

**THE OROMOCTO TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
IN REGULAR SESSION**

**December 12, 2024, 5:30 PM  
AT THE OROMOCTO MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

Present: Councillor Lorraine Dawe, Councillor Jeff Kirkbride, Councillor Raymond Henry, Councillor Brad Whalen, Deputy Mayor Sheridan Mawhinney, Councillor Kelly Murdock, Councillor Ryan Carr, Councillor Gary von Richter

In Attendance: Mayor Robert Powell, Cindy Goguen, Assistant Town Clerk, John Jackson, CAO/Clerk, Dallas Gillis

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Resolution Number: 2024-118**

**Moved by:** Councillor Lorraine Dawe

**Seconded by:** Deputy Mayor Sheridan Mawhinney

**RESOLVED: THAT** the agenda for the Oromocto Town Council Meeting in Regular Session on Thursday, 12 December 2024 be approved.

**CARRIED**

**3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Nil

**4. PUBLIC HEARING OF WRITTEN OBJECTIONS OF PROPOSED BY-LAW 522-H, A BY-LAW TO AMEND THE ZONING BY-LAW**

4.a Reading of Written Objections

4.b Comments For or Against

Nil

**5. MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Powell wished all the citizens of the Town of Oromocto Season's Greetings, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He encouraged residents to watch over our sick and elderly and to stay safe.

**6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Resolution Number: 2024-119**

**Moved by:** Councillor Lorraine Dawe

**Seconded by:** Councillor Raymond Henry

**RESOLVED: THAT** the minutes for the Oromocto Town Council Meeting in Regular Session on Thursday, 21 November 2024 be approved.

**CARRIED**

**7. PETITIONS, PRESENTATIONS OR DELEGATIONS**

Nil

**8. COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

8.a Capital Region Service Commission

The Mayor advised the Regional Service Commission 11 met in December at the Delta Hotel in Fredericton. He reported that Circular Materials will be the new company taking over the house-to-house recycling in 2025.

8.a.1 Community Development Committee

No meeting.

8.a.2 Economic Expansion Committee

No meeting.

8.b Oromocto Health Care Committee

A meeting was held on 18 November 2025 and another will be held on 16 December 2025. The Committee is currently working on the incentive packages for doctors. With the new government, the committee would like to arrange a meeting with all local MLA's for input. In addition, the committee is seeking community involvement to assist with the recruitment.

8.c Planning and Advisory Committee

Deputy Mayor Mawhinney reported a meeting was held on 11 December 2024 to discuss the proposed Zoning By-Law related to the development on Seneca Street and Restigouche Road project.

8.d Recreation and Tourism Committee

Nil

8.e Age-Friendly Community Advisory Committee

Nil

8.f Climate Action/Zero Carbon Committee

Nil

8.g Library Committee

Councillor Dawe reported the committee met on 26 November 2024. Items discussed included the donation of library cookbooks to the SPCA for their fundraising activities; and the social media campaigns and program feedback that is offered at the library. She reviewed some data related to the participation in the library programs. The next meeting is scheduled for 28 January 2025.

8.h Oromocto and Area Chamber of Commerce

Councillor Dawe reported the board met on 11 December 2025 and held a holiday breakfast hosted by McDonald's restaurant; the annual Christmas social was held on 4 December 2024 at Home Hardware; and, that the next regular board meeting is scheduled to 8 January 2025.

8.i Oromocto Pioneer Gardens

Nil

**9. CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS**

9.a 2nd Reading in its Entirety of Proposed By-Law 522-H, A By-Law to Amend the Zoning By-Law

**Resolution Number: 2024-120**

**Moved by:** Deputy Mayor Sheridan Mawhinney

**Seconded by:** Councillor Brad Whalen

**RESOLVED: THAT** 2nd reading in its entirety of Proposed By-Law 522-H, A By-Law to Amend the Zoning By-Law, be approved.

CARRIED

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nil

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.a Building Inspector/Compliance Officer Hiring

**Resolution Number: 2024-121**

**Moved by:** Councillor Lorraine Dawe

**Seconded by:** Councillor Gary von Richter

**RESOLVED: THAT** Chad Daou be hired as the Building Inspector/Compliance Officer for the Planning and Compliance Office, effective 6 January 2025.

CARRIED

11.b Appointment of Building Inspector/Compliance Officer

**Resolution Number: 2024-122**

**Moved by:** Deputy Mayor Sheridan Mawhinney

**Seconded by:** Councillor Raymond Henry

**RESOLVED: THAT** Chad Daou be appointed as Building Inspector/Compliance Officer, as per section 73 of the *Local Governance Act*.

CARRIED

11.c Annual Leave Carry Over

**Resolution Number: 2024-123**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brad Whalen

**Seconded by:** Councillor Ryan Carr

**RESOLVED: THAT** Council authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer to approve the vacation carry-over requests as reviewed by Council in Committee on Tuesday, 10 December 2024.

