

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

**March 14, 2024, 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

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

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Resolution Number: 2024-024

Moved by: Councillor Jeff Kirkbride

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Sheridan Mawhinney

RESOLVED: THAT the agenda for the Oromocto Town Council Meeting in Regular Session on 14 March 2024 be approved.

CARRIED

3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Kirkbride declared a conflict of interest as it relates to item 10.c Cyr Street Extension Design Services Contract Award to EXP Services Inc.

4. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The Mayor Powell noted March is nationally Epilepsy Month and that March 26 is Epilepsy Day.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Resolution Number: 2024-025

Moved by: Councillor Lorraine Dawe

Seconded by: Councillor Kelly Murdock

RESOLVED: THAT the minutes for the Oromocto Town Council Meeting in Regular Session on 22 February 2024 be approved.

CARRIED

6. PETITIONS, PRESENTATIONS OR DELEGATIONS

6.a Presentation of Millenium Award to Mr. Robin Hanson

Mayor Powell presented Mr. Robin Hanson the Town of Oromocto Millenium Award in recognition of his volunteer contributions to the Town over the past 40 years.

7. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

7.a RSC 11- Mayor Powell

The Mayor attended multiple RSC 11 meetings over the past month related to governance, legal matters, public safety and policing. He noted the region will receive 14 additional RCMP members with 1 specifically allocated to policing in Oromocto.

- 7.b Planning and Advisory Committee - Nil
- 7.c Recreation and Tourism Committee - Nil
- 7.d Age-Friendly Community Advisory Committee - Nil
- 7.e Climate Action/Zero Carbon Committee - Nil
- 7.f Library Committee - Councillor Dawe

Councillor Dawe advised the committee met on 14 March 2024 to review financial updates, in particular the 50s sock hop dance on the 23 March 2024. The decision will be made whether to cancel the event if ticket sales are still low. The next meeting will be held on the 26 March 2024.

- 7.g Oromocto and Area Chamber of Commerce - Councillor Dawe

Councillor Dawe reported the meeting was held on 13 March 2024 and a few items were discussed: Business After Hours held in March; 2024 Business Awards Dinner to be held on the 9 May 2024 with a silent and live auction and announcement of the Beautification Award; and she also reported on the economic development presentation to Council from Ignite Fredericton. The next Business After Hours will be held on the 11 April 2024 at The Bunker and following that on the 6 June 2024 at the Hanson Art Gallery. The next Chamber meeting is scheduled for 10 April 2024.

- 7.h Oromocto Pioneer Gardens – Nil

8. CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Nil

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. NEW BUSINESS

- 10.a Planning Advisory Committee Appointment

Resolution Number: 2024-026

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheridan Mawhinney

Seconded by: Councillor Brad Whalen

RESOLVED: THAT Chief Warrant Officer, Dwayne Waller be appointed to serve as the representative for Base Gagetown Commander on the Oromocto Planning Advisory Committee for a three-year term, ending 1 January 2027.

CARRIED

- 10.b Recreation and Tourism Director Appointment

Resolution Number: 2024-027

Moved by: Councillor Jeff Kirkbride

Seconded by: Councillor Raymond Henry

RESOLVED: THAT Jacqueline Dunn be promoted to the position of Recreation and Tourism Director, effective 1 July 2024.

CARRIED

10.c Cyr Street Extension Design Services

Councillor Jeff Kirkbride departed the meeting due to a declared conflict of interest.

Resolution Number: 2024-028

Moved by: Councillor Gary von Richter

Seconded by: Councillor Kelly Murdock

RESOLVED: THAT EXP Services Inc be awarded the tender for the engineered design extension of Cyr Street from Black Watch Avenue to Terry Fox Drive in the amount of \$42,112.00 (forty-two thousand, one hundred and twelve dollars) plus HST. Funding of is available from within Account #70030-10-4500. and from within operational efficiencies.

CARRIED

10.d Banking Agreement & Credit Facility (Scotiabank Visa Business Card Service)

Councillor Kirkbride returned to the meeting.

Resolution Number: 2024-029

Moved by: Councillor Lorraine Dawe

Seconded by: Councillor Ryan Carr

RESOLVED: THAT the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer/Town Clerk be authorized to enter into an agreement with the Bank of Nova Scotia for the Scotiabank Visa Business Card Service with a credit facility of \$500,000 (five hundred thousand dollars) as per the Letter of Commitment dated 24 January 2024.

CARRIED

11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution Number: 2024-030

Moved by: Councillor Raymond Henry

Seconded by: Councillor Kelly Murdock

RESOLVED: THAT the Regular Session of Oromocto Town Council of 14 March 2024 be adjourned.

CARRIED



Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk



Mayor

