



Minutes of Access Orangeville

June 12, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

Electronic and In-Person Participation - Access Orangeville

Tony Rose Memorial Sports Centre - Dufferin Room

(Chair and Secretary In-Person)

6 Northmen Way, Orangeville, Ontario L9W 3B2

Members Present: Councillor Stevens, Chair
J. Jackson, Vice Chair
K. Van Ryn
M. Hartley
R. Ugolini
K. Murphy-Fritz

Members Absent: P. Charbonneau
S. Clarke

Staff Present: S. Doherty, Manager, Recreation and Events
J. Lavecchia-Smith, Deputy Clerk
K. Lemire, Manager, Economic Development and Culture
J. Snider, Fire Chief

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.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

2025-017

Moved By J. Jackson

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

4.1 May 8, 2025 Access Orangeville Minutes

Carried

5. Presentations

5.1 John Snider, Fire Chief, Community Services - Fire Safety and Accessibility

John Snider, Fire Chief, Community Safety provided an overview on Fire Safety and Accessibility. He outlined regulations in the Ontario Building Code and Ontario Fire Code that speak to building and fire safety. Chief Snider referenced existing challenges and barriers around fire safety, specifically with smoke detectors and fire blankets. He concluded the update noting that questions about fire safety can be directed to fireprevention@orangeville.ca.

Member Hartley joined the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

Members of Committee asked questions and received responses from Chief Snider.

5.2 Kylie-Anne Grube, County of Dufferin - Community Resilience Hub Project Update

Kylie-Anne Grube, Climate Engagement Specialist, County of Dufferin, presented an update on the Community Resilience Hub project. She highlighted the community consultation including meetings with both Access Orangeville and Sustainable Orangeville. Kylie-Anne shared two design concepts and identified the proposed location for the hub. She identified accessibility features being considered for this project and indicated that an accessibility report is being drafted and will be presented to the Committee at a future meeting. She concluded the presentation sharing aspects of the project that are still being finalized and outlined next steps.

Members of Committee asked questions and received responses from Ms. Grube.

2025-018

Moved By Rick Stevens

That the Chair submit a letter of support on behalf of Access Orangeville to Dufferin County for the Community Resilience Hub.

Carried

Member Van Ryn and Member Ugolini voted in opposition.

5.3 Jonathan Marriott, Director, Partnerships, AccessNow - AccessNow App

Johnathan Mariott, Director, Partnerships, AccessNow provided a presentation on an accessibility app. The app is available on the App Store and Google Play and is free to download. He provided a high level overview of the features of the app. Mr. Mariott provided a demonstration as to how someone can review a location through the app.

Members of Committee asked questions and received responses from Mr. Marriott.

5.4 Jim Hiscock, Headwaters Acquired Brain Injury Group - Accessibility for People with Brain Injuries

Jim Hiscock, Headwaters Acquired Brain Injury Group provided an overview on accessibility for people with brain injuries. He shared various challenges and barriers relating to noise and parking for individuals who have disabilities. Wendy Cooke, former member of Access Orangeville joined Mr. Hiscock and shared that June is Brain Injury Awareness month.

Members of Committee asked questions and received responses from Mr. Hiscock and Ms. Cooke.

6. Items for Discussion and Reports

6.1 Accessible Picnic Tables

Member Hartley shared with the Committee locations in Orangeville that offer accessible seating in public spaces.

Member Van Ryn left the meeting at 11:48 a.m. and did not return.

6.2 Stop Gap Project Update

S. Doherty, Manager, Recreation and Events provided an update on the Stop Gap project. She indicated that consultation has commenced with the Orangeville BIA, Branching Out Support Services and the Town's Economic Development and Culture division on how this project can be communicated to business owners.

K. Lemire, Manager, Economic Development and Culture discussed the promotional opportunities with businesses in Orangeville.

Members of Committee asked questions and received responses from Ms. Doherty.

6.3 Sledge Program Update

S. Doherty, Manager, Recreation and Events provided an update on the sledge program and highlighted the promotional campaign and launch.

7. Closed Meeting

2025-019

Moved By M. Hartley

That a closed meeting of Committee be held pursuant to s.239(2) of the Municipal Act for the purposes of considering the following subject matter:

2025 Accessibility Champion Award

Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Carried

7.1 2025 Accessibility Champion Award

8. Rise and Report

2025-020

Moved By J. Jackson

That the 2025 Accessibility Champion Nominations discussed in closed session, be received;

That the award recipients selected by the Committee be submitted to Council for approval; and

That following the decision of Council, staff connect with the recipient(s) to inquire about how the recipient(s) choose to distribute the \$500.00 donations.

Carried

9. Correspondence

None.

10. Announcements

Member Hartley announced her opinion on safety concerns at Every Kids Park.

10.1 Rotary Park Playground Survey

Chair Stevens advised that the Town is accepting feedback on the Rotary Park playground through a survey.

11. Date of Next Meeting

2025-021

Moved By K. Murphy-Fritz

That a meeting be scheduled in August to discuss criteria for reviewing site plans.

Carried

12. Adjournment

2025-022

Moved By K. Murphy-Fritz

That the meeting be adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

Carried