



Minutes of Sustainable Orangeville

May 1, 2025, 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: Councillor Prendergast, Vice Chair
M. Rowley, Chair
G. Bryan
J. Elchyshyn
M. O'Connor
J. Pickering
M. Smith
W. Speirs
E. Whitfield

Members Absent: G. Spence
A. Waugh

Staff Present: M. Adams, Committee Coordinator
J. Lavecchia-Smith, Deputy Clerk
E McAuley, Senior Climate and Sustainability Specialist

1. Call to Order

Before the meeting was called to order, Chair Rowley asked Vice Chair Prendergast to Chair the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m.

2. Disclosures of (Direct or Indirect) Pecuniary Interest

None.

3. Land Acknowledgment

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

Recommendation: Resolution 2025-008

Moved by M. Rowley

That the minutes of the following meetings be received for information:

4.1 2025-03-06 Sustainable Orangeville Minutes

4.2 2025-04-03 Sustainable Orangeville Minutes

Carried

5. Presentations

6. Items for Discussion and Reports

6.1 Community Sustainability Grants Program - 2024 Final Report

Recommendation: Resolution 2025-009

Moved by M. Smith

That the final report submitted by Westminster United Church, be received; and

That the hold back funds part of their grant application be released to the applicant.

Carried

6.2 Active Transportation

Chair Rowley advised the Committee of the proposed changes to the Orangeville Transit bus routes. She provided feedback on the recent survey and opportunities for improvement to obtain a broader reach to ensure appropriate feedback on ridership and routes.

Member Whitfield arrived at 6:09 p.m.

Member Smith advised the Committee that he provided feedback during the April 14th Council Meeting to include bus route schedules in the bus shelters and on the Town's website. He further provided an update following his inquiry on the status of the GPS trackers.

6.3 Urban Harvest Program

Recommendation: Resolution 2025-010

Moved by J. Pickering

That the 2024 expense claim submitted by Chair Rowley be deferred to the next meeting.

Carried

Recommendation: Resolution 2025-011

Moved by J. Pickering

That the Urban Harvest Program budget breakdown be amended to add refreshments.

Carried

6.4 2025 Friends of the Credit Conservation Awards – Recipient

Vice Chair Prendergast advised the Committee on the recent award announcement received from the Credit Valley Conservation.

6.5 Community Garden - 30 Centre Street

Emily McAuley, Senior Climate and Sustainability Specialist, sought clarification in regards to the maintenance of the community garden. She advised that there is an existing agreement between the Town of Orangeville and Dufferin County.

Members of the Committee asked questions and received a response from Ms. McAuley and Ms. Lavecchia-Smith.

Member Whitfield left at 6:58 p.m.

7. Correspondence

None.

8. Announcements

Vice Chair Prendergast advised that the Farmer's Market is this weekend and promotion of the Tree Sapling Giveaway and other Sustainable Orangeville initiatives.

Member Pickering advised that he has been working with Communications staff on the Downtown Birds event. The event is taking place on May 10th.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 5, 2025 at 6 p.m.

10. Adjournment

Recommendation: Resolution 2025-012

Moved by M. Rowley

That the meeting adjourn at 7:11 p.m.

Carried