THE OROMOCTO TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

IN REGULAR SESSION

October 21, 2026, 5:30 PM
AT THE OROMOCTO MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Present:	Councillor Jeff Kirkbride, Councillor Brad Whalen, Councillor Sheridan Mawhinney, Councillor Kelly Murdock, Councillor Ryan Carr, Deputy Mayor Gary von Richter, Councillor Dean Grattan, Councillor Joe Myers
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: 2026-122

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

RESOLVED: THAT the agenda for the Oromocto Town Council Meeting in Regular Session on 21 October 2026 be approved.

CARRIED

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil

4. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The Mayor acknowledged the tragedy at CFB Wainwright and sent condolences to the families of the victims and best wishes to the members that were critically injured during the wildfire. He also acknowledged the Alberta referendum and thanked the people of Alberta for voting to remain part of Canada.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Resolution Number: 2026-123

Moved by: Councillor Joe Myers
Seconded by: Councillor Sheridan Mawhinney

RESOLVED: THAT the minutes for the Oromocto Town Council Meeting in Regular Session on 17 September 2026 be approved.

CARRIED

6. PETITIONS, PRESENTATIONS OR DELEGATIONS

Nil

7. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

7.a Capital Region Service Committee

The Mayor advised that he attended four meetings of the Capital Region Service Commission within the past month to discuss various matters including their procedural bylaw; evaluations for training; board members' compensation and benefits; staff reports and the passing of the 2027 annual budget.

7.a.1 Economic Expansion Committee

Councillor Mawhinney highlighted the success of the local agriculture mapping project, which tracks all farms and businesses producing food for regional communities. Councillor Mawhinney estimates there are more than 500 farms in the Capital Region alone. The initiative has caught the attention of the Province of New Brunswick, which is now looking to scale the program across the entire province.

7.b Library Committee

Councillor Grattan reported a highly successful summer for the library, which delivered over 50 programs to an exceptionally busy community. Membership continues its steady growth with one to two new patrons signing up daily. Additionally, the library's fundraising efforts achieved great success, highlighted by a sold-out annual cookie crawl and $1,500 raised at the annual plant sale. Councillor Grattan emphasized that the library's diverse services and programs offer far more than traditional lending. He also noted that several library board members will attend the upcoming New Brunswick Libraries Trustee Association meetings.

7.c Oromocto and Area Chamber of Commerce

Councillor Murdock confirmed that the annual tree lighting ceremony is scheduled for 26 November 2026 and verified that the Town will once again provide the tree and lighting. Additionally, Councillor Murdock inquired about the criteria and origins of the Business Beautification Award, requesting authorization to modify specific criteria of the award. Council agreed that she would contact former Councillor Lorraine Dawe to gather historical background information.

7.d Oromocto Pioneer Gardens

Councillor Mawhinney announced that the Pioneer Gardens Cemetery held its final meeting of the year and will close for the season after Remembrance Day. He also noted that a new columbarium has been installed on-site and invited Council members to view it.

8. CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Nil

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nil

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.a Land Sale - Cyr Street

Resolution Number: 2026-124

Moved by: Councillor Dean Grattan
Seconded by: Councillor Brad Whalen

RESOLVED: THAT Council authorizes the Mayor and CAO/Clerk to enter into a purchase and sale agreement with 771167 Inc, c/o Alexis Daniel, for approximately 4.8 acres of land, in the amount of $971,280 (nine hundred and seventy-one thousand, two hundred and eighty dollars) plus HST, as reviewed by Council in Committee on Monday, 19 October 2026.

CARRIED

10.b Policy Amendment - Personnel Records

Resolution Number: 2026-125

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Gary von Richter
Seconded by: Councillor Ryan Carr

RESOLVED: THAT Council approves the recommended policy amendments, as reviewed by Council in Committee on Monday, 19 October 2026.

CARRIED

10.c Active Transportation and Trail Plan

Resolution Number: 2026-126

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

RESOLVED: THAT Council adopts the Active Transportation and Trail Master Plan, as presented by Jim Scott from Trace Planning and Design at the 15 September 2026 Council in Committee meeting.

CARRIED

11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution Number: 2026-127

Moved by: Councillor Sheridan Mawhinney
Seconded by: Councillor Ryan Carr

RESOLVED: THAT the Regular Session of Oromocto Town Council of 21 October 2026 be adjourned.

CARRIED

Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

Mayor

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