 2023;

And that staff be directed to update Council every four months on ridership growth and other impacts and successes associated with this pilot.”

On February 26, 2024, Staff submitted report number INS-2024-008 with the latest update to Council on the ridership since the inception of the Fare Free Transit Program in January 2023. At that time, Staff reported that ridership had increased from 102,898 in 2019 to 225,705 in 2023.

To date and based on current numbers in the first 2 quarters of 2024, ridership is projected to further increase to 262,780 to the end of December 31, 2024.

This report provides further details to Council on the number of customers/riders using Orangeville Transit during the fare free program trial for 2023 and the first two quarters of 2024 and includes projected numbers, based on trends, for the remainder of 2024. The additional and comprehensive data is being compiled so that Council can make an informed decision as to whether to continue the Fare Free Transit Program beyond December 31, 2024.

Analysis/Current Situation

Ridership Data 2023 & 2024

For comparison purposes, it should be noted that staff have used 2019 ridership as the base line for the analysis, as some of the data in 2020, 2021 and 2022 may have been somewhat skewed due to the pandemic and restrictions imposed on transit systems by senior levels of government. As such, staff deemed it prudent to compare the 2019 data to the current data collected during the pilot program in 2023 and 2024.

The following tables summarize the ridership data from 2019, 2023 and trends anticipated to the end of 2024.

Table 1 Data Showing 2019 to 2024 Orangeville Transit Ridership Numbers.

Year	Ridership/Customers
2019	102,898
2020	103,091
2021	91,203
2022	101,261
2023 (first year of fare free)	225,705
2024 First Half	120,879
2024 Second Half Projected	141,901
2024 Total Ridership (second half projection)	262,780

To project the total number of riders in 2024, Staff based the calculation using historical data (ridership patterns) that indicate, that on average, 46% of the year's total ridership occurs in the first 6 months of the year, whereas 54 % occurs in the last 6 months of each year. Using these assumptions, we can forecast the second half ridership for 2024. That number is used in the above Table.

Based on projected numbers for 2024, Orangeville Transit Ridership is expected to increase by approximately 255% over the same period in 2019, the last non-covid year when transit was offered for a fare.

Cost/Expenditure Benefit (Value)

To determine the expenditure cost per rider, Staff compiled and compared net operating costs against the number of riders in each period.

For 2019, 2023 and 2024 the net operating expenditure for Orangeville Transit was as shown in Table 2.

Table 2 - Cost Per Rider Comparison-Actual Dollars, 2019 and 2023 dollars adjusted to 2024 dollars for comparison purposes.

Year	Ridership	Net Operating	Cost/Rider
2019	102,898	\$481,749	\$4.68
2023	225,705	\$1,161,067	\$5.14
2024 (Budgeted)	262,780	\$819,886	\$3.12

<https://www.bankofcanada.ca/rates/related/inflation-calculator/>

It should be noted that the dollar amount used for 2024 is the forecasted net operating cost included in the 2024 Operating Budget. The actual cost incurred thus far to the end of July 2024 is \$526,612. Depending on future maintenance and other unexpected costing that Transit may be faced with, the net operating cost by year end could be higher. For the purpose of this analysis, the budget amount was assumed and used for comparison purposes.

In order for Staff to compare the dollar value from 2019 and 2023, to 2024 dollars, The Bank of Canada Inflation Calculator was used to inflate 2019 and 2023 dollars to provide a relative comparison. These inflated numbers are used in Table 2.

Factors of note:

- In 2023, Operating Costs were higher due to a number of unscheduled maintenance issues.
- Cost of diesel increased significantly in July 2023. Prior to this increase in fuel prices, Orangeville Transit was paying \$0.40/litre, whereas the cost is now \$1.50/litre.
- In 2023, Orangeville Transit began paying a leasing fee for the transit buses that were slated for On Demand Services, thus the higher net costs in that year. Additionally, as part of the lease agreements, the Town had to pay a lump sum

payment at the start of the least for each of the 3 buses totalling approximately \$90,000.

- In 2019, Orangeville Transit Collected approximately \$143,000 in fares. Costs to administer fares, initiate touch free pay systems, security and other fees would amount to approximately \$60-\$80,000.
- With the noted increase in ridership, the provincial gas tax is expected to increase. The formula used to calculate the entitlement is, in simple terms, based on the number of riders using the transit system and the population of the municipality. The amount of the increase is expected to replace a significant portion of the revenue that would normally be collected as fares for riding transit. Staff had reached out to the province to obtain an estimate of the benefit, however, the exact amount of the Provincial Gas Tax for 2025 was not known at the time this report was submitted to the Clerk.
- The 2024 gas tax benefit does not reflect the 2023 ridership numbers as there is a “lag” period of 2 years before the benefit is released to the municipality. This means that the 2025 Gas Tax Benefit will be based on the 2023 ridership numbers that increased significantly.
- Fare Free Transit is expected to remove a number of vehicles from the road, reduce emissions, greenhouse gases and aligns with the Town’s Climate Action plan in the immediate and long terms.
- Fare Free Transit helps remove economic barriers and allows everyone to have access to affordable and reliable means of transportation.
- All regular transit vehicles are fully accessible and AODA compliant allowing persons of all abilities to ride the bus.
- Town Staff have engaged County Staff to discuss expansion of services at the County level including on-demand and specialized transit services. At the time this report was written, there wasn’t any further update that could be provided. Discussions continue with the County and other Transit agencies.
- Staff have met with Metrolinx to discuss partnerships to increase transit services for commuters to points south and east of Orangeville.
- Staff continue to partner with other transit agencies who currently are using Orangeville Transit Stops including the new transit hub to pick up and drop off passengers. Grey Transit currently use 7 of Orangeville Transit Stop to service areas between Orangeville and Owen Sound.

Corporate Implications

Financial Impact

Transit Services are included within the Transportation and Development budget. The approved 2024 budget is broken down as follows:

Transportation & Development – 2024 Operating (Transit)		
Revenues		
	Budget	Actuals (to July 31, 2024)
Bus Advertising	(\$24,000)	(\$5,539)
Other Revenues	(\$33,312)	\$NIL
Provincial Gas Tax	(\$305,276)	(\$178,078)
Totals	(\$362,588)	(\$183,617)
Expenditures		
Staffing Costs	\$43,771	\$18,214
External Contracts	\$803,000	\$458,986
Maintenance & Repairs	\$152,014	\$138,928
Insurance, Licensing, Fleet Leasing	\$183,689	\$94,101
Totals	\$1,182,474	\$710,229
Net Levy Impact	\$819,886	\$526,612

Conclusion

Pending Council's decision and direction, Staff will continue to administer Orangeville Transit in accordance with the Town's policies and strategies. Additional details, data and information will be brought forth for Council's consideration so that informed decisions can be made.

Although the exact amount of provincial gas tax that Orangeville is entitled to, based on municipal population and transit ridership, was not known at the time this report was submitted, it is expected that this revenue stream will increase and replace a significant portion of the revenues that would normally be collected by charging fares to passengers using the service.

Extending the fare free transit program to July 1, 2027 will allow the program to be extended through this term of Council and will allow staff to bring a report forward in spring 2027 with additional information for consideration by Council at that time.

Strategic Alignment

Strategic Plan

Strategic Goal: Future-Readiness

Objective: To maintain the needs of the community through thoughtful policy making

Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan

Theme: Building a more inclusive community

Strategy: Promote more sustainable and efficient infrastructure and transportation options

Notice Provisions

Not Applicable

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment(s): N/A



Subject: Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund - Rotary Park Re-Development

Department: Community Services

Division: Facilities and Parks

Report #: CMS-2024-018

Meeting Date: 2024-09-23

Recommendations

That report CMS-2024-018, Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund - Rotary Park Re-Development, be received; and

That Council direct Staff to apply for the Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Provincial funding.

Overview

In August, the Ontario government announced that they are now accepting applications for the Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund (CSRIF), a \$200 million investment to help communities revitalize existing community sport and recreation infrastructure and build new facilities.

Staff intend to submit an application to CSRIF for Phase 3 and Phase 4 of the Rotary Park Re-Development project which includes renovating and expanding the tennis courts, adding four pickleball courts, and re-paving the parking lot off of Second Avenue.

If successful, the Town of Orangeville may receive up to approximately \$3,000,000. To be confirmed when the design phase is complete and the Cost Consultant is retained.

Background

On August 19, 2024, the Provincial Ministry of Sport launched the Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund. This new \$200-million, three-year infrastructure fund is intended to support Ontario’s growing communities with new and revitalized local sport and recreation facilities across the province.

The funding is allocated through two streams:

Stream 1: Repair and Rehabilitation (Due 10/09/24) – Funding between \$150,000 and \$1 million to extend the lifespan of existing community sport and recreation facilities/spaces and improve local programming and accessibility features to meet community need.

Stream 2: New Builds/Signature New Builds (ongoing) – Funding up to \$10 million to invest in new, transformative community sport and recreation infrastructure, including assets that do not currently exist in a community or the replacement of existing assets that have reached the end of their lifespan.

