

Transit

Your Ride, Your Say

Have your say on Orillia Transit

The City of Orillia, with support from Georgian College students, is launching the Orillia Transit Study: Your Ride, Your Say survey to gather public feedback on Orillia Transit services.

The survey, conducted by Georgian College Research Analyst students on behalf of the City of Orillia, will collect feedback on key transit topics, including:

- Service frequency and routes
- Barriers to transit use and areas for improvement
- Interest in on-demand transit options
- Potential enhancements to bus schedules and accessibility

The survey is available online at orillia.ca/transit, and paper copies can be picked up at Orillia City Centre (50 Andrew St. S.) and the Orillia Public Library (36 Mississauga St. W.) until March 28, 2025.

To encourage participation, respondents will have the option to enter for a chance to win a free one-month transit pass, Downtown Orillia Dollars, or a pass to the Orillia Recreation Centre upon completing the survey. Survey responses will remain anonymous, and results will be reported back to the City of Orillia and the Transportation and Parking Working Group to help guide future transit improvements.

For more information and to take the survey, visit orillia.ca/transit.



Recreation

Spring Made Fun

Registration is now open for the spring recreation session.

Visit orillia.ca/programs to view the Spring Made Fun guide and check out all the great programs being offered this spring.



Notices

Spot a pothole? Let us know.

With the temperatures rapidly changing from well below freezing to mild, potholes can occur. Potholes are created by standing water and thaw/freeze conditions and generally occur until the frost is out of the ground. Although staff are out proactively looking for areas of concern, we encourage you to help us out by reporting any potholes.

To report a location, please email enviroservices@orillia.ca or, during regular business hours, please contact staff in our Municipal Operations Centre at 705-326-4585. We thank residents for their assistance in this matter.



Online Services



View and submit procurement bids 24/7 with Bids & Tenders

orillia.ca/tenders

Waste Collection

Find out
WHAT GOES WHERE

Try the 'What Goes Where' tool at orillia.ca/waste.



Events **FURTHER
FASTER****empower HER**

Fuel Innovation, the City of Orillia's Innovation Collective, in partnership with Georgian College's Henry Bernick Entrepreneurship Centre (HBEC), is excited to announce the launch of Further Faster: Empower HER Orillia and Lake Country, an accelerator program designed to support women entrepreneurs.

Further Faster: Empower HER is a transformative 10-week program designed to support women and women-led businesses. This program aims to accelerate growth, foster innovation, and empower participants to start and expand their ventures effectively. Set to begin on April 24, 2025, this in-person program will run every Thursday until June 26 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Creative Nomad Studios in Orillia.

Further Faster: Empower HER is tailored for current or aspiring women entrepreneurs in Orillia and Lake Country who have been in business for three years or less. Through this program participants will gain access to business resources worth \$10,000, engage in hands-on learning experiences, gain insights from industry experts and peers, and build the skills necessary to start or grow their businesses in the region. The program will be delivered by HBEC facilitators and feature a structured curriculum divided into three core modules: people, plan, and pitch. Topics covered will include understanding customers, market positioning, design thinking, intellectual property and commercialization, preparing and delivering an effective business pitch, and more.

The registration fee for the 10-week program is \$175 + HST. Interested participants can learn more and apply online at orillia.ca/innovation until April 18, 2025.

For more information, visit orillia.ca/innovation or contact Perna Sharma, Manager, Fuel Innovation, at psharma@orillia.ca.

Community 

Community and Special Events Grants

Application Deadline: March 15

New for 2025: Sport tourism organizations are now eligible for funding!

Open to eligible non-profit organizations and events. Apply online: orillia.ca/grants.



Check Your Structures

Heavy snow can weigh down your roof.

With the recent mild weather and heavy snowfall, it's important to check the structures on your property for excessive snow accumulation. Snow load can put significant strain on roofs, carports, sheds, and other outbuildings, increasing the risk of damage or collapse.

- Keep an eye on snow buildup, especially on flat or low-pitch roofs.
- Safely remove excess snow where possible.
- For larger or complex structures, consider professional assistance.



