



## **Council Meeting Minutes**

**September 23, 2024, 6:30 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  
Deputy Mayor T. Taylor  
Councillor J. Andrews  
Councillor A. Macintosh  
Councillor T. Prendergast  
Councillor D. Sherwood  
Councillor R. Stevens

Staff Present: D. Currie, Manager, Capital Works  
E. Dick, Junior Help Desk Technician  
T. Dulisse, Manager, Transportation and Development  
T. Kocialek, General Manager, Infrastructure Services  
J. Lavecchia Smith, Deputy Clerk  
A. Minichillo, General Manager, Corporate Services  
L. Raftis, Assistant Clerk  
H. Savage, General Manager, Community Services  
D. Smith, CAO

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### **1. Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**Resolution 2024-167**

Moved by Councillor Andrews

Seconded by Councillor Prendergast

**That the agenda and any addendums for the September 23, 2024 Council Meeting, be approved.**

**Carried Unanimously**

**3. Disclosure of (Direct and Indirect) Pecuniary Interest**

None.

**4. Closed Meeting**

**Resolution 2024-168**

Moved by Councillor Macintosh

Seconded by Councillor Sherwood

**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:**

**September 9, 2024 Closed Council Minutes**

**Confidential Verbal Report - Proposed Commemoration of a Special Person**

**Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.**

**Carried Unanimously**

**4.1 September 9, 2024 Closed Council Minutes**

**4.2 Confidential Verbal Report - Proposed Commemoration of a Special Person**

**5. Open Meeting - 7:03 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 2024-169**

Moved by Councillor Andrews  
Seconded by Councillor Sherwood

**That the minutes of the September 9, 2024 Closed Council Meeting, be approved; and**

**That staff be directed to proceed with the commemorative naming as discussed in closed session; and**

**That the details of the commemoration be released through a formal announcement at a later date; and**

**That Confidential Verbal Report - Proposed Commemoration of a Special Person regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, be received.**

**Carried Unanimously**

**10. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Council Meeting**

**Resolution 2024-170**

Moved by Councillor Macintosh  
Seconded by Councillor Stevens

**That the minutes of the following meeting be approved:**

**10.1 September 9, 2024 Council Training Minutes**

**10.2 September 9, 2024 Council Minutes**

**10.3 September 16, 2024 Council - Public Meeting Minutes**

**Carried Unanimously**

**11. Community Recognition**

**11.1 Sustainable Orangeville - Best Garden Awards**

**Resolution 2024-171**

Moved by Councillor Prendergast

Seconded by Councillor Andrews

**That the twelve submissions recommended by Sustainable Orangeville for the Best Garden Contest, be approved.**

**Carried Unanimously**

Councillor Prendergast recognized the recipients of the Sustainable Orangeville Best Garden contest.

Council recessed from 7:08 p.m. to 7:12 p.m.

**12. Question Period**

Chris Kasparian, College Avenue expressed concern with respect to the notice of motion listed on the agenda relating to the opening of College Avenue to connect with Hansen Boulevard.

Ric Ugolini, Cedar Drive expressed support to the notice of motion listed on the agenda relating to the opening of College Avenue to connect with Hansen Boulevard.

**13. Presentation, Petitions and/or Delegation**

**13.1 Vivian Petho, Burbank Crescent - Solomon's Howl-o-ween Dog Parade**

Vivian Petho, Burbank Crescent provided a presentation with respect to Solomon's Howl-o-ween Dog Parade. Ms. Petho highlighted that the parade is scheduled to take place at Lions Sports Park on Diane Drive on Sunday, October 20, 2024 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Ms. Petho shared the positive impact that Major has had on her son, Solomon's life and highlighted how members of the community can support this cause. Members of Council asked questions and received a response from Ms. Petho.

**13.2 Grant Peters - Fare Free Transit**

Grant Peters, Second Avenue advocated for the continuation of the Fare Free Transit program.