Analysis/Current Situation

Staff are seeking Council approval to apply for Stream 2 of the CSRIF for the Rotary Park Re-Development project. This project is broken down into seven phases:

1. watermain replacement (in-progress)
2. playground renovations (approved)
3. tennis and pickle ball courts (proposed)
4. parking lot (proposed)
5. artificial skating loop (proposed)
6. sport field improvements (proposed)
7. structural assessment of the club house (proposed).

There are multiple park and facility capital projects that could benefit from the CSRIF funding, but staff will focus their attention on the Rotary Park Re-Development phases three and four (Table 1). These phases meet the eligibility criteria and are in the detailed design stage which makes it a ‘shovel ready’ project.

Table 1: Rotary Park Re-Development, Phase Three and Four - Scope of Work

Phase	Amenity	Description
Three	Tennis Courts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • realignment and resurfacing of the tennis courts • one additional court to be installed (bring the total to five courts) • new fencing and lighting
	Pickleball Courts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • design and build four new pickleball courts • new lighting
	Passive Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • asphalt trail • seating and shade structure(s) • pre-fabricated self-cleaning washroom
Four	Parking Lot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • strip and re-pave • lot lines • underground serving • landscaping

Corporate Implications

If the CSRIF application is successful, the Town will be required to match the grant funding and sign a Transfer Payment Agreement. The estimated cost of phase three and four is approximately \$6,000,00 which would then commit the Town to pay \$3,000,000 towards the project.

Currently there is \$1,075,0000 in approved funding for the Rotary Park Re-Development Project and \$37,160 has been spent to date. It has been estimated that the total project, as outlined in Council Report CMS-2022-008, will cost \$11,300,000 over the next several years.

Conclusion

To meet the needs of the growing community and Orangeville's local sport groups, the Rotary Park Re-Development project would greatly benefit from the Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund (CSRIF) to support Phase 3 and Phase 4 of the future park features. Subject to Council approval, the additional funding from CSRIF will alleviate a portion of capital expenditures and provide financial support to assist with costs associated with the Rotary Park Re-Development project.

Strategic Alignment

Strategic Plan

Strategic Goal: Community Vitality

Objective: Vibrancy – Build a more inclusive community, and ensure citizen involvement
Well-Being – Support citizen and staff health, security, and wellbeing

Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan

Theme: Social Well-Being

Strategy: Building social networks that encourage well-being and celebrate the community

Notice Provisions

Not Applicable

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Attachment(s):

None



Subject: Committee Updates

Department: Corporate Services

Division: Clerks

Report #: CPS-2024-059

Meeting Date: 2024-09-23

Recommendations

That report CPS-2024-059, Committee Updates, be received; and

That Council accept the resignation of Melissa Vinden from the Economic Development and Culture Committee; and

That Council direct staff to proceed with advertising to fill the business community representative vacancy for the Economic Development and Culture Committee; and

That Council accept the resignations of Braedon Peters, Clara Shaw, and Jack Bracken from the Mayor’s Youth Advisory Council; and

That Council direct staff to proceed with Option ___ for the Mayor’s Youth Advisory Council.

Overview

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council direction with respect to:

- (1) A recent resignation from the Economic Development and Culture Committee
- (2) Three recent resignations from the Mayor’s Youth Advisory Council

Background

The Town’s Committee Policy states:

“Committee members are appointed to:

- provide desired representation of interests in the community

- provide needed skill/knowledge areas
- provide advice to Council and/or make decisions as permitted by by-laws or other legislation

All residents, property owners, business owners and employees of businesses, in the Town shall be eligible to serve on Committees, subject to specific legislative requirements or requirements in the approved terms of reference.”

Analysis/Current Situation

1. Economic Development and Culture Committee

Melissa Vinden recently resigned as a member of the Economic Development and Culture Committee. Ms. Vinden was appointed by Council in February 2023 as the representative of the business community. As per the Terms of Reference the Committee shall consist of up to seven (7) members composed of the following break down:

Committee Composition per Terms of Reference	Current Members
1 member of Council	Councillor Joe Andrews
1 representative of the business community (e.g. manufacturing, post-secondary education, professional services, or creative sectors)	
Up to 2 members of the public	Jocelyn Small Sana Waqar
1 representative appointed by each of the following groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dufferin Board of Trade • Orangeville Business Improvement Area • Orangeville and District Real Estate Board 	Diana Morris (Dufferin Board of Trade) Jeff Patterson (Orangeville Business Improvement Area) Linda Horne (Orangeville and District Real Estate Board)

The Terms of Reference state that the requested skills of the members are experience and knowledge of manufacturing, post-secondary education, professional services, arts and culture or creative sector as well as business experience and expertise within the general business community or the arts and culture industry. Staff are recommending advertising to fill the business community representative vacancy. Received applications will be included in a report to Council for consideration and subsequent appointment.

2. Mayor’s Youth Advisory Council

Breadon Peters, Clara Shaw, and Jack Bracken recently resigned as members of the Mayor’s Youth Advisory Council. Mr. Peters, Ms. Shaw, and Mr. Bracken were appointed by Council in February 2023 as members of the public. The Committee composition as per the Terms of Reference and current members are as follows:

Committee Composition per Terms of Reference	Current Members
1 member of Council	Mayor Lisa Post
Up to 10 members of the public up to the age of 20	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Aislinn Main 2. Ali Al-Shalchi 3. Jessica Barry 4. Ishika Singla 5. Lily Robinson 6. Victoria Servos 7. Hayden Robb

The Terms of Reference state that preference may be given to candidates who demonstrate an understanding and desire to promote youth initiatives within the community.

Option 1: Advertise to Fill Vacancies

Staff may advertise the vacancies for the Committee and request applications from eligible individuals. Received applications will be included in a report to Council for consideration and subsequent appointments.

Option 2: Continue with Current Member Complement

The Committee may continue with the current member complement as there are still 7 public members remaining with an “up to 10 members of the public up to the age of 20” requirement.

Corporate Implications

Costs associated with the administration and advertising of Committees of Council are included within the Committees operating budget.

Strategic Alignment

Strategic Plan

Strategic Goal: Community Vitality

Objective: Support citizens to reinforce to a tangible feeling of belonging among those who live, work and play.

Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan

Theme: Corporate and Fiscal

Strategy: Create and integrate sustainability principles into Town policies, processes and practices.

Notice Provisions

Not Applicable.

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Attachment(s): Not Applicable.



Subject: Additional Funding for Centennial Road

Department: Infrastructure Services

Division: Transportation and Development

Report #: INS-2024-044

Meeting Date: 2024-09-23

Recommendations

That report INS-2024-044, Additional Funding for Centennial Road, be received; and

And that Council approve the additional funding in the amount of \$80,000 towards project 31115.0000 - Centennial Road Reconstruction, \$24,000 from Water Reserves, \$24,000 from Wastewater Reserves, and \$32,000 from General Capital Reserves.

Overview

As part of the 2021 Budget, Council approved project 31115.0000 to reconstruct Centennial Road between Dawson Road and C-Line. This project also included the addition of Traffic Signals at Dawson Road and Centennial/Hillside Drive. The total allocated budget for this project is \$8,558,000. The total amount spent including engineering and contract administration amounted to \$8,637,726, resulting in a funding shortfall of approximately \$80,000.

Background

The reconstruction of Centennial Road was completed in 3 Phases in 2021, 2022 and 2023. The project was completed to approximately 95% by the end of 2023 with some final expenditures earlier this year.

During the construction and namely during the unearthing of water connections, watermain controls and other pertinent water infrastructure, Staff noted that additional works were required to rework and repair watermain and sanitary sewers that were not initially included in the scope of the project. This additional work was completed at the time of the reconstruction to ensure long term sustainability of the underground

infrastructure. The additional work resulted in an over expenditure of less than 1% of the overall project budget.

Analysis/Current Situation

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's authorization to transfer \$80,000 from General Capital Reserves to complete this project and close off the account. Should Council approve the recommendations of this report and direct the Treasurer to transfer the funds as noted, this transaction will complete this project.

Corporate Implications

The recommendations of this report will necessitate a transfer of funds from reserves to the Centennial Road Reconstruction Project and will have an impact on reserve funding in the amount of \$80,000. \$24,000 from Water Reserves, \$24,000 from Wastewater Reserves, and \$32,000 from General Capital Reserves. Finance has indicated that these reserves have sufficient funds to accommodate this transaction.

Conclusion

Our recommendation is for Council to approve \$24,000 from Water Reserves, \$24,000 from Wastewater Reserves, and \$32,000 from General Capital Reserves to project 31115.0000 - Centennial Road Reconstruction.

