



Minutes of Sustainable Orangeville

June 5, 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:	M. Rowley, Chair Councillor Prendergast, Vice-Chair G. Bryan M. Smith W. Speirs A. Waugh
Members Absent:	J. Elchyshyn (with notice) M. O'Connor (with notice) J. Pickering (with notice) G. Spence E. Whitfield (with notice)
Staff Present:	M. Adams, Committee Co-ordinator T. Dulisse, Manager, Transportation and Development J. Lavecchia-Smith, Deputy Clerk E. McAuley, Senior Climate and Sustainability Specialist, Infrastructure Services

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 6:04 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: 2025-013

Moved by M. Rowley

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

4.1 2025-05-01 Sustainable Orangeville Minutes

5. Presentations

5.1 Community Resilience Hub - Sara MacRae, County of Dufferin

Sara MacRae, Manager of Climate & Energy, County of Dufferin, presented an update on the Community Resilience Hub project. The presentation identified the proposed location for the hub, the development of intergenerational learning circles and pods, accessibility features, ongoing challenges, and final steps of the project.

Vice-Chair Prendergast expressed gratitude to Ms. MacRae for her presentation.

Members of Committee sought clarification on the cost, location, and materials involved in the project and received responses from Ms. MacRae. The Committee advised that they would not be supporting the project at this time without a comprehensive understanding of the costs. Members of Committee shared concerns regarding the necessity of this initiative.

5.2 Local Wetland Conservation - Shane Moffatt, Ontario Nature

Shane Moffatt, Conservation Campaigns and Advocacy Manager, Ontario Nature, delivered a presentation on wetland conservation. He outlined that Ontario Nature is a charitable organization dedicated to protecting wildlife and natural areas through conservation, education, and public engagement. The presentation identified the benefits of wetlands, their impact on the community, strategies for wetland protection, and initiatives for local involvement.

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

6. Items for Discussion and Reports

6.1 Expense Claim for Chair Rowley

Recommendation: 2025-014

Moved by G. Bryan

That the 2024 expense claim submitted by Chair Rowley in the amount of \$150.00 be approved and expensed through the Committees special projects budget.

Carried

6.2 2025 Garden Contest - Matthew Smith

This item has been deferred to the September 4, 2025 meeting.

6.3 Webpage Information - Joshua Pickering

This item has been deferred to the September 4, 2025 meeting.

6.4 Community Garden Update - Emily McAuley

This item has been deferred to the September 4, 2025 meeting.

6.5 Member Appointment - Official Plan Review Steering Committee

This item has been deferred to the September 4, 2025 meeting.

7. Correspondence

None.

8. Announcements

None.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for September 4, 2025 at 6 p.m.

Recommendation: 2025-015

Moved by M. Rowley

That an additional meeting be scheduled in July for the purposes of reviewing the submissions for the Sustainable Orangeville Grant Program.

Carried

10. Adjournment

Recommendation: 2025-016

Moved by W. Speirs

That the meeting be adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Carried