

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

**January 23, 2025, 5:30 PM  
AT THE OROMOCTO MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

Present: Councillor Lorraine Dawe, Councillor Jeff Kirkbride, Councillor Raymond Henry, Councillor Brad Whalen, Deputy Mayor 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

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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: 2025-001**

**Moved by:** Deputy Mayor Sheridan Mawhinney

**Seconded by:** Councillor Raymond Henry

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

**CARRIED**

**3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Nil

**4. MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

The Mayor advised January is Alzheimer's month and this year residents are reminded to focus on brain health to help reduce dementia.

**5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Resolution Number: 2025-002**

**Moved by:** Councillor Lorraine Dawe

**Seconded by:** Councillor Gary von Richter

**RESOLVED: THAT** the minutes for the Oromocto Town Council Meeting in Regular Session on 12 December 2024 be approved.

**CARRIED**

**6. PETITIONS, PRESENTATIONS OR DELEGATIONS**

Nil

**7. COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

7.a RSC 11

The Mayor reported there were no updates this month, however, the Capital Region Service Commission Annual Winter Forum will be held on

Friday, 24 January 2025. Councillor von Richter will also be in attendance at the forum to represent the Town.

7.a.1 Community Development Committee

Nil

7.a.2 Economic Expansion Committee

Nil

7.b Oromocto Healthcare Committee

The meeting was rescheduled to 10 February 2025 at 5:30 pm at the Oromocto Municipal Building.

7.c Planning and Advisory Committee

Nil

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

Nil

7.h Oromocto and Area Chamber of Commerce

Councillor Dawe advised the committee met on 8 January 2025 and again on 22 January 2025. Constables Andrew Daly and Mark Morrison of the RCMP presented information to business owners on safety and security tips and how to reduce crime. Due to the length of the presentation the business portion of the meeting was held on the 22 January 2025. At the meeting items discussed were the budget and O'Dollar's program. They also discussed the Chamber's website and the Business After Hours program and how to engage members, including referral bonuses for new members for draws and giveaways and perhaps a membership appreciation week. The next Business After Hours will be held on 13 February 2025 from 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm at Avail Veteran's Medical. She also reported the Chamber would like to continue with the Beautification Award and will be completing an application under the Town's Grants to Organization program.

7.i Oromocto Pioneer Gardens

Nil

**8. CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS**

8.a 3rd Reading by Title Only for Enactment of By-Law 522-H, A By-Law to Amend the Zoning By-Law

**Resolution Number: 2025-003**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brad Whalen

**Seconded by:** Deputy Mayor Sheridan Mawhinney

**RESOVLED:** THAT 3rd Reading by Title Only for Enactment of Proposed By-Law 522-H, A By-Law to Amend the Zoning By-Law, be approved.

CARRIED

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nil

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.a Oromocto Regional Wellness and Recreation Centre Design

**Resolution Number: 2025-004**

**Moved by:** Councillor Jeff Kirkbride

**Seconded by:** Councillor Raymond Henry

**RESOLVED: THAT** the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to engage the services of Colliers International to proceed with a request for proposals for the design phase of the full-build option of the Oromocto Regional Wellness and Recreation Centre, as reviewed by Council in Committee on 21 January 2025.

CARRIED

10.b Municipal Capital Borrowing Board Application

**Resolution Number: 2025-005**

**Moved by:** Councillor Lorraine Dawe

**Seconded by:** Deputy Mayor Sheridan Mawhinney

**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:**

Environmental Health Services

Water and Sewer System Upgrades

**Amount:**

\$5,000,000 (five million dollars)

**Term:**

30 years.

CARRIED

10.c Municipal Plan By-Law Review

**Resolution Number: 2025-006**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brad Whalen

**Seconded by:** Councillor Gary von Richter

**RESOLVED: THAT** Council approve the bid for the Oromocto Municipal Plan Review from Fathom Consulting in the amount of \$108,000 (one hundred and eight thousand dollars) plus HST.

CARRIED

10.d Plow Truck Purchase

**Resolution Number: 2025-007**

**Moved by:** Councillor Raymond Henry

**Seconded by:** Councillor Ryan Carr

**RESOLVED: THAT** the quote received from Bayview Truck and Transport for the purchase of a 2025 Kenworth plow truck in the amount of \$376,040 (three-hundred, seventy-six thousand and forty dollars) plus HST, be approved. Funding is available from within Capital Account #9013.

**CARRIED**

10.e Tractor Purchase

**Resolution Number: 2025-008**

**Moved by:** Councillor Jeff Kirkbride

**Seconded by:** Deputy Mayor Sheridan Mawhinney

**RESOLVED: THAT** the quote from Riverside Equipment for the purchase of a Kioti tractor in the amount of \$43,978.94 (forty-three thousand, nine hundred and seventy-eight dollars and ninety-four cents) plus HST, be approved.

**CARRIED**

10.f Planning Advisory Committee Appointments

**Resolution Number: 2025-009**

**Moved by:** Deputy Mayor Sheridan Mawhinney

**Seconded by:** Councillor Ryan Carr

**RESOLVED: THAT** James Grattan and Zatoon Anwar be appointed to the Planning Advisory Committee for a three-year term to expire 1 January 2028.

**CARRIED**

10.g New Employee Orientation Policy Amendment

**Resolution Number: 2025-010**

**Moved by:** Councillor Gary von Richter

**Seconded by:** Councillor Jeff Kirkbride

**RESOLVED: THAT** the Orientation Policy amendment be approved, as reviewed by Council in Committee on 15 January 2025.

**CARRIED**

10.h Executive Assistant Hiring - Clerk's Office

**Resolution Number: 2025-011**

**Moved by:** Councillor Lorraine Dawe

**Seconded by:** Councillor Raymond Henry

**RESOLVED: THAT** Cynthia Coughlan be hired as the Executive Assistant for the Clerk's Office, effective 18 February 2025.

**CARRIED**

10.i Sick Leave Bank Request

**Resolution Number: 2025-012**

**Moved by:** Councillor Ryan Carr

**Seconded by:** Councillor Lorraine Dawe

**RESOLVED: THAT** Council approve the request from the IAFF Sick Leave Bank, as reviewed by Council in Committee on 21 January 2025.

CARRIED

11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution Number: 2025-013

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheridan Mawhinney

Seconded by: Councillor Jeff Kirkbride

**RESOLVED: THAT** the Regular Session of Oromocto Town Council of 23 January 2025 be adjourned.

CARRIED



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Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk



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Mayor

