

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held Monday April 14, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Dr. S.F. Monestime Council Chambers.

Council Present: Mayor Raymond A. Bélanger
Councillor Fern Levesque
Councillor Loren Mick
Councillor Garry Thibert
Councillor Spencer Bigelow

Staff Present: Amy Leclerc, Clerk/Revenue Services Clerk
Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer
Wayne Chaput, Chief Building Official/By-law Enforcement Officer

*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 one online participation.

3. Adoption of Agenda

3.1 To Adopt the agenda as presented or amended

Resolution Number 25-64

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick

Seconded by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting agenda dated Monday April 14, 2025 be adopted.
CARRIED – unanimous

4. Disclosures of a Conflict of Interest

5. Presentations and Delegations

5.1 Aleem Kanji, Canadian National Fireworks Association – Stop the Fireworks By-law (virtual)

5.2 Joe Miller – Council Reduction and Main Street Rehabilitation

6. Adoption of Minutes

6.1 Regular Meeting of March 24, 2025

6.2 Special Meeting of March 31, 2025

6.3 To adopt the minutes as presented or amended

Resolution Number 25-65

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 24, 2025 and Special Meeting of March 31, 2025.

CARRIED – unanimous

7. Notice of Motions

7.1 Stand for Canada Campaign

Resolution Number 25-66

Moved by Councillor Garry Thibert

Seconded by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

WHEREAS Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa received correspondence from the Mayor of the City of Brampton about the Stand for Canada campaign;

AND WHEREAS the campaign urges all levels of government to consider taking impactful steps to banning US-owned companies or subsidiaries from bidding on new municipal contracts for goods and services and reviewing existing contract to pivot to Made in Canada solutions;

AND WHEREAS all municipalities are invited to join this critical movement by changing municipal policies and showing support on the Team Canada website stand4canada.ca.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa fully supports the City of Brampton in the Stand for Canada campaign.

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs staff to review all municipal policies for the purchasing of goods and services and buy Made in Canada where possible and further directs staff to email the City of Brampton and share the Town of Mattawa's support.

CARRIED – unanimous

7.2 Mattawa River Canoe Race Request for Mike Rodden Arena & Community Centre

Resolution Number 25-67

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick

Seconded by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

WHEREAS Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa received correspondence from the North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority regarding the Mattawa River Canoe Race and requesting the Mike Rodden Arena and Community Centre for use, at no cost, for the dinner and banquet on June 14, 2025.

AND WHEREAS the Mattawa River Canoe Race has been taking place for over 45 years with over 100 paddlers running from Trout Lake in North Bay to the Mattawa Island Conservation Area.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa supports the Mattawa River Canoe Race and directs staff to provide the Mike Rodden Arena and Community Centre to the North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority at no cost on June 14, 2025.

CARRIED – unanimous

8. Correspondence

8.1 Community Living Mattawa – Support May as Community Living Month

Council spoke on correspondence item # 8.1 and requested staff bring forward a resolution for the next regular meeting.

8.2 Ministry for Seniors & Accessibility – 2025 Ontario Senior of the Year Award

8.3 AMO – New Provincial Cabinet

8.4 FONOM – Annual General Meeting Agenda Package

Council spoke on correspondence item # 8.4.

8.5 FONOM – Letter to Ministry of Transportation

8.6 Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing – Letter to Head of Council with Strong Mayor's Act

Council spoke on correspondence item # 8.6.

8.7 City of North Bay – 2025 FONOM Executive Award Nomination

Council spoke on correspondence item # 8.7 and requested staff bring forward a resolution for the next regular meeting.

9. Standing Committee Recommendations/Reports – Motions

9.1 Motion of Support for Safer Municipalities Act, 2024
Community Services Committee

Resolution Number 25-68

Moved by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

WHEREAS the Community Services Committee held their meeting on Monday April 7, 2025 and received correspondence from the City of Peterborough regarding support for Safer Municipalities Act, 2024.

AND WHEREAS the Community Services Committee requested Council to support the City of Peterborough at its regular meeting of Council.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa supports the City of Peterborough's resolution for Safer Municipalities Act, 2024.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of the resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Attorney General, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED – For: 3 members of Council, Against: 2 members of Council

10. Staff Reports – Motions

10.1 Administrative Policies & Procedures Amendments – Report # 25-18R
Report from Councillor Garry Thibert

10.2 Administrative Policies & Procedures Amendments – Report # 25-19R
Report from Mayor Raymond A. Bélanger

Council agreed to review both policies together as they both pertain to same subject

Resolution Number 25-69

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque
Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 25-18R titled Administrative Policies and Procedures Amendments.

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves section 1.11 procurement for the non-budgeted expenditure for the CAO/Treasurer to approve at a limit of \$2,500 to \$10,000.

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves an addition to section 1.11 procurement for non-budgeted emergency expenditure for the CAO/Treasurer to approve a limit up to \$20,000.

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs staff to return at the next regular meeting of Council with a formal by-law for adoption of the Administrative Policies and Procedures.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was unanimous

- 10.3 2025 Budget – Report # 25-20R
Report from Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer

Resolution Number 25-70

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque
Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 25-20R titled 2025 Draft Budget.

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the 2025 budget as presented.

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs the Clerk to return at the next regular meeting of Council with a formal by-law for adoption of the 2025 Operating Budget, 2025 Tax Ratios and the Rate of Taxation for 2025.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was unanimous

- 10.4 Town Hall Updates – Report # 25-21R
Report from Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer

Resolution Number 25-71

Moved by Councillor Garry Thibert
Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 25-21R titled Town Hall Updates.

CARRIED – unanimous

- 10.5 Quarter 1 Results – March 31, 2025 – Report # 25-22R
Report from Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer

Resolution Number 25-72

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque
Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 25-22R titled Quarter 1 Results – March 31, 2025.

CARRIED – unanimous

11. By-Laws

11.1 By-Law 25-05 – Fireworks By-Law

BEING a by-law to Regulate the Sale, Possession, Use, Setting Off, Ignition, and/or Discharge of Fireworks Within the Town of Mattawa

Resolution Number 25-73

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick

Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa approve and adopt By-Law 25-05 being a by-law to regulate the sale, possession, use, setting off, ignition and/or discharge of fireworks within the Town of Mattawa.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was unanimous

12. Old Business

12.1 Council – Food Cycler Municipal Solutions

12.2 Beautification Committee Terms of Reference & Committee Structure

12.3 Expense Reduction Audit for Municipalities

12.4 Administrative Policies & Procedures

13. New Business

14. Questions from Public Pertaining to Agenda

15. In Camera (Closed) Session

15.1 Litigation Matter

In accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001 Section 239 (2)(e)

e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;

15.2 Business Opportunity

In accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001 Section 239 (2)(c)

c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board

Resolution Number 25-74

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council proceed in Camera at 8:10 pm in order to address a matter pertaining to c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board and e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

CARRIED – unanimous

16. Return to Regular Session

16.1 That the regular session reconvene

Resolution Number 25-75

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick

Seconded by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting reconvene at 8:51 p.m.

CARRIED – unanimous

Mayor Bélanger advised the closed session was pertaining to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board and a litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

17. Motions Resulting from Closed Session

18. Adjournment

18.1 Adjournment of the meeting

Resolution Number 25-76

Moved by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the April 14, 2025 meeting adjourn at 8:52 p.m.

CARRIED – unanimous

Mayor

Clerk