

Notice 

Ice Storm Clean Up

As the City of Orillia and residents continue the extensive cleanup efforts following the significant ice storm that occurred at the end of March, Orillia Council has extended free brush drop off at the Orillia Waste Diversion Site as well as curbside brush pick up and chipping.

Brush drop off extended:

At its meeting on April 28, City Council authorized the extension of free drop off for storm-related brush, tree wood and stumps at the Waste Diversion Site until May 31, 2025. The Waste Diversion Site is now open for regular operations and is no longer limited to storm-related loads. Regular tipping fees apply for all other items other than storm-related brush, tree wood and stumps.

Wood chips:

Residents are welcome to access and take wood chips from various piles located throughout the city, generated as part of the ongoing storm cleanup efforts. These wood chips are available for personal use and are offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Curbside waste collection:

A reminder that curbside waste collection has now returned to its regular schedule. Garbage tags are once again required for every other week curbside garbage setout. Residents are reminded to properly tag garbage bags and check their collection calendar at orillia.ca/waste or download the Recycle Coach app for the collection schedule.

Curbside brush pick up and chipping extended: Residents can continue placing tree brush at the roadside until the final set out date of May 18, 2025.

Crews will then make their way through the city with collection expected to be complete by May 31, 2025. Residents do not need to contact the City for pick up. To assist in safe and efficient collection, residents must place downed tree brush and branches:

- On their front property, behind the sidewalk and off the roadway.
- Do not block sidewalks, roads, storm drains, or fire hydrants or hydro infrastructure.
- Please do not mix any other materials in with the set out brush/branches.

Streetlights:

There are pockets of streetlights out throughout the city. City crews are working in partnership with utility providers to restore lighting as soon as safely possible. This will take some time depending on the severity of damage to the infrastructure.

Parks Clean Up

In addition to our Parks team, the City has retained multiple contractors to support cleanup from the ice storm. Crews are working park-by-park in the following order: waterfront parks; community parks with sports amenities; neighbourhood parks and parkettes.

Why Trees Are Being Removed?

Tree removal is never a decision taken lightly. Unfortunately, the historic ice storm caused widespread and severe tree damage, turning previously safe trees into immediate safety hazards. Our priority is clear: keep parks safe for public use while protecting as many trees as possible.

Many removed trees are ash, which were already compromised by emerald ash borer. Trees of other species are only removed if they show:

- Split trunks
- Major limb failure
- Extensive canopy damage

Certified arborists inspect the trees to determine their condition. Only trees that pose an immediate safety risk are being removed.

Replanting and Canopy Restoration

Orillia City Council has directed staff to develop a comprehensive Tree Canopy Recovery Plan. This plan will:

- Identify species selection for greater resilience.
- Set planting goals across the city.
- Include strategies to restore shade and natural canopy over time.

The goal is to rebuild a healthier, more resilient urban forest for future generations.

Funding & Ongoing Timeline

Cleanup is being funded through the City's operational budget. A portion of costs is expected to be offset through Provincial emergency storm recovery programs. Tree and park recovery will be a multi-year effort, but planning is underway and work is ongoing.

For ongoing updates and detailed information, visit orillia.ca/icestorm.

Community 

Help Shape the Future of Our Community!

The City of Orillia and the Townships of Oro-Medonte, Ramara and Severn are refreshing the Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) Plan and your input is needed.

- Share your thoughts on key issues like housing, mental health, and access to services.
- Survey takes just 5–10 minutes.
- Your feedback is voluntary and confidential.

This refresh is required under provincial legislation to ensure the plan continues to meet evolving community needs.

Take the survey today and help build a safer, stronger community.

Access the survey until May 9, 2025 at surveymonkey.com/r/CouchichingCSWBPlan.

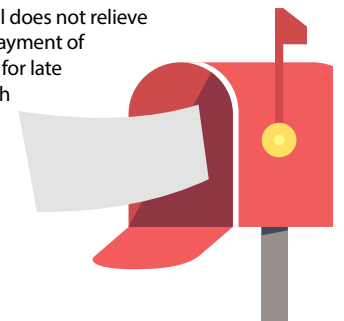
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Reminder to Taxpayers

The second instalment of the 2025 Interim Tax Bill is due and payable May 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 June 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.



