



## Special Council Meeting: Boundary Expansion and Official Plan

City Council 

Orillia Council will meet on Feb. 4, 2025, to deliberate on key decisions that will shape density targets and future land needs.

The City of Orillia is taking the next step in its boundary and Official Plan review processes to plan for growth through 2051. On Feb. 4, 2025, from noon to 4 p.m., Council will hold a special meeting to decide on key issues, including how much housing growth to accommodate within current boundaries, the need for additional land for future expansion, and policies to shape the new Official Plan.

### Boundary Review

**Background:** The City has been conducting a detailed review of land use and growth needs to plan for Orillia's population and job growth through to 2051. Since 2021, this process has included a technical land evaluation to identify suitable areas for growth and an updated land needs assessment to determine how much land will be required under different residential density scenarios.

**What Council Will Be Deciding on Feb. 4:** At the Feb. 4 special meeting, Council will deliberate on the minimum density target for Orillia's built-up areas. This decision will determine how much housing growth can be accommodated within the City's existing boundaries and how much additional land will be needed for a future boundary expansion.

### How to Participate in the Feb. 4 Meeting

Residents wishing to address Council during the special meeting on Feb. 4 can register for Open Public Forum by emailing [councilservices@orillia.ca](mailto:councilservices@orillia.ca) no later than 8 a.m. on the day of the meeting. The Open Public Forum is limited to one hour, with each speaker allotted three minutes. A maximum of 20 speakers will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Written comments can also be submitted to [planning@orillia.ca](mailto:planning@orillia.ca).

The meeting will be held in person in the Council Chamber at Orillia City Centre (50 Andrew St. S.). It may also be livestreamed on the City's YouTube channel. More information, including all materials being presented, is available for review at [orillia.ca/officialplan](http://orillia.ca/officialplan).



### Official Plan

**Background:** Since 2023, the City has been working on a new Official Plan to guide growth and development over the next 26 years. Public feedback on key issues, collected through the 2024 Issues and Options Reports and an online survey, has informed policy discussions on a range of topics.

**What Council Will Be Deciding on Feb. 4:** At the upcoming meeting, Council will provide direction on key policy decisions for the Official Plan. These include setting maximum building heights, protecting natural heritage, planning for climate change, strengthening the local food supply, and improving transportation and mobility.

## Important Dates

### Upcoming Meetings

**Monday, Jan. 27: Regular Council**

**Tuesday, Feb. 4: Special Council re Boundary Expansion and Official Plan**

**Monday, Feb. 10: Regular Council and Public Meeting of Council re Planning Matters**

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](http://orillia.civicweb.net). For further information, contact us at 705-325-1311 or [councilservices@orillia.ca](mailto:councilservices@orillia.ca).

### Job Opportunities

#### Camp Positions - Various

Corporate Services Department  
Closing: Jan. 24, 2025

#### Culture Assistant (Contract)

Corporate Services Department  
Closing: Jan. 24, 2025

#### Traffic Technologist (Contract)

Development Services and Engineering Department  
Closing: Jan. 29, 2025

#### Administrative Support – Capital Projects

Development Services and Engineering Department  
Closing: Jan. 31, 2025

#### Aquatic Lifesaving Positions

Corporate Services Department  
Closing: Jan. 31, 2025

#### Recreation Systems Administrator

Corporate Services Department  
Closing: Jan. 31, 2025

#### Revenue Clerk (Contract)

Corporate Services Department  
Closing: Jan. 31, 2025

#### Park Maintenance (Contract)

Environment and Infrastructure Services Department  
Closing: March 14, 2025

For all positions available, including duties and qualifications, visit [orillia.ca/employment](http://orillia.ca/employment).


 Winter Control 

## Harvie Settlement Road Partial Closure Until March 15, 2025

To enhance winter safety, the City of Orillia is implementing an annual seasonal road closure for a portion of Harvie Settlement Road between University Avenue and the drive lane at 695 Harvie Settlement Rd.

The road is closed this winter season until March 15, 2025. Starting next winter, this section of Harvie Settlement Road will close annually from Dec. 15 to March 15.

Residences and businesses on Harvie Settlement Road are fully accessible via alternative access from Diana Drive throughout the closure period. For more information regarding snow clearing and winter operations in Orillia, visit [orillia.ca/wintercontrol](http://orillia.ca/wintercontrol).