



Minutes of Affordable Housing Task Force

September 12, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

Electronic and In-Person Participation - Affordable Housing Task Force

The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville

(Chair and Secretary at Town Hall - 87 Broadway)

Orangeville, Ontario

Members Present: Councillor J. Andrews, Chair
Councillor T. Prendergast, Vice-Chair
K. Atkinson
C. De Castro
R. Mair

Staff Present: G. Brennan, Legislative Assistant
B. Ward, Manager, Planning

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

2. Disclosures of (Direct or Indirect) Pecuniary Interest

None.

3. Land Acknowledgment

Councillor J. Andrews, Chair, acknowledged the treaty lands and territory of the Williams Treaty Nations and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. He also recognized that Dufferin County is the traditional territory of the Wendat and the Haudenosaunee, and is home to many Indigenous people today.

4. Presentations

None.

5. Items for Discussion and Reports

5.1 Appointment of Chair & Vice Chair

2024-001

Moved By C. De Castro

That Councillor J. Andrews be appointed as the Chair of the Affordable Housing Task Force, and

That Councillor T. Prendergast be appointed as the Vice Chair of the Affordable Housing Task Force.

Carried

5.2 Affordable Housing Task Force Terms of Reference

The Task Force reviewed their Terms of Reference, and led a focused discussion on how the Town can increase or advocate and offer support relating to affordable housing concerns in Orangeville. The Task Force discussed proposed strategies including utilizing government-owned lands for housing initiatives, recommending amendments to local planning polices, and identifying grant or funding opportunities for housing development.

5.3 Affordable Housing Task Force Work Plan

The Task Force discussed various individuals, groups, and organizations that may delegate at future Affordable Housing Task Force meetings. The Task Force acknowledged affordable housing being an ongoing issue.

Key points of the discussion include:

- Rising costs per square foot and per unit, impacting affordability.
- The need for enhanced communication with property owners about creating additional units and auxiliary dwellings.
- The importance of accessible information and streamlined processed for obtaining building permits.

The Task Force will collaborate with Town staff on the development of their work plan.

5.4 Affordable Housing Challenges

Members of the Task Force shared their concerns and/or challenges surrounding Affordable Housing within the Town of Orangeville. Key challenges include the lack of availability for affordable units within

proposed developments, a need for design specific units for seniors to promote aging in place and why tiny homes are not an ideal long-term solution.

Potential solutions raised included rent control options, reduced parking requirements in areas near transit hubs, removal of Development Charges, increased government involvement from all levels of government.

Brandon Ward, Manager, Planning, Infrastructure Services contributed by discussing inclusionary zoning and the opportunities it presents for constructing affordable housing particularly in high-density neighborhoods.

5.5 Affordable Housing Task Force 2024 and 2025 Schedule

2024-002

Moved By C. De Castro

That the meeting dates for the remainder of 2024 and 2025 for the Affordable Housing Task Force, be approved.

Carried

6. Correspondence

None.

7. Announcements

None.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The scheduled date of the next meeting is Thursday, October 10 at 5:30 p.m.

9. Adjournment

2024-003

Moved By K. Atkinson

That the meeting be adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Carried