CARRIED

11.d New Brunswick Trunked Mobile Radio Purchase

**Resolution Number: 2024-124**

**Moved by:** Councillor Raymond Henry

**Seconded by:** Councillor Kelly Murdock

**RESOLVED: THAT** the Town purchase 40 - New Brunswick Trunked Mobile Radio Systems from Bell Mobility in the amount of \$143,480.90 (one hundred and forty-three thousand, four hundred and eighty dollars and ninety cents), including HST.

CARRIED

11.e Wood Street Sanitary Lift Station Analysis

**Resolution Number: 2024-125**

**Moved by:** Councillor Jeff Kirkbride  
**Seconded by:** Deputy Mayor Sheridan Mawhinney

**RESOLVED: THAT** staff applies to the Regional Development Corporation (RDC) for funding to offset the costs of conducting a lift station analysis at Wood Street by CBCL Limited in the amount of \$31,800 (thirty-one thousand and eight hundred dollars) plus HST. If RDC funding cannot be secured, the cost will be sourced from the Project Account # 1250-10.

**CARRIED**

11.f Insurance Renewal

**Resolution Number: 2024-126**

**Moved by:** Councillor Ryan Carr  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Lorraine Dawe

**RESOLVED: THAT** The Town of Oromocto municipal insurance requirements be renewed with Arthur J. Gallagher Canada Limited, effective 01 January 2025, for a one-year period at a premium cost of \$246,303 (two hundred and forty-six thousand, three hundred and three dollars) Funding is available from within account #70050-10-1205.

**CARRIED**

11.g Water and Sewer Rates

**Resolution Number: 2024-127**

**Moved by:** Councillor Kelly Murdock  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Brad Whalen

**RESOLVED: THAT** as per By-Law 537, the Town of Oromocto Council establishes the Water and Sanitary Sewage charges as per the new Schedule "A" effective the next billing cycle, as reviewed at Council in Committee on Tuesday, 10 December 2024.

**CARRIED**

11.h Year-End Resolutions

11.h.1 Transfer from the General Capital Reserve Fund to the General Capital Fund (interfund transfer)

**Resolution Number: 2024-128**

**Moved by:** Councillor Gary von Richter  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Jeff Kirkbride

**RESOLVED: THAT** \$373,239.64 (three hundred seventy-three thousand, two hundred thirty-nine dollars and sixty-four cents) be transferred from the General Capital Fund to the General Capital Reserve.

**CARRIED**

11.h.2 Transfer from the General Capital Reserve Fund to the General Capital Fund (2024 General Capital Projects)

**Resolution Number: 2024-129**

**Moved by:** Councillor Gary von Richter  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Lorraine Dawe

**RESOLVED: THAT \$566,973** (five hundred sixty-six thousand, nine hundred and seventy-three dollars) be transferred from the General Capital Reserve Fund to the General Capital Fund.

**CARRIED**

11.h.3 Transfer from the General Operating Fund to the Water & Sewer Utility Operating Fund (Water Cost Fire Protection)

**Resolution Number: 2024-130**

**Moved by:** Councillor Gary von Richter  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Raymond Henry

**RESOLVED: THAT \$681,000.00** (six hundred and eighty-one thousand dollars) be transferred from the General Operating Fund to the Water & Sewer Utility Operating Fund for Water Cost Fire Protection for fiscal year 2024.

**CARRIED**

11.h.4 Transfer from the General Operating Fund to the General Operating Reserve Fund

**Resolution Number: 2024-131**

**Moved by:** Councillor Gary von Richter  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Ryan Carr

**RESOLVED: THAT \$768,000** (seven hundred sixty-eight thousand dollars) be transferred from the General Operating Fund to the General Operating Reserve.

**CARRIED**

11.h.5 Transfer from the Water & Sewer Utility Operating Fund to the Water & Sewer Utility Operating Reserve Fund

**Resolution Number: 2024-132**

**Moved by:** Councillor Gary von Richter  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Jeff Kirkbride

**RESOLVED: THAT \$589,000** (five hundred and eighty-nine thousand dollars) be transferred from the Water & Sewer Utility Operating Fund to the Water & Sewer Utility Operating Reserve Fund.

**CARRIED**

11.h.6 Transfer from the Water & Sewer Utility Operating Fund to the Water & Sewer Utility Capital Reserve Fund (Water Tower Renewal)

**Resolution Number: 2024-133**

**Moved by:** Councillor Gary von Richter  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Kelly Murdock

**RESOLVED: THAT \$25,000.00** (twenty-five thousand dollars) be transferred from the Water & Sewer Utility Operating Fund to the Water & Sewer Utility Capital Reserve Fund.

**CARRIED**

12. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution Number: 2024-134

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheridan Mawhinney

Seconded by: Councillor Brad Whalen

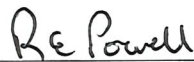
**RESOLVED: THAT** the Regular Session of Oromocto Town Council, meeting on Thursday, 12 December 2024, be adjourned.

CARRIED



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Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk



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Mayor

