

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

**August 20, 2026, 5:30 PM
AT THE OROMOCTO MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

Present: Councillor Jeff Kirkbride, Councillor Brad Whalen, Councillor Sheridan Mawhinney, Councillor Kelly Murdock, Councillor Ryan Carr, Deputy Mayor Gary von Richter, Councillor Dean Grattan, Councillor Joe Myers

In Attendance: Mayor Robert Powell, Gillian Mersereau, Information Services Coordinator, John Jackson, CAO/Clerk

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Resolution Number: 2026-081

RESOLVED: THAT the agenda for the Oromocto Town Council Meeting in Regular Session on 20 August 2026 be approved.

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

4. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Powell commented on the passing of long time Oromocto resident and volunteer, Mr. Ralph Harris. He noted Mr. Harris was a schoolteacher, principal and a founding member of Oromocto Rotary Club.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

5.a Minutes of the 27 July 2026 Special Council Meeting

Resolution Number: 2026-082

Moved by: Councillor Jeff Kirkbride

Seconded by: Councillor Joe Myers

RESOLVED: THAT the minutes of the 27 July 2026 Special Session of Council be approved.

CARRIED

5.b Minutes of the 16 July 2026 Regular Session of Council

Resolution Number: 2026-083

Moved by: Councillor Brad Whalen

Seconded by: Councillor Dean Grattan

RESOLVED: THAT the minutes of the 16 July 2026 Regular Session of Council be approved.

CARRIED

6. PETITIONS, PRESENTATIONS OR DELEGATIONS

7. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

8. CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

- 8.a 1st Reading by Title Only of Proposed Municipal Plan By-Law 510-G, A By-Law to Amend the Municipal Plan By-Law

Resolution Number: 2026-084

Moved by: Councillor Joe Myers

Seconded by: Councillor Jeff Kirkbride

RESOLVED: THAT 1st Reading by Title Only of Proposed By-Law 510-G, A By-Law to Amend the Municipal Plan By-Law, be approved.

CARRIED

- 8.b 1st Reading by Title Only of Proposed By-Law 510-H, A By-Law to Amend the Municipal Plan By-Law

Resolution Number: 2026-085

Moved by: Councillor Dean Grattan

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Gary von Richter

RESOLVED: THAT 1st Reading by Title Only of Proposed By-Law 510-H, A By-Law to Amend the Municipal Plan By-Law, be approved.

CARRIED

- 8.c 1st Reading by Title Only of Proposed Zoning By-Law 522-K, A By-Law to Amend the Zoning By-Law

Resolution Number: 2026-086

Moved by: Councillor Sheridan Mawhinney

Seconded by: Councillor Joe Myers

RESOLVED: THAT 1st Reading by Title Only of Proposed Zoning By-Law 522-K, A By-Law to Amend the Zoning By-Law, be approved.

CARRIED

- 8.d 1st Reading by Title Only of Proposed Zoning By-Law 522-L, A By-Law to Amend the Zoning By-Law

Resolution Number: 2026-087

Moved by: Councillor Jeff Kirkbride

Seconded by: Councillor Brad Whalen

RESOLVED: THAT 1st Reading by Title Only of Proposed Zoning By-Law 522-L, A By-Law to Amend the Zoning By-Law, be approved.

CARRIED

- 8.e 2nd Reading in its Entirety of Proposed By-Law 543, A By-Law Relating to the Proceedings of the Council of the Town of Oromocto

Resolution Number: 2026-088

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Gary von Richter

Seconded by: Councillor Ryan Carr

RESOLVED: THAT 2nd Reading in its Entirety of Proposed By-Law 543, A By-Law Relating to the Proceedings of the Council of the Town of Oromocto, be approved.

CARRIED

- 8.f 3rd Reading by Title Only for Enactment of Proposed By-Law 543, A By-Law Relating to the Proceedings of the Council of the Town of Oromocto

Resolution Number: 2026-089

Moved by: Councillor Sheridan Mawhinney

Seconded by: Councillor Joe Myers

RESOLVED: THAT 3rd Reading by Title Only for Enactment of Proposed By-Law 543, A By-Law Relating to the Proceedings of the Council of the Town of Oromocto, be approved.

