

THE OROMOCTO TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
IN REGULAR SESSION

November 20, 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

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Resolution Number: 2025-106

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheridan Mawhinney
Seconded by: Councillor Jeff Kirkbride

RESOLVED: THAT the agenda for the Oromocto Town Council Meeting in Regular Session on Thursday, 20 November 2025, be approved.

CARRIED

3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

4. MAYOR’S COMMENTS

The Mayor acknowledged the Legion for its efforts in hosting a successful Remembrance Day Service at the cenotaph. He also acknowledged the 403 Squadron for its helicopter fly over.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Resolution Number: 2025-107

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheridan Mawhinney
Seconded by: Councillor Gary von Richter

RESOLVED: THAT the minutes of the Oromocto Town Council Meeting in Regular Session on the 16 October 2025 be approved.

6. PETITIONS, PRESENTATIONS OR DELEGATIONS

Nil

7. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

7.a Capital Region Service Commission

The Mayor advised the board passed its annual budget on the 27 October 2025. He also reported he attended the monthly board meeting and a meeting of the finance committee on the 4 November 2025.

7.a.1 Economic Expansion Committee

The Deputy Mayor advised the economic expansion committee met on 17 November 2025. At that meeting Ignite presented its Vision document.

7.a.2 Community Development Committee

Councillor Dawe reported the community development committee met on 12 November 2025 where several items were discussed including various planned projects and presentations from Elections NB and the NB Food Council.

7.b Oromocto and Area Chamber of Commerce

Councillor Dawe advised a meeting was held on 12 November 2025 and a few items discussed included the Chamber Insurance Program, Business Awards Dinner, Tree Lighting Ceremony, etc. She also thanked the Town's Engineering and Public Works for assisting with the Oromocto Galleria's Christmas sale. There were over 2,000 people that attended with over 30 local vendors.

7.c Oromocto Pioneer Gardens

The Deputy Mayor reported the Oromocto Pioneer Gardens board met on 19 November 2025. It was the last meeting of the year before the seasonal close of the cemetery. He thanked the Town for the preparation work for the new columbarium and noted there is a possibility the price of plots will go up in 2026.

8. CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Nil

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nil

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.a Memorial Signage

Resolution Number: 2025-110

Moved by: Councillor Jeff Kirkbride

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Sheridan Mawhinney

RESOLVED: THAT in memory of Town employee, Mr. Ben Noseworthy, Council authorizes the Director of Recreation and Tourism to install signage at its recreational facilities that encourages spectators and players to be respectful, to work hard, have a positive attitude, be unselfish and most of all have fun.

CARRIED

10.b Plow Truck Chassis Purchase

Resolution Number: 2025-111

Moved by: Councillor Ryan Carr

Seconded by: Councillor Gary von Richter

RESOLVED: THAT the bid received from Valley Equipment Limited in the amount of \$203,000.00 plus HST be accepted for the purchase of a truck chassis; and that the bid received from LaRochelle for the customization and build of the plow truck in the amount of \$197,204.86 be approved. Funding is available from within Capital Account #9012.

CARRIED

10.c Website Tender Award

Resolution Number: 2025-112

Moved by: Councillor Kelly Murdock

Seconded by: Councillor Lorraine Dawe

RESOLVED: **THAT** the bid received from ICS Creative Agency for the creation of a new municipal website in the amount of \$29,625 plus HST be accepted. Funding is available from within account #60510-10-1300 and from within #70100-10-1300.

CARRIED

10.d Design of Water Treatment Plant and Wastewater Treatment Plant

Resolution Number: 2025-113

Moved by: Councillor Gary von Richter

Seconded by: Councillor Brad Whalen

RESOLVED: **THAT** CBCL Ltd be awarded the contract for all phases of design, construction administration and commissioning/closeout associated with the Water Treatment Plant and the Wastewater Treatment Plant projects in the amounts of \$4,117,716 and \$6,149,993 respectively, plus HST; and, **THAT** the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk be authorized to enter into and execute the Contribution Agreements with the Government of Canada relating to these projects.

CARRIED

10.e Infrastructure Replacement Design - Residential Housing Units - Neighbourhood 1

Resolution Number: 2025-114

Moved by: Councillor Raymond Henry

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Sheridan Mawhinney

RESOLVED: **THAT** the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk be authorized to enter into a Contribution Agreement with the Government of Canada relating to the infrastructure upgrades for the Residential Housing Units in Neighbourhood 1; and, **THAT** Council awards the design of the infrastructure upgrades to Gemtec in the amount of \$5,300,000, plus HST.

CARRIED

10.f Infrastructure Replacement Design - Residential Housing Units - Neighbourhood 2

Resolution Number: 2025-115

Moved by: Councillor Brad Whalen

Seconded by: Councillor Ryan Carr

RESOLVED: **THAT** the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk be authorized to enter into a Contribution Agreement with the Government of Canada relating to the infrastructure upgrades for the Residential Housing Units in Neighbourhood 2; and, **THAT** Council awards the design of the infrastructure upgrades to CBCL Limited in the amount of \$4,406,500 plus HST.

CARRIED

10.g Infrastructure Replacement Design - Residential Housing Units - Neighbourhood 3

Resolution Number: 2025-116

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

RESOLVED: **THAT** the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk be authorized to enter into a Contribution Agreement with the Government of Canada relating to the infrastructure upgrades for the Residential Housing Units in Neighbourhood 3; and, **THAT** Council awards the design of the infrastructure upgrades to EXP Services Inc. in the amount of \$3,517,600 plus HST.

Councillor Kirkbride declared a conflict of interest and departed the meeting.

