

Council Meeting Minutes

June 9, 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. Hawkins, System Administrator T. Kocialek, General Manager, Infrastructure Services J. Lavecchia-Smith, Deputy Clerk R. Martell, Town Clerk A. Minichillo, General Manager, Corporate Services H. Savage, General Manager, Community Services D. Smith, Chief Administrative Officer B. Ward, Manager, Planning M. Mair, Planner, Development and Community Improvement

1. Call To Order

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

2. Approval of Agenda

Resolution 2025-108

Moved by Councillor Stevens Seconded by Councillor Sherwood

That the agenda and any addendums for the June 9, 2025 Council Meeting, be approved.

Carried

3. Disclosure of (Direct and Indirect) Pecuniary Interest

None.

4. Closed Meeting

None.

5. Singing of National Anthem

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

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Council Meeting

Resolution 2025-109

Moved by Councillor Andrews Seconded by Deputy Mayor Taylor

That the minutes of the May 26, 2025 Council meeting be approved.

Carried

9. Open Forum

Tom Melanson, 23 York Street, expressed his concerns and indicated that he is not in support of the 11A York Street Official Plan and Zoning By-law amendment application.

Linda Macneil, 21 York Street, expressed concerns of many residents residing on York Street, Upper John Street and Bythia Street and indicated that she is not in support of the 11A York Street Official Plan and Zoning By-law amendment application.

Richard Oliver, 22 York Street, expressed his concerns and indicated that he is not in support of the 11A York Street Official Plan and Zoning By-law amendment application.

Catherine Cormier, 12 York Street, expressed her concerns and indicated that she is not in support of the 11A York Street Official Plan and Zoning By-law amendment application.

Rebecca Black-Scott, 9 York Street, expressed concerns of many residents residing on York Street and indicated that she is not in support of the 11A York Street Official Plan and Zoning By-law amendment application.

Wayne Townsend, 20 York Street, expressed his concerns and indicated that he is not in support of the 11A York Street Official Plan and Zoning By-law amendment application.

Joann Lewis, 45 Bythia Street, expressed her concerns and indicated that she is not in support of the 11A York Street Official Plan and Zoning By-law amendment application.

Karen Jones, 23 York Street, expressed her concerns and indicated that she is not in support of the 11A York Street Official Plan and Zoning By-law amendment application.

Garin Gaudet, 28 York Street, expressed his concerns and indicated that he is not in support of the 11A York Street Official Plan and Zoning By-law amendment application.

Tanya Ellacott, 9 Westdale Avenue, shared that this application will set a horrible precedent for the Town of Orangeville if approved.

Ronald Cole, 45 Wellington Street, indicated his support for growth and development, however is not in support of the location of this proposed development application.

10. Presentation, Petitions and/or Delegation

10.1 Public Delegations/Petitions

10.1.1 Mark Hicks, D&H Architects re: 11A York Street

Mark Hicks, D&H Architects provided a delegation regarding the 11A York Street Official Plan and Zoning By-law amendment application. He outlined the application submission timeline, legislative framework, and studies completed which supports the proposed application.

After the Orangeville Hydro presentation, Mayor Post asked if any Members of Council had questions for Mr. Hicks. A Member of Council asked questions and received responses from Mr. Hicks.

10.2 Staff/Consultant Presentations

10.2.1 Rob Koekkoek, Amy Long and Gia DeJulio - Orangeville Hydro 2024 Annual Report

Resolution 2025-110

Moved by Deputy Mayor Taylor Seconded by Councillor Andrews

That the Orangeville Hydro 2024 Annual Report be received; and

That Council approve the proposed resolution listed in the Orangeville Hydro Limited Agenda for the Annual Shareholders Meeting scheduled for June 19, 2025; and

That Council appoint Mayor Post as proxy, and Councillor Macintosh as proxy in the absence of Mayor Post, to attend and to vote for The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville at the Annual Shareholder's Meeting to be held on June 19, 2025 and at any adjournments thereof, revoking any proxy previously given; and

That Council direct such proxy to vote in favour of the proposed resolution listed in the Orangeville Hydro Limited Agenda for the Annual Shareholder's Meeting scheduled for June 19, 2025; and

That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the Proxy Resolution for the Annual Shareholder's Meeting of Orangeville Hydro Limited.

