

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held Monday July 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 Fern Levesque
Councillor Loren Mick
Councillor Laura Ross
Councillor Garry Thibert
Councillor Spencer Bigelow

Staff Present: Amy Leclerc, Municipal Clerk/Revenue Services Clerk
Sabrina Poullas, Deputy Clerk
Paul Laperriere, Interim CAO/Treasurer

*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 no members of the public were online.

3. Adoption of Agenda

3.1 To Adopt the agenda as presented or amended

Resolution Number 24-154

Moved by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

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

CARRIED – unanimous

4. Disclosures of a Conflict of Interest

5. Presentations and Delegations

6. Adoption of Minutes

6.1 Regular Meeting of June 24, 2024

6.2 To adopt the minutes as presented or amended

Resolution Number 24-155

Moved by Councillor Garry Thibert

Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the minutes of the Regular meeting of Monday June 24, 2024.

CARRIED – unanimous

7. Notice of Motions

8. Correspondence

8.1 Interim Fire Chief Lafreniere – Notice of Leave

Council spoke on correspondence item # 8.1.

8.2 AMO – Advocacy on Homelessness Encampments

Council spoke on correspondence item # 8.2.

8.3 Municipality of Tweed – Support for Funding for OPP Costs for Small Rural Municipalities

Council spoke on correspondence item # 8.3 and directed staff to bring back a support resolution at the next regular meeting.

8.4 MMAH – Planning Act & Development Charges Act Regulations Related to Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024

8.5 NBMCA – Recommended Phase-Out of Free Water Testing in 2023 Auditor's General Report

Council spoke on correspondence item # 8.5.

8.6 Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan – Regulations for the Importation & Safe Use of Lithium-ion Batteries

8.7 Municipality of West Nipissing – Support for Champlain Bridge Rehabilitation

Council spoke on correspondence item # 8.7.

9. Standing Committee Recommendations/Reports – Motions

10. Staff Reports – Motions

10.1 John Dixon Public Library Update – Report # 24-38R

Resolution Number 24-156

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 24-38R titled John Dixon Public Library Update.

AND FURTHER THAT Council supports the creation of a Library Stakeholder Group and directs the Interim CAO/Treasurer and Mayor to approach all stakeholders identified in this report to seek their participation.

AND FURTHER THAT the Interim CAO/Treasurer is directed to return to Council with an update on the Library Stakeholder Group at the next regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was as follows:

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

Against: Councillor Mick

10.2 Vehicle Replacement – Report # 24-39R

Resolution Number 24-157

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 24-39R titled Vehicle Replacement.

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the purchase of a 2021 Ford Escape with a purchase price of approximately \$25,000 plus applicable taxes and fees.

AND FURTHER THAT Council declare the 2010 Ford Ranger as surplus vehicle and directs staff to sell where they deem fit and as is where is.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was as follows:

For: Mayor Bélanger, Deputy Mayor Gardiner, Councillors Mick, Ross, Thibert, Bigelow

Against: Councillor Levesque

10.3 Executive Assistant Position – Report # 24-40R

Resolution Number 24-158

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 24-40R titled Executive Assistant Position.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was unanimous

10.4 Rosemount Valley Suites Senior Housing - Report # 24-41R

Resolution Number 24-159

Moved by Councillor Garry Thibert

Seconded by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 24-41R titled Rosemount Valley Suites Senior Housing.

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve a 2.5% increase for rent effective November 1, 2024.

CARRIED – unanimous

Resolution Number 24-160

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Resolution No. 24-159 be amended to increase rent effective October 1, 2024 if allowed by legislation.

CARRIED – unanimous

11. By-Laws

11.1 By-law # 24-18 – Appointment of Full Time Fire Chief

BEING a by-law to appoint a full time Fire Chief in the Town of Mattawa

Resolution Number 24-161

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Mattawa adopt By-law No. 24-18 which is a by-law to appoint a full time Fire Chief in the Town of Mattawa.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was unanimous

12. Old Business

13. New Business

13.1 Deputy Mayor Gardiner – Clean Yards & Property Standards

Council spoke to the highway corridor coming into and going out of town limits with the state of some buildings and yards. Requested staff have conversations with the property owners to clean the yards as we are a tourist town and should reflect as such in our properties including town owned properties.

13.2 Mayor Bélanger – Standing Committees vs. Committee of the Whole

Council spoke to the effectiveness of standing committee meetings and if they should continue after decreasing the size from three committees to two committees. Committee meetings have been cancelled on numerous occasions due to lack of agenda items. Members of Council are to provide the Mayor with their option and decision by the next regular meeting so a report and decision can be made on either continuing with meetings or cancelling them all together.

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 24-162

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner

Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council proceed in Camera at 7:35 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 24-163

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting of council reconvene at 8:20 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 24-164

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner

Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the July 8, 2024 meeting adjourn at 8:21 p.m.

CARRIED – unanimous

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Amy Leclerc", is written in a cursive style within a rectangular box.