

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

The minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held Tuesday February 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Dr. S.F. Monestime Council Chambers.

Council Present: Mayor Raymond A. Bélanger  
Councillor Mathew Gardiner  
Councillor Fern Levesque  
Councillor Loren Mick  
Councillor Laura Ross

Staff Present: Amy Leclerc, Municipal Clerk  
Sabrina Poullas, Deputy Clerk  
Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer  
Dexture Sarrazin, Director of Community Services  
Wayne Chaput, Chief Building Officer/By-Law Enforcement Officer  
Shawn Hongell, 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

## 2. Announce Electronic Participants

## 3. Adoption of Agenda

### 3.1 To Adopt the agenda as presented or amended

#### **Resolution Number 26-28**

Moved by Councillor Mathew Gardiner  
Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the meeting agenda dated Tuesday, February 17, 2026 be adopted.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

## 4. Disclosures of a Conflict of Interest

## 5. Presentations and Delegations

## 6. Notice of Motions

## 7. Information Reports – Motions

### 7.1 Setting of the 2026 Water & Wastewater Rates – Report # 26-06R Report from Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer

#### **Resolution Number 26-29**

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross  
Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Town of Mattawa receives report # 26-06R titled Setting of 2026 Water & Wastewater Rates.

**CARRIED** - unanimous

**Resolution Number 26-30**

Moved by Councillor Mathew Gardiner  
Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approves the proposed 3% rate increase for the 2026 Water & Wastewater Rates.

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council directs staff to issue a public notice for the intent of passing the rates by-law at the regular meeting of Monday February 23, 2026.

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council directs the Clerk to bring forward the by-law for formal adoption at the next regular meeting.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

- 7.2 Purchase of Lots 375,376 and Rankin Street Unopened Road Allowance – Report # 26-07R  
Report from Wayne Chaput, Chief Building Officer/By-law Enforcement Officer

Councillor Loren Mick arrived at 6:26 pm

**Resolution Number 26-31**

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque  
Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 26-07R titled Purchase of Lots 375, 376 & Rankin Street Unopened Road Allowance.

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

**Resolution Number 26-32**

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque  
Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council declares Lot 375 Plan 2 and Lot 376 Plan 2 as surplus to allow for the sale of the lots.

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council declares Part 1 Rankin Street Road allowance as closed which is adjacent to the west side of Ninth Street to allow for the sale of the unopen road allowance.

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council directs staff to follow the Sale & Disposition of Land Policy and Closing & Sale of Municipal Road Allowance Policy moving forward with the properties.

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council allows the sale of Lots 375 & 376 with a possibility of an easement on the ninth street road allowance in order for water & sewer to be connected to the lots for future development.

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

**8. In Camera (Closed) Session**

- 8.1 Adoption of Previous Closed Meeting Minutes

- 8.2 Personal Matter In accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001 Section 239 (2)(b)  
b) personal matters about an identified individual, including municipal or local board employees

**Resolution Number 26-33**

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council proceed In Camera (Closed) session pursuant to section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended at 6:32 p.m. in order to address the following:

- Item 8.2 personnel matter under personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

Mayor Bélanger declared a conflict of interest during the closed session personal matter and left council chambers.

Mayor Bélanger returned to council chambers.

Councillor Gardiner left the meeting at 7:03 pm.

**9. Return to Regular Session**

9.1 That the Council Return to Regular Session.

**Resolution Number 26-34**

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

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

**CARRIED** – unanimous

**10. Motions Resulting from Closed Session**

**11. Adjournment**

11.1 Adjournment of the meeting

**Resolution Number 26-35**

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this meeting adjourn at 7:05 p.m.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

Digitally signed by  
Raymond A. Bélanger

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Mayor

Digitally signed by  
Amy Leclerc

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Clerk