

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held Monday December 8, 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 (Virtual)

Staff Present: Amy Leclerc, Municipal Clerk/Revenue Services Clerk
Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer
Wayne Chaput, CBO/By-Law Enforcement Officer
Dexture Sarrazin, Director of Community Services

*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

2. Announce Electronic Participants

3. Adoption of Agenda

3.1 To Adopt the agenda as presented or amended

Resolution Number 25-259

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque
Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting agenda dated Monday December 8, 2025 be adopted as amended to add an information report under section 9 which is Information Report 9.8 titled Bissett Street Pump Station.

CARRIED – unanimous

4. Disclosures of a Conflict of Interest

5. Presentations and Delegations

6. Adoption of Minutes

6.1 Regular Meeting of November 24, 2025

6.2 Community Services Committee Meeting of June 2, 2025

6.3 Corporate Services Committee Meeting of July 7, 2025

6.4 To adopt the minutes as presented or amended

Resolution Number 25-260

Moved by Councillor Mathew Gardiner
Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of November 24, 2025 as circulated.

AND FURTHER THAT due to Council passing a by-law to dissolve the standing committees of Council at the regular meeting of November 24, 2025, the June 2, 2025 minutes of the Community Services Committee and the July 7, 2025 minutes of the Corporate Services Committee also be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED – unanimous

7. Notice of Motions

8. Correspondence

- 8.1 Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing – Protect Ontario by Building Faster & Smarter Act, 2025 (Bill 17)
- 8.2 Various Municipalities (Town of Parry Sound, Town of Bradford West, Township of McGarry) – Removal of GST/HST on New Homes Purchased
- 8.3 North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit – Board Meeting Agendas
- 8.4 Enbridge Gas Inc. – Utility Earnings & Disposition of Deferral – Notice of Application
- 8.5 Ministry of Environment, Conservation & Parks – Invitation to Regional Engagement Session December 11, 2025
- 8.6 Ministry of the Solicitor General – Update to Ontario Regulation 416-23 Oaths & Affirmations Under the Community Safety & Policing Act, 2019
- 8.7 FONOM – Northern Ontario Hill Days in Ottawa
- 8.8 Town of East Gwillimbury – Opposition to Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025

9. Staff Reports – Motions

- 9.1 Updates from Town Hall – Report # 25-74R
Report from Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer

Councillor Mick arrived at 6:12 p.m.

Resolution Number 25-261

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 25-74R titled Updates from Town Hall.

CARRIED – unanimous

- 9.2 Library Proposal – Report # 25-75R
Report from Councillor Loren Mick

Resolution Number 25-262

Moved by Mayor Raymond A. Bélanger

Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council defer Report # 9.2 - Library Proposal to the next regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was as follows:

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

Against: Councillors Mick, Bigelow

- 9.3 Mattawa Voyageur Days 2026 – Report # 25-76R
Report from Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer

Resolution Number 25-263

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick

Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 25-76R titled Mattawa Voyageur Days 2026.

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the 2026 Mattawa Voyageur Days festival budget in the amount of \$460,000.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was as follows:

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

Against: Councillors Gardiner, Thibert

- 9.4 Amendment to Parking By-law No. 07-17 – Report # 25-77R
Report from Wayne Chaput, By-Law Enforcement Officer

Resolution Number 25-264

Moved by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 25-77R titled Amendment to Parking By-Law No. 07-17.

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the amendment to Parking By-law No. 07-17 which is placed on this agenda for final approval and passing.

CARRIED – unanimous

- 9.5 Amendment to Clean Yards By-Law No. 21-12 – Report # 25-78R
Report from Wayne Chaput, By-Law Enforcement Officer

Resolution Number 25-265

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 25-78R titled Amendment to Clean Yards By-Law No. 21-12.

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the amendment to Clean Yards By-law No. 21-12 which is placed on this agenda for final approval and passing.

CARRIED – unanimous

- 9.6 Amend No Smoking and/or Vaping of Tobacco & Cannabis in Public Places & Workplaces By-Law No. 22-22 – Report # 25-79R
Report from Wayne Chaput, By-Law Enforcement Officer

Resolution Number 25-266

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick
Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 25-79R titled Amend No Smoking and/or Vaping of Tobacco & Cannabis In Public Places & Workplaces By-Law No. 22-22.

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the amendment to No Smoking and/or Vaping of Tobacco & Cannabis In Public Places & Workplaces By-Law No. 22-22 which is placed on this agenda for final approval and passing.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was as follows:

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

Against: Councillor Mick

- 9.7 Recycling in the Town of Mattawa – Report # 25-80R
Report from Dexture Sarrazin, Director of Community Services

Resolution Number 25-267

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick
Seconded by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 25-80R titled Recycling in the Town of Mattawa.

