



Council Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2024, 5:45 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**

Members Present: Mayor L. Post
Councillor J. Andrews
Councillor A. Macintosh
Councillor D. Sherwood
Councillor R. Stevens

Members Absent: Deputy Mayor T. Taylor
Councillor T. Prendergast

Staff Present: D. Currie, Manager, Capital Works
S. Doherty, Manager, Recreation & Events
T. Dulisse, Manager, Transportation and Development
R. Gill, Software Development Engineer
T. Kocialek, General Manager, Infrastructure Services
K. Lemire, Manager, Economic Development & Culture
M. Mair, Planner, Development and Community Improvement
R. Martell, Town Clerk
A. Minichillo, General Manager, Corporate Services
C. Moore, Senior Advisor, Strategic Initiatives
A. Narvali, Manager, Information Technology
L. Raftis, Assistant Clerk
H. Savage, General Manager, Community Services
D. Smith, CAO
B. Ward, Manager, Planning

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Resolution 2024-222

Moved by Councillor Andrews
Seconded by Councillor Sherwood

That the agenda and any addendums for the November 18, 2024 Council Meeting, be approved.

Carried Unanimously

3. Disclosure of (Direct and Indirect) Pecuniary Interest

3.1 Councillor Stevens - 2025 Consolidated Fees and Charges, CPS-2024-069

Indirect pecuniary interest due to position on Orangeville Minor Hockey Association.

3.2 Councillor Stevens - A by-law to amend numerous by-laws to provide for a consolidation of user fees and charges for the Town of Orangeville

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4. Closed Meeting

Resolution 2024-223

Moved by Councillor Macintosh
Seconded by Councillor Stevens

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:

November 4, 2024 Closed Council Minutes

Confidential Verbal Report from David Smith, CAO - CAO Workplan and Performance Update

Labour relations or employee negotiations.

Carried Unanimously

4.1 November 4, 2024 Closed Council Minutes

4.2 Confidential Verbal Report from David Smith, CAO - CAO Workplan and Performance Update

5. Open Meeting - 7:00 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 2024-224

Moved by Councillor Andrews
Seconded by Councillor Stevens

That the minutes of the November 4, 2024 Closed Council Meeting, be approved; and

That Confidential Verbal Report from David Smith, CAO - CAO Workplan and Performance Update regarding labour relations or employee negotiations, be received; and

That staff proceed as directed.

Carried Unanimously

10. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Council Meeting

Moved by Councillor Sherwood
Seconded by Councillor Macintosh

That the minutes of the following meeting be approved:

10.1 October 28, 2024 Council Public Meeting Minutes

10.2 November 4, 2024 Council Minutes

Carried Unanimously

11. Question Period

James Jackson, Carleton Drive expressed concern with respect to the cost of the construction of the Orangeville Fire Station.

Ric Ugolini, Cedar Drive expressed concern with the placement of the bollard at the Tim Hortons on First Street and asked a question with respect to emergency services responding to collisions at the location.

12. Presentation, Petitions and/or Delegation

12.1 Richard Majkot, Brenda Boulevard - One Side of the Street Parking

Richard Majkot, Brenda Boulevard was not in attendance.

12.2 Darla Fraser, CEO and Sheri Marks, Chair, Orangeville Public Library Board - 2025 Budget Estimates

Darla Fraser, CEO and Sheri Marks, Chair, Orangeville Public Library Board provided a presentation with respect to the 2025 aims and estimates for the Orangeville Public Library Board. Ms. Marks spoke to the relationship between Council and the Library Board, 2024 statistics, spending, International Federation of Library Associations 2024 trend report, 2025 budget, self-generated revenue, 2025 priorities, and answered questions from Council.

12.3 Nancy Johnston, Director, Strategic Initiatives, McSweeney and Associates - Economic Development and Culture Strategy

Resolution 2024-226

Moved by Councillor Andrews
Seconded by Councillor Macintosh

That Council waive the five (5) minute timeframe in the procedure by-law to permit Nancy Johnston to address Council for a maximum of ten (10) minutes.

Carried

Nancy Johnston, Director, Strategic Initiatives, McSweeney and Associates provided a presentation with respect to the 5-year Economic Development and Culture Strategy. Ms. Johnston spoke to the purpose and process of the strategy, strategy alignments, priority areas of focus, themes, the implementation plan, and answered questions from Council.

13. Consent Agenda

Resolution 2024-227

Moved by Councillor Sherwood
Seconded by Councillor Stevens

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: 13.1.3, 13.1.4, 13.1.5, 13.1.6, 13.1.7, 13.1.8, and 13.2.4.