Carried

Rob Koekkoek, President, Amy Long, Chief Financial Officer and Gia DeJulio, Board Chair, Orangeville Hydro provided a presentation on their 2024 Annual Report and the Annual Audited Financial Statements. Mr. Koekkoek outlined the shareholder structure between the Town of Orangeville and the Town of Grand Valley. He highlighted the success of the Town's water-meter replacement program and the collaboration between the Town of Orangeville and Orangeville Hydro. Ms. Long provided an overview of how rates are applied and distributed by customer class. Mr. Koekkoek concluded the presentation highlighting how the reliability of service is calculated based on the length of time of outages is calculated.

Members of Council asked questions and received responses from Mr. Koekkoek.

10.2.2 Jennifer Payne, CSWB Co-Chair - 2025-2028 Dufferin Community Safety and Well Being Plan

Jennifer Payne, Executive Director, Headwaters Community and Action provided a presentation on the Community Safety and Well Being plan in Dufferin County for 2025-2028. She outlined the provincial framework and indicated that the County has been preparing community reports since 2012. Ms. Payne shared results of a public survey that was conducted between December 2023 to February 2024 and outlined the priority areas that were determined from the data and response from the community.

10.2.3 Brandon Ward, Manager, Planning, Town of Orangeville - 11A York Street Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment Application

Brandon Ward, Manager, Planning provided a presentation on the 11A York Street Official Plan and Zoning By-law amendment application. He provided an overview of application and shared rendering drawings to provide a visual of the proposed development. Mr. Ward identified the extensive consultation process that this application has gone through including peer reviews and analysis of resident concerns. He outlined that the proposed application conforms with many provincial, county and town policies. Mr. Ward concluded the presentation advising Council that staff are recommending approval of the 11A York Street Official Plan and Zoning By-law amendment application. Members of Council asked questions and received responses from Ms. Martell, Mr. Ward, Ms. Savage and Mr. Smith.

10.2.3.1 11A York Street, Decision Recommendation, OPZ-2023-01, INS-2025-020

A recorded vote was requested by Councillor Sherwood.

Resolution 2025-111

Moved by Deputy Mayor Taylor Seconded by Councillor Sherwood

That report INS-2025-020, 11A York Street, Recommendation Report, OPZ-2023-01, be received; and

That the Official Plan Amendment and Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application (OPZ-2023-01) be approved; and

That Council pass the following By-laws as included in the By-laws section of this Council Meeting Agenda, to permit a 12-unit townhouse development on the subject lands known municipally as 11A York Street:

- A By-law to adopt Official Plan Amendment No. 136 to re-designate the subject lands from "Low Density Residential" to "Low Density Multiple" (Schedule 'C') with Specific Area Policy E8.82 (Schedule 'B') and re-designate the southeast portion of the site to "Open Space Conservation" (Schedule 'A'); and
- A By-law to amend Zoning By-law 22-90, as amended, to re-zone the subject lands to "Residential Fifth Density (R5)" Zones, with Special Provision 24.241 and Holding (H) Symbol", and rezone the southeast corner of the subject lands to "Open Space Conservation (OS2)".

No (7): Mayor Post, Deputy Mayor Taylor, Councillor Andrews, Councillor Macintosh, Councillor Prendergast, Councillor Sherwood, and Councillor Stevens

Defeated (0 to 7)

Councillor Macintosh left the meeting at 8:59 p.m. and did not return.

Council recessed from 8:59 p.m. to 9:10 p.m.

11. Consent Agenda

Resolution 2025-112

Moved by Councillor Andrews Seconded by Councillor Prendergast

That all Consent Agenda items for the current Council Meeting listed under 11.1 Staff Reports, 11.2 Correspondence, and 11.3 Committee/Board Minutes, be received or approved as presented with the exception of the items removed for individual consideration.

Items removed: 11.1.2, 11.1.4 and 11.1.7

Carried Unanimously

11.1 Staff Reports

11.1.1 Donation of Artwork, CAO-2025-004

Resolution 2025-112

That report CAO-2025-004 Donation of Artwork be received; and

That the donation of a framed engraving of Queen Alexandra be accepted by Council as outlined in this Report; and

That the proper steps be completed to accept the donation as outlined by the Town's Artworks Policy and as clarified within this Report; and

That the donated artwork be displayed at Town Hall (87 Broadway, Orangeville, ON) on the main level.

Carried through consent.

11.1.2 Commemorations Policy, CMS-2025-009

Resolution 2025-113

Moved by Councillor Stevens Seconded by Councillor Sherwood

That report CMS-2025-009, Commemorations Policy, be received; and

That Council adopt the updated Commemorations Policy as outlined in Attachment 1; and

That Council delegate primary authority to the Community Services General Manager and secondary authority to Community Services Divisional Managers to approve and implement commemoration requests.

