



Minutes of Affordable Housing Task Force

March 27, 2025, 5:30 p.m.

In-Person Participation Only

The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville

Town Hall - 87 Broadway

Orangeville, Ontario

Members Present: Councillor Andrews
Councillor Prendergast
C. De Castro
R. Mair

Members Absent: K. Atkinson

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

The Chair acknowledged the treaty lands and territory of the Williams Treaty Nations and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. The 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

Resolution 2025-004

Moved By R. Mair

That the minutes of the following meeting, be received for information:

4.1 2025-02-13 - Affordable Housing Task Force - Minutes

Carried

5. Presentations

None.

6. Items for Discussion and Reports

6.1 Affordable Housing Proposals

The Task Force discussed the affordable housing proposal submitted by Member R. Mair. The proposal identified various mechanisms for staff to look into reviewing to modify various parking regulations for residential units and highlighted what criteria would need to be met to process an application with zero parking requirements. The Task Force discussed how to define the term 'affordable' and how this applies in the context of development.

Members of the Task Force asked questions and received responses from Mr. Ward and Mr. Mair.

Chair Andrews advised that he is going to schedule a meeting with the new Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to gain a better understanding of the provinces role when it comes to affordable housing.

The Task Force highlighted that by increasing affordable, livable units and reducing the parking requirements for units in Orangeville's downtown core may contribute to the economic success of businesses and further promote a walkable community.

Member De Castro will present his propose at the next Task Force meeting on April 10, 2025.

6.2 Public Information Session

Chair Andrews advised that the Task Force should consider hosting a public information session to promote the role of the task force and what has been accomplished since its establishment. Logistical details including

date, time and location are hoping to be finalized by their next meeting on April 10th.

6.3 Amendment to Meeting Schedule

Resolution 2025-005

Moved By C. De Castro

That the June 12th Affordable Housing Task Force meeting be rescheduled to Thursday, June 26th at 5:30 p.m.

Carried

7. Correspondence

7.1 The Mississauga News: Ontario accessibility act lacks standards to solve housing crisis for people with disabilities

Chair Andrews advised that this article was circulated to him by a member of the Access Orangeville Committee to be shared with the task force as it highlights the complexity and challenges that exist.

8. Announcements

None.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

10. Adjournment

Resolution 2025-006

Moved By Councillor Prendergast

That the meeting adjourn at 6:44 p.m.

Carried