

Proclamation October 19 - 25, 2025 Small Business Week

Whereas, Small Business Week is an opportunity to celebrate the hard work, dedication, and achievements of local entrepreneurs, small business owners and workers who contribute so much to the Town's growth and prosperity; and

Whereas, Small Business Week is celebrated annually across Canada and encourages everyone to recognize the critical role small businesses play in fostering economic growth, innovation, and community well-being; and

Whereas, Small businesses are the heart of our local economy and are defined as enterprises that have one to 99 paid employees. In Orangeville, there are almost 1,000 small businesses which represents 98% of the business community. Each one of those businesses brings innovation, creates jobs, offers diverse solutions, and enhances the vibrancy of Orangeville. During Small Business week we take the opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the entrepreneurs who drive our community forward with their dedication, creativity, and resilience;

Whereas, since 2003, the Orangeville and Area Small Business Enterprise Centre (SBEC) has supported new and existing businesses in and around Dufferin County with free guidance and resources. These services are offered in partnership with the Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Dufferin County, the Town of Shelburne and Community Futures of South Georgian Bay.

Now Therefore, I, Mayor Lisa Post, on behalf of Council, do hereby proclaim the week of October 19 - 25, 2025 as Small Business Week in the Town of Orangeville.

Lisa Post Mayor