


Transit 



Free Transit Day:
March 12
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Notices 

Reminder to Taxpayers

The first instalment of the 2025 Interim Tax Bill is due and payable by March 15, 2025. Ratepayers are reminded that penalty is added to all past due instalments or part thereof as follows:

- 1.25 per cent added on the first working day following the due date, and
- 1.25 per cent per month thereafter beginning April 1, 2025.

Failure to receive the tax bill does not relieve the property owner from payment of taxes or liability for penalty for late payment. Payments for both tax and water bills are accepted at most financial institutions. To take advantage of our pre-authorized tax plan, please visit orillia.ca or call 705-329-7239 for more information.

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.

Spring Forward: March 9, 2025

- Change Your Clocks, Change Your Batteries
- Test or replace smoke and CO alarm batteries.



Reminder to Owners of Tenant-Occupied Properties

Under provincial legislation, unpaid water and sanitary sewer bills become the responsibility of the property owner.

When a tenant vacates a property, the water and sewer account will be put in the name of the property owner. The property owner will then receive all water bills and notices unless we have a completed Owner Agreement for Tenant form from the property owner to put the bills into the new tenant's name.

The City will attempt collection from the tenant addressed on the bill. However, if unsuccessful, these charges will be added to the property's tax roll.

The City's collection efforts do not begin until two successive billings have gone unpaid. Property owners may call the Financial Services Division at 705-329-7239 in regards to the status of an account at any time during regular business hours.

The 2024 Annual and Summary Report for the Drinking Water System has been completed.

It is now available for viewing at orillia.ca/waterquality or at no charge at the first-floor service desk at Orillia City Centre (50 Andrew St. S.).

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

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

Summer Clerical Student

Environment and Infrastructure Services Department
Closing: March 7, 2025

Park Maintenance (Contract)

Environment and Infrastructure Services Department
Closing: March 14, 2025

Executive Assistant to the CAO/Communications Coordinator

Chief Administrative Office
Closing: March 19, 2025

Community Liaison Assistant (Contract)

Corporate Services Department
Closing: March 28, 2025

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

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.

Community 

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Waste Collection 

2025-2026 Garbage Tag Mail Outs

Please note that the City of Orillia will mail the next set of garbage tags for each household at the beginning of June 2025. These tags are your allotment to cover the period from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026.

Additional garbage tags can be purchased at Orillia City Centre (50 Andrew St. S.), the Waste Diversion Site (100 Kitchener St.), through the OrilliaNow portal at orillia.ca/now, and at the following retail stores:

- **Zehr's Markets** (285 Coldwater Rd.)
- **Metro** (70 Front St. N.)
- **Memorial Pharmasave0** (1 – 200 Memorial Ave.)
- **Orillia Home Hardware** (5 King St.)
- **Oscar's Variety** (33 Mississauga St. E. #1)
- **Pharma Plus Drugmart** (58 Mississauga St. E.)

Tags should be placed on the uppermost garbage bag within a container or wrapped around a standalone bag to form a flag.

All garbage must have a full garbage tag used for collection and be in a clear bag or appropriate rigid container. No tags are needed for green bin/yard waste (excluding grass clippings), recycling materials, or diapers in clear bags. There is a weight limit of 20 kg (44 lbs) per bag or container.

Questions? Call 705-325-3522 or email enviroservices@orillia.ca. Learn more about waste collection in Orillia at orillia.ca/waste.



Community 

Flood Prevention: Tips and Tricks

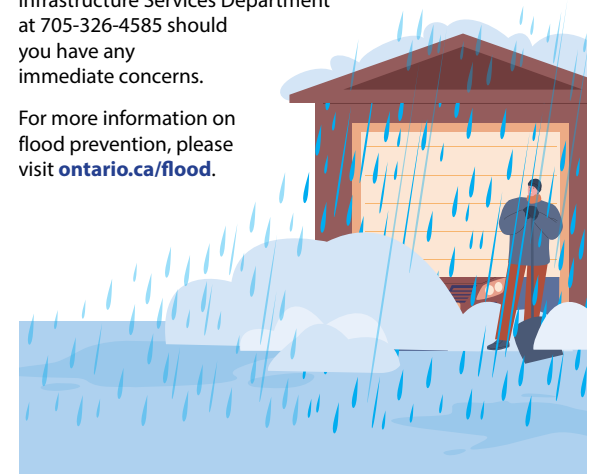
With warmer temperatures and rain in the forecast, melting snow and rainfall could increase water ponding and the risk of flooding. Here's how we can all help to reduce the impact:

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.



Community 

K. Valerie Connor Poetry Competition Now Open

The Leacock Museum is inviting submissions for the tenth anniversary of the K. Valerie Connor Poetry Competition. In memory of former volunteer Valerie Connor, the contest is open to amateur poets of all ages who currently reside in Ontario.

Entrants are invited to submit up to three poems in their applicable age-based category: Adult (18+), Intermediate (13 to 17), and Elementary (12 and under). An entry fee of \$10 per poem is required for the Adult category, and \$5 per poem for the Intermediate category. Submissions to the Elementary category are free. A total of \$2,350 in cash prizes will be awarded this year, with a top prize of \$1,000. This competition is made possible due to the generous support of the Connor family.

Poems must be original and unpublished and can be about any topic or theme. Entries must be between two and 250 words and submitted by May 28, 2025. Visit orillia.ca/poetrycontest to complete the submission form and to see full rules and regulations.

