

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

**October 16, 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

Visitors: Heidi Lawless-Anderson, Human Resources Manager

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Resolution Number: 2025-096

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 16 October 2025 be approved.

CARRIED

3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Kirkbride declared a conflict of interest with item 10.e EXP Services contract award.

4. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The Mayor expressed condolences to the families of the late Ben Noseworthy, a Town employee that recently passed away, and to the late John Gillam, a retired, long-time employee at the Town.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Resolution Number: 2025-097

Moved by: Councillor Lorraine Dawe

Seconded by: Councillor Raymond Henry

RESOLVED: THAT the minutes for the Oromocto Town Council Meeting in Regular Session on 18 September 2025 be approved.

CARRIED

6. PETITIONS, PRESENTATIONS OR DELEGATIONS

Nil

7. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

7.a Capital Region Service Commission

The Mayor reported a Public Safety presentation was held on 14 October 2025 with Minister Gauvin. On the 15th of October 2025, the Public Safety Committee met to plan their meetings for the next six months.

7.a.1 Regional Development Committee

Nil

7.a.2 Economic Expansion Committee

Deputy Mayor Mawhinney reported he and Councillor Dawe attended a joint Economic Expansion Committee and Community Development Committee meeting on 22 September 2025 to discuss some of the initiatives regarding physician recruitment and current barriers in the system. The Committee tasked the staff to provide more specifics on how best to attract health care professionals for their next meeting.

7.a.3 Community Development

Councillor Dawe reported the eight Initiatives approved by the Community Development Committee for 2025, that align with the CRSC Strategic Plan, are advancing as planned. These initiatives support local organizations in resilience and development and delivery of social services. Lise Morin gave an update on the Grant Writing workshop presented by Porter O'Brien on March 20th as well as on a course on Financial Sustainability Best Practices for Not-for-Profits and Charities in Today's World (by KPMG).

At least 8 workshops on Community Connectors (211) have been held in various communities within the region with researcher Lynne Ouellet. This project ensures that citizens are better equipped and motivated to help people needing support in their communities through a coordinated access to services. An update on the Capital Region Resiliency Network was given by Karrie Bedford as well.

Lise Morin talked about the Forums for 2026. Lise Morin and John Smith shared additional information on the 211 promotion.

The group discussed the upcoming elections and brainstormed ideas on how to promote resources and other useful information for the individual considering running to be a candidate.

7.b Planning and Advisory Committee

Councillor Carr reported the Planning Advisory Committee met last month and reviewed two variances, one was approved and the other was denied. He acknowledged the dedication of member Zatoon Anwar who recently resigned.

7.c Library Committee

Councillor Dawe reported that 109 youth registered for the summer reading club and that the Saturday adult programs continued over the Summer; the Fall programs for adults and schools as well as the pre-kindergarten have started; and there are displays for Truth and Reconciliation in the adult and children's areas. October is Canadian Library Month and there will be displays, reading challenges and a contest. She also noted the library staff rearranged the children's corner to highlight the new library shelves shaped as a bear and a tree. The Summer Reading Club Coordinator and Library Director also collaborated on a mural for the wall.

7.d Oromocto and Area Chamber of Commerce

Councillor Dawe reported the Regular Board Meeting, and the Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on 8 October 2025. Items from the AGM included: presentation of the Financial Report, noting the Chamber's fiscal year end changed to 31 December; presentation of the 2025/2026

Slate of Directors; ratification of by-law changes; and a review of the 2024/2025 highlights noting the development of the Member Referral Program, New Website, OACC Procedures Manual and BAD Nomination Protocol. The Chamber has added a Non-Profit Business Award for the 2026 BAD.

A few items from the Board meeting included a review of the outstanding items from September; approval to purchase a new computer for the Chamber's Executive Assistant; purchase of two tickets for the Fredericton Awards Dinner and new biographies and pictures for the Directors.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for November 12th, 2025 @ 8:00 am. The Chamber's next AGM is scheduled for January 14th, 2026

7.e Oromocto Pioneer Gardens Committee

Deputy Mayor Mawhinney reported the Committee met on Wednesday, 15 October 2025 to discuss the process of the Fall cleanup. The cemetery is closing on 21 November 2025 for the Fall and Winter. Last project new columbarium. Awaiting the delivery of the new columbarium. Convey they appreciate the Town's help. Sales are good with preplanning.

8. **CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS**

Nil

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

10.a Policy Amendments

RESOLVED: THAT the Workplace Wellness Policy and the Training and Development Policy be amended as reviewed in Council in Committee on Wednesday, October 8, 2025.

Resolution Number: 2025-098

Moved by: Councillor Kelly Murdock

Seconded by: Councillor Lorraine Dawe

CARRIED

10.b Adoption of Recreation Master Plan

Resolution Number: 2025-099

Moved by: Councillor Raymond Henry

Seconded by: Councillor Jeff Kirkbride

RESOLVED: THAT Council adopt the Recreation Master Plan as presented by Jim Scott of Trace Planning and Design on Wednesday, 8 October 2025.

Councillors von Richter and Carr's nay votes were recorded.

CARRIED

10.c Royal Bank of Canada Interim Financing

RESOLVED: THAT the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to enter into an interim financing agreement with the Royal Bank of Canada to fund capital projects.

Resolution Number: 2025-100

Moved by: Councillor Jeff Kirkbride

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Sheridan Mawhinney

CARRIED

- 10.d Request for Proposals Award - Construction Management Services for ORWRC

RESLOVED: THAT Lindsay Construction Limited be awarded the contract for Phase 1 Pre-Construction Management Services for the Oromocto Regional Wellness and Recreation Centre in the amount of \$75,000 (seventy-five thousand dollars) plus HST.

Resolution Number: 2025-101

Moved by: Councillor Gary von Richter

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Sheridan Mawhinney

CARRIED

- 10.e Computerized Water Network Hydraulic Model Proposal

RESOLVED: THAT the proposal from EXP Services Inc. in the amount of \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars) plus HST for the provision of a computerized water model be accepted, funding for this project to be provided from within Sewer Capital account #70100-30-8005, as budgeted.

Councillor Kirkbride excused himself from the meeting due to a conflict of interest.

Resolution Number: 2025-102

Moved by: Councillor Ryan Carr

Seconded by: Councillor Gary von Richter

CARRIED

- 10.f Hiring - Holiday Relief Firefighter

RESOLVED: THAT Hayden Siliker be hired as a Holiday Relief Firefighter following the successful completion of his orientation and assessment period.

Resolution Number: 2025-103

Moved by: Councillor Kelly Murdock

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Sheridan Mawhinney

CARRIED

- 10.g Captain Promotion

Resolution Number: 2025-104

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheridan Mawhinney

Seconded by: Councillor Kelly Murdock

RESOLVED: THAT Lt. Chris Bamford be promoted to the position of Captain within the Oromocto Fire Department effective 17 October 2025.

CARRIED

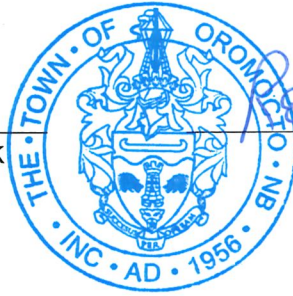
11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution Number: 2025-105

RESOLVED: THAT the Regular Session of Oromocto Town Council be adjourned at 6:00 pm.



Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk



Mayor