**13.3 Martina Rowley, Sustainable Orangeville - Fare Free Transit**

Martina Rowley, on behalf of Sustainable Orangeville, expressed the Committees support for the continuation of the Fare-Free Transit program. Ms. Rowley highlighted how this program aligns with the Committees mandate to promote sustainability, enhance livability, and improve accessibility within the community.

**13.4 Aislinn Main, Mayor's Youth Advisory Council - Fare Free Transit**

Aislinn Main, on behalf of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, expressed support for the continuation of the fare-free transit program. Ms. Main highlighted the positive impacts of this program on youth within the community.

**14. Consent Agenda**

**Resolution 2024-172**

Moved by Councillor Stevens  
Seconded by Councillor Macintosh

**That all Consent Agenda items for the current Council Meeting listed under 14.1 Staff Reports, 14.2 Correspondence, and 14.3 Committee/Board Minutes, be received or approved as presented with the exception of the items removed for individual consideration.**

**Items removed: 14.1.1 and 14.1.3.**

**Carried Unanimously**

**14.1 Staff Reports**

**14.1.1 Fare Free Transit Update, INS-2024-043**

**Resolution 2024-173**

Moved by Councillor Macintosh  
Seconded by Councillor Andrews

**That report INS-2024-043, Fare Free Transit Update, be received; and**

**That Council provide direction to Staff to continue the Fare Free Transit program that is set to expire on December 31, 2024, until July 1, 2027; and**

**That Staff be directed to report back to Council in the Spring of 2027 seeking further direction from Council as it relates to the continuation of the program at that time.**

**Carried Unanimously**

**14.1.2 Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund - Rotary Park Re-Development, CMS-2024-018**

**That report CMS-2024-018, Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund - Rotary Park Re-Development, be received; and**

**That Council direct Staff to apply for the Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Provincial funding.**

**Carried through consent**

**14.1.3 Committee Updates, CPS-2024-059**

**Resolution 2024-174**

Moved by Mayor Post

Seconded by Councillor Andrews

**That report CPS-2024-059, Committee Updates, be received; and**

**That Council accept the resignation of Melissa Vinden from the Economic Development and Culture Committee; and**

**That Council direct staff to proceed with advertising to fill the business community representative vacancy for the Economic Development and Culture Committee; and**

**That Council accept the resignations of Braedon Peters, Clara Shaw, and Jack Bracken from the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council; and**

**That Council direct staff to proceed with Option 1 to advertise to fill the vacancies for the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council.**

**Carried Unanimously**

**14.1.4 Additional Funding for Centennial Road, INS-2024-044**

**That report INS-2024-044, Additional Funding for Centennial Road, be received; and**

**That Council approve the additional funding in the amount of \$80,000 towards project 31115.0000 - Centennial Road Reconstruction, \$24,000 from Water Reserves, \$24,000 from Wastewater Reserves, and \$32,000 from General Capital Reserves.**

