



Minutes of Sustainable Orangeville

December 5, 2024, 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

Members Present: M. Rowley, Chair
G. Bryan
J. Elchyshyn
M. O'Connor
J. Pickering
M. Smith
W. Speirs
G. Spence

Members Absent: Councillor Prendergast, Vice-Chair
A. Waugh
E. Whitfield

Staff Present: G. Brennan, Legislative Assistant, Corporate Services

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. Disclosures of (Direct or Indirect) Pecuniary Interest

None.

3. Land Acknowledgement

M. Rowley, Chair, acknowledged the treaty lands and territory of the Williams Treaty Nations and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. She 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: 2024-030

Moved by W. Speirs

That the minutes of the following meeting are approved:

4.1 2024-11-07 - Sustainable Orangeville - Minutes

Carried

5. Presentations

None.

6. Items for Discussion and Reports

6.1 TD Friends of the Environment Foundation Grant

The Committee reviewed and discussed the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation Grant, and the feasibility of utilizing a potential grant in addition to the items already listed on the Committee's 2025 work plan. The Committee discussed using the grant to purchase an indoor hydroponic system and donating it to a local organization. The Committee raised questions surrounding the feasibility, administration, and care of a local organization utilizing a hydroponic system, and if any local organizations desire such a system. The Committee agreed that additional research and outreach is required to determine how much food a hydroponic system can produce, if local organizations have the capacity to run a hydroponic system, and if there is a desire to obtain such a system. The Committee discussed the possibility of revisiting hydroponic systems during the development of their 2026 work plan.

6.2 Committee Tree Sapling Giveaway, CVC Order Confirmation

The Committee reviewed the tree and shrub species being offered at the Tree Sapling Giveaway event on Saturday, May 31, 2025. In addition to promoting the event via social media and the local Framers Market, the Committee discussed promoting the event around the April 22, 2025, Earth Day Tree Planting Event in conjunction with the CVC, in addition to possibly attending the Orangeville Home & Garden Show from April 4 - April 7. The Committee requested that this item be added to the Thursday, February 6, 2025 agenda for further discussion.

6.3 Proposed 2025 Sustainable Orangeville Committee Meeting Schedule

The Committee reviewed the proposed 2025 Sustainable Orangeville meeting schedule.

Recommendation: 2024-031

Moved by J. Pickering

That the proposed 2025 Sustainable Orangeville Committee meeting schedule, be approved.

Carried

7. Correspondence

None.

8. Announcements

- M. O' Connor announced that the proposed site for Dufferin County's Community Resilience Hub will now be relocated closer to the Edelbrock Centre.
- J. Pickering advised the Committee that he attended the Dufferin County Youth Activation Circle's Climate Solution Fair, on behalf of the Committee on November 18th.

9. Date of Next Meeting

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

10. Adjournment

Recommendation: 2024-032

Moved by M. O'Connor

That the meeting be adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Carried