



Minutes of Access Orangeville

July 3, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

Electronic and In-Person Participation - Access Orangeville

The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville

(Chair and Secretary at Town Hall - 87 Broadway)

Orangeville, Ontario

Members Present: J. Jackson
M. Hartley
R. Ugolini
K. Murphy-Fritz
S. Clarke

Members Absent: Councillor Stevens
K. Van Ryn
P. Charbonneau

Staff Present: S. Elliott, Council Coordinator - Assistant Clerk
J. Lavecchia-Smith, Deputy Clerk
B. Ward, Manager of Planning and Infrastructure Services
C. Cosgrove, Manager of Facilities and Parks, and Community Services
A. Liang, Planning Student

1. Call to Order

Deputy Clerk J. Lavecchia-Smith introduced Council Coordinator-Assistant Clerk S. Elliott, and advised the Committee Ms. Elliott would be providing administrative-secretarial support moving forward.

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.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. Minutes of Previous Meeting

2025-023

Moved By K. Murphy-Fritz

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

4.1 June 12, 2025 Access Orangeville Meeting Minutes

4.2 June 12, 2025 Access Orangeville Closed Meeting Minutes

Carried

5. Presentations

5.1 Accessibility Guideline Checklist - Site Plan Approval - B. Ward, Manager, Planning and A. Liang, Building and Planning Student

Planning Manager B. Ward and Planning Student A. Liang presented the Accessibility Guideline Checklist which will articulate accessible design standards for Site Plan Approval. Manager Ward, noted that Developers are required to meet the provincial regulations, but that some of the standards in the Guideline exceed the provincial requirements.

Student Planner Liang highlighted the standards, clarifying areas where the Town is proposing additional measures that exceed requirements and are based on best practices.

Manager Ward advised the Committee of the next steps.

Committee members asked questions and suggested that staff consider longer parking spaces for accessible vans that unload in the rear. Staff responded to questions and noted their comments would be taken into consideration.

5.2 Rotary Park Playground Plan - J. Elliott, President, Openspace Solutions

Manager of Facilities and Parks, Community Services, C. Cosgrove introduced Ms. J. Elliott of Openspace Solutions and further explained the Request for Proposal (RFP) process for seeking a vendor. Manager Cosgrove noted that accessible design was one of the considerations within the scope of the RFP for the re-design of Rotary Park.

Manager Cosgrove noted that Openspace, submitted the successful RFP proposal. Openspace initially presented three concepts which were all Annex H - CSA Standard (accessible) compliant. The three concepts were voted on by members of the public through a survey. It was noted there were over one thousand responses received, and fifty-one percent of responses favored design concept three.

Ms. J. Elliott provided an overview of her experience, including her focus on accessibility, and a review of Annex H accessible requirements that ensure representation of varying disabilities.

Ms. J. Elliott then presented design concept three, reviewing the different structures and design elements with an explanation as to how the different components meet varied accessible needs.

The committee asked questions, sought clarification and made suggestions such as the inclusion of a wheelchair accessible swing, more handrails to access the equipment, and ramps leading to higher platforms for providing access to the slides to be more inclusive. Staff and Ms. Elliott responded to questions and noted the Committee's comments would be taken into consideration.

2025-024

Moved By K. Murphy-Fritz

That Access Orangeville request Council to direct staff to consider adding a wheelchair accessible swing to the Rotary Park Playground re-design.

Carried

2025-025

Moved By M. Hartley

That Access Orangeville express their opposition to design concept three presented by Openspace solutions at this time.

Carried Unanimously

6. Items for Discussion and Reports

None.

7. Correspondence

None.

8. Announcements

None.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2025 at 10 a.m.

10. Adjournment

2025-026

Moved By K. Murphy-Fritz

That the meeting be adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Carried