

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

**September 21, 2023, 5:30 PM
AT THE OROMOCTO MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

Present: 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: 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: 2023-087

Moved by: Councillor Sheridan Mawhinney

Seconded by: Councillor Ryan Carr

RESOLVED: THAT the Agenda for the Oromocto Town Council Meeting in Regular Session on Thursday, 21 September 2023 be approved.

CARRIED

3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

4. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The Mayor highlighted some of his activities during the month of September:

3 Sept - Town Clown Movie Premiere

8 Sept - Town Employee Appreciation Golf Tournament

9 Sept - John Wood Foundation Golf Tournament

9 Sept - National Command Legion Conference

9 Sept - Oromocto and Area Food Bank Stuff a Bus

9 Sept - Walk a Mile in her Shoes Women in Transition Walk

14 Sept - EOC Preparedness Meeting for Hurricane Lee

15 Sept - Ed Gill Memorial Plaque Unveiling

18 Sept - Municipality Week Flag Raising

19 Sept - Council in Committee Meeting

20 Sept - Employee Appreciation Breakfast

4.a Municipality Week Proclamation

Mayor Powell read a proclamation, proclaiming that September 18-24, September is Municipalities Week.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Resolution Number: 2023-088

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Lorraine Dawe
Seconded by: Councillor Jeff Kirkbride

RESOLVED: THAT the minutes for the Oromocto Town Council Meeting in Regular Session on 17 August 2023 be approved.

CARRIED

6. PETITIONS, PRESENTATIONS OR DELEGATIONS

7. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

7.a RSC 11

The Mayor advised the Capital Region Service Commission met on 5 September with Minister of Public Safety, Kris Austin to discuss challenges with policing and other safety matters. He also noted that the board asked each member to review the CRSC proposed 2024 budget with their respective councils.

7.b Planning and Advisory Committee

Nil

7.c Recreation and Tourism Committee

Nil

7.d Age-Friendly Community Advisory Committee

Nil

7.e Climate Action/Zero Carbon Committee

Councillor Brad Whalen advised the committee has been actively organizing the inaugural Climate Action Conference that began on 21st September and runs until the 22nd. The event is being hosted by the Committee at the Hazen Park Centre.

7.f Library Committee

Deputy Mayor Dawe reported there was no meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for 26 September 2023.

7.g Oromocto and Area Chamber of Commerce

Deputy Mayor Dawe reported the Chamber of Commerce held its regular meeting on the 20 September 2023. Keynote speaker at the meeting was Mr. Ben Noseworthy, the Town's new Tourism and Communications Officer. She noted there will be a Business Over Breakfast with the Canadian Business Development Corporation on 27 September in the Oromocto Municipal Building - EOC Room. She also reported that McDonald's on MacDonald Avenue will be holding a Business Over Breakfast at its location on 18 October 2023. It was reported that Exit Realty Fredericton has now joined the chamber. To date, there is still around \$13,000 outstanding O'Dollars that have not yet been redeemed and she encouraged those present to use them. The Annual General Meeting is scheduled to be held on 11 October 2023.

7.h Oromocto Pioneer Gardens

Councillor Mawhinney stated the committee met on 20 September 2023 and they now have a full compliment on their board of directors after a membership call. Their meeting on the 20th was to provide orientation to those new members.

8. CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.a Provincial-Municipal Highway Partnership Program 2025-2028

Resolution Number: 2023-089

Moved by: Councillor Raymond Henry

Seconded by: Councillor Brad Whalen

RESOLVED: THAT Council approves the 2025-2028 Provincial-Municipal Highway Partnership Program application, as reviewed by Council in Committee on Wednesday, 13 September 2023.

CARRIED

10.b Local Government Service Easement - Waasis Road

Resolution Number: 2023-090

Moved by: Councillor Gary von Richter

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Lorraine Dawe

RESOLVED: THAT Pursuant to Section 88 of the *Community Planning Act*, the Town gives assent to and accepts the Local Government Service Easement as shown on the Tentative Subdivision Plan, prepared by Skyline Surveys and Geomatics Ltd, titled "Tentative Subdivision Plan Town of Oromocto Subdivision 2023-1, Creating Lot 2023-1, Waasis Road, Town of Oromocto, Parish of Burton, County of Sunbury, Province of New Brunswick.

CARRIED

10.c Climate Change Adaptation Plan

Resolution Number: 2023-091

Moved by: Councillor Ryan Carr

Seconded by: Councillor Sheridan Mawhinney

RESOLVED: THAT Council approves the procurement of the services of CBCL for the development of a Climate Change Adaptation Plan for the Town of Oromocto in the amount of \$45,000 (forty-five thousand dollars) plus HST. Funding is available from the Environmental Trust Fund Grant and the Building Permit Revenue accounts.

CARRIED

10.d Housing Accelerator Fund

Resolution Number: 2023-092

Moved by: Councillor Kelly Murdock

Seconded by: Councillor Raymond Henry

RESOLVED: THAT Council approves the application submission by the Town of Oromocto to the Housing Accelerator Fund, that includes infrastructure planning, hydraulic modelling, zoning by-law modernization, development schemes, development incentives and the development of a land disposition strategy.

CARRIED

10.e Planning and Project Management - Multi-Cultural/Generational Centre

Resolution Number: 2023-093

Moved by: Councillor Jeff Kirkbride

Seconded by: Councillor Gary von Richter

RESOLVED: THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to spend between \$552,000 (five hundred and fifty-two thousand dollars) and \$1,700,000 (one million, seven hundred thousand dollars) for the planning and project management of the cultural/multi-generational centre. Funding is available in the amount of \$124,000 (one hundred and twenty-four thousand dollars) from capital account #70100-20-9037 and the remaining balance will be budgeted over the next 3 proceeding annual budgets.

CARRIED

10.f 5-Year Financial Projection

Resolution Number: 2023-094

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Lorraine Dawe
Seconded by: Councillor Raymond Henry

WHEREAS Council desires to construct and operate a new Multi-Cultural/Generational Center and Arena, replace 2 major fire trucks, and construct a new fire station to meet the growing demands of the community, and

WHEREAS there is an immediate demand to maintain and increase the Town's water and sewer infrastructure to increase its capacity over the next five years,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: THAT Council approves and accepts the 5-Year Financial Plan, as presented to Council in Committee on 19 September 2023, authorizing the rate increases as detailed therein.

Councillor von Richter and Councillor Carr nay votes were recorded.

CARRIED

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by: Councillor Sheridan Mawhinney
Seconded by: Councillor Kelly Murdock

RESOLVED: THAT the Regular Session of the Oromocto Town Council held at the Oromocto Municipal Building be adjourned.

CARRIED



Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk



Mayor