



Minutes of Age Friendly

January 21, 2025, 1:00 pm
Electronic and In-Person Participation - Age Friendly
The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville
(Chair and Secretary at Town Hall - 87 Broadway)
Orangeville, Ontario

Members Present: Councillor A. Macintosh, Chair
L. Banks
M. Chapman
C. Hamilton
K. Jack
V. Petho

Staff Present: G. Brennan, Legislative Assistant, Corporate Services
S. Doherty, Manager, Recreation and Events, Community Services
T. Dulisse, Manager, Transportation and Development, Infrastructure Services
T. Wells, Specialist, Communications, Corporate Services

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m.

2. Disclosures of (Direct or Indirect) Pecuniary Interest

None.

3. Land Acknowledgment

Councillor Macintosh, 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. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

2025-001

Moved By K. Jack

That the minutes of the following meeting are approved:

4.1 2024-11-19 Age Friendly Minutes

Carried

5. Presentations

2025-002

Moved By K. Jack

That M. Bosomworth be registered as a delegate for the January 21, 2025 Age Friendly Committee meeting.

Carried Unanimously

5.1 M. Bosomworth - Recreation Fees and Charges

M. Bosomworth informed the Committee about the recent increases in rates and fees for various recreational activities for seniors. She shared her experiences and concerns about how the increases have impacted seniors' ability to participate, particularly regarding the Town's aquatics programs. She inquired about the different fees and recreational passes available, and which are specifically applicable to seniors.

S. Doherty, Manager, Recreation and Events, Community Services, discussed the rates and fees review that took place in 2024 and the subsequent recommendations presented to the Council. She elaborated on the corporate benchmarking conducted with neighboring municipalities to establish the most appropriate rates and fees for recreational activities. She discussed the feedback received from seniors, explaining how it has influenced and shaped the scheduling of recreational activities.

Additionally, Ms. Doherty outlined the available drop-in and recreational pass options and highlighted the advantages of each.

6. Items for Discussion and Reports

6.1 2025 Work Plan

The Committee reviewed the proposed 2025 work plan.

2025-003

Moved By M. Chapman

That the proposed 2025 Age Friendly Committee work plan, be approved.

Carried

6.2 Seniors Transportation Communication Plan

T. Dulisse, Manager, Transportation and Development, Infrastructure Services, and T. Wells, Specialist, Communications, Corporate Services, delivered an update regarding communication plans for seniors using Orangeville Transit. The Committee discussed issues surrounding transit routes, inaccessible buses, replacement buses, and navigating the Town's transit webpage. The Committee highlighted a need for transit maps to be more accessible, and for a phone number to be readily available for all transit inquires for seniors.

T. Dulisse advised the Committee that due to complications with the Town's former bus supplier, the purchasing of three (3) new transit buses are delayed. Additionally, he discussed the steps currently being undertaken with Town staff, Metrolinx, and the province to find a solution. Mr. Dulisse shared some of the challenges involved with the size of transit buses in relation to several streets in Orangeville, and how this impacts the potential new transit routes currently being reviewed. Additionally, Mr. Dulisse clarified as to why Vehicle on Demand (VOD) is not a suitable solution in addition to the Fare Free Transit program.

T. Wells advised the Committee that new geographic information system (GIS) maps for transit routes will be coming forward, and that information regarding transit routes, schedules, and out of service buses can be found on the Town's website. Additionally, Ms. Wells provided details on where to complete the Orangeville Transit route concept follow-up survey.

6.3 Senior Discount Flyer

S. Doherty, Manager, Recreation and Events, Community Services, advised the Committee of the following additions to the Seniors Discount Flyer:

- Main St Station - 10% off lunch Tuesday to Friday.

- Pet Value - Save 10% on regular priced items on the last Thursday of every month.

Additionally, Ms. Doherty asked for any new discounts to be forwarded to the Committee Secretary for inclusion on the updated Seniors Discount Flyer.

6.4 Snow Clearing Grant Program Update

Councillor A. Macintosh, Chair, advised the Committee that applications for the Snow Clearing Grant are now open. Seven (7) applications have been received to date. Additionally, G. Brennan, Legislative Assistant, advised the Committee that completed applications can be submitted in person at Town Hall, online via email, or by mail.

7. Correspondence

None.

8. Announcements

Councillor A. Macintosh, Chair, thanked staff for the successful seniors Christmas luncheon and advised that the Seniors Active Living Fair will be held on Monday, February 26, 2025, from 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Orangeville and District Seniors Centre.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment

2025-004

Moved By K. Jack

That the meeting be adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

Carried