

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held Monday April 8, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Dr. S.F. Monestime Council Chambers.

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

Staff Present: Paul Laperriere, Interim CAO/Treasurer  
Amy Leclerc, Municipal Clerk/Revenue Services Clerk  
Sabrina Poullas, Deputy Clerk  
Paul Lafreniere, Interim 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 1 member of the public was online.

## 3. Adoption of Agenda

3.1 To Adopt the agenda as presented or amended

### **Resolution Number 24-85**

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the meeting agenda dated Monday April 8, 2024 be adopted.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

## 4. Disclosures of a Conflict of Interest

Deputy Mayor Gardiner and Councillor Sarrazin both declared a conflict on agenda item # 15.3.

## 5. Presentations and Delegations

## 6. Adoption of Minutes

6.1 Regular Meeting of March 25, 2024

6.2 To adopt the minutes as presented or amended

### **Resolution Number 24-86**

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Councillor Dexture Sarrazin

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council adopt the minutes of the Regular meeting of Monday March 25, 2024.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

**7. Notice of Motions**

**8. Correspondence**

- 8.1 Community Living Mattawa – Declare May as Community Living Month & request for Council to participate on May 1, 2024 for Shine the Light on Community Living

Council spoke on correspondence item # 8.1 and will support at the next meeting. Mayor Bélanger will participate on May 1, 2024.

- 8.2 Foundation Emergence – Declare May 17, 2024 as International Day Against Homophobia & Transphobia

Council spoke on correspondence item # 8.1 and will support at the next meeting.

- 8.3 The Labour Market Group – February & March 2024 Job Report

**9. Standing Committee Recommendations/Reports – Motions**

**10. Staff Reports – Motions**

- 10.1 Governance Policies & Procedures – Report # 24-23R

**Resolution Number 24-87**

Moved by Councillor Garry Thibert

Seconded by Councillor Dexture Sarrazin

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 24-23R titled Governance Policies and Procedures.

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council approve the Governance Policies and Procedures and directs staff to bring forward at the next meeting for formal approval by way of By-law.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

- 10.2 Administrative Policies – Report # 24-24R

**Resolution Number 24-88**

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 24-24R titled Administrative Policies.

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council approve the Administrative Policies attached.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

**11. By-Laws**

**12. Old Business**

- 12.1 John Dixon Public Library 2024 Funding

Council spoke to the John Dixon Public Library 2024 Funding and advised the payment of \$68,213.94 has been issued as Council directed.

### **13. New Business**

Councillor Ross requested to speak of new business which was not on the agenda and Mayor Bélanger allowed it.

Councillor Ross spoke to the Police Services Board and requested Council support the member to represent the public to be Theresa Taillefer.

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

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

#### **15.1 Divestiture of The Rosemount Valley Suites (Affordable Seniors Housing)**

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

#### **15.2 Fire Chief Interview Report**

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

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

#### **15.3 Director of Community Services**

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 24-89**

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Dexture Sarrazin

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this Council proceed in Camera at 6:45 pm in order to address a matter pertaining to: b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

**CARRIED** – Members For: 5, Members Against: 1

Councillor Sarrazin declared a conflict of interest on the In Camera (Closed) Session Item # 15.2 and removed himself from council chambers.

Deputy Mayor Gardiner and Councillor Sarrazin both declared a conflict of interest on the In Camera (Closed) Session Item # 15.3 and removed themselves from council chambers.

### **16. Return to Regular Session**

Deputy Mayor Gardiner and Councillor Sarrazin returned to council chambers and their seats.

#### **Resolution Number 24-90**

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular meeting of council reconvene at 7:04 p.m.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

Mayor Belanger advised that the closed session was to discuss the Rosemount Valley Suites and staffing.

## 17. Motions Resulting from Closed Session

Deputy Mayor Gardiner and Councillor Sarrazin both declared a conflict of interest on Resolution Number 24-91 and removed themselves from council chambers.

### **Resolution Number 24-91**

Moved by Councillor Garry Thibert  
Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Town of Mattawa hires Dexture Sarrazin for the Director of Community Services position as per the contract terms set out in the In Camera (Closed) Session of this meeting.

**CARRIED** – Recorded vote and the vote was unanimous

Deputy Mayor Gardiner and Councillor Sarrazin returned to council chambers and their seats.

## 18. Adjournment

18.1 Adjournment of the meeting

### **Resolution Number 24-92**

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross  
Seconded by Councillor Dexture Sarrazin

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the April 8, 2024 meeting adjourn at 7:07 p.m.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

**Approved Minutes as Certified by  
the Municipal Clerk**

