

Ice Storm 2025

State of Emergency Terminated

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The City of Orillia has officially terminated the state of emergency effective April 9, 2025, as conditions have stabilized following the unprecedented ice storm and related impacts.

The state of emergency was originally declared on March 30, 2025, enabling the City to support residents and respond to impacts from widespread power outages and City infrastructure challenges, including a fire at the Wastewater Treatment Centre.

As power has been restored to the majority of the city, services stabilized, and the Relief Centre officially closed as of April 7, the City is shifting its focus fully to recovery and long-term cleanup.

City facilities and service status:

- City facilities are back to regular operating hours and services except for the Orillia Recreation Centre, which will resume Fitness Centre operation at 5 p.m. on April 10 and full operations at 5:30 a.m. on Friday, April 11. City day camp registration begins on Monday, April 14 at 7 a.m. Visit orillia.ca/programs for details.
- Parks, including Scout Valley, and City trails remain closed due to storm damage; cleanup is underway.
- Wastewater services are stable. Residents are reminded to discharge sump pump water safely and avoid overburdening the sanitary sewer system.

Supports remain available:

- Wellness Checks: If you or someone you know needs extra support, please call 211 to request a wellness check.
- Warmth and Charging: Rotary Place remains open as a charging station, and residents are welcome to visit other City of Orillia facilities during regular hours to warm up.
- Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital has resumed regular operations. Please visit osmh.on.ca or call 705-325-2201 to learn more about hospital operations and services.

- The Lighthouse Shelter has resumed regular operations, including community programs such as bagged lunch distribution. Visit orillialighthouse.ca or call 705-329-2265 for details.
- The Couchiching Ontario Health Team provides various health care supports including supporting patients who do not have a primary care provider, information about where to access care, and connecting patients with services like Chronic Disease management, palliative care, seniors support, mental health support and more. Visit [COHT.ca](https://coht.ca) or contact 211 for more information.
- Food Services: Residents who require help with food access can contact the Sharing Place Food Centre at 705-327-4273 or visit sharingplaceorillia.org for more information.

The Emergency Operations Centre will stand down, and the City's Senior Leadership Team will resume standard operations while continuing to monitor and respond to recovery needs. For continued updates, visit orillia.ca/icestorm or follow the City's official social media channels.

Storm Clean Up

Waste Diversion Site fees waived:

The City is waiving fees for the disposal of storm-related debris at the Waste Diversion Site until April 26, 2025.

- Essential loads only. Loads to Waste Diversion Site are limited to storm brush, spoiled food waste, storm-related items and debris.
- Garbage brought to the Waste Diversion Site must be loose or in clear bags. Black bags must be emptied to ensure it is storm related debris.

Please ensure that all debris is secure in your vehicle or trailer when travelling to the Waste Diversion Site

Extended Waste Diversion Site hours:

- Monday to Friday (April 7-11) - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday and Sunday (April 12-13) - 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Monday to Friday (April 14-18) - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Visit orillia.ca/icestorm for more information.

Curbside Collection

Orillia residents will not need to tag their garbage until Saturday, April 19. Spoiled food waste (still in packaging) will be permitted in the curbside garbage for this timeframe only. Residents are still encouraged to sort their food waste into their green bins as much as possible.

- There is no bag limit.
- Clear bags only.
- Residents can double bag food waste if they are not putting it in the compost.
- Please follow the weight limit of 20 kg or 44 lbs per bag or container of garbage.
- Please keep your regular curbside waste separate from the curbside brush for pick up.

Residential Property Brush Pick Up

Residential brush collection and wood chipping is underway. This will be a substantial undertaking and will take significant time to complete. As residents will be in different stages of property clean up, crews will be completing multiple passes throughout the city. To assist in safe and efficient collection, residents must place downed tree brush and branches:

- On their front property, behind the sidewalk and off the roadway.
- Do not block sidewalks, roads, storm drains, or fire hydrants or hydro infrastructure.
- City crews and contractors will be moving through the City in the coming days and weeks to chip and remove this brush material. Please do not mix any other materials in with the set out brush/branches.