Strategic Alignment

Strategic Plan

Strategic Goal: Future-Readiness

Objective: To provide resilient and sustainable infrastructure

Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan

Theme: Infrastructure Maintenance and Sustainability

Strategy: Promote more sustainable and efficient infrastructure and transportation options

Notice Provisions

Not Applicable

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Prepared by:
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Attachment(s): None



Subject: Transit Bus Fleet Zero Emission Transition Plan

Department: Infrastructure Services

Division: Transportation and Development

Report #: INS-2024-045

Meeting Date: 2024-09-23

Recommendations

That report INS-2024-045, Transit Bus Fleet Zero Emission Transition Plan, be received.

Overview

The Town of Orangeville engaged a consultant with funding from Senior levels of government in the form of Zero Emission Transit Funding (ZETF) and Canda Initiative Bank’s Zero (CIB) to review its current Transit fleet for the purpose of determining the feasibility of transitioning from diesel to electrically operated buses. Based on that study, it should be noted that the electric power technology currently available for smaller than full size transit buses (30-35 ft.) has not progressed to the point that makes it economically and operationally feasible for Orangeville to transition to this mode of operation at this time.

Background and Analysis

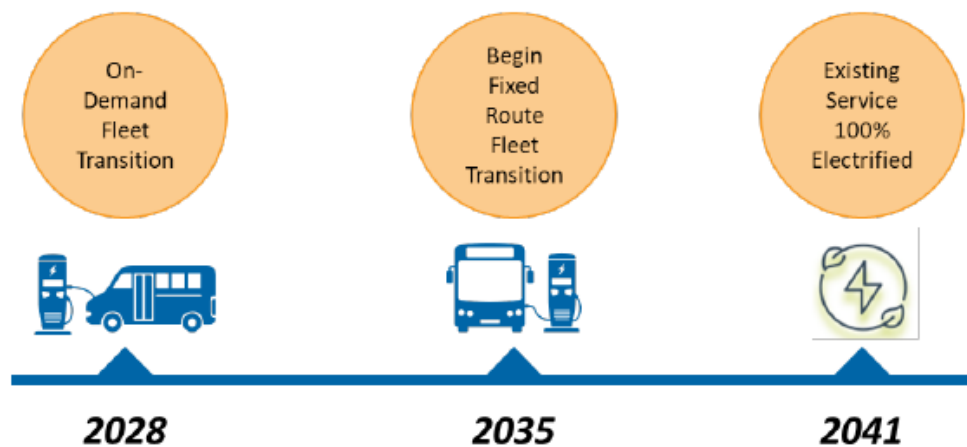
The Town of Orangeville is taking action to adapt its assets, operations, and services in response to the growing impacts of Climate Change. To support this, the Corporate Climate Change Adaptation Plan was created and a community greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction target of net zero by 2050 was adopted. To support the elimination of GHG emissions, the Town of Orangeville is exploring the feasibility of an electric transit fleet.

As part of Metrolinx’s Joint Transit Procurement Initiative (TPI), the Town of Orangeville is exploring the feasibility of battery electric vehicles in the transit fleet. This exploration aimed to create a transition plan for the transit bus fleet, outlining a roadmap to shift from conventional gasoline and diesel buses to zero emissions.

This Fleet Transition Plan identifies the feasible scenarios, associated capital and operating costs, service impacts, and the preferred transition pathway. A transition of the transit fleet to zero emission vehicles will assist the Town of Orangeville in achieving net zero emissions by 2050.

Transit Fleet Zero Emission Transition Plan

Transitioning to a zero-emission fleet involves more than buying vehicles and a fueling system; the transition introduces new technology and processes into day-to-day operations. Successful fleet transition plans take a holistic approach to consider operational requirements, market conditions, available power, infrastructure demands, and costs. This Zero Emission Fleet Transition Plan encompasses all of these elements and is intended to be a roadmap for the Town of Orangeville to convert their transit fleet to zero emission by 2041.



The plan involves the transition to three on-demand battery electric buses (BEBs) and eight fixed-route BEBs at full buildout. The energy modelling found that the current 30 ft. bus technology available in the market for fixed route service is not capable of meeting the Town’s operational needs without significant changes to the bus routes or schedules. Thus, the recommendation is to first prioritize the electrification of the Town’s on-demand fleet, starting in 2028, when the existing on-demand vehicle lease expires. By 2035, transition of fixed route service vehicles from diesel to BEB will begin. This delay will allow time for technology to advance for 30 ft. BEBs and for the Town to adjust its routes and schedules accordingly. Following this roadmap, the Town’s service is anticipated to be 100% electrified by 2041.

As another option, the Town may explore the possibility of service changes which utilize 40 ft. BEBs as a pilot project which may be implemented prior to 2028. This is possible since 40 ft. BEB’s are a more advanced in the current market with a wider array of vehicle options, larger batteries, and range capabilities which approximately double the range of existing 30 ft. BEBs; although it is understood that the 40 ft. bus model may be

difficult to utilize on some of Orangeville roads while maintaining appropriate or industry wide transit coverage requirements.

Life Cycle Cost Analysis

The lifecycle cost analysis includes an analysis of capital, O&M, and fuel/electricity costs for each scenario during the study years 2023 to 2050. Although summarized in detail by the consultant, financially, two long term transition scenarios are considered, incurring a cost of \$40.2 million for the BEB leased option and \$39.6 million for the BEB buyout, while the baseline of not transitioning is \$34.3 million. See attached table for side-by-side comparison.

Table 1 Total lifecycle cost of Diesel and Battery Electric Bus Scenarios

Net Present Value, 2023\$	Baseline	BEB – Lease	BEB - Buyout
Lifecycle Capital Costs	\$3.8	\$10.6	\$10.0
Buses	\$2.1	\$6.8	\$6.8
On-Demand Vehicles	\$1.7	\$2.8	\$2.2
Related Infrastructure	-	\$1.0	\$1.0
Lifecycle O&M	\$30.6	\$29.6	\$29.6
Total Conventional Fleet O&M	\$29.1	\$28.4	\$28.4
Operations & Maintenance	\$24.8	\$25.0	\$25.0
Propulsion	\$4.3	\$3.4	\$3.4
Total On-Demand Fleet O&M	\$1.5	\$1.1	\$1.1
Operations & Maintenance	\$0.9	\$0.8	\$0.8
Propulsion	\$0.5	\$0.3	\$0.3
Related Infrastructure O&M	-	\$0.1	\$0.1
Total	\$34.3	\$40.2	\$39.6

There is a cost increase over the Baseline Scenario for the BEB Scenario. While overall costs are higher, the lifecycle operating and maintenance costs for the BEB Scenario are lower than the Baseline Scenario. If the Town can secure funding for the increased capital costs, the transition should result in a lower operating cost.

Climate Impact Benefit

By transitioning to a zero-emission fleet, the Town can avoid approximately 6,800 tonnes of GHG emissions over the study period. The annual reduced emissions from the Baseline grow substantially over time as the diesel fleet is converted to BEBs. After the full transition is complete, the annual GHG emissions are 90% less under the BEB Scenario than under the Baseline.

Corporate Implications

This report will not generate direct implications. If future actions related to this report will have a corporate impact, a report will be presented to Council for approval as may be required. Capital and Operating budgets would then be adjusted accordingly to reflect Council's direction.

Conclusion

The Town continues to closely follow and monitor the advancement of battery electric power for all modes of transit including hybrid combinations such as diesel/electric, straight electric and hydrogen technology. Any changes to the technologies noted and others that may evolve will be presented to Council so that informed decisions may be made. Future budgets will be reflective of Council's direction and Staff recommendations.

At this point, Battery Electric Bus technology for 30 ft low floor fully accessible buses have not advanced to the point that make it financially and operationally feasible for Orangeville Transit to proceed with a fully electric fleet.

Transportation & Development Staff continue to work with the province and Metrolinx to explore alternative fuel options that are friendly to the environment, provide efficient transit operations, and ensure that the needs of the community are met.

Strategic Alignment

Strategic Plan

Strategic Goal: Future-Readiness

Objective: Capacity

Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan

Theme: Transportation System

Strategy: Improving access to transit options, reducing single occupancy vehicle use

Notice Provisions

Not Applicable

Respectfully submitted,

Prepared by:

Tim Kocialek, P. Eng. PMP
General Manager, Infrastructure Services

Tony Dulisse, CET
Manager, Transportation & Development

Attachment(s): N/A

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CouncilAgenda](#)
Subject: Fare free transit
Date: Monday, September 16, 2024 10:09:15 AM

Hello Council. I am writing today to advocate for the extension of the fare free transit initiative. I will be delegating on September 23 but would also appreciate if this email could be included in the agenda package.

Grant Peters
[REDACTED] Second Ave.

Sent from Gmail Mobile

Corporate Services

September 23, 2024

Mayor Post and Members of Council,

Re: Fare Free Transit Program

Please be advised that the Sustainable Orangeville Committee, at its Meeting held on August 29, 2024, approved the following resolution:

That Sustainable Orangeville submit a letter to Council in support of the Fare Free Transit Program, and

That the letter be read on behalf of Sustainable Orangeville by Committee member Martina Rowley.

Carried.

