

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

**January 22, 2026, 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, Gillian Mersereau, Executive Assistant, 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: 2026-001

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheridan Mawhinney

Seconded by: Councillor Ryan Carr

RESOLVED: THAT the agenda for the Oromocto Town Council Meeting in Regular Session on 22 January 2026 be approved.

CARRIED

3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil

4. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Powell commented that January is moving quickly, and there is four months until the Municipal election.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Resolution Number: 2026-002

Moved by: Councillor Lorraine Dawe

Seconded by: Councillor Raymond Henry

RESOLVED: THAT the minutes for the Oromocto Town Council Meeting in Regular Session on 18 December 2025 be approved.

CARRIED

6. PETITIONS, PRESENTATIONS OR DELEGATIONS

Nil

7. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

7.a Capital Regional Service Commission

Mayor Powell noted that the Public Safety Committee met January 14th where they discussed emergency measures plans for municipalities, some communities are still without a plan. The CRSC has engaged GemTec to develop a standardized plan that communities can follow for the amount of \$5,414 that was budgeted in 2025.

7.b Oromocto and Area Chamber of Commerce

Councillor Dawe noted that the Chamber met on 14 January 2026 where their Annual General Meeting was conducted, with the Financial Report and Operating Budget being presented along with the 2025 State of Directors report and the Year in Review Highlights. After the AGM the monthly meeting was held where the committee discussed; annual membership invoicing has commenced, the Annual Business Awards Dinner is confirmed for 7 May 2026 at the Hazen Centre, board members were asked to submit their updated bios to be shared in the Chambers newsletter.

8. CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

8.a Second Reading in its Entirety of By-Law 517-A, A By-Law to Amend a By-Law Establishing Control of Animals in the Town of Oromocto

RESOLVED: THAT second reading in its entirety of Proposed By-Law 517-A, A By-Law to Amend a By-Law Establishing Control of Animals in the Town of Oromocto, be approved.

Resolution Number: 2026-003

Moved by: Councillor Gary von Richter

Seconded by: Councillor Ryan Carr

CARRIED

8.b Third Reading by Title Only for Enactment of By-Law 517-A, A By-Law to Amend a By-Law Establishing Control of Animals in the Town of Oromocto

RESOLVED: THAT third reading by title only for enactment of Proposed By-Law 517-A, A By-Law to Amend a By-Law Establishing Control of Animals in the Town of Oromocto, be approved.

Resolution Number: 2026-004

Moved by: Councillor Jeff Kirkbride

Seconded by: Councillor Kelly Murdock

CARRIED

8.c Second Reading in its Entirety of Proposed By-Law 540, A By-Law Relating to the Prevention of Fires in the Town of Oromocto

Resolution Number: 2026-005

Moved by: Councillor Raymond Henry

Seconded by: Councillor Kelly Murdock

RESOVLED: THAT second reading in its entirety of Proposed By-Law 540, A By-Law Relating to the Prevention of Fires in the Town of Oromocto, be approved.

CARRIED

8.d Third Reading by Title Only for Enactment of Proposed By-Law 540, A By-Law Relating to the Prevention of Fires in the Town of Oromocto

Resolution Number: 2026-006

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

RESOLVED: THAT third reading by title only for enactment of Proposed By-Law 540, A By-Law Relating to the Prevention of Fires in the Town of Oromocto, be approved.

CARRIED

- 8.e Second Reading in its Entirety of Proposed By-Law 541, A By-Law Relating to the Fire Department Level of Service in the Town of Oromocto

Resolution Number: 2026-007

Moved by: Councillor Raymond Henry
Seconded by: Councillor Gary von Richter

RESOLVED: THAT second reading in its entirety of Proposed By-Law 541, A By-Law Relating to the Fire Department Level of Service in the Town of Oromocto, be approved.

CARRIED

- 8.f Third Reading by Title Only for Enactment of Proposed By-Law 541, A By-Law Relating to the Fire Department Level of Service in the Town of Oromocto

Resolution Number: 2026-008

Moved by: Councillor Lorraine Dawe
Seconded by: Councillor Gary von Richter

RESOLVED: THAT third reading by title only for enactment of Proposed By-Law 541, A By-Law Relating to the Fire Department Level of Service in the Town of Oromocto, be approved.

CARRIED

- 8.g First Reading by Title Only of Proposed By-Law 542, A By-Law Respecting the Renumeration of the Town of Oromocto Council

Resolution Number: 2026-009

Moved by: Councillor Raymond Henry
Seconded by: Councillor Kelly Murdock

RESOLVED: THAT first reading by title only of Proposed By-Law 542, A By-Law Respecting the Renumeration of the Town of Oromocto Council, be approved.

CARRIED

- 8.h Second Reading in its Entirety of Proposed By-Law 542, A By-Law Respecting the Renumeration of the Town of Oromocto Council

Resolution Number: 2026-010

Moved by: Councillor Lorraine Dawe
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Sheridan Mawhinney

RESOLVED: THAT second reading in its entirety of Proposed By-Law 542, A By-Law Respecting the Renumeration of the Town of Oromocto Council, be approved.

CARRIED

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nil

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.a Employee Benefits Policy Amendment

Resolution Number: 2026-011

Moved by: Councillor Raymond Henry

Seconded by: Councillor Ryan Carr

RESOLVED: THAT the Employee Benefits Policy be amended, as reviewed by Council in Committee on 20 January 2026.

CARRIED

10.b Tourism and Communications Officer Hiring

Resolution Number: 2026-012

Moved by: Councillor Gary von Richter

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Sheridan Mawhinney

RESOLVED: THAT Lainy Dow be hired as the Tourism and Communications Officer, within the Department of Tourism and Recreation, effective 12 January 2026.

CARRIED

10.c Active Transportation and Trails Plan

Resolution Number: 2026-013

Moved by: Councillor Jeff Kirkbride

Seconded by: Councillor Raymond Henry

RESOLVED: THAT Trace Planning and Design be awarded the amount of \$49,305 (forty-nine thousand, three hundred and five dollars) plus HST for the creation of a new Active Transportation and Trails plan for the Town of Oromocto.

CARRIED

10.d Canada Revenue Agency - Director Update

Resolution Number: 2026-014

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheridan Mawhinney

Seconded by: Councillor Lorraine Dawe

RESOLVED: THAT the Canada Revenue Agency List of Directors for the Town of Oromocto be updated, effective immediately, to include the following names:

Robert Powell

Sheridan Mawhinney

Ryan Carr

Lorraine Dawe

Raymond Henry

Jeff Kirkbride

Kelly Murdock

Gary von Richter

Brad Whalen
John Jackson
G John Thomson
Jassy (Xiaojun) Liu.

CARRIED

10.e TD Bank Operating Credits

Resolution Number: 2026-15

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

RESOLVED: THAT the Town of Oromocto authorizes borrowings with TD Bank in the amount of \$3,000,000 (three million dollars) for working capital expenditures and ancillary credit instruments that enable same day electronic funds transfers (EFTs), and credit card services for point-of-sale purchases, effective 15 January 2026.

CARRIED

11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution Number: 2026-016

Moved by: Councillor Lorraine Dawe
Seconded by: Councillor Ryan Carr

RESOLVED: THAT the Regular Session of Oromocto Town Council of 22 January 2026 be adjourned.

CARRIED



Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk



RE Powell
Mayor