Notice **Form 6 Sale of Land by Public Tender***Municipal Act, 2001* Ontario Regulation 181/03, Municipal Tax Sale Rules**Sale of Land by Public Tender: The Corporation of The City of Orillia****TAKE NOTICE** that tenders are invited for the purchase of the lands described below and will be received until 3 p.m. local time on May 15, 2025, at the Municipal Office, Orillia City Centre, (50 Andrew St. S.), Suite 300, Orillia Ontario.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day as soon as possible after 3 p.m. at the Municipal Office, Orillia City Centre, (50 Andrew St. S.), Suite 300, Orillia.

Description of Lands:

1. Roll No. 43 52 030 305 17101 0000; 97 CAMERON STREET, ORILLIA; PIN 58651-0048 (LT); PT LT 18 N/S NOTTAWASAGA ST PL 137 ORILLIA AS IN RO994273; S/T INTEREST IN RO994273; ORILLIA; File No. 23-04

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$224,000

Minimum tender amount: \$53,722.96

2. Roll No. 43 52 040 411 10500 0000; 442 PETER STREET NORTH, ORILLIA; PIN 58629-0100 (LT); PT LT G E/S AUSIN OR PETER ST PL 161 SOUTH ORILLIA AS IN RO1383472; ORILLIA; File No. 23-07

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$361,000

Minimum tender amount: \$88,034.31

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit of at least 20 per cent of the tender amount, which deposit shall be made by way of a certified cheque/bank draft/ money order payable to the municipality.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to, crown interests, or any other matters relating to the lands to be sold. Any interests of the Federal or Provincial Crown encumbering the land at the time of the tax sale will continue to encumber the land after the registration of the tax deed. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers. The assessed value, according to the last returned assessment roll, may or may not be representative of the current market value of the property.Pursuant to the Prohibition on the *Purchase of Residential Property by Non-Canadians Act, S.C. 2022, c. 10, s. 235* (the "Act"), effective Jan. 1, 2023, it is prohibited for a non-Canadian to purchase, directly or indirectly, any residential property, as those terms are defined in the legislation. Contraventions of the Act are punishable by a fine, and offending purchasers may be ordered to sell the residential property.

The municipality assumes no responsibility whatsoever for ensuring bidders/tenderers comply with the Act, and makes no representations regarding same. Prospective bidders/tenderers are solely responsible for ensuring compliance with the Act and are advised to seek legal advice before participating in this sale.

Transfers of properties that contain at least one and not more than six single family residences and are transferred to non-residents of Canada or foreign entities, are subject to the Province's Non-Resident Speculation Tax (NRST).

This sale is governed by the *Municipal Act, 2001* and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and any taxes that may be applicable, such as a land transfer tax and HST.

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

A copy of the prescribed form of tender is available on the website of the Government of Ontario Central Forms Repository under the listing for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender, contact:

Susan Driscoll, Manager of Revenue Services

The Corporation of the City of Orillia
50 Andrew St. S., Suite 300
Orillia ON, L3V 7T5705-325-2147 | sdriscoll@orillia.ca | orillia.ca

Important Dates

Upcoming Meetings**Monday, April 28: Regular Council**Meetings will be held in-person in the Council Chamber and may also be held electronically in accordance with Section 238 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*. Meeting start times will be noted on the agendas when published.A portion of these meetings may be held in Closed Session. Members of the public who wish to attend Council Chamber during the open session portions of these meetings are welcome. Regularly scheduled City Council meetings may be streamed live on the City of Orillia's YouTube channel. Full agenda packages and streaming links are available at orillia.civicweb.net. For further information, contact us at 705-325-1311 or councilservices@orillia.ca.**Job Opportunities****Facility Operator (Casual)**Environment and Infrastructure Services Department
Closing: April 11, 2025**Substitute School Crossing Guard (Contract)**Corporate Services Department
Closing: April 11, 2025**Director of Water and Wastewater**Environment and Infrastructure Services Department
Closing: April 16, 2025**Aquatic Lifesaving Positions**Corporate Services Department
Closing: July 31, 2025For all positions available, including duties and qualifications, visit orillia.ca/employment.