The Sustainable Orangeville Committee wishes to express our support for the continuation of the Fare-Free Transit Program, which has been in effect as a two-year pilot project since 2023. We believe that extending this program aligns directly with our committee's mandate to promote sustainability, enhance livability, and improve accessibility within our community.

The Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan (SNAP), adopted in 2019, outlines several critical objectives that support a sustainable, healthy, and resilient Orangeville. A key component of this vision is the reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, particularly from transportation. The Fare-Free Transit Program has already demonstrated significant progress toward achieving these goals, as outlined below:

1. Increased Ridership & Accessibility

As per the latest data provided by Tony Dulisse, Manager of Transportation and Development in Infrastructure Services, the program has shown a substantial increase in ridership:

- Ridership has increased from approximately 100,000 riders per year in 2019 to 225,000 riders annually as of June 2024. This growth reflects a strong community adoption of public transit as a reliable transportation option.
- Notably, there has been a marked increase in bus use by youth, seniors, and individuals with accessibility challenges, making public transit more inclusive and supporting vulnerable populations within the town.

2. Cost Efficiency through Increased Ridership

Higher ridership improves cost efficiency in several ways:

- With more people using the service, the fixed costs of operating the transit system—such as vehicle maintenance, fuel, and staff salaries—are spread across a greater number of users, reducing the cost per rider.
- The program has made public transit a more attractive option for many, especially for those making routine trips like grocery shopping, medical appointments, and commuting to school. This increased usage helps to maximize the efficiency of each transit trip, resulting in better utilization of resources without significantly increasing operating costs.

3. Supporting Town Sustainability Goals

One of the primary objectives of the SNAP is to reduce the environmental impact of transportation. By encouraging a shift from single-occupancy vehicles to public transit, the Fare-Free Transit Program helps to:

- Reduce traffic congestion and decrease greenhouse gas emissions, contributing to the town's efforts to meet its sustainability targets.
- Promote active transportation and improve air quality, key to fostering a healthy, vibrant, and sustainable community.

4. Fulfilling an Age-Friendly and Accessible Community Vision

By making public transit a viable and accessible option for all residents, including seniors and those with mobility challenges, the program aligns with the Town's age-friendly initiatives. The committee believes that this initiative supports the creation of a more inclusive community, in line with SNAP's focus on fostering a high quality of life for all residents.

5. Demonstrated Need for Public Transit

The 2016 Transportation Survey conducted by the Town of Orangeville revealed that only 1% of trips were made using local transit. The doubling of ridership since the implementation of the Fare-Free Transit Program demonstrates its effectiveness in addressing this gap and making public transit a preferred mode of transportation for many residents.

In conclusion, we encourage Council to continue this proven success by maintaining and further supporting the Fare-Free Transit Program. By doing so, we are not only promoting sustainable transportation options but also fulfilling the mandate of Sustainable Orangeville to champion initiatives that enhance environmental stewardship, support social equity, and strengthen our town's long-term resilience.

We firmly believe that fare-free transit is an essential component of our town's future as we strive toward becoming a sustainable and inclusive community.

Sincerely,

Martina Rowley
Member, Sustainable Orangeville Committee

Corporate Services

September 23, 2024

Mayor Post and Members of Council,

Re: Fare Free Transit Program

Please be advised that the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, at its Meeting held on September 10th, 2024, approved the following resolution:

That the correspondence regarding the Fare Free Transit Program be received, and

That the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee express their support of the Fare Free Transit Program through a letter, and

That the letter of support be included in the September 23rd Council Agenda.

Carried.

On behalf of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee, we are writing to express our strong support for maintaining fare-free transit program in the Town of Orangeville. For many youths in our community, fare-free transit is not just a convenience, but a necessity. It allows us to participate fully in school activities, secure after-school jobs, and fulfill our social responsibilities. Accessible transportation is essential to ensuring that all youth can engage with the broader community without financial barriers, regardless of their personal or family circumstances.

Fare-free transit promotes inclusion, providing equal opportunities for youth to access educational, recreational, and employment opportunities. It empowers us to contribute meaningfully to the community, building skills and connections that will benefit Orangeville now and into the future.

We believe that fare-free transit ensures barrier-free access for everyone and aligns with the Town's commitment to fostering a vibrant, inclusive community while also fulfilling environmental sustainability goals. We respectfully urge Council to continue supporting this incredible initiative and help create a brighter, more connected future for Orangeville's youth.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



[Aislinn Main \(Sep 18, 2024 12:37 EDT\)](#)

Aislinn Main
Chair, Mayor's Youth Advisory Council
Town of Orangeville

Corporate Services

September 23, 2024

Mayor Post and Members of Council,

Re: Fare Free Transit Program

Please be advised that Access Orangeville Committee, at its Meeting held on September 12th, 2024, approved the following resolution:

That the correspondence regarding the Fare Free Transit Program be received, and

That Access Orangeville express their support of the Fare Free Transit Program in principle, through a letter, and

That the letter of support be included in the September 23rd Council Agenda in Principle.

Carried.

We, Access Orangeville, fully support the fare-free transit program launched in 2023 and commend the progress made thus far. The significant increase in ridership- evident from the impressive growth in numbers since the program's inception – demonstrates its effectiveness in addressing accessibility and affordability issues for our residents.

The benefits of a fare-free transit model are clear: it enhances access to employment, removes financial barriers, encourages greater transit use, and contributes to a more sustainable environment. By removing the financial hurdle, we are enabling more residents to take advantage of transit services and fostering a more inclusive community. The positive impact on our community's mobility and the environment is evident and reinforces the value of this initiative.

Thank you for your commitment to improving transit accessibility in the town of Orangeville.

Sincerely,
Access Orangeville

Orangeville Fare Free **Transit Program**

September 16, 2024

To Whom It May Concern,

I, Caitlin Ward, Manager of the Dufferin Services Team at Services and Housing in the Province (SHIP) am submitting this letter in support of continuing the Orangeville Fare Free Transit Program. As a non-profit health and housing support provider, SHIP has been operating for over 30 years and has been providing services within Dufferin for over 15 years.

Since the Orangeville Fare Free Transit program was introduced, we have seen positive impacts for individuals we support in this community. The most notable benefit is that more individuals are choosing to take transit who previously had difficulty finding the funds for this within their limited budget. This has the positive outcome of increasing independence to attend programs, work, educational activities, medical appointments, and access to necessities (i.e. food banks, groceries etc.). An individual supported by the SHIP in Orangeville, Cassie, provided the following quote: "The bus gets me to all my appointments and to go shopping when needed. I hope the bus remains free. It helps so many of us who are struggling like myself." Lastly, I would add that in my opinion that this program likely has benefits for mental health which are difficult to measure including increased sense of self-esteem and community inclusion.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Caitlin Ward

Caitlin Ward



Branching Out Support Services
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Sept 15, 2024

Dear Mayor Post and Orangeville Councilors,

RE: FARE FREE TRANSIT IN ORANGEVILLE

I hope this letter finds you all well. Thank you for your ongoing leadership, consistency and creative thinking as you continue to support our community in a number of initiatives, changes and upgrades to our municipal processes.

I am writing to you today to advocate for a fare-free transit system in Orangeville to continue into 2025 after the 2-year pilot program comes to an end in December 2024.

Over the last 2 years, as many of you are aware, I have advocated on a number of public transit issues both in the forefront as a member of the Orangeville Access Committee, as a small business owner of a human services organization, privately as a citizen and with my clients. Transit in Orangeville matters to me because I personally do not drive, so rely on various alternatives for getting around town. Also, I work with many adults who are neurodivergent and also do not drive. They often rely 100% on public transportation and support from others to gain access to transportation, a vital human right.

I am advocating today, by way of this letter to keep public transit in Orangeville fare-free.

I have spent time and energy communicating with people with neurodiversities and disabilities to ask them why the bus should remain free for its users. Here are some of the main points of support for free transit in Orangeville:

1. Most of the people I talked to who use the bus are on a **fixed income**. These incomes as you know are not sufficient to cover rent and food, let alone transportation. Most of those fixed incomes are ODSP (Ontario Disability Support Plan) and the most you can receive monthly from this support is 1368.00/ month and this is at the TOP amount. Is a neurodiverse person still lives



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with a caregiver; they will not receive this much. As we know this amount does not even cover a safe, healthy rental situation in Orangeville.

2. Most people I spoke with indicated to me the bus system in Orangeville is incredibly unreliable. The adults from the Branching Out Day Service on 2 occasions in the recent future that they could remember and recount to me, waited for the bus for 30min or more, and it did not come. One participant said, "Why should we have to pay for a bus that doesn't always come?" This is a good point.
3. Community members don't want a 2-tier bus pass system – that being a price for "regular" passes and then an accessibility rate. This requires people with disabilities to be separate from other bus users with a different pass and encourages segregation. If the bus is free for everyone, it is equitable.
4. I have not seen the actual numbers, but I believe that you as a council will see the report from Orangeville town staff member Mr. Dulisse that outlines the cost for the town with a fare-based transit vs. a fare free transit. I am hopeful that these numbers reflect support to indefinite fare-free transit in Orangeville.

