



Terms of Reference

Sustainable Orangeville

Date Approved by Council: **January 9, 2023**

Sunset Date: **N/A**

Mandate:

The purpose of this committee is to assist in the development, implementation, and promotion of environmentally sustainable practices within the Town of Orangeville to reduce the Town's environmental impact and improve the quality of life of its residents, now and in the future in the areas of including but not limited to:

- urban food systems (e.g. community gardens)
- active transportation awareness and infrastructure (e.g. cycling)
- waste reduction initiatives (garbage, recycling and composting)
- water conservation and stewardship
- air quality
- energy conservation
- urban forestry improvements and initiatives (e.g. tree planting)
- assist with implementation of the Town's Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan (SNAP)

The Committee may also direct or monitor community working groups participating in specific projects or initiatives per the Committee's work plan, for example:

- Communities in Bloom program to encourage community volunteerism, pride and active participation in the ongoing development of a healthy and beautiful Orangeville
- Earth Week celebrations and projects
- Urban Harvest Projects

Any working groups will be established by resolution of the committee. The working group shall report back to the committee, following a working group meeting, at the next regular Sustainable Orangeville meeting.

Goals/Objectives:

1. To advise on short-term, intermediate and long term environmental and sustainability strategic initiatives.
2. To raise new, relevant, unexplored environmental/sustainability issues pertinent to Orangeville and the County.

3. To prepare and submit to Council for endorsement, annual work plans for:
 - a. Sustainable Orangeville; and
 - b. volunteer community working groups, such as Communities in Bloom, Urban Harvest Group, etc.

The annual work plans must include specific targets and objectives supporting the work, priorities and underlying principles of the Committee and the Town of Orangeville.

Reporting to Council:

The Committee will report to Council through the distribution of minutes as well as present and submit an annual report.

Enabling Legislation, By-Law or Staff Report:

CPS-2022-069, December 12, 2022

Committee Composition:

A total of up to seven (7) members, comprised of:

- 1 member of Council
- Up to 6 members of the public

Skills Requested

- passion for environmental stewardship
- background in one or more sustainable areas of focus (as listed under Mandate)

Administration Section

Department Linkage and Staff Support:

Community Services Department
Other divisions to provide support, as needed

Meeting Frequency: Monthly, or as required