

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held Monday October 28, 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
Dexture Sarrazin, Director of Community Services
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 there was no online participation.

3. Adoption of Agenda

3.1 To Adopt the agenda as presented or amended

Resolution Number 24-219

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting agenda dated Monday October 28, 2024 be adopted as amended to include a report in the In Camera (Closed) Session under item #15.1 Personnel Matter and item #15.2 CAO Job Posting.

CARRIED – unanimous

4. Disclosures of a Conflict of Interest

Mayor Bélanger declared a conflict on Item #15.1 on the agenda.

5. Presentations and Delegations

6. Adoption of Minutes

6.1 Regular Meeting of October 15, 2024

6.2 To adopt the minutes as presented or amended

Clerk advised the minutes needed amending as the resolution number for the closing of the meeting was incorrect.

Resolution Number 24-220

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the minutes of the Regular meeting of Tuesday October 15, 2024 as amended.

CARRIED – unanimous

7. Notice of Motions

7.1 Standing Committees of Council Appointment

Resolution Number 24-221

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council appoints the following Councillors to the Standing Committees of Council:

Corporate Services Committee

Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner, Councillors Laura Ross and Garry Thibert

Community Services Committee

Councillors Fern Levesque, Loren Mick and Spencer Bigelow

CARRIED – unanimous

7.2 Change Start Time of November 11, 2024 Meeting

Resolution Number 24-222

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner

Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves a change in the start time of the Regular Meeting of Monday November 11, 2024 to begin at 5:00 p.m.

CARRIED – unanimous

7.3 Phaseout of Free Water Testing

Resolution Number 24-223

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

WHEREAS private water systems (e.g. wells) are not protected through legislated requirements under The Safe Drinking Water Act 2002 and The Clean Water Act 2006, but are more likely to contribute to cases of gastrointestinal illness than municipal systems;

AND WHEREAS the 2003 Ontario Auditor General's value-for-money audit of Public Health Ontario (PHO) recommended that PHO, in conjunction with the Ontario Ministry of Health, begin the gradual discontinuance of free private drinking water testing;

AND WHEREAS in the jurisdiction of the North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority, many households do not receive water from municipal system, with many relying on a private drinking water system, including wells;

AND WHEREAS the Walkerton Inquiry Report Part II, concluded the privatization of laboratory testing of drinking water samples contributed directly to the E. coli outbreak in Walkerton, Ontario in May 2000;

AND WHEREAS all Ontarians deserve safe, clean water and free well-water testing is a way to help ensure that residents on private wells continue to have barrier-free access to well water testing.

THREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa calls on the Province to not phase out free well-water testing as part of the proposed streamlining efforts of public health laboratory operations in the province;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health; Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister Rural Affairs; Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; MPP Vic Fedeli and the North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority.

CARRIED – unanimous

8. Correspondence

8.1 Town of Plympton-Wyoming – Solve the Humanitarian Crisis

8.2 AMO – Province to Introduce Legislation Governing Bicycle Lanes

8.3 Mattawa & Area Police Services Board – Municipal Levy Payment for 2024 – 2025 Fiscal Year

Council spoke on correspondence item # 8.3.

8.4 Municipality of St. Charles – Asset Retirement Obligation

8.5 FONOM – Support Ontario’s Forest Industry

Council spoke on correspondence item # 8.5 and directed staff to bring back a support resolution at the next regular meeting.

9. Standing Committee Recommendations/Reports – Motions

10. Staff Reports – Motions

10.1 Committee Meetings for November & December – Report # 24-61R

Councillor Mick arrived at 6:15 p.m.

Resolution Number 24-224

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick

Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 24-61R titled Committee Meetings for November & December.

AND FURTHER THAT Council cancels the Corporates Services and Community Services committee meetings for November and December 2024 and begins holding committee meetings again in January 2025.

CARRIED – unanimous

10.2 Staff Christmas Party – Report # 24-62R

Resolution Number 24-225

Moved by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 24-62R titled Staff Christmas Party.

CARRIED – unanimous

11. By-Laws

12. Old Business

12.1 Council – Food Cycler Municipal Solutions

There was no update from staff on the food cycler municipal solutions. This will be brought back again under old business.

12.2 Beautification Committee Terms of Reference & Committee Structure

There was no update from staff on the food cycler municipal solutions. This will be brought back again under old business.

Deputy Mayor Gardiner questioned if the fence request from 640 Brydges Street should have been under old business from the presentation at the last meeting and Mayor Bélanger advised he wanted to get more information from the Chief Building Official so it can come back as old business at the next meeting.

13. New Business

13.1 Councillor Ross – Camera in Municipal Vehicles

Councillor Ross requested information from staff on the installation of cameras in municipal vehicles. Staff advised Council this was a pilot project costing the municipality no monies unless Council decides to make this permanent.

14. Questions from Public Pertaining to Agenda

A member of the audience made a statement on AI telematics for the cameras in vehicles, but no question asked.

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

15.2 CAO Job Posting

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

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

Mayor Bélanger declared a conflict of interest on Item # 15.1 Personnel Matter and removed himself from Council Chambers.

Resolution Number 24-226

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner
Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council proceed in Camera at 6:39 pm in order to address a matter pertaining to: b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

CARRIED – unanimous

Mayor Belanger returned to Council Chambers.

16. Return to Regular Session

Resolution Number 24-227

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross
Seconded by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting reconvene at 7:49 p.m.

CARRIED – unanimous

Mayor Belanger advised that the closed session was to discuss a personnel matter and CAO job posting.

17. Motions Resulting from Closed Session

18. Adjournment

18.1 Adjournment of the meeting

Resolution Number 24-228

Moved by Councillor Garry Thibert
Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the October 28, 2024 meeting adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

CARRIED – unanimous

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