Carried Unanimously

11.1.3 Proposed Community Recognition Program, CMS-2025-010

Resolution 2025-112

That report CMS-2025-10, Proposed Community Recognition Program be received; and

That Council approve the implementation of a staff working group to develop a framework and process for a Community Recognition Program; and

That Staff include a community recognition program in the 2026 Operating Budget and 2026 Community Services, Recreation & Events workplan; and

That the staff working group report back to Council in Q4 2025 with a proposed recognition program for Council approval.

Carried through consent.

11.1.4 2024 Fourth Quarter Operating Fund Variance Report, CPS-2025-030

Resolution 2025-114

Moved by Councillor Prendergast Seconded by Councillor Andrews That report CPS-2025-030 regarding the 2024 Fourth Quarter Operating Fund Variance be received; and

That staff allocate 2024 operating budget surpluses and fund deficits in accordance with the Corporate Operating Budget Surplus Allocation and Deficit Funding policy.

Carried

11.1.5 2024 Fourth Quarter Capital Progress Report, CPS-2025-033

Resolution 2025-112

That report CPS-2025-033, 2024 Fourth Quarter Capital Progress Report, be received.

Carried through consent.

11.1.6 Corporate Operating Budget Surplus Allocation and Deficit Funding Policy, CPS-2025-051

Resolution 2025-112

That report CPS-2025-051, Corporate Operating Budget Surplus Allocation and Deficit Funding Policy, be received; and

That the Corporation of the Town of Orangeville adopt this Corporate Operating Budget Surplus Allocation and Deficit Funding Policy for fiscal 2024 and future years.

Carried through consent.

11.1.7 Corporate brand and style guide, CPS-2025-050

Resolution 2025-115

Moved by Councillor Andrews Seconded by Councillor Prendergast

That report CPS-2025-050, Corporate brand and style guide, be received.

Carried

Councillor Sherwood voted in opposition.

11.1.8 Initiation of a Housing Needs Assessment, INS-2025-033

Resolution 2025-112

That report INS-2025-033, Initiation of a Housing Needs Assessment, be received; and

That staff report back to Council with the final Housing Needs Assessment following its completion and submission to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) in accordance with Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF) requirements.

Carried through consent.

11.2 Correspondence

11.2.1 County of Dufferin - Critical Ground Report

Resolution 2025-112

That the correspondence from the County of Dufferin regarding a support resolution for the Critical Ground Report, be received.

Carried through consent.

11.2.2 Proclamation Request - National Dental Care Day Foundation

Resolution 2025-112

Whereas The National Dental Care Day Foundation is a volunteer-led initiative that has delivered over a decade of free dental services across Ontario. Its goal is to establish a unified national movement—National Dental Care Day—in which dentists from all backgrounds commit to one day of service annually, restoring dignity through smiles; and

Whereas on October 10, participating dental clinics across Canada will open their doors to provide one free dental procedure—cleaning, filling, or extraction—to any patient in need, with no insurance or income documentation required. Clinics will also host oral health education, community outreach, and volunteer engagement activities to amplify the spirit of compassion and care; and

Whereas this initiative will raise public awareness about the importance of oral health, reduce barriers to essential dental care, and inspire civic pride through volunteerism—

demonstrating Orangeville's commitment to advancing compassion, dignity, and healthcare equity for all; now

Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Orangeville recognizes October 10, 2025 as National Dental Care Day.

Carried through consent.

11.2.3 Proclamation Request - Orangeville Northmen Lacrosse Alumni Weekend

Resolution 2025-112

That the Council of the Town of Orangeville hereby recognizes the weekend of July 2 - 6, 2025 to honour the Orangeville Northmen during the Annual Northmen Alumni weekend celebrating the 30th Anniversary of Orangeville Northmen National Minto Cup Championship (1995) and the 30th Anniversary of Northmen Women's Field program.

Carried through consent.

11.2.4 MP Kyle Seeback - 11A York Street

Resolution 2025-112

That the correspondence from MP Kyle Seeback regarding 11A York Street, be received for information.

Carried through consent.

11.2.5 Karey and Zoë Shinn - OPZ-2023-01 and INS-2025-020

Resolution 2025-112

That the Correspondence from Karey Shinn and Zoë Shinn regarding OPZ-2023-01 and INS-2025-01 be received for information.