We are blessed where we live, in our town and community with excellent public services. I know there are teams of staff and council members working with citizens to solve social issues in a forward facing and transparent manner. Thank you. My appeal to keep transit fare free is one of the courageous things that can be provided within the transportation infrastructure of our town to promote equity, accessibility and inclusion to as many patrons as possible.

Thank you again,

Kimberly Van Ryn

CYW, BA Human Services
Trauma Informed Care and Counselling
Founder, Branching Out Support Services Inc
Orangeville Citizen and Transit Rider



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Dear Orangeville Town Officials:

We are excited to be offering this letter of support to focus on the benefits of our campus students, as well as our employment clients that are currently benefiting from using the free transportation in the Town of Orangeville Transit Pilot Project. In our case at both locations, our students and clients are using the Transit to get to and from school, onto jobs, and other community services that they are currently accessing in town. If this free service was discontinued, it would become unattainable for many in our community to continue to use this service.

Please bring this letter of support at your next Town Council meeting on September 23/24.

Sincerely, Sharmaine Croydon

Sharmaine Croydon, MEEL

Program and Campus Coordinator

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September 15th, 2024

Town of Orangeville
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Dear Council

Having access to transportation is critical for those accessing our services within the Town of Orangeville. The pilot project that has supported the bus service with zero cost access has enabled many we serve to get to the food bank and more importantly being able to get home with the food they received. Prior to this project many struggled to physically carry home the food they received either due to mobility issues or simply because food is heavy.

In August 18% of those we serve were receiving ODSP (Ontario Disability Support Program); 12% were on benefits that solely support seniors and another 12% were receiving OW (Ontario Works) benefits. We know that none of these support programs provides enough income to raise residents above the poverty line. Prior to this program many who accessed the food bank didn't have the funds to access the bus even at \$4.00 for a roundtrip fare. While town staff had always supported us with bus passes, it meant clients had to find the funds to get to us before we could provide a pass to get home.

Having access to transportation enables those with limited means to not only access our services but also other social services and activities of daily living. The Town of Orangeville covers 15 sq kilometers and having a service that allows all residents to move around its entirety adds a level of inclusivity that is critical for all residents. The Orangeville Food Bank is very supportive of a transportation system that is inclusive with free bus fare.

We are grateful for the thought and effort that council, staffers and community residents have put in this issue in support of all the residents of Orangeville.

With Gratitude
Heather Hayes
Executive Director

Public Library

August 15, 2024

Members of Orangeville Council
87 Broadway
Orangeville ON L9W 1K1

Subject: Support for the Extension of the Fare-Free Transit Initiative

On behalf of the Orangeville Public Library Board, I am writing to express our strong support for the extension of the fare-free transit initiative. This initiative aligns closely with our mission to be a place for everyone to connect and discover, where learning and possibility allow each member of our community to soar.

At the Orangeville Public Library, we uphold the values of inclusivity, curiosity, lifelong learning, intellectual freedom, and trust. We believe that accessible and equitable services are essential to respecting the needs and individual experiences of all community members. The fare-free transit initiative embodies these values by removing financial barriers and ensuring that everyone in our community can access reliable transportation.

The benefits of a fare-free transit model are numerous and impactful:

- Removes financial barriers for those who can benefit the most. The board is doing their part to reduce financial barriers as well – the fare-free policy was adopted in 2023 with the same intention of removing barriers to service.
- Encourages more residents to utilize transit, decreasing the number of vehicles on the road.
- Assists in creating a more environmentally sustainable future by providing more transit options to meet the needs of our residents.
- Increases access to employment opportunities for residents who do not have reliable transportation.
- The library has staff that use Orangeville public transit to travel to work. Community survey results (2021) approximately 3% of respondents use public transit to travel to the library – this year the library has seen approximately 50,000 visitors.

During the two-year pilot program, we have seen firsthand how fare-free transit has positively impacted our community. Ongoing data collection and regular updates from town staff to Council have demonstrated the program's success in terms of ridership numbers and financial impact. We believe that continuing this initiative will further enhance the quality of life for all residents of Orangeville.

We urge Council to extend the fare-free transit initiative beyond the pilot program period. By doing so, we can continue to support and protect accessible, equitable services that respect the needs and individual experiences of all community members.

Thank you for considering our request.



Sheri Marks, Chair, Orangeville Public Library Board

Cc David Smith, CAO, Town of Orangeville
Tim Kocialek, General Manager, Infrastructure Services



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Giving Hope Today

September 16, 2024

Town of Orangeville

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RE: ORANGEVILLE TRANSIT PILOT PROGRAM

Dear Orangeville Town Council,

The Salvation Army New Hope Community Church applauds the Town for launching its two year Fare-Free Transit Pilot in January 2023. Over these past 20 months, this pilot has provided vital transportation to Orangeville residents requiring access to important services and programs.

As the two-year pilot reaches its end date, we would like to add our voices to other service agencies in expressing our support for the continuation of this critical service. It is our estimation that approximately 40% of our program participants use the bus system to access our services, including the Food Closet, free Laundry service, Thrift Store voucher program, Church programs and more. The population seeking The Salvation Army’s support often are experiencing other barriers that prevent them from having their own vehicle or being able to afford the bus. In addition, our Riddell Drive location makes it difficult for those without personal transportation to access services. This pilot has been invaluable to connecting people with the support we provide.

We are grateful that this program has been available to our clients over the past two years and are appealing to the Town to consider extending Fare-Free transit past the pilot and ideally, adopting it as a longterm option into the foreseeable future. We would welcome further dialogue on the issue and thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the conversation.

Respectfully,

Cory and Pamela Pinksen
MAJORS
Lead Pastors/Officers

PP/pp

William and Catherine Booth Lyndon Buckingham Lee Graves Brian Armstrong
Founders General Territorial Commander Divisional Commander



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September 16, 2024

Mayor Lisa Post
Town Hall
87 Broadway Orangeville,
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Dear Mayor Post and Orangeville Town Councillors,

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for the Town of Orangeville's free bus transportation initiative over the past two years. This has truly benefited, most specifically, low-income families and individuals receiving the Ontario Disability Support Plan (ODSP) benefits. The free service has been especially beneficial for those supported by Community Living Dufferin (CLD), significantly enhancing their ability to travel more freely and often.

This initiative has been a lifeline not only for individuals supported by CLD but many in our community, significantly enhancing access to essential services, employment opportunities, and social activities. The continued provision of this transportation service is crucial, as it allows low-income families and ODSP recipients to travel more freely, reducing barriers to accessing vital services such as healthcare, education, and employment. By alleviating transportation costs, the initiative helps families/individuals stretch their budgets further, contributing positively to their overall financial stability.

Additionally, ensuring that all residents, regardless of their financial situation, can participate in community activities fosters a more inclusive and engaged community. Given the substantial benefits that this initiative provides, I respectfully urge the Town of Orangeville to continue funding and supporting the free bus transportation initiative. The positive impact on the lives of our most vulnerable residents cannot be overstated, and maintaining this service is essential to fostering a more equitable and supportive community.

Thank you for considering this request. I am confident that, with your support, we can ensure that our community remains accessible and inclusive for all its members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diane Kite".

Diane Kite
Community Living Dufferin
Executive Director



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September 20, 2024

Mayor Lisa Post
Orangeville Town Hall/Orangeville Transit
87 Broadway
Orangeville, Ontario

Dear Mayor Post and Town of Orangeville Town Councillors,

I am writing to respectfully request that the Town of Orangeville consider continuing fare-free transit for individuals accessing essential services, including the Orangeville Food Bank.

As a staff member at the Orangeville Food Bank, I have seen firsthand how critical public transit is for many individuals and families who rely on our services. These clients often have limited financial resources, and the cost of transit can pose a significant barrier to accessing not only the food bank but also other vital services such as healthcare, employment resources, and community programs throughout Orangeville.

Many food bank clients face difficult choices daily, such as deciding between paying for transit and purchasing food. Continuing fare-free transit past the pilot program expiration date would not only alleviate some of this burden but also promote equity and ensure that everyone in our community can access the services they need to thrive.

I urge you to consider this request, as it would have a profound impact on the most vulnerable members of our community. I am happy to provide further information or participate in any discussions that would support the continuation of fare-free transit.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,
Carrie-Anne DeCaprio
Donor Engagement and Outreach Manager, Orangeville Food Bank

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CouncilAgenda](#)
Subject: Agenda 15.2 Councillor Stevens - Opening of College Avenue to Connect with Hansen Boulevard September 23, 2024
Date: Friday, September 20, 2024 2:15:38 PM

To the Mayor and Council and Town Staff:

We have been promised for years, by 3 Councils with 3 different Mayor's, that our neighbourhood is a priority and to get Hansen Road finished and opened up. It has yet to happen, and no one knows when this will even happen at this point in time. Veteran's Way has only one way into and out of the neighborhood and it gets very difficult at certain times of the day to get onto County 16/Veteran's Way then to turn left onto Broadway at the lights, which takes very long to change.

