

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held Monday May 13, 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 Fern Levesque
Councillor Loren Mick
Councillor Garry Thibert

Staff Present: Paul Laperriere, Interim CAO/Treasurer
Amy Leclerc, Municipal Clerk/Revenue Services Clerk
Sabrina Poullas, Deputy Clerk
Dexture Sarrazin, Director of Community Services
Paul Lafreniere, Interim Fire Chief
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 1 member of the public was online and Councillor Ross sends her regrets.

3. Adoption of Agenda

3.1 To Adopt the agenda as presented or amended

Resolution Number 24-108

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting agenda dated Monday May 13, 2024 be adopted as amended to add a motion under section 7 – 7.1 Declare May as Museum Month and add a report under section 10 – 10.1 Mattawan Street Reconstruction Report # 24-29R .

AND FURTHER THAT a document be included under section 15.1 John Dixon Public Library for Council to review during the In Camera (Closed) Session.

CARRIED – unanimous

4. Disclosures of a Conflict of Interest

5. Presentations and Delegations

6. Adoption of Minutes

6.1 Regular Meeting of April 22, 2024

6.2 Special Meeting of April 30, 2024

6.3 To adopt the minutes as presented or amended

Resolution Number 24-109

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the minutes of the Regular meeting of Monday April 22, 2024 and special meeting of Tuesday April 30, 2024.

CARRIED – unanimous

7. Notice of Motions

7.1 Declare May as Museum Month

Resolution Number 24-110

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick

Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

WHEREAS the 700+ museums, art galleries, and heritage sites, and the over 8000 museum workers and 16,000 volunteers contribute to Ontario's \$26 billion cultural sector;

AND WHEREAS museums, as trusted local organizations, create healthy and connected communities, and by ensuring all Ontarians have access to culture and heritage, inspire lifelong learning;

AND WHEREAS museums promote growth and build local economies by welcoming tourists in every community across the province;

AND WHEREAS this month provides an opportunity to raise awareness for the vital role museums, museum workers and volunteers have in their communities and celebrate their contributions to community wellbeing, tourism, education, and learning;

AND WHEREAS May 18, 2024 is International Museum Day to highlight museums as centres of education, innovation and cultural understanding in our communities,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa hereby proclaims May 2024 as "May is Museum Month" in the Town of Mattawa and encourages all residents and tourists to visit our local museums in May.

CARRIED – unanimous

8. Correspondence

8.1 Near North District School Board – Board Decision to Dissolve Partnership Agreement with Town of Mattawa for John Dixon Public Library.

8.2 Various Municipalities – Support to Cancel Carbon Tax

Council spoke on correspondence item # 8.2.

8.3 Loyalist Township – Accessible Ontario by 2025

Council spoke on correspondence item # 8.3.

8.4 Loyalist Township – Lack of Funding for Rural Ontario Municipalities

8.5 Near North Crime Stoppers – 26th Annual Golf Tournament June 21, 2024

8.6 City of St. Catharines – Regulations to Restrict Keeping of Non-Native Wild Animals

Clerk advised that 8.6 should have been removed – nothing provided to Council.

9. Standing Committee Recommendations/Reports – Motions

10. Staff Reports – Motions

10.1 Mattawan Street Reconstruction – Report # 24-29R

Resolution Number 24-111

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 24-29R titled Mattawan Street Reconstruction.

AND FURTHER THAT Council award the Mattawan Street Reconstruction to Kenalex Construction Company in the amount of \$668,570.00 plus applicable taxes.

CARRIED – unanimous

11. By-Laws

12. Old Business

12.1 John Dixon Public Library 2024 Funding

Council advised will speak to this under the In Camera (Closed) Session.

13. New Business

13.1 Deputy Mayor Gardiner – Council Meeting Conduct

Deputy Mayor Gardiner addressed Council on the conduct at meetings and the way Council conducts themselves online and with staff. Advised Council to be mindful of how they interact during meetings.

14. Questions from Public Pertaining to Agenda

15. In Camera (Closed) Session

Council invited Moe McGuinty of the John Dixon Public Library Board to participate in the In Camera session.

15.1 John Dixon Public Library

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

k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board

Resolution Number 24-112

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick

Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council proceed in Camera at 6:25 p.m. in order to

address a matter pertaining to: k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

CARRIED – Members For: 4, Members Against: 1

16. Return to Regular Session

Resolution Number 24-113

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting of council reconvene at 7:43 p.m.

CARRIED – unanimous

Mayor Belanger advised that the closed session was to discuss the John Dixon Public Library.

17. Motions Resulting from Closed Session

18. Adjournment

18.1 Adjournment of the meeting

Resolution Number 24-114

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner

Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the May 13, 2024 meeting adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

CARRIED – unanimous

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

