



Agenda
Access Orangeville Committee Meeting

May 8, 2025, 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

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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. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Recommendations:

That the minutes of the following meeting, be received for information:

4.1 April 10, 2025 Access Orangeville Minutes

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5. Presentations

None.

6. Items for Discussion and Reports

6.1 Accelerating Accessibility Coalition
Information regarding the Accelerating Accessibility Coalition

6.2 Stop Gap Program Update

6.3 2025 Accessibility Champion Award

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The Town of Orangeville received a total of five nominations, four of which were for existing members of the Committee. As per the 2025 Accessibility Champion Award Criteria, under provisions, members of Access Orangeville and Town of Orangeville staff are not eligible for nomination.

Recommendations:

That the Committee selects (insert name(s)) for the 2025 Accessibility Champion Award; and

That the Committee proceed with connecting with the recipient(s) to inquire about how the recipient(s) choose to distribute the \$300 donation.

6.4 Meeting Frequency and Sub-Committees/Working Groups

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7. Correspondence

None.

8. Announcements

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 12, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

10. Adjournment

Recommendations:

That the meeting be adjourned.



Minutes of Access Orangeville

April 10, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

In-Person Participation Only

The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville

Town Hall - 87 Broadway

Orangeville, Ontario

Members Present: Councillor Stevens, Chair
J. Jackson, Vice Chair
S. Clarke
M. Hartley
K. Murphy-Fritz
R. Ugolini

Members Absent: P. Charbonneau
K. Van Ryn

Staff Present: M. Cebrynsky, Transportation Technologist
S. Doherty, Manager, Recreation and Events
T. Dulisse, Manager, Transportation and Development
L. Raftis, Assistant Clerk
J. Rawn, Executive Assistant, Infrastructure Services

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.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. Minutes of Previous Meeting

2025-011

Moved By J. Jackson

That the minutes of the following meeting, be received for information:

4.1 2025-03-20 Access Orangeville Minutes

Carried

5. Presentations

None.

6. Items for Discussion and Reports

6.1 Proposed Transit Route Changes

Matt Cebrynsky, Transportation Technologist provided a presentation with respect to the proposed Orangeville Transit route changes. Mr. Cebrynsky highlighted the current route design, design process, proposed route changes and reasons for the changes, destination highlights, timing, accessibility improvements, and implementation.

Members of the Access Orangeville Committee asked questions and received responses from Mr. Cebrynksy and Mr. Dulisse, Manager, Transportation and Development.

6.2 Joint Accessibility Committee Meeting Update

Councillor Stevens advised that he, along with members Ric Uglolini, James Jackson, and Kimberly Van Ryn, attended the Joint Accessibility Meeting hosted by the County of Dufferin on Thursday, April 3, 2025, at the Edelbrock Centre. Members of the Access Orangeville Committee highlighted matters that were discussed at the meeting.

6.3 2025 Accessibility Champion Award Nomination Update

Councillor Stevens highlighted the nomination requirements and reminded members of the Committee of the application submission deadline.

7. Correspondence

None.

8. Announcements

Michelle Hartley highlighted an initiative conducted in some physical education classes at Parkinson Centennial Public School utilizing wheelchairs.

James Jackson advised that May is MS Awareness Month and discussed his efforts to ensure each municipality within Dufferin County endorse this proclamation.

Tony Dulisse, Manager, Transportation and Development advised the Committee that the Town of Orangeville is in the process of improving engineering standards across the Town and indicated that there will be a stop gap update at the May 8 Access Orangeville Committee meeting.