Carried Unanimously

13.1 Staff Reports

13.1.1 Economic Development and Culture Strategy, CMS-2024-022

That report CMS-2024-022, Economic Development and Culture Strategy, be received; and

That the Economic Development and Culture Strategy prepared by McSweeney & Associates Consulting Inc., be adopted; and

That Council direct the Economic Development and Culture division to begin implementation of the Strategy as part of its annual operating work plan; and

That Staff report annually on the implementation progress of the Economic Development and Culture Strategy.

Carried through consent

13.1.2 Status Report on Blackline Opportunities, CAO-2024-010

That report CAO-2024-010, Status Report on Blackline Opportunities, be received.

Carried through consent

13.1.3 2025 Consolidated Fees and Charges, CPS-2024-069

Councillor Stevens declared a conflict on this item and did not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter. (Indirect pecuniary interest.)

Note: Councillor Stevens left the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Resolution 2024-228

Moved by Councillor Macintosh
Seconded by Councillor Andrews

That report CPS-2024-069, 2025 Consolidated Fees and Charges, be received; and

That Council approve the 2025 Consolidated Fees and Charges By-law; and

That the Registered Minor Sports Groups Fee Reduction Policy approved by Council through resolution no. 11 on February 14, 2011, be rescinded; and

That the Cancellation Fees for all Parks and Recreation Rentals, Programs and Services Policy approved by Council through resolution no. 17 on January 12, 2009, be rescinded; and

That the Youth Subsidization Policy approved by Council through resolution no. 50-87 on February 2, 1987, be rescinded.

Carried Unanimously

Note: Councillor Stevens returned to the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

13.1.4 2024 Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Study, CPS-2024-075

Resolution 2024-229

Moved by Councillor Andrews
Seconded by Councillor Stevens

That report CPS-2024-075, 2025 Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Study, be received; and

That Council approve the Water and Wastewater Rates as per the 2024 Water and Wastewater Rate Study, with the requested amendments to the non-compliant non-metered accounts flat fee; and

That Council request that staff report back in 2025 to provide a recommendation to Council on implementation of the Stormwater Rates as per the 2024 Stormwater Rate Study.

Carried Unanimously

13.1.5 Credit Valley Conservation Board Appointment, CPS-2024-076

Resolution 2024-230

Moved by Councillor Andrews

Seconded by Councillor Stevens

That report CPS-2024-076, Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) Board Appointment, be received; and

That Council appoint Councillor Macintosh as the Orangeville member on the CVC Board.

Carried Unanimously

13.1.6 Integrated Asset, Work Order, Planning, Building, License and Permit Management System Funding, CPS-2024-079

Resolution 2024-231

Moved by Councillor Andrews

Seconded by Councillor Macintosh

That report CPS-2024-079, Integrated Asset, Work Order, Planning, Building, License and Permit Management System Funding, be received; and

That Council direct staff to increase the budget for project 20391.0000 Enterprise Asset Management Solution by \$277,945 funded from the Water Reserve (\$106,968),

Wastewater Reserve (\$60,847), Building Reserve (\$45,569), and the Corporate Systems Reserve (\$64,561).

Carried Unanimously

13.1.7 Construction of the Orangeville Fire Station - Update, CMS-2024-021

Resolution 2024-232

Moved by Councillor Andrews

Seconded by Councillor Sherwood

That report CMS-2024-21, Construction of the Orangeville Fire Station – Update, be received.

Carried Unanimously

13.1.8 Facility Needs Assessment Study - Update, CMS-2024-015

Resolution 2024-233

Moved by Councillor Andrews

Seconded by Councillor Macintosh

That report CMS-2024-015, Facility Needs Assessment Study – Update, be received; and,

That Council approve the deferral of the Facility Needs Assessment Study from 2025 to 2026.

Yes (3): Mayor Post, Councillor Andrews, and Councillor Macintosh

No (2): Councillor Sherwood, and Councillor Stevens

Carried (3 to 2)

13.1.9 Lease Agreement with Artel Inc. for 112 Broadway, CMS-2024-025

That report CMS-2024-025, Lease Agreement with Artel Inc. for 112 Broadway, be received; and

That Council approve the four-year lease agreement between Artel Inc. and the Town of Orangeville for the period of January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2028; and

That Council pass a by-law to enter into an agreement and to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the agreement and any other documents required to complete the transaction.

Carried through consent

13.1.10 Commemoration Bench Donation at Rotary Skatepark, CMS-2024-026

That report CMS-2024-026, Commemoration Bench Donation at Rotary Skatepark, be received; and

That Council accept the donation of the bench to commemorate Orangeville resident, Jacob Sawyer at Rotary Skatepark; and

That Council direct staff to receive and install the donated bench at Rotary Skatepark.