Are You Prepared?

Emergency Preparedness Week is May 4 to 10, 2025

The City of Orillia is recognizing Emergency Preparedness Week from May 4 to 10, 2025, and this year's theme "Plan for Every Season", is a timely reminder that each season in Ontario has its own risks and emergencies can happen year-round.

Residents are encouraged to:

- Build a 72-hour emergency kit
- Create a household emergency plan
- Keep a vehicle emergency kit during winter months
- Practice seasonal home safety (e.g. smoke/CO alarms, backup power)
- Sign up for Alertable to receive real-time emergency alerts

Visit orillia.ca/beprepared for more information.



Community



Important Dates

Upcoming Meetings

Monday, May 12: Regular Council and Public Meeting of Council re Planning Matters
Monday, May 26: 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.

National Public Works Week Open House: May 24

Celebrate National Public Works Week with an action-packed open house on Saturday, May 24, 2025, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Municipal Operations Centre, 20 James St. W.

This event offers residents of all ages a chance to explore City equipment, enjoy interactive displays, and learn directly from staff about the many career opportunities in the public works field, from water and wastewater management to roads, parks and fleet maintenance.

Admission is free, with attendees encouraged to bring a non-perishable food donation to fill a sidewalk plow in support of The Sharing Place Food Centre.

What's happening:

- **Tree giveaway** – Orillia residents can pick up a new tree sapling to help restore the tree canopy. Approximately 200 saplings will be available on a first-come, first-served basis while quantities last. One per household.
- **Free food** – Grab a bite from Harvey's. Cash donations will be accepted for the Sharing Place Food Centre.
- **Paint the Plow/Name the Plow** – Help brighten up the fleet with your artwork.
- **Expanded equipment displays** – Climb aboard and explore even more big trucks and machinery.
- **Games, trivia, and prizes** – Activities for kids and adults alike.

For more information on the National Public Works Week and the Public Works Week Open House event, please visit orillia.ca/publicworkweek.

City-wide Garage Sale Day Returns: June 7

Residents encouraged to host or shop garage sales to support affordable housing

Following the success of last year's event, residents and organizations are once again invited to take part in a day of decluttering, community connection, and support for affordable housing.

There is no registration required. Residents and organizations can host their own garage sales on June 7, and those wishing to donate all or a portion of their proceeds to the Affordable Housing Reserve can do so at orillia.ca/garagesale.

For those wanting to host a sale that don't have a lawn or garage, please reach out to oriliagaragesale@gmail.com. Residents not holding garage sales are encouraged to take part by attending sales across the city.

New this year, the 'Pop-Up Shop' at St. Paul's Centre (62 Peter St. N.) will be open starting at 7:30 a.m. and will offer garage sale maps and a selection of vendor tables. Complimentary hamburgers will be available from Harvey's Orillia from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. while supplies last.

The event is once again supported by the City's Waste Management Advisory Committee.

For more information on the city-wide Garage Sale Day, please visit orillia.ca/garagesale or contact Ward 3 Coun. Jay Fallis at oriliagaragesale@gmail.com or 705-279-3249.

Community



Job Opportunities

Customer Service Representative (Part-Time)

Corporate Services Department
Closing: May 8, 2025

Facility Operator (Part-Time)

Environment and Infrastructure Services Department
Closing: May 9, 2025

Park/Facility Operator (Contract)

Environment and Infrastructure Services Department
Closing: May 15, 2025

Administrative Support – Human Resources (Contract)

Corporate Services Department
Closing: May 26, 2025

Aquatic Lifesaving Positions

Corporate Services Department
Closing: July 31, 2025

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



Notice 

Form 6 Sale of Land by Public Tender

Municipal Act, 2001 Ontario Regulation 181/03, Municipal Tax Sale Rules

Sale of Land by Public Tender: The Corporation of The City of Orillia

TAKE NOTICE that tenders are invited for the purchase of the lands described below and will be received until 3 p.m. local time on May 15, 2025, at the Municipal Office, Orillia City Centre, (50 Andrew St. S.), Suite 300, Orillia Ontario.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day as soon as possible after 3 p.m. at the Municipal Office, Orillia City Centre, (50 Andrew St. S.), Suite 300, Orillia.