CARRIED

10.h Fit for Duty Policy

Resolution Number: 2025-117

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheridan Mawhinney
Seconded by: Councillor Raymond Henry

RESOLVED: **THAT** Council approves the new Fit for Duty Policy replacing the Substance Abuse Prevention Policy.

CARRIED

10.i Compensation for Injury on Duty Policy

Resolution Number: 2025-118

Moved by: Councillor Ryan Carr
Seconded by: Councillor Jeff Kirkbride

RESOLVED: **THAT** the amended Compensation for Injury Policy be approved as reviewed by Council in Committee on 18 November 2025.

CARRIED

10.j Recreation Maintenance Worker - Creation of Full-Time Position

Resolution Number: 2025-119

Moved by: Councillor Jeff Kirkbride
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Sheridan Mawhinney

RESOLVED: **THAT** the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to create a full-time Recreation Maintenance position within the Parks and Sports Facilities Division of the Department of Engineering and Public Works, in accordance with the CUPE 996 Collective Agreement.

CARRIED

10.k Municipal Technologist - Creation of New Position

Resolution Number: 2025-120

Moved by: Councillor Kelly Murdock
Seconded by: Councillor Lorraine Dawe

RESOLVED: **THAT** the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to create a full-time, non-unionized Municipal Technologist position within the Department of Engineering and Public Works.

CARRIED

- 10.l Land Sale - 345 Miramichi Road
Resolution Number: 2025-121
Moved by: Councillor Gary von Richter
Seconded by: Councillor Jeff Kirkbride
RESOLVED: THAT the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk be authorized to enter into a purchase and sale agreement with Canadian Tire Corporation for a 5.56 acre portion of PID 60158227 in the amount of \$1,200,000 with the provision that Canadian Tire continue to remit the land rent up to 31 December 2026.
CARRIED
- 10.m Appointment of Auditor for 2025
Resolution Number: 2025-122
Moved by: Councillor Brad Whalen
Seconded by: Councillor Lorraine Dawe
RESOLVED: THAT Teed Saunders Doyle be appointed as the auditors for the Town of Oromocto's 2025 audit.
CARRIED
- 10.n 2026 General Operating Budget
Resolution Number: 2025-123
Moved by: Councillor Raymond Henry
Seconded by: Councillor Brad Whalen
RESOLVED: THAT the sum of \$29,114,023 (twenty-nine million, one hundred and fourteen thousand and twenty-three dollars) be the total 2026 General Operating Fund budget of the Local Government of Oromocto, that the sum of \$24,788,331 (twenty-four million, seven hundred eighty-eight thousand, three hundred and thirty-one dollars) be the Warrant of the Local Government of Oromocto for the ensuing year, and that the Residential tax rates for the Local Government of Oromocto be \$1.4501, \$1.0408, and \$0.6042 and that the Non-Residential tax rates be \$2.4652, \$1.7694, and \$1.0271. The Council orders and directs the levying by the Minister of Local Government of said amount on real property liable to taxation under the Assessment Act within the Local Government of Oromocto.
Councillor Gary von Richter voted nay as well as Councillor Ryan Carr on the 2026 General Operating Budget.
CARRIED
- 10.o 2026 General Capital Fund Budget
Resolution Number: 2025-124
Moved by: Councillor Lorraine Dawe
Seconded by: Councillor Kelly Murdock
RESOLVED: THAT pursuant to subsection 117 (4) of the Local Governance Act, the 2026 Operating Budget for the Water and Sewerage Utility for the Local Government of Oromocto for the ensuing year will consist of total revenues of \$4,838,997 (four million, eight hundred and thirty-eight thousand, nine hundred and ninety-seven dollars) and total expenditures of \$4,838,997 (four million, eight hundred and thirty-eight thousand, nine hundred and ninety-seven dollars).
CARRIED

10.p 2026 Water and Sewerage Utility Operating Budget

Resolution Number: 2025-125

Moved by: Councillor Jeff Kirkbride

Seconded by: Councillor Raymond Henry

RESOLVED: THAT the 2026 General Capital Fund Budget for the Local Government of Oromocto will consist of total expenditures of \$5,733,237 (five million, seven hundred and thirty-three thousand two hundred and thirty-seven dollars) identified as Pay-As-You-Go funding from the General Operating Fund \$2,160,145 (two million, one hundred and sixty thousand, one hundred and forty-five dollars), the General Capital Fund \$488,000 (four hundred and eighty-eight thousand dollars), the Canada Community Building Fund (Gas Tax) \$885,092 (eight hundred and eighty-five thousand and ninety-two dollars), and Municipal Capital borrowing \$2,200,000 (two million, two hundred thousand dollars).

CARRIED

10.q 2026 Water and Sewerage Utility Capital Budget

Resolution Number: 2025-126

Moved by: Councillor Kelly Murdock

Seconded by: Councillor Lorraine Dawe

RESOLVED: THAT the 2026 Water and Sewerage Capital Fund Budget for the Local Government of Oromocto will consist of total expenditures of \$687,676 (six hundred and eighty-seven thousand, six hundred and seventy-six dollars) identified as Canada Community Building Fund (Gas Tax) \$174,079 (one hundred and seventy-four thousand, and seventy-nine dollars), and Provincial Capital Renewal funding \$513,597 (five hundred and thirteen thousand, five hundred and ninety-seven dollars).

CARRIED

11. ADJOURNMENT

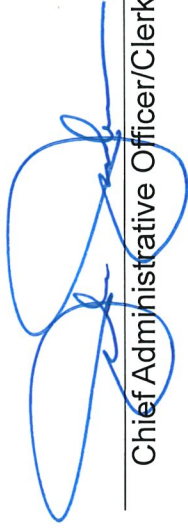
Resolution Number: 2025-127

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheridan Mawhinney

Seconded by: Councillor Lorraine Dawe

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

CARRIED



Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk





Mayor