Mr. Dulisse addressed the frequency of Access Orangeville Committee meetings and explored the potential establishment of sub-committees.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 8, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

10. Adjournment

2025-012

Moved By J. Jackson

That the meeting be adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

Carried

From: [Kimberly Van Ryn](#)
To: [Lindsay Raftis](#)
Cc: [Rick Stevens](#); [Julie Rawn](#); [Sharon Doherty](#); [Tony Dulisse](#); [Jordyn Lavecchia-Smith](#)
Subject: Re: [External Email] April 10, 2024 Access Orangeville Committee Agenda
Date: Wednesday, April 2, 2025 2:06:37 PM

Accessibility Champion Award Nomination:

Information provided by: Kimberly Van Ryn

Email: kimbranchingout@gmail.com

519 216 0587

I would like to nominate Rob Jeffery [REDACTED] of the brand-new company "Impactability"
<https://impactability.ca/>

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Reason for nomination:

As many on the Access Orangeville Committee may remember Rob was the community member who was the catalyst for the approval for the Town of Orangeville to buy 10 accessible sledges (accessible skating technology) and have accessible skating integrated into our Rec programs. Rob is a community member with lived experience and has also opened his own Accessibility Advocacy Company that does accessibility consulting, accessibility assessments and advocacy.

[REDACTED]

This [REDACTED] volunteers countless hours towards accessibility advocacy, volunteerism and work. I would highly recommend you check out their brand new business – proudly owned and operated by them in Orangeville, Dufferin County and beyond. Our town should be so proud of the homegrown talent we have here!

People like Rob [REDACTED] make Orangeville a more accessible place to live, play and work.

Please consider Rob, [REDACTED] and their new company Impactability for the award of accessibility champions.

Thank you and I will look forward to seeing everyone in May.

Kimberly Van Ryn
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Sub-Committees

Committees have the option to create Sub-Committees when necessary to improve meeting efficiency or focus on particular tasks or objectives outlined in the Committee's workplan. The specific structure and function of Sub-Committees will depend on each Committee's mandate, projects, scope and number of members. Sub-Committees offer ongoing support to the main Committee, must be approved by the Committee, and should have a clear and defined mandate.

Sub-Committee meetings are held separately as needed. The Committee Secretary is not required to attend the Sub-Committee meetings. Sub-Committees report to the Committee and do not make independent decisions or take action that is not agreed upon by the Committee at a regular meeting. The Sub-Committee cannot have quorum when meeting.

Example: Stop Gap Ramp Sub-Committee



Terms of Reference

Access Orangeville Committee

Date Approved by Council: January 9, 2023

Revised Date: August 12, 2024

Sunset Date: N/A

Mandate:

Pursuant to the requirements of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, Access Orangeville Committee shall,

Duties of the Committee (Section 29 (4))

- (a) advise the Council about the requirements and implementation of accessibility standards and the preparation of accessibility reports and such other matters for which Council may seek its advice under subsection (5) of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act;
- (b) review in a timely manner the site plans and drawings described in section 41 of the *Planning Act* that the committee selects; and
- (c) perform all other functions that are specified in the regulations.

Duty of council (Section 29 (5))

The council shall seek advice from the committee on the accessibility for persons with disabilities to a building, structure or premises, or part of a building, structure or premises,

- (a) that the council purchases, constructs or significantly renovates;
- (b) for which the council enters into a new lease; or
- (c) that a person provides as municipal capital facilities under an agreement entered into with the council in accordance with section 110 of the Municipal Act, 2001.

Supplying site plans

When the committee selects site plans and drawings described in section 41 of the Planning Act to review, the council shall supply them to the committee in a timely manner for the purpose of the review.

The Committee may also provide advice on matters Council is considering which affect persons with disabilities and other citizens with access issues, and report to Council or to another Committee designated by Council for that purpose.

The Committee may also direct and monitor community working groups participating in specific projects or initiatives per the Committee's work plan. Any working groups will be established by resolution of the committee. The working group shall report back to the committee, following a working group meeting, at the next regular Access Orangeville Committee meeting.

