

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

**February 20, 2025, 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

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**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

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

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Resolution Number: 2025-014**

**Moved by:** Councillor Jeff Kirkbride

**Seconded by:** Councillor Lorraine Dawe

**RESOLVED: THAT** the agenda for the Oromocto Town Council Meeting in Regular Session on 20 February 2025 be approved.

**CARRIED**

**3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

**4. MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

The Mayor announced February is Heart and Stroke month.

**5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Resolution Number: 2025-015**

**Moved by:** Deputy Mayor Sheridan Mawhinney

**Seconded by:** Councillor Raymond Henry

**RESOLVED: THAT** the minutes for the Oromocto Town Council Meeting in Regular Session on 23 January 2025 be approved.

**CARRIED**

**6. PETITIONS, PRESENTATIONS OR DELEGATIONS**

Nil

**7. COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

**7.a CRSC 11**

The Mayor advised on 24 January 2025 he attended a session with Councillor Von Richter where special guest, Aaron Kennedy, Minister of Environment and Local Government, was present. He reported the audit committee met with the auditors from MacMillan, MacMillan and Lawrence and he reported everything was in good standing. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of

February 2025 the monthly meeting was held and then he attended a public safety forum on the 5<sup>th</sup> of February 2025. Presentations were received from the RCMP and Capital Region District Fire Association at that meeting. On the 6<sup>th</sup> of February 2025 the public safety committee met again and on the 20<sup>th</sup> of February 2025 the oversight and governance committee met.

7.a.1 Community Development Committee

Councillor Dawe reported there was a virtual meeting on Tuesday 11 February 2025. Lisa Morin Economic Social Inclusion Committee and Kerry Bedford each provided an update to the committee. Some of the project initiatives discussed included the coordination of asset sharing with Connect Fredericton, hosting social connectors, grant writing workshop and undertaking a regional transportation study. The next meeting is scheduled for 11 March 2025.

7.a.2 Economic Expansion Committee

The Deputy Mayor advised on the 18<sup>th</sup> of February 2025 a presentation on population migration has held. It was noted that different industries are increasing and some decreasing. This information will assist with the preparation of the Vision 2030 on how to create more economic development activity in the region.

7.b Oromocto Healthcare Committee

The Mayor advised the committee met on 10 February 2025. He reported Dr. Linda Speizer stepped down as the chair but will remain on the committee. Nicole Tupper has agreed to be the chair of the committee. He reported the medical clinics in both New Maryland and Arcadia have closed. He reported Horizon Health is working on new initiatives to have more clinics and possibly increasing the hours at the Oromocto Public Hospital. The next meeting is scheduled for 17 March 2025.

7.c Planning and Advisory Committee

The Deputy Mayor reported there was one item discussed and approved, a property on the Nevers Road requested a secondary living space for her elderly parents.

7.d Recreation and Tourism Committee

Nil

7.e Age-Friendly Community Advisory Committee

Nil

7.f Climate Action/Zero Carbon Committee

Nil

7.g Library Committee

Councillor Dawe reported on 4 February 2025 the committee met and Judy Wheaton shared information on the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the library in Woodstock. She stated as a result of the library fundraising, they were able to purchase \$1,000 worth of new books. The annual plant sale will take place on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May 2025. She reported on some of the special programs such as the Frostival and the Noon-Year's Eve family programs and reported that the library sends and receives approximately six bins of books a day. She also reported Fibre Op has now been installed at the library.

7.h Oromocto and Area Chamber of Commerce

Councillor Dawe reported that the committee met on 12 February 2025. She reported that MCG Media has been awarded the tender to provide updates to the website and technical support. The Chamber is currently looking into online credit card payments. This year the Chamber is

introducing a new referral program for its members. She noted the Business Awards Dinner will be held on 1 May 2025 with Brigadier General Parsons presenting. The cost to attend is \$100 per person. The next meeting will be held on 5 March 2025.

- 7.i Oromocto Pioneer Gardens Cemetery Committee  
Nil

**8. CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS**

Nil

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Nil

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

- 10.a Economic Development Plan

**Resolution Number: 2025-016**

**Moved by:** Deputy Mayor Sheridan Mawhinney

**Seconded by:** Councillor Jeff Kirkbride

**RESOLVED: THAT** the Economic Development Plan presented to Council by Ignite on Wednesday, 12 February 2025, be accepted

**CARRIED**

- 10.b Workplace Violence and Harassment Policy Amendment

**Resolution Number: 2025-017**

**Moved by:** Councillor Raymond Henry

**Seconded by:** Councillor Kelly Murdock

**RESOLVED: THAT** the Workplace Violence and Harassment Policy be amended as presented to Council in Committee on Wednesday, 12 February 2025.

**CARRIED**

- 10.c Code of Conduct/Respectful Workplace Policy Amendment

**Resolution Number: 2025-018**

**Moved by:** Councillor Gary von Richter

**Seconded by:** Councillor Ryan Carr

**RESOLVED: THAT** the Code of Conduct/Respectful Workplace Policy be approved as presented to Council in Committee on Wednesday, 12 February 2025.

**CARRIED**

- 10.d Water and Sewer Five-Year Capital Plan

**Resolution Number: 2025-019**

**Moved by:** Councillor Kelly Murdock

**Seconded by:** Deputy Mayor Sheridan Mawhinney

**RESOLVED: THAT** the five-year water and sewer capital plan, as reviewed by Council in Committee on Tuesday, 18 February 2025, be approved

CARRIED

10.e Municipal Capital Borrowing Board Application - Oromocto Regional Wellness and Recreation Centre

**Resolution Number: 2025-020**

**Moved by:** Councillor Ryan Carr

**Seconded by:** Councillor Raymond Henry

**RESOLVED: THAT** the municipality of Oromocto submit to the Municipal Capital Borrowing Board an application for authorization to borrow for a capital expense for the following term and amount:

**Purpose:** Recreation and Cultural Services

**Amount:** \$17,500,000

**Term:** 20 years.

CARRIED

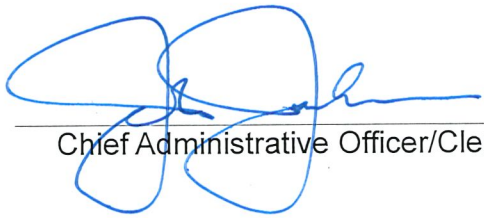
11. ADJOURNMENT

**Resolution Number: 2025-021**

**Moved by:** Deputy Mayor Sheridan Mawhinney

**Seconded by:** Councillor Lorraine Dawe

**RESOLVED: THAT** the Regular Session of Oromocto Town Council of 20 February 2025 be adjourned.



Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk



Mayor

