

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held Monday February 10, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Dr. S.F. Monestime Council Chambers.

Council Present: Mayor Raymond A. Bélanger  
Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner  
Councillor Fern Levesque  
Councillor Laura Ross  
Councillor Garry Thibert

Staff Present: Amy Leclerc, Clerk/Revenue Services Clerk  
Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer  
Dexture Sarrazin, Director of Community Services  
Shawn Hongell, Fire Chief

\*When a recorded vote is requested and the minutes indicate the recorded vote was "Unanimous" it means all Councillors present and noted above voted in favour unless otherwise indicated.

## 1. Meeting Called to Order

Meeting Called to Order by Mayor Bélanger at 6:00 p.m.

## 2. Announce Electronic Participants

Clerk announced that there was no online participation.

## 3. Adoption of Agenda

3.1 To Adopt the agenda as presented or amended

### Resolution Number 25-21

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the meeting agenda dated Monday February 10, 2025 be adopted.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

## 4. Disclosures of a Conflict of Interest

## 5. Presentations and Delegations

## 6. Adoption of Minutes

6.1 Regular Meeting of January 27, 2025

6.2 To adopt the minutes as presented or amended

### Resolution Number 25-22

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner

Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council adopt the minutes of the Regular meeting of Monday January 27, 2025.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

## 7. Notice of Motions

### 7.1 Support in Fixing Municipal Funding

#### **Resolution Number 25-23**

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

**WHEREAS** current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life;

**AND WHEREAS** nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year;

**AND WHEREAS** municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation;

**AND WHEREAS** unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure;

**AND WHEREAS** municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addictions crises;

**AND WHEREAS** inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity;

**AND WHEREAS** property taxpayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses – can't afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs for those most in need;

**AND WHEREAS** the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities;

**AND WHEREAS** municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario.

**AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Finance; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

## 8. Correspondence

### 8.1 Autism Ontario – Proclaim April 2, 2025 as World Autism Day

Council spoke on correspondence item # 8.1 and directed staff to bring back a support resolution at the next meeting.

8.2 AMO – Statement on Trade & Update on Provincial Election Advocacy

8.3 Town of Halton Hills – Sovereignty of Canada

## 9. Standing Committee Recommendations/Reports – Motions

9.1 Community Services Committee – Motion of Support for Toronto Paid Plasma Fee Zone

### **Resolution Number 25-24**

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Community Services Committee, at their meeting on Monday February 3, 2025, puts forth the recommendation to Council to support a resolution declaring Toronto a paid plasma free zone received from the City of Toronto.

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa supports the recommendation and supports the resolution received from the City of Toronto.

**AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Mark Holland, Minister of Health (Canada), the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health (Ontario), AMO and all Ontario Municipalities.

**CARRIED** – Recorded vote and the vote was as follows:

**For:** Councillors Levesque, Ross, Thibert

**Against:** Mayor Bélanger, Deputy Mayor Gardiner

## 10. Staff Reports – Motions

10.1 Fire Support – Municipality of Mattawan – Report # 25-05R  
Report from Shawn Hongell, Fire Chief

### **Resolution Number 25-25**

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 25-05R titled Fire Support – Municipality of Mattawan.

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council directs the CAO and Fire Chief to develop a plan for services to the Municipality of Mattawan and return to Council with a full report and a detailed map of the service area.

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council approves the purchase of a pumper tanker fire truck and outfit the truck to an upset limit of \$40,000.

**CARRIED** – Recorded vote and the vote was as follows:

**For:** Mayor Bélanger, Councillors Levesque, Ross, Thibert

**Against:** Deputy Mayor Gardiner

## 11. By-Laws

## 12. Old Business

12.1 Council – Food Cycler Municipal Solutions

There was no update from staff.

12.2 Beautification Committee Terms of Reference & Committee Structure

There was no update from staff.

**13. New Business**

**14. Questions from Public Pertaining to Agenda**

**15. In Camera (Closed) Session**

**16. Return to Regular Session**

**17. Motions Resulting from Closed Session**

**18. Adjournment**

18.1 Adjournment of the meeting

**Resolution Number 25-26**

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the February 10, 2025 meeting adjourn at 7:18 p.m.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

**Declared Certified True Copy  
by the Municipal Clerk**

*Amy Levesque*