

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
- Interest in on-demand transit options
- Barriers to transit use and areas for improvement
- 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 Mississaga 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.



Community 

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.

Community 

Inaugural Food Strategy Open House Takes Place April 2

The City of Orillia's Food Access and Sustainability Working Group invites residents to an open house to learn about the local food system and share ideas on how to make it stronger.

Residents are encouraged to share their thoughts on how to strengthen Orillia's food system. By taking part in this discussion, residents can help shape a more resilient and sustainable local food system. A stronger food system can:

- Improve access to fresh, healthy food close to home.
- Support local businesses, helping protect the community from food supply disruptions caused by natural disasters, tariffs, and even events like the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Enhance the health and well-being of everyone in the city.

 April 2, 2025 | 5 to 7:30 p.m.

 Orillia City Centre (50 Andrew St. S., Orillia)

5 p.m. - Tudhope-McIntyre Boardroom

Meet local food organizations and explore displays. Light fare will be provided – bring a reusable water bottle!

5:30 p.m. - Council Chamber

Presentation and open discussion about how we can increase our local food options, support local businesses and protect the environment. The Orillia Food Access and Sustainability Working Group's mandate is to bring diverse voices together to advise Council on food-related policies and facilitate projects that promote food sovereignty and a healthy, equitable, and sustainable local food system.

For more information visit orillia.ca.



Notice 

90-Day Notification Period for Automated Speed Enforcement Cameras Begins

The City of Orillia is moving forward with the next phase of its Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) program.

Installation of "Coming Soon" signs is now complete at the three designated locations: Fittons Road West, Park Street, and Westmount Drive South.

ASE cameras will be installed in Community Safety Zones. The program aims to improve compliance with posted speed limits and protect vulnerable road users, particularly in school zones and other high-traffic areas.

The 90-day notification period is a required step before ASE cameras begin operation and issuing tickets. Over the coming months, the City will finalize agreements with the Ministry of the Attorney General, Ministry of Transportation, and Hydro One while completing additional infrastructure work and system testing to ensure a smooth launch.

The City anticipates full implementation of ASE cameras later this spring or early summer. To ensure residents are well-informed, the City will also be launching an educational campaign in the coming weeks to provide details on how ASE cameras work, what drivers can expect, and how the program contributes to road safety.

For more information and updates on Orillia's Automated Speed Enforcement program, visit orillia.ca/trafficsafety.



Important Dates

Upcoming Meetings

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

Monday, April 7: 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

Labourer

Environment and Infrastructure Services Department
Closing: March 21, 2025

Grant Writer and Project Coordinator, Fuel Innovation (Contract)

Corporate Services Department
Closing: March 24, 2025

Records Processing Assistant (Contract)

Corporate Services Department
Closing: March 26, 2025

Camp Counsellor

Corporate Services Department
Closing: March 28, 2025

Community Liaison Assistant (Contract)

Corporate Services Department
Closing: March 28, 2025

Community Garden Coordinator (Contract)

Development Services and Engineering Department
Closing: March 31, 2025

Aquatic Lifesaving Positions

Corporate Services Department
Closing: July 31, 2025

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

Events 

100 Years of THE GREAT GATSBY

To celebrate the 100th Anniversary since *The Great Gatsby* was published, the Leacock Museum is opening a new exhibit exploring the novel we all know and love today! On display, guests will find a letter hand-written to Stephen Leacock from F. Scott Fitzgerald himself, along with other fascinating treasures that tell the tale and history of *Gatsby*.

Exhibit included with a self-guided tour of the museum. Opening March 29, 2025.

Visit leacockmuseum.ca for details.



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

Community 

**FURTHER
FASTER**

empowerHER

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 Prerna Sharma, Manager, Fuel Innovation, at psharma@orillia.ca.



View and Submit procurement bids 24/7 with Bids & Tenders at orillia.ca/tenders.

Harvie Settlement Road Partial Closure Extended until April 14, 2025

The City of Orillia has extended the seasonal closure of a portion of Harvie Settlement Road between University Avenue and the drive lane at 695 Harvie Settlement Rd. until April 14, 2025, due to road conditions.

Originally scheduled to reopen on March 15, 2025, the area will remain closed as staff continue to address significant ice buildup, reduce snowbanks, fill potholes created due to the extreme conditions, and freeze-thaw that has occurred over the winter months.

Residents and businesses on Harvie Settlement Road will continue to have full access via Diana Drive during this extended closure period.

For updates on winter road conditions and operations, visit orillia.ca/wintercontrol.



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— = alternate access to Harvie Settlement Road businesses and residences

= businesses/residences

Waste Collection

Pet Waste Goes in the Garbage!

Cat litter and other pet waste can be placed loose inside your clear garbage bag or in one of the two allowable privacy bags. Dog waste bags can be placed directly in your clear bag and are not considered privacy bags.

Orillia processes its green bin and leaf and yard waste material in a low-tech, open-air composting area located at the Waste Diversion Site. The City's composting operations are not approved to accept pet waste.

Visit orillia.ca/waste for more information.



City Council

Did you know that Orillia Council meetings can be viewed live on the City's YouTube Channel?

Missed a meeting? You can watch archived meetings online too.



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Household Hazardous Waste Depot

The City's Household Hazardous Waste Depot is located at the Waste Diversion Site and is open to residents of Orillia and the Townships of Oro-Medonte, Ramara and Severn.

There is a limit of one 20 litre pail, or equivalent, of any material type per day. All containers must be sealed. Household Hazardous Waste can be brought to the depot free of charge. Your participation helps to keep hazardous materials out of the landfill.

Please note that township residents are not permitted to use other diversion depots or bring garbage to the City of Orillia Waste Diversion Site.