CARRIED – unanimous

- 9.8 Bissett Street Pump Station – Update # 2 – Report # 25-81R
Report from Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer

Resolution Number 25-268

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque
Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 25-81R titled Bissett Street Pump Station – Update # 2.

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the purchase of a new 66 hp pump from Xylem at a total cost of \$92,712.00 for the Bissett Street pump station.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was unanimous

10. By-Laws

- 10.1 By-Law 25-17 – Encroachment Agreement with 250 Bangs Street
BEING a by-law to enter into an encroachment agreement with the property located at 250 Bangs Street.

Resolution Number 25-269

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick
Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa adopt By-Law 25-17 being a By-law to enter into an encroachment agreement with the property located at 250 Bangs Street.

CARRIED – unanimous

10.2 By-Law 25-18 – Committee of Adjustment Members for 2026

BEING a by-law to appoint members to the Committee of Adjustment for the year 2026.

Resolution Number 25-270

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa adopt By-Law 25-18 being a By-law to appoint members to the Committee of Adjustment for the year 2026.

CARRIED – unanimous

10.3 By-Law 25-19 – Amendment to Parking By-law No. 07-17

BEING a By-Law to amend the Town of Mattawa Consolidated Parking By-Law No 07-17, as amended.

Resolution Number 25-271

Moved by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa adopt By-Law 25-19 being a By-law to amend the Town of Mattawa Consolidated Parking By-Law No 07-17, as amended.

CARRIED – unanimous

10.4 By-Law 25-20 – Amendment to Clean Yards By-law No. 21-12

BEING a By-Law to amend By-Law No 21-12, as amended, which is a by-law to provide for the maintenance of land in a clean and clear condition (Clean Yards By-law) within the Town of Mattawa.

Resolution Number 25-272

Moved by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa adopt By-Law 25-20 being a By-law to amend By-Law No 21-12, as amended, being a by-law to provide for the maintenance of land in a clean and clear condition (Clean Yards By-law) within the Town of Mattawa.

CARRIED – unanimous

10.5 By-Law 25-21 – Amend No Smoking and/or Vaping of Tobacco & Cannabis in Public Places & Workplaces By-Law No. 22-22

BEING a By-Law to amend By-Law No 2022-22, being a By-law to regulate smoking and/or vaping of tobacco and cannabis in public places and workplaces in the Town of Mattawa.

Resolution Number 25-273

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa adopt By-Law 25-21 being a By-law to amend By-Law No 22-22, being a By-law to regulate smoking and/or vaping of tobacco and cannabis in public places and workplaces in the Town of Mattawa.

CARRIED – unanimous

- 10.6 By-Law 25-22 – Town of Mattawa 2026 – 2030 Strategic Plan
BEING a by-law to adopt the Town of Mattawa 2026 – 2030 Strategic Plan.

Resolution Number 25-274

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque
Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa adopt By-Law 25-22 being a By-law to adopt the Town of Mattawa 2026 – 2030 Strategic Plan.

CARRIED – unanimous

11. Old Business

- 11.1 Business/Organization Signage Policy
- 11.2 FONOM Correspondence Consultation on Natural Gas Expansion in Ontario
- 11.3 2026 Tax Rates for Vacant Lots
- 11.4 Commercial Recycling/Commercial Tax Rate Adjustment
- 11.5 Streetlights on McKenzie Street
- 11.6 Community Safety & Well-Being in Mattawa

12. New Business

13. Questions from Public Pertaining to Agenda

14. In Camera (Closed) Session

- 14.1 Adoption of Previous Closed Meeting Minutes
- 14.2 Mattawa Landfill Site Update
 - 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
- 14.3 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
- 14.4 Mattawa Fitness Centre & Voyageur Curling Club
 - In accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001 Section 239 (2)(h)
 - h) information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them
- 14.5 Business Opportunity 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

Resolution Number 25-275

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick
Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council proceed In Camera (Closed) session pursuant to section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended at 7:21 p.m. in order to address the

following:

Item 14.2 Mattawa Landfill Site Update - litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;

Item 14.3 Rosemount Valley Suites Update and Item 14.5 Business Opportunity Update - a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;

Item 14.4 Mattawa Fitness Centre & Voyageur Curling Club - information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them.

CARRIED – unanimous

Councillors Bigelow left the meeting at 7:22 pm.

15. Return to Regular Session

15.1 That the Council Return to Regular Session

Resolution Number 25-276

Moved by Councillor Garry Thibert

Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting reconvene at 8:30 p.m.

CARRIED – unanimous

16. Motions Resulting from Closed Session

17. Adjournment

17.1 Adjournment of the meeting

Resolution Number 25-277

Moved by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting adjourn at 8:32 p.m.

CARRIED – unanimous

Electronically signed by Raymond A. Bélanger

Mayor

Electronically signed by Amy Leclerc

Clerk