It takes us all here, 4x longer to get to the other side of Hansen. This causes more traffic, more emissions, more time which is costly and bad for us all. It takes Emergency vehicles when called to get to our community 4x as long as well.

All council, except for Major Sandy Brown and Councillor Peters, since my living here for over 8 years, have refused to open College Avenue for us and to be finally joined to the rest of the Town and to give us all another way into and out of our neighbourhood. The barriers that the Town have put on Hansen, to block the access to College Avenue, can easily be removed to give us better access to our Town and for Emergency Services to get here. We have asked repeatedly, last time was at the Town Hall meeting by the Mayor with 2 Councillors present, why they refuse to open it. They refuse to answer why and only say they will not open it and that they stand by that. College Avenue is designed to be a collector road and designed to handle the traffic. There is no reason why it cannot handle the expected traffic to which it was designed for. Hansen Road is stalled yet again to be finished. It's been promised for 10 years now that it would be opened. We were promised that we would be a priority and yet here we still are, in Orangeville Island (a name given to our area by Mayor Post), not having another access road into our community, yet there is one readily available which is College Avenue.

We have no bus service that the rest of the town has. The walking path leading across Broadway which was new and now dug up because of Avalon, is no longer an option as well as it is closed. It is time to fix our neighbourhood to be joined finally with the rest of our Town and to have the fastest way possible to have EMS and Fire and even get bus services here by opening College

Avenue.

Mayor Brown had brought this to Council Meeting on May 16, 2022, and the staff brought forward Staff Report INS-2022-038 "which included the findings from Triton and a recommendation to remove the barricades on College Avenue and open the road to allow vehicular access".

Both the Fire Chief and Ambulance Chiefs, at the time, recommended that the road be open as well Town Staff also recommended that it be opened.

Also from the Town of Orangeville Official Plan - December 31, 2020 the following issues are being ignored by Council and the Town for our area in Veteran's Way by not giving us access through College Avenue / Hansen Road:

G2.3 Council will develop an anti-idling by-law and education strategy to discourage the unnecessary idling of motor vehicles.

G5.2 Council supports the creation of a well-connected network of streets in order to facilitate the orderly circulation of traffic and in order to reduce congestion by offering motorists multiple choices for the route to take to a given destination.

G5.4 Council supports the development of a transportation system that minimizes impact on the environment and aesthetic character of the Town.

G8.3 Council will consider the impact of land use decisions as they may impact the movement of pedestrians and bicycles.

G9.2 Council will strive to ensure that every resident has desirable proximity to public transit routes with a target of 500 metres maximum (straight-line) walking distance to travel to a bus stop.

Schedule E Map, Roads Plan clearly shows that College Street IS designed to be a collector road and can handle the traffic.

People trying to get to the other side of Blind Line, to get to work or bring their children to school, deserve this access to be opened. Emergency_Services, EMS, will also be more effective by removing the barriers to get them into our neighbourhood faster!

Did you know that a man did die in our neighbourhood of a heart attack and his wife was told had they, the Ambulance, gotten here quicker he could have been saved? Were you aware of a mother who called 911 while her toddler was choking, she said it felt like eternity for them to arrive? Had we had College Avenue as an access opened long before these events happened, it would have been quicker and LIFE SAVING. It's been right there and ready to be opened all these years except it's been restricted to happen only by council voting NO.

In conclusion;

College Avenue needs to be opened to the residents in Veterans Way. I repeat again the reasons that include why are; time, inclusion to be no longer isolated from the rest of our Town, emissions saved to get around, and **SAFETY** to get EMS here faster. (as per Town Official Plan stated above)

I hope that our Town Council and Staff do the right thing this time and finally open up College Avenue NOW before something tragic happens yet again here in our neighbourhood.

Thank you

Brenda Chioma

█ Wardlaw Avenue

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CouncilAgenda](#)
Subject: College Avenue
Date: Sunday, September 22, 2024 8:47:18 PM

I am a resident on College Avenue. We have been put through construction of houses all around us for years. Noise, dust, trucks and a severe increase in traffic as a result. Cars racing down the street at high speeds. This is a subdivision with a park and two schools. You can barely drive down the street around school start and end times. I challenge anyone to come by at those times as proof.

The thought of opening the end of our road to Veteran's Way would be a complete disaster. This is a subdivision full of kids and pets. It is not meant to be a thruway like Broadway or First Street. When everyone in Veteran's Way bought they're homes they knew that was the case. Do not risk the safety of our subdivision by giving in to people who want to save 2 to 3 minutes of driving and turning our neighborhood into a death trap. They must wait for Hanson Blvd to be their route as intended or there will be injuries and possible deaths as a result. Your consideration is appreciated as a 29 year highly taxed rate paying citizen in this community.

Thank you.

T.Hall

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Minutes of Economic Development and Culture Committee Meeting

June 11, 2024, 8:00 a.m.

Electronic and In-Person Participation - Economic Development and Culture Committee

The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville
(Chair and Secretary at Town Hall - 87 Broadway)
Orangeville, Ontario

Members Present: Chair Councillor Andrews
Vice Chair J. Patterson, Orangeville BIA, excused at 8:58 a.m.
D. Morris, Dufferin Board of Trade, Virtual
J. Small, Public Member, Virtual, excused at 8:46 a.m.
L. Horne, Orangeville Real Estate Board

Members Absent: M. Vinden, Business community, regrets
S. Waqar, Public member

Staff Present: K. Lemire, Manager, Economic Development & Culture
H. Savage, Gen. Mgr., Community Services
B. Lusk, Administrative Assistant
D. Smith, CAO, Town of Orangeville

1. Call to Order

A hybrid meeting was called to order by Councillor Andrews at 8:08 a.m.

Councillor Andrews welcomed N. Johnston, McSweeney & Associates Consulting, and D. Smith, CAO, Town of Orangeville.

2. Disclosures of (Direct or Indirect) Pecuniary Interest

None.

3. Land Acknowledgement

Councillor Andrews 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

2024-006

Moved by J. Patterson

That the minutes of the following meeting are approved:

2024-04-09 Economic Development and Culture Committee

Carried

5. Presentations

5.1 Nancy Johnston, Director, Strategic Initiatives

N. Johnston, Director, Strategic Initiatives, McSweeney & Associates Consulting presented an overview of the Economic Development and Culture Strategy development process.

She said that her team uses a four-step work plan to develop economic development strategies.

Step one is the discovery phase and pulls together information and insights about Orangeville to create a SCOAR assessment (strengths, challenges, opportunities, aspirations, and results) A community comparator analysis was also done with three similar communities.

N. Johnston said that step two is the defining phase using various methods of stakeholder engagement. She said that McSweeney & Associates have conducted nineteen interviews, and have received forty-five online survey responses to-date. Four focus groups on June 13 have twenty-five confirmed attendees. Step two also includes a staff priority setting session.

After completion of all interviews, focus groups and when the online survey is closed, she said McSweeney & Associates will present a progress summary at a stakeholder working group meeting in July. Using the input gathered from this working group, McSweeney & Associates will then develop a set of draft actions in step three.

N. Johnston indicated that the draft actions would be refined and finalized into a final presentation for Council consideration this Fall.

Councillor Andrews said that the EDCC will have an opportunity to review the report and that the Business Outreach working group will become more involved with the action items to assist the Economic Development and Culture office.

6. Working Group Reports

6.1 Arts & Culture

6.1.1 Call for Artists Selections

Councillor Andrews presented two art selections recommended by the Arts & Culture working group for the 2024 Utility Box Art program. He commented on the excellent quality of talented artists in our region who made submissions.

J. Small said that one of the recommendations was created by a first-time selected artist and the second artist has one other art installation.

K. Lemire said that there is a digital guide on the Love, Orangeville website that includes a complete inventory of public art pieces located throughout Orangeville. She said that visitors can access a public art map on the website or follow art walks to view and learn in detail about each piece in the collection of utility box installations, tree sculptures, statues and murals.

2024-007

Moved by L. Horne

That the artist selections recommended by the Arts and Culture working group for the Utility Box Art installations be adopted, and staff proceed with installations.

Carried

6.2 Business Outreach

Councillor Andrews said that the working group will develop a business outreach working plan once Council has approved the Economic Development and Culture Strategy.

He said that the working group will discuss different business outreach activities that will help the Economic Development and Culture office support local business owners.

7. Items for Discussion and Reports

7.1 Canadian Open in Caledon 2025

Councillor Andrews said that Mayor L. Post attended a recent event that announced a Caledon location for the 2025 Canadian Open. He identified the impact and potential tangible benefits for Orangeville and surrounding area. The Mayor and CAO will meet with organizers for further date information.

A meeting with H. Savage, K. Lemire and Town of Caledon staff has been scheduled to discuss the impact of the 2025 Canadian Open. H. Savage noted that Orangeville is the closest urban centre to the location of the Canadian Open, just 18 kilometres away.

