

## Agenda Affordable Housing Task Force Meeting

November 14, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

Electronic and In-Person Participation - Affordable Housing Task Force
The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville
(Chair and Secretary at Town Hall - 87 Broadway)

Orangeville, Ontario

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**Pages** 

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Disclosures of (Direct or Indirect) Pecuniary Interest
- 3. Land Acknowledgment

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.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Recommendations:

That the minutes of the following meeting are approved:

- 4.1 2024-10-10 Affordable Housing Task Force Minutes
- 5. Presentations
- 6. Items for Discussion and Reports

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- 6.1 Naythan Nunes, Manager, Building, Chief Building Official Review of ADU's
- 7. Correspondence
  - 7.1 General Correspondence for the Affordable Housing Task Force

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- 8. Announcements
- 9. Date of Next Meeting
  The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 12, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.
- 10. Adjournment



#### **Minutes of Affordable Housing Task Force**

# October 10, 2024, 5:30 p.m. Electronic and In-Person Participation - Affordable Housing Task Force The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville (Chair and Secretary at Town Hall - 87 Broadway) Orangeville, Ontario

Members Present: Councillor J. Andrews, Chair

Councillor T. Prendergast, Vice-Chair

K. Atkinson
C. De Castro

R. Mair

Staff Present: G. Brennan, Legislative Assistant, Corporate Services

J. Lavecchia-Smith, Deputy Clerk, Corporate Services

L. Russell, Senior Planner, Planning, Infrastructure Services

#### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order 5:31 p.m.

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

None.

#### 3. Land Acknowledgment

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

#### 4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

#### 2024-004

Moved By C. De Castro

That the minutes of the following meeting are approved:

#### 4.1 2024-09-12 - Affordable Housing Task Force - Minutes

Carried

#### 5. Presentations

### 5.1 Jordyn Lavecchia-Smith, Deputy Clerk, Corporate Services - Committee Governance

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

#### 5.2 Sarah Barber, Barber Design Studio

Sarah Barber, Barber Design Studio, and Patrick Carew, BioMulate Inc, introduced themselves to the Task Force and shared details of their experience in real estate, architecture, design, land acquisition, smart communities, and tech sales. Ms. Barber highlighted the need to further her knowledge of housing concerns in the Town of Orangeville in order to provide tailor made solutions that delivers affordable and inclusive development for the Town.

The Task Force asked questions and discussed concerns such as the rising age of first-time buyers and the cost-prohibited nature of affordable purchasing and rental options for those with fixed incomes. The Task Force highlighted the need to streamline the development process. The Task Force discussed challenges associated with future development in Orangeville, including the limited land that is available and legislative barriers. The Task Force discussed various alternative housing options

such as modular homes or tiny homes, and the challenges and risks associated with these options.

#### 6. Items for Discussion and Reports

## 6.1 Brandon Ward, Manager, Planning, Infrastructure Services - Additional Dwelling Unit Permissions and Inclusionary Zoning Memo

Larysa Russel, Senior Planner, Infrastructure Services, on behalf of Brandon, discussed the legislative changes to the Planning Act, requiring municipalities to permit Additional Residential Units (ARUs). She highlighted the difference between attached and detached ARUs, parking requirements, and provided an overview of the fees associated with applying for an ARU within the Town of Orangeville.

Ms. Russel shared that Town staff are in the process of updating the Town's Official Plan and Zoning By-law. The Official Plan Amendment (OPA 133) will provide high level policy direction and criteria on ARUs including:

- Connection to municipal services (shared with the primary residential unit);
- Maintaining the character of the surrounding neighbourhood;
- Protecting public health and safety;
- Providing appropriate amenity space;
- Not negatively impacting abutting properties; and
- Clarity that mobile homes and recreational vehicles are not considered to be an ARU.

Ms. Russel announced that staff anticipate bringing forward the Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment to Council for approval in Q4 2024 or Q1 2025.

The Task Forced asked questions and discussed the following:

- Challenges with water allocation and access,
- Creating a home and property registry,
- Creating a communication plan to highlight the options available to homeowners, and

• Creating specific zoning and building plans, not a universal blanket strategy for an entire community.

#### 7. Correspondence

None.

#### 8. Announcements

None.

#### 9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 14 at 5:30 p.m.

#### 10. Adjournment

2024-005

Moved By C. De Castro

That the meeting be adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Carried

#### Correspondence – Affordable Housing Task Force – 2024-11-14

#### Item 1

Ottawa's new rules make building your granny flat a little easier. Here's what you need to know

Source: Toronto Star - Written by: Srivindhya Kolluru

Item 2

Nova Scotia's First Tiny Home Neighborhood

Source: Facebook, Nova Scotia Government



Nova Scotia's first tiny home community will begin welcoming residents the first week of November in Lower Sackville.

It will provide supportive housing for up to 70 people in 60 single- and double-occupancy units. Each unit is fully furnished, with a private washroom with a shower, and a kitchen with a fridge, microwave, cooktop and other small appliances. Fully accessible units are available.

Utilities (including electricity, water and internet), bedding and towels are included, and residents have access to shared computers and office and laundry facilities. United Way Halifax owns the units, co-ordinates amenities and is responsible for maintenance and property management. The Province, Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM), United Way Halifax, The Shaw Group and Dexter Construction partnered to build the community.

Residents have been chosen from the HRM By-Name List of people experiencing homelessness, maintained by the Affordable Housing Association of Nova Scotia. Their rent is 30% of their income.

#### Item 3

#### **Affordable Shipping Container Homes**

Source: Facebook

