

Community



Ward 3 Meeting

📅 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 1-705-279-3249.



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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.



Transit



Your Ride, Your Say

Last chance to have your say on Orillia Transit. Survey closes March 28.

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.



City Council

The City of Orillia Welcomes New CAO

After a comprehensive recruitment process, Orillia Council has appointed Trevor Lee as the new Chief Administrative Officer (CAO).

Mr. Lee has more than 30 years of experience in municipal administration, corporate leadership, and financial management. A Chartered Professional Accountant, he most recently served as Deputy CAO for Corporate Services at the City of Guelph, overseeing Finance, Human Resources, IT, Legal Services, and Communications. He has led major initiatives in leadership development, strategic planning, and financial sustainability. Mr. Lee also has a strong connection with Orillia as a long-time property owner in the area.

Mr. Lee will join the City of Orillia effective April 14, 2025. For more information, visit orillia.ca.



Events

**FURTHER
FASTER**

empowerHER

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.

For more information, or to sign-up, visit orillia.ca/innovation. Register by April 18, 2025.

Council Allocates Funding to Strengthen Physician Recruitment Efforts.

Orillia City Council has approved \$500,000 in funding to support physician recruitment through the Orillia & Lake Country Physician Recruitment Committee, following recommendations from the City-Operated Medical Clinic Working Group.

The group, after months of research and consultation, determined that investing in recruitment efforts—rather than creating a municipally operated clinic—would have the greatest impact on addressing Orillia's physician shortage. The funding will support strategies such as incentives, enhanced recruitment tactics, and partnerships with medical institutions. A business plan and regular progress reports are required. For more information, visit orillia.ca.



Notice

Harvie Settlement Road Now Open

The seasonal closure on a portion of Harvie Settlement Road between University Avenue and 695 Harvie Settlement Rd. has now ended. Thank you for your patience while crews completed the necessary work to ensure a safe reopening.

The decision to close a portion of the road seasonally was approved by Orillia Council on Dec. 9, 2024, to address safety concerns stemming from the steep grade and sharp turn in this area, which can become hazardous in icy and snowy conditions for drivers, large trucks, and City equipment.

For more information visit orillia.ca.



Important Dates

Upcoming Meetings

Monday, April 7: Regular Council
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

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

Culture Assistant (Contract)

Corporate Services Department
Closing: April 2, 2025

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

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