Carried through consent

13.1.11 Community Improvement Plan, Annual Performance Report for 2024, INS-2024-054

That report INS-2024-054, Community Improvement Plan, Annual Performance Report for 2024, be received.

Carried through consent

13.2 Correspondence

13.2.1 Proclamation Request - Giving Tuesday

That December 3, 2024 be proclaimed as Giving Tuesday in Orangeville.

Carried through consent

13.2.2 Charles A. Harnick, ADR Chambers - Town of Orangeville Integrity Commissioner Annual Report

13.2.3 Notice of Study Commencement and Request to Consult Town of Orangeville, Transportation Master Plan

13.2.4 Orangeville Business Improvement Area - Public Parking and 27-29 First Avenue

Resolution 2024-234

Moved by Councillor Andrews
Seconded by Councillor Macintosh

That item 13.2.4, Orangeville Business Improvement Area - Public Parking and 27-29 First Avenue, be received.

Carried

13.2.5 Town of Mono - Provincial Offences Act Set Fines

13.2.6 Matthew Smith - Public Parking and 27-29 First Avenue

13.3 Committee/Board Minutes

13.3.1 2024-05-07 Official Plan Steering Committee Minutes

13.3.2 2024-09-10 Economic Development and Culture Committee Minutes

13.3.3 2024-10-02 Committee of Adjustment Meeting Minutes

13.3.4 2024-10-03 Sustainable Orangeville Minutes

14. Notice of Motion Prior to Meeting

Note: Councillor Macintosh assumed the role of the Chair at 8:27 p.m.

14.1 Mayor Post - Request to Provincial and Federal Government Regarding Distribution of Taxes on Property Transactions

Resolution 2024-235

Moved by Mayor Post
Seconded by Councillor Macintosh

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Town of Orangeville Council formally requests that the Provincial Government consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and

That Town of Orangeville Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and

That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs;and

That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance for Ontario, Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for Ontario, Dufferin-Caledon MP, Kyle Seeback, Dufferin-Caledon MPP, Hon. Sylvia Jones; and

That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all municipalities in the County of Dufferin, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

Carried Unanimously

Note: Mayor Post resumed the role of Chair at 8:32 p.m.

15. Notice of Motion at Meeting

None.

16. Announcements

Councillor Andrews congratulated David Nairn, Artistic Director, Theatre Orangeville for his contributions to the community over the last 25 years and announced that Jennifer Stewart has been chosen as the new Artistic Director with an expected start date of January 2025. Councillor Andrews further advised that Mr. Nairn will continue working alongside Ms. Stewart until July of 2025.

Councillor Sherwood advised that Sleeping Beauty is playing at Theatre Orangeville from November 28, 2024 to December 21, 2024.

Mayor Post advised that the community celebrated Christmas this past weekend and thanked the Orangeville BIA, Town Staff, and all of the volunteers involved.

17. By-Laws

Resolution 2024-236

Moved by Councillor Andrews
Seconded by Councillor Stevens

That all by-laws for the current Council Meeting listed under item 17. By-laws, be read three times and finally passed with the exception of items 17.2 and 17.3.

Carried

Councillor Stevens declared a conflict on item 17.2 and did not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter. (Indirect pecuniary interest.)

Councillor Stevens left the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

Resolution 2024-237

Moved by Councillor Sherwood
Seconded by Councillor Macintosh

That the by-law listed under item 17.2, be read three times and finally passed.

Carried

Councillor Stevens returned to the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

Resolution 2024-238

Moved by Councillor Andrews

Seconded by Councillor Macintosh

That the by-law listed under item 17.3, be read three times and finally passed.

Yes (4): Mayor Post, Councillor Andrews, Councillor Macintosh, and Councillor Stevens

No (1): Councillor Sherwood

Carried (4 to 1)

17.1 A by-law to establish consolidated use fees and charges for services provided by the Town of Orangeville

17.2 A by-law to amend numerous by-laws to provide for a consolidation of user fees and charges for the Town of Orangeville

17.3 A by-law to enact rules and regulations for the operation of a water supply system, a water distribution system, a wastewater collection system and a wastewater treatment system in the Town of Orangeville and to establish rates

17.4 A by-law to authorize the entering into and execution of a Lease Agreement with Artel Inc. for the use of 112 Broadway as a municipal parking lot

17.5 A by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville at its regular and closed Council Meeting held on November 18, 2024

18. Adjournment

Resolution 2024-239

Moved by Councillor Stevens

Seconded by Councillor Macintosh

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Carried

Lisa Post, Mayor

Raylene Martell, Town Clerk