Parking 

Reminder: Annual Boat Trailer Parking Program Takes Effect May 15

With the arrival of spring, the City would like to remind members of the public that the annual Boat Trailer Parking Program begins May 15.

The program is in effect seven days a week (Monday through Sunday) from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and runs until Oct. 15, 2025. Orillia residents, and those who pay taxes directly to the City, can park their boat trailer for free by displaying a Resident Boat Trailer Parking Permit.

Residents and Orillia taxpayers can request their 2025 permit by visiting orillia.ca/parking and filling out the Resident Boat Trailer Parking Permit request form. Resident Boat Trailer Parking Permits will be tied directly to a boat trailer's licence plate number and must be clearly displayed on the driver's side of the towing vehicle's dashboard. The 2024 permits are not valid for the 2025 season.

For those without a Resident Boat Trailer Parking Permit, the cost to park boat trailers will be \$10 per hour, up to a maximum of \$50 per day. There is no additional fee to use the launch ramps.

The locations included in the Boat Trailer Parking Program are the Centennial Park Boat Launch parking lot (50 Centennial Dr.) and the Collins Drive Boat Launch parking lot (425 Collins Dr.) and the surrounding streets of Collins Drive, Maclsaac Drive, and Rodger Road. There is no fee or permit required to park without a boat trailer in those locations. For more information, visit orillia.ca/parking.

City Council 

Ward 3 Meeting

Councillors Jeff Czetwerzuk and Jay Fallis invite you to join them at a ward meeting on April 11, 2025 to discuss issues affecting Ward 3 and the City of Orillia.



 **April 11, 2025**  **7 p.m.**

 **250 West St. N.**
First Floor Conference Room

Registration is required for this event as space is limited. Be sure to register as soon as possible. To register, you can send an email to jfallis@orillia.ca and jczetwerzuk@orillia.ca or call 705-279-3249.

Recreation 

Summer Camp Registration Begins April 14

Registration for City of Orillia summer day camps opens at 7 a.m. on April 14, 2025.

The 2025 camp brochure is available online at orillia.ca/camps, giving families a chance to plan ahead for a memorable summer with a fresh lineup of engaging camps for children and youth.



Community 

Community Garden Sign Up 2025

Garden plots are available for booking at Orillia's Community Gardens for the 2025 growing season.

- Lakehead University (14 Plots)
- York Street Park (8 Plots)
- High Street Park (12 Plots)

Gardeners are expected to tend to the planting, growing, and harvesting of their own vegetables and garden plots and also to participate in planned clean-up events that consist of general weeding and tidying of the gardens areas. Plots are to be left cleaned and empty at the end of the growing season. The City's Community Garden Coordinator will be available to assist gardeners throughout the 2025 season.

Visit orillia.ca/communitygardens and provide your first and second choice of community garden location. Plots will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Please note that Hillcrest Park plots are full at this time.



Council Adopts Updated Downtown Tomorrow Plan to Guide Orillia's Future

At its March 24, 2025 meeting, Orillia Council endorsed in principle the 2025 City of Orillia Downtown Tomorrow Plan Update, a comprehensive blueprint designed to guide the sustainable growth and revitalization of Orillia's downtown core over the next two decades.

The plan builds on the successes of the 2012 Downtown Tomorrow Plan and introduces new initiatives to address current global and local challenges, including climate change, housing affordability, and economic sustainability.

As per Council's direction, staff will prepare a report outlining the establishment of a working group, including its mandate, terms of reference, and composition, to support the advancement of the Downtown Tomorrow Streetscape Project and report back to Council.

While Council has endorsed the plan in principle, its implementation will occur incrementally through various individual initiatives, each requiring Council approval. To read the full Downtown Tomorrow Plan Update visit orillia.ca/downtowntomorrow.