CARRIED

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.a Appointment of Auditor

Resolution Number: 2026-090

Moved by: Councillor Dean Grattan

Seconded by: Councillor Jeff Kirkbride

RESOLVED: THAT Teed Saunders Doyle be appointed as the 2026 fiscal year auditors for the Town of Oromocto.

CARRIED

10.b Five-Year Financial Plan

Resolution Number: 2026-091

Moved by: Councillor Sheridan Mawhinney

Seconded by: Councillor Brad Whalen

RESOLVED: THAT Council approves and accepts the revised five-year financial plan, as presented to Council in Committee on 17 August 2026, as detailed therein for the basis of the 2027 budget process.

CARRIED

10.c Climate Lens Assessment Feasibility Study

Resolution Number: 2026-092

Moved by: Councillor Ryan Carr

Seconded by: Councillor Sheridan Mawhinney

RESOLVED: THAT Council accepts the bid from WSP for a Climate Lens Assessment Feasibility Study related to the Oromocto Regional Wellness and Recreation Facility in the amount of \$42,630 (forty-two thousand, six hundred and thirty dollars) plus HST. Funding is available from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities-Green Municipal Fund.

CARRIED

10.d Dakota Drive Infrastructure Upgrades

Resolution Number: 2026-093

Moved by: Councillor Brad Whalen

Seconded by: Councillor Dean Grattan

RESOLVED: THAT Council accepts the low bid from L.C.L. Excavation Ltd. in the amount of \$3,814,200 (three million, eight hundred and fourteen thousand and two-hundred dollars), plus HST, for the Dakota Drive Infrastructure upgrades. Funding is available through the Capital Assistance Program.

CARRIED

10.e Mohawk Street Infrastructure Upgrades

Resolution Number: 2026-094

Moved by: Councillor Joe Myers

Seconded by: Councillor Jeff Kirkbride

RESOLVED: THAT Council accepts the low bid from Dexter Construction Company Ltd. in the amount of \$3,337,000 (three million, three hundred and thirty-seven thousand dollars), plus HST, for the Mohawk Street Infrastructure upgrades. Funding is available through the Capital Assistance Program.

CARRIED

10.f Land Sale - Black Watch Avenue

Resolution Number: 2026-095

Moved by: Councillor Jeff Kirkbride

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Gary von Richter

RESOLVED: THAT the Mayor and CAO/Town Clerk be authorized to enter into a purchase and sale agreement with the Oromocto Community Church, c/o Michael David Hennessee, for an approximate 5,867 m² portion of PID 60005378, located on Black Watch Avenue, for a purchase price of \$210,000 (two hundred and ten thousand dollars) plus HST, as reviewed by Council in Committee on 17 August 2026.

CARRIED

10.g Land Sale - Finnermore Street

Resolution Number: 2026-096

Moved by: Councillor Jeff Kirkbride

Seconded by: Councillor Joe Myers

RESOLVED: THAT the Mayor and CAO/Town Clerk be authorized to enter into a purchase and sale agreement with Bella Properties for an approximate 4.87-acre portion of PID 60146388, located on Finnermore Street for a price of \$800,000 (eight hundred thousand dollars) plus HST, as reviewed by Council in Committee on 17 August 2026.

CARRIED

10.h Return to Work Policy

Resolution Number: 2026-097

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Gary von Richter

Seconded by: Councillor Sheridan Mawhinney

RESOLVED: THAT Council approves the amended Return to Work Policy, as presented to Council in Committee on 17 August 2026.

CARRIED

10.i Holidays/Leave Policy

Resolution Number: 2026-098

Moved by: Councillor Sheridan Mawhinney

Seconded by: Councillor Brad Whalen

RESOLVED: THAT Council approves the amended Holidays/Leave Policy, as presented to Council in Committee on 17 August 2026.

CARRIED

10.j Hiring Policy

Resolution Number: 2026-099

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Gary von Richter

Seconded by: Councillor Joe Myers

RESOLVED: THAT Council approves the amended Hiring Policy, as presented to Council in Committee on 17 August 2026.

CARRIED

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution Number: 2026-100

Moved by: Councillor Sheridan Mawhinney

Seconded by: Councillor Joe Myers

RESOLVED: THAT the Regular Session of Oromocto Town Council of 20 August 2026 be adjourned.

CARRIED



Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk



Mayor