Description of Lands:

1. Roll No. 43 52 030 305 17101 0000; 97 CAMERON STREET, ORILLIA; PIN 58651-0048 (LT); PT LT 18 N/S NOTTAWASAGA ST PL 137 ORILLIA AS IN RO994273; S/T INTEREST IN RO994273; ORILLIA; File No. 23-04

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$224,000

Minimum tender amount: \$53,722.96

2. Roll No. 43 52 040 411 10500 0000; 442 PETER STREET NORTH, ORILLIA; PIN 58629-0100 (LT); PT LT G E/S AUSIN OR PETER ST PL 161 SOUTH ORILLIA AS IN RO1383472; ORILLIA; File No. 23-07

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$361,000

Minimum tender amount: \$88,034.31

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit of at least 20 per cent of the tender amount, which deposit shall be made by way of a certified cheque/bank draft/ money order payable to the municipality.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to, crown interests, or any other matters relating to the lands to be sold. Any interests of the Federal or Provincial Crown encumbering the land at the time of the tax sale will continue to encumber the land after the registration of the tax deed. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers. The assessed value, according to the last returned assessment roll, may or may not be representative of the current market value of the property.

Pursuant to the Prohibition on the *Purchase of Residential Property by Non-Canadians Act, S.C. 2022, c. 10, s. 235* (the "Act"), effective Jan. 1, 2023, it is prohibited for a non-Canadian to purchase, directly or indirectly, any residential property, as those terms are defined in the legislation. Contraventions of the Act are punishable by a fine, and offending purchasers may be ordered to sell the residential property.

The municipality assumes no responsibility whatsoever for ensuring bidders/tenderers comply with the Act, and makes no representations regarding same. Prospective bidders/tenderers are solely responsible for ensuring compliance with the Act and are advised to seek legal advice before participating in this sale.

Transfers of properties that contain at least one and not more than six single family residences and are transferred to non-residents of Canada or foreign entities, are subject to the Province's Non-Resident Speculation Tax (NRST).

This sale is governed by the *Municipal Act, 2001* and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and any taxes that may be applicable, such as a land transfer tax and HST.

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

A copy of the prescribed form of tender is available on the website of the Government of Ontario Central Forms Repository under the listing for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

For more information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender, contact Susan Driscoll, Manager of Revenue Services

705-325-2147 | sdriscoll@orillia.ca | orillia.ca

The Corporation of the City of Orillia
50 Andrew St. S., Suite 300
Orillia ON, L3V 7T5

Parking 

Get Your Resident Boat Trailer Parking Permit

Orillia residents, and those who pay taxes directly to the City, can park their boat trailer for free by displaying a 2025 Resident Boat Trailer Parking Permit.

The program is in effect seven days a week (Monday through Sunday) from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and runs until Oct. 15, 2025.



Request your permit now at orillia.ca/parking.

Community 

Have Your Say on Orillia's Vibrant Spaces and Creative Places

The City of Orillia wants your input on the Parks, Recreation, Culture, and Trails Master Plan.

The Master Plan is a strategic document that studies the existing park, recreation, culture, and trails system, facilities, and programming. It provides both a long-term vision for the City's system, as well as specific policies and standards to direct day-to-day decisions.

Complete the online survey at orillia.ca/PRCTMasterPlan by Aug. 1, 2025.



Join the Leacock Museum for Family Fun Beginning This May

**A Bouquet from Me:
Kids Mother's Day Activity**
May 10, 2025

**House & Grounds History
Tours**
May 18 to Aug. 31, 2025

Family Fun Day
May 17, 2025

Shop by the Lake
June 7, 2025

For more information at or to purchase tickets, visit leacockmuseum.ca.