7.2 EDC Activity Report May 2024

The EDC Activity Report was received in the agenda package. There were no questions regarding this item.

8. Correspondence

8.1 NCAAHC Conference 2024 Report

Councillor Andrews gave an overview of his Nashville Conference on African American History and Culture report attached to the EDCC agenda. He stated that the City of Nashville has an Office of Minority and Women Business Assistance that works to stimulate economic growth with women owned businesses. As the Chair of the Town's EDI Committee the conference provided insightful information for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion practices and policies in other communities.

9. Announcements

9.1 Member Sectorial Reports

J. Patterson said that Joy Emanuele, Triovest Property Management was approved as a new member on the BIA Board.

Councillor Andrews provided highlights of the Urban Municipalities Conference that he and Councillor Sherwood attended in Orillia.

He said that the Orangeville Blues & Jazz Festival organizers reported higher attendance this year which provided a welcome boost to businesses in Orangeville.

Councillor Andrews said that the Terms of Reference for the New Affordable Housing Task Force were approved by Council and that recruitment for community members will take place in preparation for meetings to begin in the Fall.

Councillor Andrews provided Council updates regarding a two-year extension given to the developers for Highlands Phase 2, and a new lawn watering by-law.

L. Horne said currently there are ninety-nine residential listings and fourteen condominium listings available. She said that in the last ninety days that one-hundred twenty-four residential and twelve condominiums were sold. Houses sold between \$595K to \$1,450,000 and condominium sales ranged in selling price between \$379K and \$799K.

She said that currently there are nine residential rentals listed on MLS that range in price between \$1,800 and \$2,700. There were fifteen rentals leased in the past ninety days.

L. Horne said that the aftermath due to Covid on the housing market may cause hardship for some buyers who bought homes during that time as mortgages are renewed. In addition, it has become increasingly harder for homeowners to maintain their properties having over-extended purchase financing. She added that new buyers venturing into the housing market today will earn better investment gain if they buy what they can now afford rather than saving for a down payment on their forever home.

L. Horne said that three commercial properties sold in the past ninety days and that there are currently twelve businesses for sale on MLS.

D. Morris thanked the Town and Council representatives for supporting the Dufferin Board of Trade (DBOT) Business Excellence Awards. She said that there were one-hundred and two nominees competing for seven awards celebrating local businesses in the community.

D. Morris said that the DBOT was able to scale up the Dufferin Biz Hub, their Social Enterprise initiative with an Investment Readiness Program grant. She said that the Dufferin Biz Hub offers a range of services, including office space rentals, business support and administrative services at affordable rates aimed at helping local businesses thrive.

She announced that free training through the "Level Up Dufferin" program previously known as Tourism Trails will once again be offered in July. She said training includes LGBTQ+ Safe Space, accessible and business training and that participants receive recognition window decals, and inclusion in the Level Up Dufferin business registry.

D. Morris said that the DBOT is supporting Headwaters Community in Action activities and collaborating with the County of Dufferin as they develop a new Economic Development Strategy.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.



Minutes of Mayor's Youth Advisory Council

June 12, 2024, 4:30 p.m.

Electronic and In-Person Participation - Mayor's Youth Advisory Council

The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville

(Chair and Secretary at Town Hall - 87 Broadway)

Orangeville, Ontario

Members Present: A. Main, Chair
Mayor L. Post
A. Al-Shalchi
A. Wetton
J. Barry
L. Robinson
P. Knight

Members Absent: J. Bracken, Vice-Chair
B. Peters
C. Shaw

Staff Present: A. Dukovski, Supervisor, Recreation Programs and Events,
Community Services
D. Smith, Chief Administrative Officer
G. Brennan, Legislative Assistant, Corporate Services
J. Lavecchia-Smith, Deputy Clerk, Corporate Services
N. Leece, Project Co-ordinator, Corporate Services

1. Call to Order

Aislinn Main, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. Disclosures of (Direct or Indirect) Pecuniary Interest

None.

3. Land Acknowledgement

Aislinn Main, Chair, acknowledged the treaty lands and territory of the Williams Treaty Nations and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Aislinn Main, Chair, 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

2024-003

Moved By A. Wetton

That the minutes of the following meeting are approved:

4.1 2024-03-06 - Mayors Youth Advisory Council - Minutes

Carried

5. Presentations

5.1 Lynette Pole-Langdon & Sonja Vukovic, Chair & Co-Chair of Dufferin Caledon Drug Strategy: Committee Workplan Feedback

Lynette Pole-Langdon & Sonja Vukovic, Chair & Co-Chair of the Dufferin Caledon Drug Strategy Committee, provided an overview of their ongoing community initiatives and current educational opportunities. They discussed the like-minded agencies that are working together to support and coordinate the development and implementation of local, cross sector strategies to reduce the harms related to substance abuse and addictive behaviours.

The strategy has the following goals:

- to raise awareness about the resources available in the community for those who are struggling with drug use,
- to educate the community about the stigmas associated with drug use, and
- to highlight their seventh annual International Overdose Awareness Day event and health fair that is currently being planned for the end of August 2024.

Members of the Committee provided solutions on the most effective ways to communicate with youth about substance abuse, to promote community initiatives to youth, to discuss substance abuse prevention further.

The committee agreed school assemblies, along with linking information on school websites, would be the best forum for resources to be shared with youth.

5.2 Kylie-Anne Grube, Climate Engagement Specialist, Dufferin County: Youth Climate Activation Circle

Kylie-Anne Grube, Climate Engagement Specialist for Dufferin County, shared that Dufferin County's Climate and Energy Division is now accepting applications to the 2024/2025 Youth Climate Activation Circle (YCAC). She shared details of YCAC, including that YCAC is a 10-month volunteer program designed to empower up to eight (8) Dufferin youth aged sixteen to twenty-five (16-25) with the knowledge and skills to champion climate solutions in their community. Participants in YCAC will receive training, collaborate with fellow volunteers to create a local climate action project, and explore green career pathways. Volunteers in the program would be offered: a \$500 allowance or volunteer hours, a youth climate ambassador certificate, and exposure to green career pathways.

5.3 Jennifer Hamilton, Director, Communications & Stakeholder Relations, Headwaters Health Care Centre: Focus Group Opportunity

Jennifer Hamilton, Director, Communication & Stakeholder Relations, Headwaters Health Care Centre advised members of the Committee of an opportunity to participate in a focus group to help identify strengths, weaknesses, and gaps in Headwaters new website. She outlined that the focus group is specifically looking for the perspectives of patients, families and caregivers in the community who represent the Dufferin-Caledon region's demographic. She invited interested and available participants to contact their communications specialist by Friday, June 14, 2024.

6. Items for Discussion and Reports

6.1 Council Updates

None.

6.1.1 Fare-Free Transit Program

Mayor Post shared that the fare-free transit program is coming to an end. The Committee discussed the success of the program, areas to improve, and future promotional opportunities. The Committee requested to revisit this topic during their next meeting on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

6.1.2 Community Group Pavement Markings

The Committee discussed the removal of the three community group pavement markings (crosswalks). Mayor Post shared details on the necessary winter maintenance that has caused the markings to be unrecognizable, thus, being unable to honour these groups as originally intended. She shared details on the ongoing discussions with the three community groups, and shared details about future initiatives around equity, diversity, and inclusion. Highlighted by the Celebrate your Awesome event held on Second Street and in Alexandra Park in Orangeville on June 15, 2024.

6.2 Sub-Committee Updates

The Committee discussed the best forum for ongoing discussions for members of MYAC. The Committee decided to confirm next steps at their next meeting on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

7. Correspondence

7.1 Youth Orangeville Proposal, Submitted by Ishika Singla

The Committee reviewed and discussed Ishika Singla's Youth Orangeville Proposal and discussed the similar details between her proposal and MYAC's current workplan. Ms.Singla will be providing a presentation to MYAC at their next meeting on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

8. Announcements

Allison Dukovski, Supervisor, Recreation Programs and Events, advised the reopening of the new Alder Recreation Centre pools and the free swim programming currently being offered until the end of June, 2024.

She advised the Committee of the following events that will be schedule at the Alder Recreation Centre:

- Movie in the Park, Friday June 21, 2024, and
- Canada Day Celebration, July 1, 2024

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

10. Adjournment

2024-004

Moved By A. Wetton

That the meeting be adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Carried



Minutes of Access Orangeville

June 13, 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 Stevens, Chair
J. Jackson, Vice-Chair
K. Van Ryn
P. Charbonneau
R. Ugolini

Members Absent: M. Hartley

Staff Present: G. Brennan, Legislative Assistant, Corporate Services
J. Lavecchia-Smith, Deputy Clerk, Corporate Services
J. Rawn, Executive Assistant, Infrastructure Services
N. Leece, Project Co-ordinator, Corporate Services
S. Doherty, Manager, Recreation and Events, Community Services

1. Call to Order

Councillor Stevens, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Disclosures of (Direct or Indirect) Pecuniary Interest

None.

