

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

**March 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: 2025-022

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 March 2025, be approved.

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3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Jeff Kirkbride declared a conflict on this item. (Councillor Kirkbride declared a conflict of interest related to agenda items 10h. Preliminary Design for Aerated Lagoon and 10i. Engineering Design and Inspection Services - Scoullar Street.)

3.a Councillor Jeff Kirkbride - DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Kirkbride declared a conflict of interest related to agenda items 10h. Preliminary Design for Aerated Lagoon and 10i. Engineering Design and Inspection Services - Scoullar Street.

4. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The Mayor congratulated Fire Chief Jody Price on receiving the King Charles III Coronation Medal and his 40-Year Exemplary Service Bar from MP Jenica Atwin.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by: Councillor Lorraine Dawe

Seconded by: Councillor Brad Whalen

RESOLVED: THAT the minutes of the Oromocto Town Council Meeting in Regular Session on 20 February 2025 be approved.

6. PETITIONS, PRESENTATIONS OR DELEGATIONS

7. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

7.a Capital Region Service Commission

Mayor Powell advised he attended the Capital Region Service Commission's general meeting on the 4 March 2025 and a virtual meeting to discuss the doctor recruitment strategy on the 17 March 2025.

7.a.1 Economic Expansion and Community Development

Deputy Mayor Mawhinney advised a joint meeting with the Community Development Committee was held with Jennifer Peck to discuss efforts related to recruitment of medical professionals to the region.

7.b Oromocto Healthcare Committee

The Mayor advised a special presentation was made to the committee and some members of Council on the 17 March 2025 by Dr. Hanif Chator, an emergency doctor who works at the Waterville Hospital. He advised that many in New Brunswick have an alternative to waiting at hospital outpatients for low code medical issues by using the eVisit program where they can have access to a doctor virtually. The Deputy Mayor said they were looking for opportunities to promote the program and asking for municipalities to assist with that effort. A sub committee of the Oromocto Health Care Committee has been established to assist with the promotion.

7.c Oromocto and Area Chamber of Commerce

Councillor Dawe reported the Chamber met on 12 March 2025. During the meeting the following items were discussed: two new board members were introduced - Deborah George and Emily Arseneault; the Business Awards Dinner which is scheduled for 1 May 2025; social media posts sharing, to create a greater visibility of the Chamber's activities; and the annual high-school \$1,000 scholarship award (deadline is 31 May 2025 to apply). She reported that she represented the Town at the Chamber's Business After Hours event that was held at Dog-Eared Books on Restigouche Road. She reminded all to shop local in support of our economy. The next meeting will be held on 9 April 2025.

8. CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Nil

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nil

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.a Hiring Policy Amendment

Resolution Number: 2025-023

Moved by: Councillor Kelly Murdock

Seconded by: Councillor Brad Whalen

RESOLVED: THAT the amendments to the Hiring Policy, as presented to Council in Committee on Wednesday, 12 March 2025, be approved.

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10.b Hiring Policy - Non-Permanent Employees Amendment

Resolution Number: 2025-024

Moved by: Councillor Ryan Carr
Seconded by: Councillor Raymond Henry

RESOLVED: THAT the amendments to the Hiring Policy for Non-Permanent Employees, as presented to Council in Committee on Wednesday, 12 March 2025, be approved.

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10.c Promotion Policy Amendment

Resolution Number: 2025-025

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

RESOLVED: THAT the Promotion Policy amendments presented to Council in Committee on Wednesday, 12 March 2025, be approved.

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10.d Lending Policy

Resolution Number: 2025-026

Moved by: Councillor Raymond Henry
Seconded by: Councillor Jeff Kirkbride

RESOLVED: THAT the Lending Policy, as reviewed by Council in Committee on Tuesday, 18 March 2025, be approved.

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10.e Employee Health Insurance

Resolution Number: 2025-027

Moved by: Councillor Brad Whalen
Seconded by: Councillor Lorraine Dawe

RESOLVED: THAT of the three proposals received, Council accepts the Municipal Advisory Corporation Inc.'s proposal for the delivery of employee health insurance; and, that Blue Cross, the current provider, be given sufficient notice of termination.

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10.f Towable Manlift Purchase

Resolution Number: 2025-028

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

RESOLVED: THAT of the two quotes received for the purchase of a used towable manlift, Council approves the purchase of a 2017 Towable Manlift from Iron Inventory Inc. in the amount of \$36,900 (thirty-six thousand, nine hundred dollars).

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10.g Animal Control Services Contract

Resolution Number: 2025-029

Moved by: Councillor Ryan Carr
Seconded by: Councillor Kelly Murdock

RESOLVED: THAT the contract for Animal Control Services through the New Brunswick Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in the amount of \$52,301.00 (fifty-two thousand, three hundred and one dollars) be approved. Funding of \$32,500.00 (thirty-two thousand and five hundred dollars) is available from within Account #79040-10-2505. The remaining shortfall of \$19,801.00 (nineteen thousand and eight hundred and one dollars) will be offset from within departmental efficiencies.

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10.h Preliminary Design for Aerated Lagoon

Councillor Jeff Kirkbride exited the meeting.

Resolution Number: 2025-030

Moved by: Councillor Kelly Murdock

Seconded by: Councillor Ryan Carr

RESOLVED: THAT of the three submissions for the preliminary design of an aerated lagoon, the low bid of EXP Services Inc in the amount of \$196,800.00 (one hundred and ninety-six thousand and eight hundred dollars) plus HST, as well as an additional project cost of \$30,000 (thirty thousand dollars) plus HST for geotechnical exploration, be approved.

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10.i Engineering Design and Inspection Services - Scoullar Street

Resolution Number: 2025-031

Moved by: Councillor Brad Whalen

Seconded by: Councillor Lorraine Dawe

RESOLVED: THAT of the four quotes received, EXP Services Inc is authorized to proceed with the engineering design and inspection services for the renewal of Scoullar Street in the amount of \$99,480 (ninety-nine thousand, four hundred and eighty dollars) plus HST.

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10.j Municipal Capital Borrowing Board Application - Storm Sewer Project

Councillor Jeff Kirkbride returned to the meeting.

Resolution Number: 2025-032

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheridan Mawhinney

Seconded by: Councillor Brad Whalen

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: Transportation Services - Scoullar Street Storm Sewer Pipe Renewal

Amount: \$548,000

Term: 15 Years.

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10.k Updated Five-Year General Capital Plan

Resolution Number: 2025-033

Moved by: Councillor Lorraine Dawe
Seconded by: Councillor Raymond Henry

RESOLVED: THAT the Town of Oromocto Five-Year General Capital Plan (2025-2029) be approved.

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11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution Number: 2025-034

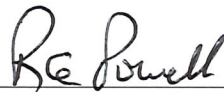
Moved by: Councillor Jeff Kirkbride
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Sheridan Mawhinney

RESOLVED: THAT the Regular Session of Oromocto Town Council of 20 March 2025 be adjourned at 5:48 pm.

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Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk



Mayor