Community



Calling All Indigenous Artists: 'Two-Spirit and Gender Diversity Through History' Exhibition

The City of Orillia, The Orillia Museum of Art & History and the Orillia Native Women's Group invite artists who identify as Indigenous to submit their artwork for consideration in the upcoming exhibition: "Two-Spirit & Gender Diversity through History".

Launching in June 2025, in recognition of Pride Month and National Indigenous History Month, this exhibition aims to uplift the voices of Two-Spirit and gender-diverse individuals, honouring their historical significance, cultural contributions, and resilience.

Indigenous artists working in all visual art forms are encouraged to apply. Artwork may explore traditional understandings of gender, challenge colonial narratives, and/or celebrate diverse identities through artistic expression.

The exhibition will be on display within the culture display case across from the Aquatics Centre in the lobby of the Orillia Recreation Centre (255 West St. S.). The exhibition is scheduled to run from June 2025 to December 2025. Participation is free of charge, but space is limited. Applications can be submitted online at orillia.ca/indigenousexhibitions with a deadline of May 23, 2025 at noon.

Artwork will be juried and selected in collaboration with a representative from the Orillia Museum of Art & History, the Orillia Native Women's Group, and creative community members who identify as Indigenous. Selections will be based on artistic merit, diversity of mediums, and contribution to the overall narrative of the exhibition. For more information about the upcoming exhibit, and to apply, visit orillia.ca/indigenousexhibitions.

Calling All Artists: New Exhibition Submissions for 'The Art of Summer' Exhibition

The City of Orillia and the Orillia Museum of Art & History invite artists to submit works for the upcoming exhibition at the Stack Gallery (Orillia Recreation Centre) and the Green Room Gallery (Orillia Opera House), in partnership with the Orillia Opera House. The exhibition invites artists to interpret the theme 'The Art of Summer' through new or existing original works of art.

This theme pays tribute to the ongoing success of professional Summer Theatre at the Orillia Opera House. Artists are invited to submit works that capture the spirit of summer in Orillia. Submissions may be inspired by performances, festivals, community gatherings, or the energy of summer life in the community.

The call is open to artists from all locations, however priority may be given to those residing or working in the City of Orillia, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and the Townships of Oro-Medonte, Severn, or Ramara.

The exhibition will be displayed at both locations from June to December 2025. The deadline to apply is May 23, 2025, at noon. For more information about the upcoming exhibition, and to apply, visit orilliamuseum.org/appc.

Transit



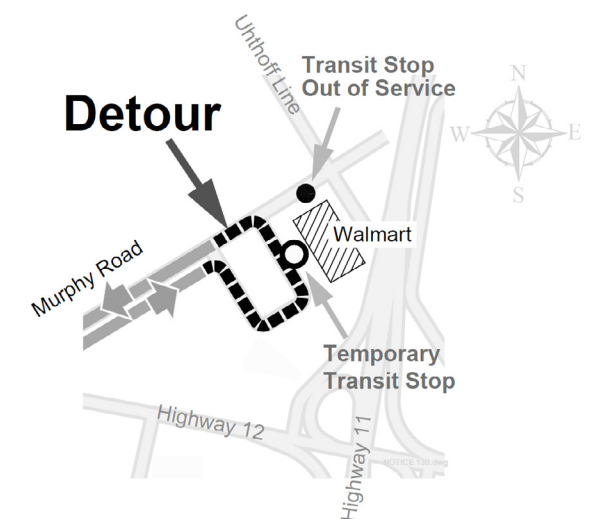
Transit Detour

The City of Orillia is notifying residents and transit users of a temporary change to the West Ridge via Coldwater Road transit route due to upcoming infrastructure work.

Starting Monday, May 12, 2025, the transit shelter located beside Walmart will be temporarily out of service as underground infrastructure work is carried out near Murphy Road and Uthoff Line. The closure is expected to last approximately two weeks, weather permitting.

To maintain service and ensure the safety of both passengers and transit operators, a temporary transit stop will be available in front of Walmart between the two main entrances. Transit riders are advised that pickups will only occur at this designated temporary stop during the construction period.

For more information, visit orillia.ca/transit.



Free Transit Day:
June 5

orillia.ca/transit