Carried through consent.

11.2.6 Ted Gerber - 11A York Street

Resolution 2025-112

That the correspondence from Ted Gerber regarding 11A York Street be received for information.

Carried through consent.

11.2.7 Mary Jane Gerber - 11A York Street

Resolution 2025-112

That the correspondence from Mary Jane Gerber regarding 11A York Street be received for information.

Carried through consent.

11.2.8 Steve Scott - 11A York Street

Resolution 2025-112

That the correspondence from Steve Scott regarding 11A York Street be received for information.

Carried through consent.

- 11.3 Committee/Board Minutes
 - 11.3.1 2025-04-23 Orangeville Public Library Board Minutes

Resolution 2025-112

That the 2025-04-23 Orangeville Public Library Board Minutes be received.

Carried through consent.

11.3.2 2025-05-20 Community Improvement Plan Meeting Minutes

Resolution 2025-112

That the 2025-05-20 Community Improvement Plan Meeting Minutes be received.

Carried through consent.

11.3.3 2025-06-03 Mayor's Youth Advisory Council Minutes

Resolution 2025-112

That the 2025-06-03 Mayor's Youth Advisory Council Minutes be received.

Carried through consent.

11.3.4 2025-05-07 Committee of Adjustment Minutes

Resolution 2025-112

That the 2025-05-07 Committee of Adjustment Minutes be received.

Carried through consent.

12. Notice of Motion Prior to Meeting

12.1 Councillor Sherwood - MPAC Assessment Cycle

Resolution 2025-116

Moved by Councillor Sherwood Seconded by Councillor Stevens

WHEREAS the assessment cycle is an essential process for maintaining the fairness and predictability of property taxes in our province; and

WHEREAS the pause in the reassessment cycle has created uncertainty and instability in property taxation, impacting both residential and commercial property owners; and

WHEREAS the government has delayed an assessment update again in 2025, resulting in Ontario's municipalities continuing to calculate property taxes using 2016 property values; and

WHEREAS both current and outdated assessments are inaccurate, increase volatility, and are not transparent; and

WHEREAS frequent and accurate reassessments are necessary to stabilize property taxes and provide predictability for property owners, residents and businesses alike; and

WHEREAS that the MPAC Municipal Property Assessment Corporation recognizes the importance of ensuring accurate evaluations for all properties within the Province of Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Government has announced a review of the property assessment and taxation system with a focus on fairness, equity and economic competitiveness, and therefore further deferring new property assessment valuations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Orangeville hereby calls upon the Premier to promptly resume the assessment cycle to ensure the stability and predictability of property taxes while the Government conducts its review of the property assessment and taxation system, or respond with an alternative method for every municipality in Ontario to achieve fair taxation; and

THAT the Town of Orangeville Council requests that all Municipalities in Ontario apply pressure to the Premier and Ministers and their local MPP to resume the reassessment cycle immediately; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, applicable provincial ministries, the Association of Municipalities in Ontario, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation and all municipalities in Ontario for their consideration to make changes as quickly as possible.

Carried Unanimously

13. Notice of Motion at Meeting

None.

14. Announcements

Deputy Mayor Taylor shared that the Bluebird Cafe and Grill applied and received grant funding from the Community Improvement Plan for facade improvements and requested that other interested parties review the opportunity as well.

Councillor Andrews announced that the Affordable Housing Task Force is hosting a community information open house on Wednesday, June 18th at 7 p.m. at the Tony Rose Memorial Sports Centre.

Councillor Prendergast shared that the Sustainable Orangeville Community Grant application is open. She further announced the Compass Run for Food event is on Saturday, June 14th.

15. By-Laws

Resolution 2025-117

Moved by Councillor Stevens Seconded by Councillor Prendergast

That the by-law listed as item 15.3 to confirm the proceedings of the Council Meeting, be read three times and finally passed.

Carried

- 15.1 A by-law to amend Zoning By-law No. 22-90 as amended, with respect to Plan 138,Block 10, Part of Lots 5 & 7, municipally known as 11A York Street
- 15.2 A by-law to Adopt Amendment No. 136 to the Official Plan
- 15.3 A by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville at its regular Council meeting held on June 9, 2025
- 16. Adjournment

Resolution 2025-118

Moved by Councillor Andrews Seconded by Deputy Mayor Taylor

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Carried

Lisa Post, Mayor

Raylene Martell, Town Clerk