Goals/Objectives:

The goals of the Access Orangeville Committee are to encourage and facilitate accessibility on behalf of all persons by:

1. Soliciting feedback from the community on issues relating to people with disabilities and other citizens with access issues, and bring to Council matters identified by the Committee as requiring action by the municipality.
2. Working with Council for the preparation, implementation and effectiveness of its accessibility plan.
3. Working cooperatively with municipal Departments, Boards, Commissions and Committees whose activities affect access issues, including to:
 - (a) provide advice and information on directions for future planning of municipal services, programs and facilities; and
 - (b) monitor municipal services, programs and facilities to ensure full participation of all citizens; and
 - (c) evaluate the progress of accessibility activities.
4. To inform citizens of the existence and mission of this Committee and to work with them to identify existing social and physical barriers to access and participation.
5. To work with Council and staff to increase public awareness of the issues of accessibility and inclusion for people with disabilities and all citizens.
6. To work with local government to change policies, as required, as they pertain to people with disabilities.

Reporting to Council:

The Committee will report to Council through the distribution of minutes as well as present and submit an annual report.

Enabling Legislation, By-Law or Staff Report:

Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005, S.O. 2005, c. 11
Ontario Regulation 191/11 Integrated Accessibility Standards
CPS-2022-069, December 12, 2022

Committee Composition:
(Amended by resolution 2024-136)

As required by the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, a majority of the members of the committee shall be persons with disabilities.

The Committee membership shall be a combination of persons with disabilities, service providers familiar with accessibility issues and members of the general public.

- 1 member of Council
- Up to 7 members of the public

Skills Requested:

- passion for accessibility and a barrier free community
- background in one or more areas of focus, including persons with disabilities, barrier free access and or inclusive communities.

Administration Section

Department Linkage and Staff Support:

Corporate Services Department, Clerk's Division
Community Services Department
Other divisions to provide support, as needed

Meeting Frequency: Monthly or at the call of the Chair

2025 Access Orangeville Committee Work Plan

If the Committee requires assistance from the Town's Communications Division for a program or initiative identified in this workplan, a minimum of eight (8) weeks' notice is required.

Deliverable / Project	Description	Frequency	Scheduled Date	Budget	Comments
Special Project – Stop Gap Ramp	Temporary ramps that provide access for customers with mobility devices to downtown storefronts that have a single entrance step.	Annual	Q4	Total budget for this project: \$8,800	Community Services & Infrastructure Staff leading this project. Committee to assist with roll out. In progress
Special Project – Purchasing Accessible Sledges for Public Skates	Sledges are adapted skating devices that make public skates accessible for all persons.	Annual	Q4	Total budget for this project: up to \$10,000	Report CMS-2024- 023 went to Council directing staff to purchase sledges. Community Services leading this project. In progress
Special Project – Snow Removal Program (in conjunction with Age Friendly Committee)	Review feasibility of plowing (clearing snow) from select park pathways and trails.	As Required	Q1	Total budget for this project: \$5000	Motion passed by Council on 2024/11/04 for Staff to bring forward a report in Q4 2024 to determine application criteria In Progress
Special Project – Sponsorship for Public Skates and Public Swims	Sponsor community events such as public swimming and skating to promote access to recreation services.	Bi-Annual	- Earth Day (April 22) - A date TBD during accessibility week (June)	One sponsored skate or swim - \$600 Total budget for this project \$1200	Committee to determine the second date of the sponsored skate or swim

2025 Access Orangeville Committee Work Plan

Deliverable / Project	Description	Frequency	Scheduled Date	Budget	Comments
Award Presentation – Annual Accessibility Champion Award	Nominations for the Accessibility Champion Awards are announced annually in the spring. Award presentations to be held during national accessibility week. Recipients receive a certificate and a small financial contribution to support their continued accessibility work.	Annual	May - June	Total budget for this project: \$1000	Committee to review nominations and vote for up to five (5) recipients that will each receive \$250. (monetary value may increase if less than five recipients are awarded)
Conferences & Mileage – Access Forum	A committee member is invited to attend an event / forum focused on advancing accessibility where attendees can contribute to the exchange of resources and educational insights, fostering an environment of shared learning and progress in accessibility initiatives.	Annual	TBD	Mileage – \$1000 Conference - \$3000 Total budget for this project: \$4,000	Committee to pass a motion to determine the member(s) that will attend the event / forum.