



Council - Public Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

**Electronic and In-Person Participation - Council
The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville
(Mayor and Clerk at Town Hall - 87 Broadway)
Orangeville, Ontario**

Members Present: Mayor L. Post
Deputy Mayor T. Taylor
Councillor J. Andrews
Councillor A. Macintosh
Councillor T. Prendergast
Councillor D. Sherwood
Councillor R. Stevens

Staff Present: J. Bramley, Supervisor, By-law Enforcement and Licensing
R. Gill, Software Development Engineer
T. Kocialek, General Manager, Infrastructure Services
H. Patel, Application Support Analyst
L. Raftis, Deputy Clerk
D. Smith, Chief Administrative Officer

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Resolution 2025-076

Moved by Councillor Andrews

Seconded by Councillor Prendergast

That the agenda for the April 28, 2025, Council-Public Meeting, be approved.

Carried

3. Disclosure of (Direct and Indirect) Pecuniary Interest

None.

4. Singing of National Anthem

David Nairn, Theatre Orangeville provided a pre-recorded version of the National Anthem which was played.

5. Land Acknowledgement

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

6. Announcements by Chair

Mayor Post advised the gallery and viewing audience with respect to the public nature of Council Meetings and that it is webcast. Mayor Post also provided instructions with respect to muting and unmuting during the meeting.

7. Public Meeting - Retail Business Holiday Exemption By-law

Deputy Mayor Taylor assumed the role of the Chair and outlined the procedure to be followed during the Public Meeting which pertains to the retail business holiday exemption by-law.

7.1 Presentation by James Bramley, Licensing and By-law Enforcement Supervisor - Retail Business Holiday Exemption By-law

James Bramley, Licensing and By-law Enforcement Supervisor provided a presentation with respect to the proposed retail business holiday exemption by-law amendment. Mr. Bramley outlined the proposed timeline of this review, consultation and feedback with Economic Development staff and the Orangeville Business Improvement Area, and presented proposed options to be considered.

Deputy Mayor Taylor invited questions or comments from members of the public. None were raised.

Deputy Mayor Taylor invited questions or comments from members of Council. Councillor Andrews expressed support of allowing retailers to open on all statutory holidays and highlighted his recent experience on Easter Sunday.

Councillor Macintosh sought clarification with respect to the rationale of allowing businesses to be open on Christmas Day. Mr. Bramley provided a response speaking to diversity within the community.

Councillor Stevens expressed support of amending the by-law to allow retailers to open on all statutory holidays.

Mayor Post expressed support of amending the by-law to allow retailers to open on all statutory holidays and spoke to the changes in the community.

Deputy Mayor Taylor sought clarification regarding the options presented to Council. Mr. Bramley provided a response.

Councillor Stevens sought clarification with respect to Town services. Mr. Bramley provided a response advising that the by-law only affects retail businesses.

Councillor Sherwood expressed support of amending the by-law to allow retailers to open on all statutory holidays.

Councillor Prendergast expressed support of amending the by-law to allow retailers to open on all statutory holidays and spoke to allowing business owners to decide if they would like to be open.

Deputy Mayor Taylor sought clarification with respect to a communications plan if passed by Council. David Smith, CAO advised that staff would make every effort to inform the public in order to maintain tourism in the community.

7.2 Proposed Amendment to Retail Business Holiday Exemption By-law, PM-2025-003

Resolution 2025-077

Moved by Councillor Andrews
Seconded by Councillor Stevens

That Report PM-2025-003, Proposed Amendment to Retail Business Holiday Exemption By-law, be received for information.

Carried

Mayor Post assumed the role of the chair at 7:21 p.m.

8. By-Laws

Resolution 2025-078

Moved by Councillor Sherwood

Seconded by Councillor Macintosh

That the by-law listed below be read three times and finally passed:

8.1 A by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville at its Council-Public Meeting held on April 28, 2025

Carried

9. Adjournment

Resolution 2025-079

Moved by Councillor Macintosh

Seconded by Councillor Stevens

That the meeting be adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Carried

Lisa Post, Mayor

Raylene Martell, Town Clerk