

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held Monday August 11, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Dr. S.F. Monestime Council Chambers.

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

Staff Present: Amy Leclerc, Municipal Clerk/Revenue Services Clerk
Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer
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.

1.1 Mayoral Announcement

2. Announce Electronic Participants

Clerk announced that 3 members of the public are online.

3. Adoption of Agenda

3.1 To Adopt the agenda as presented or amended

Resolution Number 25-149

Moved by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting agenda dated Monday August 11, 2025 be adopted as amended to include a matter under Section 15 In Camera (Closed) Session, 15.3 Personnel Matter.

CARRIED – unanimous

4. Disclosures of a Conflict of Interest

5. Presentations and Delegations

6. Adoption of Minutes

6.1 Committee of the Regular Meeting of July 14, 2025

6.2 To adopt the minutes as presented or amended

Resolution Number 25-150

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of July 14, 2025.

CARRIED – unanimous

7. Notice of Motions

7.1 Connecting Link Intake # 10 Approval

Resolution Number 25-151

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

WHEREAS Council for the Town of Mattawa approved the Connecting Link Intake #10 Project for the Pont Mauril Belanger Bridge;

AND WHEREAS Jp2g, our Engineers and Planners of Record, submitted estimates for the Proposed Environmental Assessment and Detailed Structural Review (the Work).

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Town of Mattawa approves Jp2g to complete the Work in the net amount of \$381,600 for which the Province of Ontario's portion shall be \$343,440 and for which the Town of Mattawa's portion shall be \$38,160.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was unanimous

8. Correspondence

8.1 MMAH – 2025 Northeastern Municipal Workshop

8.2 AMO – Updates on Bill 9, OPP Billing Review, Waste Management & OMA Consultations

8.3 Municipality of Tweed – Challenges Facing Small Rural & Northern Communities

8.4 FONOM – Support for Highway System on Highways 11 & 17

8.5 MMAH – 2025 Northern Housing & Homelessness Workshop Series

8.6 FONOM – Sustainable Northern Ontario Economic Development Course

8.7 Strategic Plan Committee – Minutes of July 9, 2025 Meeting

8.8 Municipality of Mattawan – Amalgamation Resolution

9. Standing Committee Recommendations/Reports – Motions

10. Staff Reports – Motions

10.1 Establishing a Commercial Interest – Report # 25-39R
Report from Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer

Resolution Number 25-152

Moved by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 25-39R titled Establishment of a Commercial Interest.

CARRIED – unanimous

10.2 Annual Rent for Rosemount Valley Suites – Report # 25-40R
Report from Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer

Resolution Number 25-153

Moved by Councillor Mathew Gardiner
Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council amend resolution number 25-154 to remove AND FURTHER THAT Council approve a rental rate increase of 5% for Rosemount Valley Suites effective November 15, 2025.

AND FURTHER THAT Council call a special meeting to discuss the rental increase.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was as follows:

For: Councillors Gardiner, Levesque, Mick, Ross, Bigelow

Against: Mayor Bélanger, Councillor Thibert

Resolution Number 25-154

Moved by Councillor Garry Thibert
Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 25-40R titled Annual Rent Renewal for Rosemount Valley Suites.

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve a rental rate increase of 5% for Rosemount Valley Suites effective November 15, 2025 as amended.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was as follows:

For: Mayor Bélanger, Councillors Gardiner, Levesque, Mick, Ross, Bigelow

Against: Councillor Thibert

10.3 Quarter 2 Results – June 30, 2025 – Report # 25-41R
Report from Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer

Resolution Number 25-155

Moved by Councillor Mathew Gardiner
Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 25-41R titled Quarter 2 Results – June 30, 2025.

CARRIED – unanimous

10.4 Fire Department Updates – Report # 25-42R
Report from Shawn Hongell, Fire Chief

Resolution Number 25-156

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque
Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 25-42R titled Fire Department Update.

CARRIED – unanimous

11. By-Laws

12. Old Business

12.1 Renaming of Hurdman Street Request for “Chick Webster”

12.2 Cordwood Construction Homes for Homeless Presentation by Jen Serson

12.3 New Pharmacy in Mattawa Presentation by Sarah Blythe

13. New Business

14. Questions from Public Pertaining to Agenda

15. In Camera (Closed) Session

15.1 Dorion Road Reconstruction - Update

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

i) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization

15.2 Rosemount Valley Suites Update

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

15.3 Personnel Matter

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

b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees

Resolution Number 25-157

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council proceed in Camera at 7:49 pm in order to address a matter pertaining to b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board and i) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization.

CARRIED – unanimous

16. Return to Regular Session

16.1 That the regular session reconvene

Resolution Number 25-158

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting reconvene at 8:41 p.m.

CARRIED – unanimous

Mayor Bélanger advised the closed session was pertaining to Dorion Road Reconstruction, Rosemount Valley Suites and a personnel matter.

17. Motions Resulting from Closed Session

18. Adjournment

18.1 Adjournment of the meeting

Resolution Number 25-159

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick

Seconded by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the August 11, 2025 meeting adjourn at 8:42 p.m.

CARRIED – unanimous

Mayor

Clerk