

Minutes of Affordable Housing Task Force

April 10, 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, Chair

K. AtkinsonC. De Castro

R. Mair

Members Absent: Councillor Prendergast, Vice Chair – with notice

Staff Present: M. Adams, Legislative Coordinator

J. Lavecchia-Smith, Deputy Clerk

B. Ward, Manager, Planning

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 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 2025-007 Moved By C. De Castro

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

4.1 2025-03-27 - Affordable Housing Task Force - Minutes

Carried

5. Presentations

None.

6. Items for Discussion and Reports

6.1 35 Elizabeth Street - Proposed Concepts

The Task Force discussed the affordable housing proposal submitted by Member C. De Castro. The proposal identified two conceptual scenarios based on types of access at 35 Elizabeth Street, one of the locations identified in the County of Dufferin Older Adult Services Review and Master Housing Strategy. The Task Force discussed the opportunity to develop new zoning provisions specifically for affordable units and various advocacy measures to the Province of Ontario around changes to the Ontario Building Code and the Planning Act.

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

6.2 Affordable Housing Proposal

The Task Force discussed the affordable housing proposal submitted by Member K. Atkinson. The proposal identified suggestions on how to promote affordable housing within the Town of Orangeville, including a video serios on additional dwelling units and promoting developments for first time buyers.

6.3 Community Information Town Hall

Chair Andrews discussed the opportunity for the Task Force to host a town hall to provide the community an opportunity to learn about, ask questions, and provide comments relating to affordable housing. Chair Andrews advised of existing resources available that were prepared by the County of Dufferin and the Town.

The Task Force discussed the logistics of the event including date, time, location, and proposal topics to obtain community input. The proposed date of the event is Wednesday, June 18 at 7 p.m. at the Tony Rose Memorial Centre - Banquet Hall.

7. Correspondence

None.

8. Announcements

Chair Andrews announced that Mary Adams, Legislative Coordinator will be supporting the Task Force as of May 1st.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

10. Adjournment

Resolution 2025-008 Moved By R. Mair

That the meeting adjourn at 6:39 p.m.

Carried