

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

**November 16, 2023, 5:30 PM
AT THE OROMOCTO MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

Present: Councillor Lorraine Dawe, Councillor Jeff Kirkbride, 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: 2023-105

Moved by: Councillor Ryan Carr

Seconded by: Councillor Lorraine Dawe

RESOLVED: THAT the agenda for the Oromocto Town Council Meeting in Regular Session on 16 November 2023 be approved.

CARRIED

3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

4. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Powell called for a moment of silence to honour former Mayor Fay Tidd on the occasion of her recent passing.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Resolution Number: 2023-106

RESOLVED: THAT the minutes for the Oromocto Town Council Meeting in Regular Session on 19 October 2023 be approved.

CARRIED

6. PETITIONS, PRESENTATIONS OR DELEGATIONS

7. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

7.a RSC 11

The Mayor advised the RSC budget was voted against for the second time. It is expected the matter will be reviewed once again at its meeting in December.

7.b Planning and Advisory Committee - Nil

7.c Recreation and Tourism Committee - Nil

7.d Age-Friendly Community Advisory Committee

Councillor Murdock advised the committee met and reviewed the process of what actions will be taken. No at a stage of bringing on some new committee members. The next meeting will be held in January.

7.e Climate Action/Zero Carbon Committee - Nil

7.f Library Committee - Nil

7.g Oromocto and Area Chamber of Commerce

Councillor Dawe advised the chamber met on 8 November 2023. Ruth Lindsay made a presentation about the Food Bank; the OACC will be changing its fiscal year to coincide with the calendar year; and, recruitment packages are being updated. The next event will be the Christmas Social to be held on December 7 from 4:30 - 6 pm. The next meeting of the board will be held on 13 December 2023.

7.h Oromocto Pioneer Gardens - Nil

8. CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.a Facility Fee Schedule

Resolution Number: 2023-107

Moved by: Councillor Jeff Kirkbride

Seconded by: Councillor Gary von Richter

RESOLVED: THAT the 2024 Facility Fee Schedule be approved, as presented to Council in Committee on Wednesday, 8 November 2023.

CARRIED

10.b Residential Garbage Tender Award

Resolution Number: 2023-108

Moved by: Councillor Ryan Carr

Seconded by: Councillor Kelly Murdock

RESOLVED: THAT FERO Waste and Recycling Inc., being the sole bid received for residential garbage collection, be awarded the contract in the amount of \$3,632,001 (three million, six hundred and thirty-two thousand and one dollar), HST included, for the period of 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2027 with an option for a one-year extension.

CARRIED

10.c Banking Agreement - Scotiabank VISA

Resolution Number: 2023-109

Moved by: Councillor Lorraine Dawe

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Sheridan Mawhinney

RESOLVED: THAT the Town Treasurer and the Mayor be authorized to enter into a banking agreement with Scotiabank VISA and an operating account, as reviewed by Council in Committee on Tuesday, 14 November 2023.

CARRIED

10.d Municipal Capital Borrowing Board Application

Resolution Number: 2023-110

Moved by: Councillor Brad Whalen
Seconded by: Councillor Jeff Kirkbride

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	\$2,100,000	15 Years

CARRIED

10.e Updated 5-Year General Capital Plan

Resolution Number: 2023-111

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

RESOLVED: THAT Council approves the 5-Year General Capital Plan (2024-2028), as reviewed by Council in Committee on 14 November 2023.

CARRIED

10.f Appointment of Auditors

Resolution Number: 2023-111

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

RESOLVED: THAT Teed Saunders Doyle be appointed as the auditors for the Town of Oromocto's 2023 audit.

CARRIED

10.g 2024 General Operating Fund Budget

Resolution Number: 2023-112

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheridan Mawhinney
Seconded by: Councillor Brad Whalen

RESOLVED: THAT the sum of \$26,211,070 (twenty-six million, two hundred and eleven thousand, seventy dollars) be the total 2024 General Operating Fund budget of the Local Government of Oromocto, that the sum of \$22,359,883 (twenty-two million, three hundred and fifty-nine thousand, eight hundred and eighty-three 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 \$1.4201, \$1.0193, and \$0.5292 and that the Non-Residential tax rates be \$2.4142, \$1.7328, and \$0.8996. 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.

CARRIED

Be it recorded that Councillor Gary von Richter and Councillor Ryan Carr both voted nay on the resolution.

10.h 2024 Water and Sewer Utility Operating Fund Budget

Resolution Number: 2023-113

Moved by: Councillor Kelly Murdock
Seconded by: Councillor Brad Whalen

RESOLVED: THAT pursuant to subsection 117 (4) of the Local Governance Act, the 2024 Operating Budget for the Water and Sewerage Utility for the Local Government of Oromocto for the ensuing year will consist of total revenues of \$4,487,775 (four million, four hundred and eighty-seven thousand, seven hundred and seventy-five dollars) and total expenditures of \$4,487,775 (four million, four hundred and eighty-seven thousand, seven hundred and seventy-five dollars).

CARRIED

10.i 2024 General Capital Fund Budget

Resolution Number: 2023-114

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

RESOLVED: THAT the 2024 General Capital Fund Budget for the Local Government of Oromocto will consist of total expenditures of \$2,280,946 (two million, two hundred and eighty thousand nine hundred and forty-six dollars) identified as Pay-As-You-Go funding from the General Operating Fund \$1,015,642 (one million, fifteen thousand, six hundred and forty-two dollars), Gas Tax Fund \$156,519 (one hundred and fifty-six thousand five hundred and nineteen dollars), General Capital \$541,812 (five hundred and forty-one thousand eight hundred and twelve dollars) and General Capital Reserve \$566,973 (five hundred and sixty-six thousand nine hundred and seventy-three dollars).

CARRIED

10.j 2024 Water and Sewer Capital Fund Budget

Resolution Number: 2023-115

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

RESOLVED: THAT the 2024 Water and Sewerage Capital Fund Budget for the Local Government of Oromocto will consist of total expenditures of \$250,000 (two hundred and fifty thousand dollars) identified as Pay-As-You-Go funding from the Water and Sewerage Operating Fund \$25,000 (twenty-five thousand dollars) and the Gas Tax Fund \$225,000 (two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars).

CARRIED

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution Number: 2023-116

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

RESOLVED: THAT the Regular Session of Oromocto Town Council of 19 October 2023 be adjourned.

CARRIED


Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk



Mayor

