

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

**February 22, 2024, 5:30 PM
AT THE OROMOCTO MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

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

Members Absent: Councillor Jeff Kirkbride, Councillor Brad Whalen

In Attendance: Mayor Robert Powell, Gillian Mersereau, Executive Assistant, 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: 2024-011

Moved by: Councillor Ryan Carr

Seconded by: Councillor Gary von Richter

RESOLVED: THAT the Agenda for the Oromocto Town Council Meeting in Regular Session on 22 February 2024 be approved.

CARRIED

3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

4. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Powell commented that he is wearing a red shirt today in honour of Heart and Stroke month and that he is thinking of Bill Jarratt as it's been a year since his stroke.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Resolution Number: 2024-012

Moved by: Councillor Lorraine Dawe

Seconded by: Councillor Raymond Henry

RESOLVED: THAT the minutes for the Oromocto Town Council Meeting in Regular Session on the 18 January 2024 be approved.

CARRIED

6. PETITIONS, PRESENTATIONS OR DELEGATIONS

7. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

7.a RSC 11

Mayor Powell reported that the committee met 26 January at the Wu Centre, for the 2024 Orientation. He also reported that the Public Safety Committee met on 30 January, then monthly CRSC Board meeting was held on 06 February and the Governance Committee met on 08 February where they discussed current by-laws and planned for the year ahead.

Deputy Mayor Mawhinney reported that the Economic Expansion Committee held a meeting and are looking for feedback from the 14 entities on what the committee should concentrate on for the year.

- 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 Carr reported that the committee met on 05 February where an update by CBCL on the Climate Change Adaption Plan was given. The committee also discussed having a youth representative from the Climate Club at Oromocto High School and the Climate conference in held in September of 2022 was also discussed. A decision will be made soon whether to hold another conference this year.

- 7.f Library Committee

Councillor Dawe reported that the committee met on 23 January where a fundraising dance annual plant sale were discussed. It was also noted that New Brunswick libraries were give one million dollars by the Province, between them, to hire additional staff.

- 7.g Oromocto and Area Chamber of Commerce

Councillor Dawe reported that the regular monthly board meeting was held on 14 February where new board members and a representative from Ignite Fredericton were discussed. Some dates to note are the 2024 Business Awards Dinner being held on 09 May at the Hazen Centre and the Oromocto High School Career/Job Fair being held 31 May 2024.

- 7.h Oromocto Pioneer Gardens – Nil

8. CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

- 8.a 3rd Reading by Title Only for Enactment of Proposed By-Law 515, A By-Law Respecting Dangerous or Unsightly Premises

Resolution Number: 2024-013

Moved by: Councillor Gary von Richter

Seconded by: Councillor Lorraine Dawe

RESOLVED: THAT the 3rd Reading by Title Only for Enactment of Proposed By-Law 515, A By-Law Respecting Dangerous or Unsightly Premises be approved.

CARRIED

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. NEW BUSINESS

- 10.a Oromocto Health Care Committee Incentive Package

Resolution Number: 2024-014

Moved by: Councillor Kelly Murdock

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Sheridan Mawhinney

RESOLVED: THAT the Oromocto Health Care Recruitment Committee proposal be approved, as presented to Council in Committee on 14 February 2024, subject to financial participation by the local governments of Sunbury York-South, Arcadia, Fredericton Junction, Tracy and the Capital Region Rural District.

CARRIED

- 10.b Stand Alone Wastewater Treatment Plant (West) Consulting Services

Resolution Number: 2024-015

Moved by: Councillor Ryan Carr

Seconded by: Councillor Raymond Henry

RESOLVED: THAT the Town of Oromocto Wastewater Feasibility Study Proposal - Stand Alone Wastewater Treatment Plant (West) submitted by CBCL Limited in the amount of \$39,836.00 (thirty-nine thousand, eight hundred and thirty-six dollars), plus HST, with a provisional component of an additional \$4,092.00 (four thousand and ninety-two dollars), plus HST, be approved. Funding is available from within account #70100-10-1250.

CARRIED

10.c Tender Award - Recreation and Parks Master Plan

RESOLVED: THAT Trace Planning and Design be awarded the tender for the development of a Recreation and Parks Master Plan in the amount of \$43,520 (forty-three thousand, five hundred and twenty dollars) plus HST. Funding is available from within account #70100-10-1250.

Resolution Number: 2024-016

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheridan Mawhinney

Seconded by: Councillor Gary von Richter

CARRIED

10.d Tender Award - Fire Pumper/Tanker

Resolution Number: 2024-017

Moved by: Councillor Gary von Richter

Seconded by: Councillor Raymond Henry

RESOLVED: THAT the tender for the replacement of E418 Fire Truck be awarded to the sole bidder, Metal Fab Ltd, in the amount of \$2,042,439.04 (two million and forty-two thousand, four hundred and thirty-nine dollars and four cents) HST included. Borrowing has been approved by the Municipal Capital Borrowing Board for funding of this expense.

CARRIED

10.e Municipal Capital Borrowing Board Application - OFD Rescue Unit

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:	Amount:	Term:
Protective Services Fire Truck	\$1,450,000	15 Years.

Resolution Number: 2024-018

Moved by: Councillor Lorraine Dawe

Seconded by: Councillor Ryan Carr

CARRIED

10.f Holiday Relief Firefighter Hiring

Resolution Number: 2024-019

Moved by: Councillor Kelly Murdock

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Sheridan Mawhinney

RESOLVED: THAT Jean Cormier be appointed to the position of Holiday Relief Firefighter within the Oromocto Fire Department, upon successful completion of the six-week orientation program; and that the Fire Chief begin the process of developing a Holiday Relief Firefighter candidates' pool.

CARRIED

10.g Appointment of Assistant Treasurer

Resolution Number: 2024-020

Moved by: Councillor Gary von Richter

Seconded by: Councillor Lorraine Dawe

RESOLVED: THAT Jassy (Xiaojun) Liu, Financial Accountant, be appointed as the Assistant Town Treasurer as per section 76(2) of the *Local Governance Act*.

CARRIED

10.h Oromocto Pioneer Days Festival 2024 - Chair Appointment

RESOLVED: THAT Mr. Jeff Melanson be appointed as the Oromocto Pioneer Days Festival Committee Chair for the 2024 event.

Resolution Number: 2024-021

Moved by: Councillor Gary von Richter

Seconded by: Councillor Raymond Henry

CARRIED

10.i Oromocto Business Beautification Award

RESOLVED: THAT Council provide an award in the amount of \$2,500 (two thousand and five hundred dollars) for the Oromocto Business Beautification Award program to be administered through the Oromocto and Area Chamber of Commerce. Funding is available from within the Grants to Organizations account #65010-10-1205.

Resolution Number: 2024-022

Moved by: Councillor Lorraine Dawe

Seconded by: Councillor Kelly Murdock

CARRIED

11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution Number: 2024-023

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheridan Mawhinney

Seconded by: Councillor Raymond Henry

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

CARRIED

Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk



Mayor