3. Land Acknowledgement

Councillor Stevens, Chair, acknowledged the treaty lands and territory of the Williams Treaty Nations and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

Councillor Stevens, Chair, 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

2024-016

Moved By P. Charbonneau

That the minutes of the following meeting are approved:

4.1 2024-05-09 - Access Orangeville - Minutes

Carried

5. Presentations

5.1 Ingrid Watt, Development Manager, Theatre Orangeville: Accessibility Video

Ingrid Watt, Development Manager at Theatre Orangeville, discussed a promotional video prepared by Theatre Orangeville showcasing new accessibility spaces and initiatives. She discussed the upgrades that took place with the goal of breaking down barriers to access, by creating a universal space for all. The upgrades included forty (40) barrier free seats, additional assistive hearing systems, a new stage lift, and a resurfaced stage deck.

Members of the Committee asked questions and received responses from Ms.Watt.

6. Items for Discussion and Reports

6.1 2023 Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) Compliance Report

Sharon Doherty, Manager, Recreation and Events, advised the committee that the Town of Orangeville submitted its 2023 Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) Compliance Report to the ministry. She highlighted that the Town is compliant.

6.2 Transit Updates

Councillor Stevens, Chair, on behalf of Tony Dulisse, Manager, Transportation and Development, provided a transit update. He highlighted that two new 30' fully accessible transit buses are being

delivered in Q2 2025, new accessible parking spaces in the parking lot at 82 Broadway, and an additional accessible parking space on First Avenue. Members of the Committee asked questions, and discussed making sure transit is accessible. The Committee requested to add this matter to their agenda at their next meeting on Thursday, September 12, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

6.3 Website Updates & Committee Workplan

The Committee discussed the importance of accessible recreational programs and services, and highlighted the need for not just sport programs. The Committee discussed the Mindful Moments drop-in program that is offered.

The Committee analyzed the current pool capabilities at the Alder Recreation Centre and the Tony Rose Memorial Sports Centre respectively. Sharon Doherty, Manager, Recreation and Events, advised the Committee that the Alder Recreation Centre pools both have wheelchair accessible ramps to enter the pool and the Tony Rose Memorial Sports Centre has a pool lift to get into the water.

The Committee discussed the potential roll out of sledges during public skates. The Committee will discuss next steps at their next meeting on Thursday, September 12, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

6.4 Stop Gap Initiative - Confirm Next Steps

The Committee discussed next steps of the stop gap initiative, including the best roll out policy. The Committee agreed to review how other municipalities rolled out their stop gap initiative and will make a recommendation to Council this fall.

6.5 Award Guidelines

The Committee will discuss next steps in the fall.

7. Correspondence

Jordyn Lavecchia-Smith, Deputy Clerk for the Town of Orangeville, introduced herself to the Committee, and advised that the Town received a resignation from a former member of the Committee. She advised that Town staff are currently working on seeking direction from Council to determine how to proceed with recruitment.

8. Announcements

Councillor Andrews provided an update on the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Committee, stressing the importance of current and future initiatives. He shared details about what is happening in the community, community investment opportunities, new community partnerships, and discussed the educational opportunities around EDI for the community.

Councillor Andrews shared that planning for 2025 is currently ongoing and wanted an opportunity to connect with more diverse community groups to receive feedback. He discussed the idea of a Committee member from Access Orangeville attending Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee meetings moving forward.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 12, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

10. Adjournment

2024-017

Moved By R. Ugolini

That the meeting be adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Carried



Minutes of Age Friendly

June 18, 2024, 1:00 pm

Electronic and In-Person Participation - Age Friendly

The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville

(Chair and Secretary at Town Hall - 87 Broadway)

Orangeville, Ontario

Members Present: Councillor A. Macintosh, Chair
C. Hamilton, Vice-Chair
L. Banks
M. Chapman
K. Jack
V. Petho

Staff Present: S. Doherty, Manager, Recreation and Events
T. Dulisse, Manager, Transportation and Development
L. Raftis, Assistant Clerk
D. Smith, CAO

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Disclosures of (Direct or Indirect) Pecuniary Interest

None.

3. Land Acknowledgment

The Chair acknowledged the treaty lands and territory of the Williams Treaty Nations and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. The Chair 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

2024-011

Moved By K. Jack

That the minutes of the following meeting are approved:

4.1 2024-04-23 Age Friendly Minutes

Carried

5. Presentations

5.1 Elaine Griffin, Psychogeriatric Resource Consultant - Montessori Based Dementia Program

Elaine Griffin, Alzheimer Society Dufferin County provided a presentation with respect to the Montessori Based Dementia Program and spoke to their story, Dr. Maria Montessori philosophy, goals of the program, and capacity building.

Members of the Committee asked questions and received a response from Ms. Griffin.

5.2 Marc Mailhot and Ann Frenton - GrandPals: Intergenerational Learning

Ann Frenton, GrandPals provided a presentation with respect to GrandPals: Intergenerational Learning and spoke to the vision, program framework, goals, sustainability, challenges, solutions, and funding opportunities.

Members of the Committee asked questions and received a response from Ms. Frenton.

5.3 Bela Cumberbatch, Learning Cafés - Financial Literacy for Seniors

Bela Cumberbatch, Learning Cafes was not in attendance.

6. Items for Discussion and Reports

6.1 Transit Update

Tony Dulisse, Transportation and Development Manager provided the Committee with a transit update and spoke to the upcoming purchase of new buses, increased transit coverage, improving routes, public engagement, On-Demand services, and transit shelters.

Members of the Committee asked questions and received a response from Mr. Dulisse.

6.2 Bench at Bus Stop and Paved Path at Senior's Centre

Sharon Doherty, Recreation and Events Manager spoke to the grading at the side of the Senior's Centre and the need to repair the path. Tony Dulisse, Transportation and Development Manager advised that Transportation staff need to establish transit routes before any paths to bus stops are constructed.

6.3 Senior Discount Flyer

Councillor Macintosh thanked everyone for their work with respect to the Senior Discount Flyer.

The Committee discussed the process for making amendments to the list, distribution of the current flyer, and plan to connect with businesses throughout the Town of Orangeville.

6.4 Upcoming Guest Speaker

Councillor Macintosh requested Bela Cumberbatch, Learning Cafés be invited to speak at the September 17, 2024 meeting.

7. Correspondence

2024-012

Moved By C. Hamilton

That the correspondence listed below be received:

7.1 Correspondence from Rahul Venky - Special Offer for Senior Citizens at Wild Wing Orangeville

Carried

8. Announcements

Councillor Macintosh thanked everyone who participated in the Seniors Luncheon.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment

2024-013

Moved By K. Jack

That the meeting be adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

Carried



The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville

By-law Number 2024-

A by-law to appoint Cheryl Braan as Treasurer for the Town of Orangeville and to repeal By-law 2024- 051

Whereas Section 286 (1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, states that a municipality shall appoint a Treasurer who is responsible for handling all of the financial affairs of the municipality on behalf of and in the manner directed by the Council of the municipality;

Be it therefore enacted by the municipal Council of The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville as follows:

1. That Cheryl Braan is hereby appointed Treasurer for The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville effective September 23, 2024.
2. That by-law 2024-051 is hereby repealed.

Read three times and finally passed this 23rd day of September, 2024.

Lisa Post, Mayor

Jordyn Lavecchia-Smith, Deputy Clerk



The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville

By-law Number 2024-

A by-law to appoint Rebecca Medeiros as Acting Deputy Treasurer for the Town of Orangeville

Whereas Section 286 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, states that a municipality may appoint deputy treasurers who shall have all the powers and duties of the treasurer;

Be it therefore enacted by the municipal Council of The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville as follows:

1. That Rebecca Medeiros is hereby appointed Acting Deputy Treasurer for The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville September 23, 2024.

Read three times and finally passed this 23rd day of September, 2024.

Lisa Post, Mayor

Jordyn Lavecchia-Smith, Deputy Clerk



The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville

By-law Number 2024-

A by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville at its closed and regular Council Meeting held on September 23, 2024

Whereas Section 5 (1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, provides that the powers of a municipal corporation shall be exercised by its council; and

Whereas Section 5 (3) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, provides that municipal powers shall be exercised by by-law; and

Be it therefore enacted by the municipal Council of The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville as follows:

1. That all actions of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville at its closed and regular Council Meeting held on September 23, 2024, with respect to every report, motion, by-law, or other action passed and taken by the Council, including the exercise of natural person powers, are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed as if all such proceedings were expressly embodied in this or a separate by-law.
2. That the Mayor and Clerk are authorized and directed to do all the things necessary to give effect to the action of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville referred to in the preceding section.
3. That the Mayor and the Clerk are authorized and directed to execute all documents necessary in that behalf and to affix thereto the seal of The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville.

Read three times and finally passed this 23rd day of September, 2024.

Lisa Post, Mayor

Jordyn Lavecchia-Smith, Deputy Clerk