Important Dates

Upcoming Meetings

Monday, March 24: Public Meeting of Council re Planning Matters, Special Council re Tax Appeals and 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

Park Maintenance (Contract)

Environment and Infrastructure Services Department
Closing: March 14, 2025

Summer Student Programmer (Orillia Public Library)

Corporate Services Department
Closing: March 18, 2025

Executive Assistant to the CAO/Communications Coordinator

Chief Administrative Office
Closing: March 19, 2025

Grant Writer and Project Coordinator, Fuel Innovation (Contract)

Corporate Services Department
Closing: March 24, 2025

Community Liaison Assistant (Contract)

Corporate Services Department
Closing: March 28, 2025

For all positions available, including duties and qualifications, visit orillia.ca/employment.



Notice 

City of Orillia Notice of Public Meeting Re: Municipally Initiated Plan Amendment and Zoning By-Law Amendment

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Orillia will hold a Public Meeting on **Monday, March 24, 2025 at 12:30 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be dealt with, in the Council Chamber, Orillia City Centre, 50 Andrew St. S., to consider the municipally initiated Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments set out below.

PLEASE NOTE that this meeting may be attended either **in person** at the Council Chamber, Orillia City Centre, 50 Andrew St. S., Orillia or **electronically** as set out later in this Notice.

Description of the Land:

All Housekeeping Amendments apply to all land within the City of Orillia, and as such no key map has been provided.

Purpose and Effect:

The purpose and effect of the proposed municipally initiated amendments to the City's Official Plan is to permit four dwelling units per residential lot throughout the city, to permit residential uses in the "Community Commercial" designation, and to include a Waste Management Plan to the list of potentially required studies for a complete application.

The proposed municipally initiated amendments to the City's Zoning By-law propose to make changes to the text and mapping to implement the accompanying Official Plan Amendment and to further improve and clarify the City's Comprehensive Zoning By-law 2014-44, as amended.

PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU INTEND TO PARTICIPATE IN ELECTRONICALLY IN THE HYBRID PUBLIC MEETING you are required to register with the Council Services Division (councilservices@orillia.ca, 705-325-1311) by no later than noon on Friday, March 21, 2025. Upon registration, the necessary information required to join the meeting will be provided to you. Please note that access to a computer with an internet connection or phone connection is required to participate in the electronic meeting. Written submissions prior to the meeting date are required from those parties intending to participate in the electronic meeting, in order that your comments are on record in the event of any technical difficulties. Please contact Jill Lewis, Senior Planner, prior to the meeting date with any questions. Written submissions from any party may be forwarded by email to jlewis@orillia.ca or dropped off at Orillia City Centre, 50 Andrew St. S., Orillia, marked to the attention of Jill Lewis, Senior Planner.

Information Available:

Additional information and material relating to the proposal is available on the City's webpage at orillia.ca/currentdevelopment. For more information about this matter, including information about your appeal rights and for additional information and material relating to the proposal, you may phone the general Planning line at 705-325-2622 or email Jill Lewis at jlewis@orillia.ca.

Dated: Feb. 26, 2025

Winter Control 

**NO ICE IS
SAFE ICE**

orillia.ca/waterfront

Community 

Flood Prevention Information

With warmer temperatures and rain in the forecast, melting snow and rainfall could increase water ponding and the risk of flooding. Here's how we can all help to reduce the impact:

What You Can Do:

- ✓ Clear snow and ice from storm drains near your property to help water drain properly
- ✓ Ensure the land around your home slopes away from the foundation to prevent pooling
- ✓ Apply weatherproof sealant around basement windows and doors to prevent seepage
- ✓ Install or check your sump pump to ensure it's working properly
- ✓ Clean gutters and eavestroughs regularly to prevent overflow and basement flooding
- ✓ Raise valuables and appliances in flood-prone areas
- ✓ Move chemicals and pesticides to higher ground for safety
- ✓ Check with your insurance provider to ensure you have adequate flood coverage
- ✓ Always have an emergency kit ready with essentials like water, flashlights, and important documents
- ✓ If your home or business is threatened by flood water, turn off electricity.

In anticipation of the mild weather and rain, City staff are working to remove accumulated snow over the City's drainage system to reduce the probability of ponding and flooding conditions. Please call the Environment and Infrastructure Services Department at 705-326-4585 should you have any immediate concerns.

For more information on flood prevention, please visit ontario.ca/flood.

