

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

**October 17, 2024, 5:30 PM
AT THE OROMOCTO MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

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

Members Absent: Councillor Brad Whalen

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: 2024-093

Moved by: Councillor Jeff Kirkbride

Seconded by: Councillor Ryan Carr

RESOLVED: THAT the agenda for the Oromocto Town Council Meeting in Regular Session on 17 October 2024 be approved.

CARRIED

3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil

4. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The Mayor reported he attended the Union of Municipalities Conference and Annual Meeting from the 4-6 October 2024 in Fredericton. He noted that four members on Council received a recognition certificate for their 12+ years of service to municipal government (Councillor Kirkbride, Councillor Dawe, Deputy Mayor Mawhinney and himself. Councillor Murdock received her award at last year's event.)

The Mayor acknowledged the outstanding turnout for the Annual Fire Prevention Open House that was held at the Oromocto Fire Station on 10 October 2024 and thanked all for their efforts.

He reported there was a public budget consultation presentation held on 15 October 2024 in Council Chambers and that 5 residents were in attendance.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Resolution Number: 2024-094

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheridan Mawhinney

Seconded by: Councillor Kelly Murdock

RESOLVED: THAT the minutes for the Oromocto Town Council Meeting in Regular Session on 19 September 2024 be approved.

6. PETITIONS, PRESENTATIONS OR DELEGATIONS

Nil

7. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

7.a CRSC 11

The Mayor attended the CRSC Board of Director's meeting on 1 October 2024. Reports were received from the Community Development Committee, Economic Expansion Committee, Governance Committee and the Public Safety Committee. He reported a presentation by the York-Sunbury Search and Rescue was also given.

On the 10 October 2024 he was invited to a breakfast meeting at the Big Stop restaurant with the CAO John Smith and the CRSC Chair Judy Wilson-Shee to discuss the upcoming vote for the annual budget. On 11 October 2024 he was interviewed by Heather Stamp from McInnes Cooper to access the first year of the CRSC operation since the local governance reform.

On 17 October 2024 the CRSC Board met to vote on five proposed amendments to the CRSC budget. He reported that the first three amendments were voted against.

7.a.1 Community Development Committee

Councillor Dawe reported the Community Development Committee met on 8 October 2024 and received a presentation from the Province of New Brunswick on the non-emergency social services help line 2-1-1. Each member received a copy of the 2-1-1 Toolkit. Their discussion also included social inclusion statistics and current poverty trends.

7.a.2 Economic Expansion Committee

Nil

7.b Oromocto Healthcare Committee

The Mayor reported that he, along with Chair Linda Speizer and Recreation Director, Jackie Dunn, attended a trade show in Halifax to promote the Town to medical students from New Brunswick and Nova Scotia from the 20-21 September 2024. They were able to show the Town's promotional video and provide some giveaways and found that it resulted in some positive leads.

7.c Planning and Advisory Committee

Deputy Mayor Mawhinney advised the Planning Advisory Committee met on 7 October 2024 to review proposed bylaws #505 and #613. Both bylaws were viewed favourably by the Committee and recommended for approval to Council.

7.d Recreation and Tourism Committee - Nil

7.e Age-Friendly Community Advisory Committee - Nil

7.f Climate Action/Zero Carbon Committee - Nil

Councillor Carr advised the Committee held its Zero Emissions Day event at the Gateway Wetlands on the 21 September 2024. He stated due to weather there was not a large turnout and he thanked all staff that assisted with the event and members of Council for their attendance. He stated early in 2025 the Committee will be looking at hosting an event for other municipalities.

7.g Library Committee

Councillor Dawe reported a meeting of the Library Committee was held on 24 September 2024. During that meeting the committee reviewed the proposed budget submission to the Town. She reported the library held an open house with tours, activities and a bbq. She was asked to express appreciation to the Town for the new air conditioning unit that was installed in the Miramichi Room. She also reported there has been a lot of activity at the library and attendance to their programs are up. Staff are focused now on scheduling regular school visits and looking to arrange other weekly visits with the Headstart Program at the Oromocto First Nation and the Adult Meaningful Connections program. The next meeting will be held on 26 November 2024.

7.h Oromocto and Area Chamber of Commerce

Councillor Dawe reported the Chamber held its monthly board meeting and Annual General meeting on 9 October 2024. She reported there is a new President, Tanya Quesnelle and new Vice President, Jill Drummond. She stated the Business Awards dinner was very successful again this year and noted the 2024 Business Beautification Award was presented to Mingler's Pub for their substantial improvements they made to their restaurant. The next Business After Hours will be held at the Oromocto Training and Employment Centre on 24 October 2024 from 4:30 - 6:00 pm.

7.i Oromocto Pioneer Gardens

Deputy Mayor Mawhinney reported the committee meet on 9 October 2024 to discuss the close of the cemetery for the year. It is expected it will close following 11 November 2024. He noted that the committee will be accepting a new board member who is the son of the founding members of the cemetery, Donna and Gerry Trainor.

8. **CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS**

8.a 3rd Reading by Title Only for Enactment of Proposed By-Law 505, Town of Oromocto Subdivision By-Law

Resolution Number: 2024-095

Moved by: Councillor Kelly Murdock

Seconded by: Councillor Gary von Richter

RESOLVED: THAT 3rd Reading of Proposed By-Law 505, Town of Oromocto Subdivision By-Law, be accepted.

CARRIED

8.b 3rd Reading by Title Only for Enactment of Proposed By-Law 613, Town of Oromocto Building By-Law

Resolution Number: 2024-096

Moved by: Councillor Lorraine Dawe

Seconded by: Councillor Jeff Kirkbride

RESOLVED: THAT 3rd Reading of Proposed By-Law 613, Town of Oromocto Building By-Law, be accepted.

CARRIED

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Nil

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

10.a Land Sale - Oromocto and Area SPCA

Resolution Number: 2024-097

Moved by: Councillor Ryan Carr

Seconded by: Councillor Lorraine Dawe

RESOLVED: THAT Council authorizes the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk to enter into a purchase and sale agreement with the Oromocto and Area SPCA for the sale of a 559.7m² parcel of land from PID 60172503 and a 481m² parcel of land from PID 60005352 for a nominal fee of \$1, plus legal and survey costs.

CARRIED

10.b Workplace Health and Safety Policy

Resolution Number: 2024-098

Moved by: Councillor Gary von Richter

Seconded by: Councillor Jeff Kirkbride

RESOLVED: THAT Council approves the Workplace Health and Safety Policy as presented to Council in Committee on 15 October 2024.

CARRIED

11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution Number: 2024-099

Moved by: Councillor Ryan Carr

Seconded by: Councillor Kelly Murdock

RESOLVED: THAT the Regular Session of Oromocto Town Council of 17 October 2024 be adjourned at 5:45 pm.

CARRIED



Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk



Mayor