**Carried through consent**

**14.1.5 Transit Bus Fleet Zero Emission Transition Plan, INS-2024-045**

**That report INS-2024-045, Transit Bus Fleet Zero Emission Transition Plan, be received.**

**Carried through consent**

**14.2 Correspondence**

**14.2.1 Grant Peters - Fare Free Transit**

**14.2.2 Martina Rowley, Sustainable Orangeville - Fare Free Transit**

**14.2.3 Aislinn Main, Mayor's Youth Advisory Council - Fare Free Transit**

**14.2.4 Access Orangeville - Fare Free Transit**

**14.2.5 Caitlin Ward, Services and Housing in the Province - Fare Free Transit**

**14.2.6 Kimberly Van Ryn, Branching Out Support Services Inc. - Fare Free Transit**

**14.2.7 Sharmaine Croydon, Georgian College - Fare Free Transit**

**14.2.8 Heather Hayes, Orangeville Food Bank - Fare Free Transit**

**14.2.9 Sheri Marks, Orangeville Public Library Board - Fare Free Transit**

**14.2.10 Cory and Pamela Pinksen, The Salvation Army - Fare Free Transit**

**14.2.11 Diane Kite, Community Living Dufferin - Fare Free Transit**

**14.2.12 Carrie-Anne DeCaprio, Orangeville Food Bank - Fare Free Transit**

**14.2.13 Brenda Chioma, Wardlaw Avenue - Opening of College Avenue**

**14.2.14 Tina Hall - Opening of College Avenue**

**14.3 Committee/Board Minutes**

**14.3.1 2024-06-11 Economic Development and Culture Committee Meeting Minutes**

**14.3.2 2024-06-12 Mayor's Youth Advisory Council Meeting Minutes**

**14.3.3 2024-06-13 Access Orangeville Meeting Minutes**

**14.3.4 2024-06-18 Age Friendly Minutes**

**15. Notice of Motion Prior to Meeting**

**15.1 Mayor Post - Support of Ontario's Big City Mayors Solve the Crisis Campaign**

**Resolution 2024-175**

Moved by Mayor Post

Seconded by Councillor Andrews

**Whereas there is a humanitarian crisis in Ontario among our streets in small, large, urban and rural municipalities;**

**Whereas the cases related to homelessness, mental health and addictions continue to rise with 3,432 drug related deaths in 2023, an estimated 234,000 Ontarians experiencing homelessness and over 1,400 homeless encampments across Ontario communities;**

**Whereas we need immediate action from all levels of government, starting with the province;**

**Whereas the province has provided additional funding and support for mental health, addictions and homelessness programs, these efforts do not adequately address the growing crisis and the financial and social impact on municipalities and regions across the province;**

**Whereas municipalities, counties, and regions are stepping up and working with community partners to put in place community-specific**



**solutions to address this crisis, however, municipalities and regions lack the expertise, capacity, or resources to address these increasingly complex health care and housing issues alone;**

**Whereas this is primarily a health issue that falls under the provincial's jurisdiction and municipalities and regions should not be using the property tax base to fund these programs;**

**Whereas there is no provincial lead focused on this crisis leading to unanswered questions that span over a dozen ministries, and a lack of support to manage the increasing needs of those who are unhoused;**

**Now therefore be in resolved that the Town of Orangeville supports the Ontario Big City Mayor's "Solve the Crisis" Campaign;**

**That the provincial and federal governments commit to immediate action to solve the Humanitarian Crisis that Ontario is facing as the numbers of unhoused individuals and those suffering with mental health and addictions grows exponentially;**

**That the province officially makes Homelessness a Health Priority;**

**That the Premier of Ontario appoint a responsible Minister and Ministry with appropriate funding and powers to act as a single point of contact to address the full spectrum of housing needs as well as mental health, addictions and wrap around supports;**

**That the provincial government strike a task force with broad sector representatives including municipalities, regions, healthcare, first responders, community services, the business community and the tourism industry to develop a *Made in Ontario Action Plan* to ensure that solutions can be implemented quickly and effectively to tackle this crisis;**

**That the provincial government provide the adequate, sufficient and sustainable funding to ensure that municipalities have the tools and resources to support individuals suffering with mental health and addictions, including unhoused people and those from vulnerable populations that may be disproportionately impacted;**

**That the residents across the Town of Orangeville and within Dufferin County join Council in appealing to the provincial and federal governments by visiting [SolveTheCrisis.ca](https://www.solve-thecrisis.ca) and showing your support; and**

**That a copy of this motion be sent to:**

- **The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada**
- **The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada**
- **The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario**
- **The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health**
- **The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing**
- **The Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services**
- **The Honourable Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions**
- **County of Dufferin**
- **Local and area MPs, MPPs and Heads of Council**
- **The Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and**
- **Ontario's Big City Mayors**

**Carried Unanimously**

**15.2 Councillor Stevens - Opening of College Avenue to Connect with Hansen Boulevard**

**Resolution 2024-176**

Moved by Councillor Stevens

Seconded by Councillor Prendergast

**Whereas in 2017 due to the construction to connect the easterly portion of Hansen Road, barricades were placed at the intersection of College Avenue to prevent through traffic;**

**Whereas in March 2022, residents residing within the residential development west of Hansen Boulevard raised concerns with only having one way in and out of the area;**

