

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

**April 16, 2026, 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

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Resolution Number: 2026-036

Moved by: Councillor Lorraine Dawe

Seconded by: Councillor Raymond Henry

RESOLVED: THAT the agenda for the Oromocto Town Council Meeting in Regular Session on 16 April 2026 be approved.

CARRIED

3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil

4. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The Mayor announced that appreciation certificates were presented to Joe Longphee and to Leo Hynes for their long service on the Planning Advisory Committee.

He announced the upcoming municipal elections will be held on 11 May 2026; Town Council members were acclaimed in Wards 1, 2 & 4 and an election for Ward 3 will take place with 4 candidates running.

The Mayor expressed condolences to the City of Saint John on the recent passing of former Mayor and MP, Mrs. Elsie Wayne.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

5.a 19 March 2026 Regular Session of Council

Resolution Number: 2026-037

Moved by: Councillor Brad Whalen

Seconded by: Councillor Lorraine Dawe

RESOLVED: THAT the minutes of the 19 March 2026 Regular Session of Council be approved.

CARRIED

5.b 31 March 2026 Special (Closed) Session of Council

Resolution Number: 2026-038

Moved by: Councillor Ryan Carr

Seconded by: Councillor Gary von Richter

RESOLVED: THAT the minutes of the 31 March 2026 Special (Closed) Session of Council be approved.

CARRIED

6. PETITIONS, PRESENTATIONS OR DELEGATIONS

Nil

7. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

7.a Capital Region Service Commission

7.a.1 Community Development Committee

Councillor Dawe reported the Community Development Committee met on 14 April 2026. There was a presentation received on Crime Prevention and Planet Youth, an international organization based in Iceland, dedicated to supporting the health and well-being of young people through the approach to reduce alcohol and drug use. It shifts the focus from individuals to strengthening entire communities and from short-term fixes to long-term sustainable solutions. Planet Youth is currently being piloted throughout parts of New Brunswick.

Lise Morin gave an update on ESIC and CRSC Projects as well as an update on the Homelessness Response Toolkit/Guide for the Region. Ms. Morin mentioned that the Grant Writing Workshop, presented in Burton at the Lions Club, had a good turn out with an excellent outcome. A project being presented in July is a poverty simulation called Living on the Edge, a guided experiment that exposes participants to the realities of poverty, including the challenges of navigating the complex world of government services and other essential service providers.

Karrie Bedford gave a quick update on the Capital Region Resiliency Network.

The next Community Development meeting is scheduled for 12 May 2026.

7.a.2 Economic Expansion Committee

Deputy Mayor Mawhinney reported the meeting was cancelled for the month.

7.b Planning and Advisory Committee

Deputy Mayor Mawhinney advised the Planning Advisory Committee met on 1 April 2026 with one item on the agenda, the granting of a variance for a one-year period to York County Cider to enable alcohol to be served from the small craft centre.

7.c Library Committee

Councillor Dawe reported special adult programs have been well attended; March break was a successful week of programs; an improv workshop will be held in May; the library plant sale will take place on 30 May from 10 to 1; the Summer Reading Club coordinator job is posted; and staff participated in consultation meetings with the town and architects regarding the new recreational facility.

The committee was updated on the new budget for magazines and supported the request of \$1,000.00 to purchase books for the summer reading club.

The Library participated in the 2nd Annual Oromocto Cookie Crawl on 4 April 2026 which raised over \$1100.00 to support Meaningful Connections Adult Day Care.

The next Library meeting is scheduled for 26 May 2026.

7.d Oromocto and Area Chamber of Commerce

The Oromocto & Area Chamber of Commerce met on 8 April 2026. A few items from the meeting were:

1. The Board was pleased to welcome a new member Alexis Levesque of NanoSeal NB to the Board and pleased with the continued increase of new members.
2. Discussion took place around social media and ideas for getting someone to help with Facebook and social media posts.
3. The Board will do a call out of their membership list to promote ticket sales for the Business Awards Dinner. A reminder for live and silent auction items drop off.

The next Chamber meeting will be 13 May 2026.

7.e Oromocto Pioneer Gardens

Councillor Mawhinney advised the committee met on 15 April 2026 to review the opening and beautification of the property. They are open for regular operations for columbarium's but not yet for grave openings.

8. CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Nil

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nil

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.a Holiday Relief Firefighter Hirings

Resolution Number: 2026-039

Moved by: Councillor Brad Whalen

Seconded by: Councillor Gary von Richter

RESOLVED: THAT the Fire Chief be authorized to hire two holiday-relief firefighters, subject to their successful completion of their respective probationary training.

CARRIED

10.b RCMP District Service Assistant Hiring

Resolution Number: 2026-040

Moved by: Councillor Raymond Henry

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Sheridan Mawhinney

RESOLVED: THAT Brittney Rivard be hired as an RCMP District Service Assistant, effective 27 April 2026.

CARRIED

- 10.c Oromocto Boat Club Agreement
Resolution Number: 2026-041
Moved by: Councillor Lorraine Dawe
Seconded by: Councillor Brad Whalen
RESOLVED: THAT the Mayor and CAO be authorized to enter into a four-year agreement (2026-2029) between the Town of Oromocto and the Oromocto Boat Club Inc.
CARRIED
- 10.d Audited Financial Statements
Resolution Number: 2026-042
Moved by: Councillor Ryan Carr
Seconded by: Councillor Lorraine Dawe
RESOLVED: THAT the Town of Oromocto audited financial statements, for the fiscal year ending 31 December 2025, presented by Teed Saunders Doyle Chartered Accountants at Council in Committee on 14 April 2026, be accepted.
CARRIED
- 10.e Fire Station 2 Renovations
Resolution Number: 2026-043
Moved by: Councillor Kelly Murdock
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Sheridan Mawhinney
RESOLVED: THAT Council awards the contract for professional services for evaluation of Fire Station 2 expansion to ACRE Architects and CBCL at a cost of \$40,370 (forty thousand dollars, three-hundred seventy dollars) plus HST.
CARRIED
- 10.f Capital Paving Tender
Resolution Number: 2026-044
Moved by: Councillor Gary von Richter
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Sheridan Mawhinney
RESOLVED: THAT Council awards the contract for Asphalt Resurfacing and Concrete Curbing to Hogan Paving in the amount \$926,713.35 (nine hundred and twenty-six thousand, seven hundred and thirteen dollars and thirty-five cents) plus HST.
CARRIED
- 10.g Recreational Service Agreement
Resolution Number: 2026-045
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheridan Mawhinney
Seconded by: Councillor Raymond Henry
RESOLVED: THAT Council directs the Chief Administrative Officer to propose options to the Capital Region Service Commission for facilitating a new regional recreational service agreement focused on programmed

facilities. The agreement should eliminate outside user fees, improve administrative efficiency, ensure adequate revenue generation, and maintain affordability for Oromocto taxpayers.

CARRIED

11. ADJOURNMENT

Just prior to adjournment the Deputy Mayor acknowledged the 14 years of service of Councillor Dawe.

Resolution Number: 2026-046

Moved by: Councillor Ryan Carr

Seconded by: Councillor Kelly Murdock

RESOLVED: THAT the Regular Session of Oromocto Town Council on 16 April 2026 be adjourned.

CARRIED



Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk



Mayor

