



Agenda
Sustainable Orangeville

Thursday, June 5, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

Electronic and In-Person Participation - Sustainable 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. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Recommendations:

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

4.1 2025-05-01 Sustainable Orangeville Minutes

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5. Presentations

**5.1 Community Resilience Hub - Sara MacRae and Kylie-Anne Grube,
County of Dufferin
(In-Person)**

Presentation to be published with the addendum agenda.

**5.2 Local Wetland Conservation - Shane Moffatt, Ontario Nature
(Virtual)**

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Ontario Nature is seeking opportunities to advance local wetland conservation and is requesting the Town develop a policy for conserving wetlands in a manner that delivers local benefits.

Recommendations:

That Council direct staff to develop a policy to conserve wetlands in the Town of Orangeville.

6. Items for Discussion and Reports

6.1 Expense Claim for Chair Rowley

Supporting documentation to be published with the addendum agenda.

6.2 2025 Garden Contest - Matthew Smith

6.3 Webpage Information - Joshua Pickering

6.4 Community Garden Update - Emily McAuley

7. Correspondence

None.

8. Announcements

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for September 4, 2025 at 6 p.m.

Recommendations:

That an additional meeting be scheduled in July for the purposes of reviewing the submissions for the Sustainable Orangeville Grant Program.

10. Adjournment

Recommendations:

That the meeting be adjourned.



Minutes of Sustainable Orangeville

May 1, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

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Members Present:	Councillor Prendergast, Vice Chair M. Rowley, Chair G. Bryan J. Elchyshyn M. O'Connor J. Pickering M. Smith W. Speirs E. Whitfield
Members Absent:	G. Spence A. Waugh
Staff Present:	M. Adams, Committee Coordinator J. Lavecchia-Smith, Deputy Clerk E McAuley, Senior Climate and Sustainability Specialist

1. Call to Order

Before the meeting was called to order, Chair Rowley asked Vice Chair Prendergast to Chair the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m.

2. Disclosures of (Direct or Indirect) Pecuniary Interest

None.

3. Land Acknowledgment

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

Recommendation: Resolution 2025-008

Moved by M. Rowley

That the minutes of the following meetings be received for information:

4.1 2025-03-06 Sustainable Orangeville Minutes

4.2 2025-04-03 Sustainable Orangeville Minutes

Carried

5. Presentations

6. Items for Discussion and Reports

6.1 Community Sustainability Grants Program - 2024 Final Report

Recommendation: Resolution 2025-009

Moved by M. Smith

That the final report submitted by Westminster United Church, be received; and

That the hold back funds part of their grant application be released to the applicant.

Carried

6.2 Active Transportation

Chair Rowley advised the Committee of the proposed changes to the Orangeville Transit bus routes. She provided feedback on the recent survey and opportunities for improvement to obtain a broader reach to ensure appropriate feedback on ridership and routes.

Member Whitfield arrived at 6:09 p.m.

Member Smith advised the Committee that he provided feedback during the April 14th Council Meeting to include bus route schedules in the bus shelters and on the Town's website. He further provided an update following his inquiry on the status of the GPS trackers.

6.3 Urban Harvest Program

Recommendation: Resolution 2025-010

Moved by J. Pickering

That the 2024 expense claim submitted by Chair Rowley be deferred to the next meeting.

Carried

Recommendation: Resolution 2025-011

Moved by J. Pickering

That the Urban Harvest Program budget breakdown be amended to add refreshments.

Carried

6.4 2025 Friends of the Credit Conservation Awards – Recipient

Vice Chair Prendergast advised the Committee on the recent award announcement received from the Credit Valley Conservation.

6.5 Community Garden - 30 Centre Street

Emily McAuley, Senior Climate and Sustainability Specialist, sought clarification in regards to the maintenance of the community garden. She advised that there is an existing agreement between the Town of Orangeville and Dufferin County.

Members of the Committee asked questions and received a response from Ms. McAuley and Ms. Lavecchia-Smith.

Member Whitfield left at 6:58 p.m.

7. Correspondence

None.

8. Announcements

Vice Chair Prendergast advised that the Farmer's Market is this weekend and promotion of the Tree Sapling Giveaway and other Sustainable Orangeville initiatives.

Member Pickering advised that he has been working with Communications staff on the Downtown Birds event. The event is taking place on May 10th.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 5, 2025 at 6 p.m.

10. Adjournment

Recommendation: Resolution 2025-012

Moved by M. Rowley

That the meeting adjourn at 7:11 p.m.

Carried

Opportunities for Local Wetland Conservation in Orangeville

Sustainable Orangeville Committee Meeting
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Ontario Nature

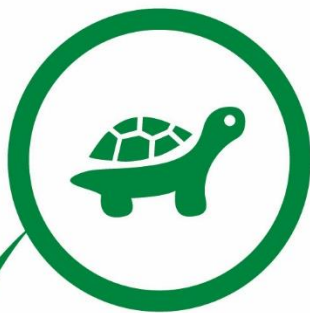
Protecting wild species and wild spaces through conservation, education and public engagement since 1931.

- 30+ dedicated staff
- 30,000 members and supporters
- 150 Nature Network groups



Ontario Nature staff photo 2024 © Noah Cole

Wetland Benefits



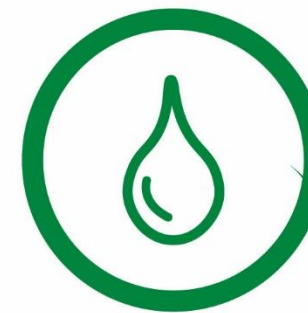
Refuges and movement
corridors for plants and
animals



Carbon storage



Flood and erosion
control and mitigation



Water purification



Wild foods and
medicines



Recreation and tourism

Wetlands benefit your community

Mitigating Floods

- Wetlands reduce flood related damage by [29 to 38%](#) in southern Ontario

Providing Clean Water

- Southern Ontario wetlands provide [over \\$4 billion](#) in water filtration services every year



Great blue heron © Jeff Thrower

Wetlands benefit your community

Climate Benefits

- [1 hectare](#) of southern Ontario wetlands store about as much carbon as [the average Canadian](#) will emit over 77 years

Supporting Wellbeing

- [Natural areas](#), and [specifically wetlands](#), boost wellbeing



Carolyn Milne's swamp © Kirsten Dahl

Protecting wetlands supports your goals

Orangeville's Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan

- Protect wetlands and connectivity
- Increasing resilience
- Manage flood and erosion risk
- Provide clean drinking water
- Natural asset management



Spring peeper © Ken Morrison

Protecting wetlands supports your goals

Corporate Climate Change Adaptation Plan

- Protect and restore natural systems for biodiversity and climate resilience
- Increase uptake of natural infrastructure features
- Minimize health and safety risks associated with climate change
- Build community resilience to climate change



American beaver © Peter Ferguson

You can take action for local wetlands

- Commit to halting wetland loss in your community
- Protect a broad range of wetlands through the local planning process
- Uplift and respect Indigenous rights, governance and knowledge on the land
- Invest in effective, long-term wetland stewardship on public and private lands



Holland Marsh © Sam Cava

Interested? We are here to help!

- **Conversation** about the value of wetlands and local policy options
- **Collaboration** to ensure local policies protect wetlands
- **Celebration** of municipal leadership



Blue-winged teal © Steve Byland

Thank you for your time and consideration!

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