**Whereas in response to the concerns raised, staff retained Triton Engineering Services Limited (Triton) to conduct a traffic study entitled “College Avenue Traffic Review” to determine any impacts of removing the barricades on College Avenue;**

**Whereas at a Council Meeting on May 16, 2022, staff brought forward Staff Report INS-2022-038 which included the findings from Triton and a recommendation to remove the barricades on College Avenue and open the road to allow vehicular access;**

**Whereas the recommendation was voted on and defeated and the barricades remain in place;**

**Whereas with delays associated with the completion of Hansen Boulevard and ongoing construction in the area, the concerns raised, and recommendations brought forward in 2022 remain outstanding and should be reconsidered;**

**Now therefore be it resolved that staff be directed to review the report prepared by Triton Engineering Services Limited entitled “College Avenue Traffic Review” to determine if it is still relevant and to determine whether there are any significant changes and report back to Council with options to open College Avenue at Hansen Boulevard;**

**That the Staff Report be brought forward at the Council Meeting on November 18, 2024.**

In Favour (2): Councillor Prendergast, and Councillor Stevens

Opposed (5): Mayor Post, Deputy Mayor Taylor, Councillor Andrews, Councillor Macintosh, and Councillor Sherwood

**Defeated (2 to 5)**

## **16. Notice of Motion at Meeting**

### **16.1 Mayor Post - Dufferin Paramedic Service's Station**

As per the Procedure By-law, Mayor Post canvassed Council to determine if any Member was opposed to dealing with this matter immediately. No Member of Council was opposed, therefore a procedural motion to waive the rules to permit this Notice of Motion at Meeting was not required.

**Resolution 2024-177**

Moved by Mayor Post  
Seconded by Councillor Andrews

**Whereas the Dufferin Paramedic Service's station on Blind Line recently sustained damage due to flooding; and**

**Whereas the recommendation is for them to avoid the area during remediation and construction; and**

**Whereas Dufferin Paramedic Services and Headwaters Health Care Centre both utilize that space for training and meetings; and**

**Whereas they are in need of a space on an interim basis;**

**Now therefore be it resolved that Town of Orangeville Community Services Staff be directed to work with the Dufferin Paramedic Service to find a temporary, town owned location that can be used; and**

**That the hourly non-profit rate from the room rental program be waived for the duration of their use of the space.**

**Carried Unanimously**

## **17. Announcements**

Councillor Andrews provided a reminder of the upcoming Job Fair on Tuesday, October 1, 2024 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Best Western.

Councillor Prendergast advised that the 4th Orangeville Scouts Apple Day is Saturday, October 5, 2024.

Councillor Stevens advised that the Orangeville Minor Hockey Fall Classic annual tournament is this weekend (September 27-29). The Orangeville Food Bank will be collecting food donations at the tournament. Councillor Stevens further advised that Access Orangeville is hosting a joint meeting with the County of Dufferin and the Town of Shelburne's accessibility committees on Tuesday, October 1, 2024.

Mayor Post advised that the Orangeville Blitz hockey team have their home opener at Alder Recreation Centre on Friday, October 4, 2024 at 8:00 p.m. Mayor Post further advised that the #RootedInCommunity food drive will be Saturday, October 5, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and the zone with the most pounds donated will win a prize.

**18. By-Laws**

**Resolution 2024-178**

Moved by Councillor Sherwood  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Taylor

**That all by-laws for the current Council Meeting listed under item 18. By-laws, be read three times and finally passed.**

**Carried Unanimously**

**18.1 A by-law to appoint Cheryl Braan as Treasurer for the Town of Orangeville and to repeal By-law 2024-051**

**18.2 A by-law to appoint Rebecca Medeiros as Acting Deputy Treasurer for the Town of Orangeville**

**18.3 A by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville at its closed and regular Council Meeting held on September 23, 2024**

**19. Adjournment**

**Resolution 2024-179**

Moved by Councillor Macintosh  
Seconded by Councillor Stevens

**That the meeting be adjourned 8:28 p.m.**

**Carried**

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Lisa Post, Mayor

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Raylene Martell, Town Clerk