

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

**April 20, 2023, 5:00 PM
AT THE OROMOCTO MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

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

In Attendance: John Jackson, CAO/Clerk, Gillian Mersereau, Executive Assistant

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Resolution Number: 2023-036

Moved by: Councillor Sheridan Mawhinney

Seconded by: Councillor Ryan Carr

THAT the Agenda for the Oromocto Town Council Meeting in Regular Session on Thursday, 20 April 2023 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

4. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Powell reported that he and the CAO travelled to Hartland on Wednesday, 19 April to see their new arena that is currently under construction. He said it is a beautiful facility. He also reported that he and Deputy Mayor Dawe hosted the OHS Civic Engagement class on Tuesday 18 April in Council Chambers. The students were learning about all different levels government and really enjoyed seeing how Municipal Council's operate.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Resolution Number: 2023-037

Moved by: Councillor Raymond Henry

Seconded by: Councillor Kelly Murdock

THAT the minutes for the Oromocto Town Council Meeting in Regular Session on Thursday, 16 March 2023 be approved.

CARRIED

6. PETITIONS, PRESENTATIONS OR DELEGATIONS

7. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

7.a RSC 11 - Mayor Powell

Mayor Powell reported that the Board met on 04 April via Zoom where they discussed the audit report, they voted to have the auditors return for

2023 and an election was held for Committee Chair and Mayor Judy Wilson-Shee was elected.

7.b Planning and Advisory Committee - Nil

7.c Recreation and Tourism Committee - Councillor Henry

Councillor Henry reported that the Committee met on Thursday, 06 April and discussed the upcoming Annual Recognition Program, the Grand Opening of the VIC in collaboration with Trail Day 2023 and a discussion was held concerning user groups doing presentations to the committee concerning their memberships and what changes they would like to see.

7.d Age-Friendly Community Advisory Committee - Nil

7.e Climate Action/Zero Carbon Committee - Councillor Carr

Councillor Carr reported that the Committee met on 03 April where planning for the upcoming Fall Expo continues.

7.f Library Committee - Deputy Mayor Dawe

Deputy Mayor Dawe reported that the Committee met on 21 March where the Annual Plant Sale this coming June was discussed, and the Committee has two new members.

7.g Oromocto and Area Chamber of Commerce - Deputy Mayor Dawe

Deputy Mayor Dawe reported that the Chamber met on 17 March and 12 April. The Chamber has a new Director, Debra George from Scholten's. Other business discussed was 2023 Business Awards Dinner, CBDC Retiree Employment Agency Program and the upcoming OFN Pow Wow.

7.h Oromocto Pioneer Gardens - Councillor Mawhinney

Councillor Mawhinney reported that the Committee met on Wednesday, 19 April. The committee has six new members.

8. CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.a Dedication Plaque/Sign

RESOLVED: THAT Council approved Option 1 for the placement of a plaque in Ed Gill's memory as discussed at Council in Committee on 12 April 2023.

Resolution Number: 2023-38

Moved by: Councillor Gary von Richter

Seconded by: Councillor Raymond Henry

CARRIED

10.b Hiring - Human Resources Manager

RESOLVED: THAT Julie Comeau be appointed to the position of Human Resources Manager effective Monday, 24 April 2023.

Resolution Number: 2023-39

Moved by: Councillor Brad Whalen

Seconded by: Councillor Sheridan Mawhinney

CARRIED

10.c Hiring - Accounting Assistant A/R

RESOLVED: THAT Holly Miller be appointed to the position of Accounting Assistant effective Monday, 08 May 2023.

Resolution Number: 2023-40

Moved by: Councillor Raymond Henry

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Lorraine Dawe

CARRIED

10.d Promotion - Director of Corporate Services

RESOLVED: THAT Peter Wong be promoted to the position of Director of Corporate Services effective Monday, 24 April 2023.

Resolution Number: 2023-41

Moved by: Councillor Kelly Murdock

Seconded by: Councillor Ryan Carr

CARRIED

10.e Potential Land Sale - Waasis Road

RESOLVED: THAT Council authorize the CAO and Director of Planning & Compliance to enter into a purchase and sale agreement for a 3690m² parcel of land along Waasis Road for \$9,133.66 (nine thousand one hundred and thirty-three dollars and sixty-six cents).

Resolution Number: 2023-42

Moved by: Councillor Sheridan Mawhinney

Seconded by: Councillor Gary von Richter

CARRIED

10.f Potential Land Swap - Canadian Foresters Manor

RESOLVED: THAT Council authorize the CAO and Director of Planning & Compliance to explore a potential land swap of property located at the corner of D'Amours Street and Gateway Drive with Canadian Foresters Manor, for a portion of land located on MacDonald Avenue as discussed at Council in Committee on 18 April 2023.

Resolution Number: 2023-43

Moved by: Councillor Gary von Richter

Seconded by: Councillor Raymond Henry

CARRIED

10.g Municipal Insurance Renewal

RESOLVED: THAT the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk be authorized to enter into an agreement with Cain Insurance Services Ltd for the provision of municipal insurance in the amount of \$309,769 (three hundred nine thousand, seven hundred and sixty-nine dollars) effective 1 April 2023 for a one-year period. Funding is available from within Account #14740-10

Resolution Number: 2023-44

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Lorraine Dawe

Seconded by: Councillor Sheridan Mawhinney

CARRIED

10.h Insurance Brokerage Services Renewal

RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk be authorized to enter into an Agreement with Cain Insurance Services Ltd for the provision of brokerage services to expire 31 March 2024 in the amount of \$22,000 (twenty-two thousand dollars). Funding is available from within Account #14740-10.

Resolution Number: 2023-045

Moved by: Councillor Brad Whalen

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Lorraine Dawe

CARRIED

10.i Transfer from General Operating Reserve Fund to General Operating Fund

RESOLVED: THAT \$391,156.04 (three hundred ninety-one thousand one hundred fifty-six dollars and four cents) be transferred from the General Operating Reserve Fund to the General Operating Fund.

Resolution Number: 2023-046

Moved by: Councillor Raymond Henry

Seconded by: Councillor Ryan Carr

CARRIED

10.j 2022 Audited Financial Statements

RESOLVED: THAT the Town of Oromocto audited financial statements, for the fiscal year ended 31 December 2022, presented by Grant Thornton Chartered Accountants at Council in Committee on 18 April 2023, be accepted.

Resolution Number: 2023-047

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Lorraine Dawe

Seconded by: Gary von Richter

CARRIED

11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution Number: 2023-048

Moved by: Councillor Ryan Carr

Seconded by: Councillor Raymond Henry

THAT the Regular Session of Oromocto Town Council of 20 April 2023 be adjourned at 5:23 pm.

CARRIED

Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk
John Jackson



Mayor
Robert Powell