

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held Monday May 27, 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 Laura Ross
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.

3. Adoption of Agenda

3.1 To Adopt the agenda as presented or amended

Resolution Number 24-115

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting agenda dated Monday May 27, 2024 be adopted.
CARRIED – unanimous

4. Disclosures of a Conflict of Interest

Councillor Mick declared a conflict on agenda item # 11.1.

5. Presentations and Delegations

5.1 Danny Lamarre – Drug Situation within Town of Mattawa

Danny made a presentation to Council on the drug situation in town and lack of OPP in presence.

6. Adoption of Minutes

6.1 Regular Meeting of May 13, 2024

6.2 To adopt the minutes as presented or amended

Resolution Number 24-116

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick

Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the minutes of the Regular meeting of Monday May 13, 2024.

CARRIED – unanimous

7. Notice of Motions

7.1 Hiring of Fire Chief

Resolution Number 24-117

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Mattawa hires Shawn Hongell for the Fire Chief position as per the contract terms set out in the In Camera (Closed) Session of the April 22, 2024 meeting.

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to bring forward a formal by-law appointing the Fire Chief once a start date has been confirmed.

CARRIED – unanimous

8. Correspondence

8.1 MTO – 2024-25 Connecting Links Program Funding Approval

Council spoke on correspondence item # 8.1.

8.2 AMO – Policy Updates

Council spoke on correspondence item # 8.2.

8.3 MP Anthony Rota – Canada Summer Jobs Opportunities Available

Council spoke on correspondence item # 8.3.

8.4 Adam Arbiter, Gateway Martial Arts – Martial Arts Session at Mattawa Voyageur Days

Council spoke on correspondence item # 8.4.

8.5 Enbridge Gas Inc – Rate Rebasing Application Update

8.6 Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch & Raglan – New Provincial Municipal Fiscal Framework

8.7 Minister Seniors & Accessibility – June is Seniors Month

Council spoke on correspondence item # 8.7 and directed staff to bring forward a resolution of support at the next meeting.

8.8 OCWA – First Quarter Water & Wastewater System Report

Council spoke on correspondence item # 8.8.

8.9 Ontario Provincial Police – 2025 Municipal Policing Billing Statement Property Count

Council spoke on correspondence item # 8.9.

8.10 MPP Vic Fedeli – Funding Support for Festivals & Events

Council spoke on correspondence item # 8.10.

8.11 Canadian Ecology Centre – Celebrate 25 years on June 7, 2024

Council spoke on correspondence item # 8.11 and requested staff send rsvp for Mayor Bélanger to attend.

9. Standing Committee Recommendations/Reports – Motions

10. Staff Reports – Motions

10.1 Filling of Council Seat Vacancy Procedures – Report # 24-30R

Resolution Number 24-118

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 24-30R titled Filling of Council Seat Vacancy Procedures.

AND FURTHER THAT Council sets a date and time for a special meeting to interview the candidates on June 11, 2024 beginning at 4:00 p.m.

AND FURTHER THAT Council chooses to provide 2 questions each to the Clerk for final approval.

CARRIED – unanimous

11. By-Laws

Councillor Mick declared a conflict of interest on item # 11.1 and removed himself from chambers.

11.1 By-Law # 24-11 – Rezoning of 1134 Lily Street Property

BEING a by-law for the purpose of amending By-law No. 85-23, as amended.

Resolution Number 24-119

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Mattawa adopt By-law No. 24-11 which is a by-law to approve the rezoning request for Lot 77 Plan 7 and known as 1154 Lily Street, File No. R1-24, which will amend the zoning from Residential Type 1 (R1) to Residential Type 2 (R2).

CARRIED – unanimous

Councillor Mick returned to Council Chambers.

11.2 By-Law # 24-12 – Rezoning of 500-510 Valois Drive Property

BEING a by-law for the purpose of amending By-law No. 85-23, as amended.

Resolution Number 24-120

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick
Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Mattawa adopt By-law No. 24-12 which is a by-law to approve the rezoning request for Plan 1 Range C Lot 15 S and known as 500-510 Valois Drive, File No. R2-24, which will amend the zoning from Residential Type 2 Special (R2-26) to Residential Type 2 Special (R2-27).

CARRIED – unanimous

12. Old Business

12.1 John Dixon Public Library 2024 Funding

Councillor Mick advised the library board will be bringing a request to Council after their board meeting.

13. New Business

13.1 Councillor Ross – Cameras within Municipality

Councillor Ross advised that cameras are needed in the municipality as there are areas being vandalized and staff advised that a report will return to Council once all information is gathered.

14. Questions from Public Pertaining to Agenda

15. In Camera (Closed) Session

15.1 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 24-121

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque
Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council proceed in Camera at 6:58 p.m. in order to address a matter pertaining to: b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

CARRIED – unanimous

16. Return to Regular Session

Resolution Number 24-122

Moved by Councillor Garry Thibert
Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting of council reconvene at 7:30 p.m.

CARRIED – unanimous

Mayor Belanger advised that the closed session was to discuss a personnel matter.

17. Motions Resulting from Closed Session

18. Adjournment

18.1 Adjournment of the meeting

Resolution Number 24-123

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the May 27, 2024 meeting adjourn at 7:31 p.m.

CARRIED – unanimous

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amy Leclerc". The signature is written in a cursive style and is contained within a black rectangular box.