



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