

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held Monday July 13, 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 Laura Ross
Councillor Garry Thibert
Councillor Spencer Bigelow (Virtual)

Staff Present: Amy Leclerc, Municipal Clerk
Sabrina Poullas, Deputy Clerk
Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer
Dexture Sarrazin, Director of Community Services

*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 26-160

Moved by Councillor Garry Thibert

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting agenda dated Monday July 13, 2026 be adopted.

CARRIED – unanimous

4. Disclosures of a Conflict of Interest

5. Presentations and Delegations

6. Adoption of Minutes

6.1 Committee of the Whole of June 15, 2026

6.2 Regular Meeting of June 22, 2026

6.3 To adopt the minutes as presented or amended

Resolution Number 26-161

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the minutes of the committee of the whole meeting of June 15, 2026 and the regular meeting of June 22, 2026 as circulated.

CARRIED – unanimous

7. Notice of Motions

7.1 Support for Adults with Developmental Disabilities

Resolution Number 26-161

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

WHEREAS individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities often experience a significant reduction in structured supports and programming upon reaching adulthood, particularly after the age of 21;

AND WHEREAS many of these individuals remain reliant on aging parents or caregivers, creating growing concern among families regarding long-term housing, care and quality of life;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has, over time, transitioned away from large institutional models of care toward more community-based and inclusive approaches for individuals with developmental disabilities;

AND WHEREAS while these changes have improved opportunities for inclusion and independence, the current system of supports is often delivered across multiple programs and providers and may not fully address the long-term need for integrated living environments that combine housing, supports and meaningful daily participation;

AND WHEREAS there is an increasing need for innovative, sustainable, and inclusive models of care that support independence, dignity and community integration for adults with developmental disabilities;

AND WHEREAS opportunities may exist to explore models that provide safe and supportive living environments for adults with developmental disabilities while also offering structured, voluntary and supported participation in day-to-day activities that foster a sense of purpose, skilled development and social connection;

AND WHEREAS such models, if thoughtfully designed, could complement existing care environments and contribute positively to the overall well-being of both participants and residents.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Mattawa request that the Province of Ontario consider exploring innovative models of housing and support for adults with developmental disabilities, including the potential for an “Integrated Living and Participation Model”.

AND FURTHER THAT such consideration includes opportunities for co-location or partnership with existing services, including long-term care and community housing, where appropriate.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario; Minister of Long-Term Care; Pauline Rochefort, MP of Nipissing-Timiskaming, Vic Fedeli, MPP of Nipissing; Association of Municipalities of Ontario; FONOM; and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED – unanimous

7.2 Support to Reinstate Requirements for Compliance with FIPPA

Resolution Number 26-163

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Mattawa supports Prince Edward County's resolution regarding reinstating the requirements for compliance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

AND FURTHER THAT the Government of Ontario implement recommendations of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario to increase and ensure proper security, record keeping and democratic accountability.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario; Minister of Finance; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Pauline Rochefort, MP of Nipissing-Timiskaming, Vic Fedeli, MPP of Nipissing; Association of Municipalities of Ontario; FONOM; and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED – unanimous

8. Correspondence

- 8.1 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Changes to the Strong Mayor framework
- 8.2 Town of Plympton-Wyoming – Canada-Ontario Development Charge Reduction Program (DCRP)
- 8.3 Town of Caledon – Provincial Support, Funding and Coordinated Plans to Combat Tick Borne Diseases
- 8.4 Mattawa Child Care Centre – Request for Arena Fees Waived

Resolution Number 26-164

Moved by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council waive the hall rental fees at the Mike Rodden Arena for the Mattawa Child Care Centre Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser being held August 1st and 2nd, 2026.

LOST – Recorded vote and the vote was as follows:

For: Mayor Bélanger, Councillors Levesque, Bigelow

Against: Councillors Gardiner, Ross, Thibert

- 8.5 North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit – Employee/Labour Relations Committee, Finance and Property Committee
- 8.6 Peterborough Country – Request for Provincial Action on the Accuracy of Municipal Voters Lists
- 8.7 North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit – Healthy Smiles Ontario Fee Schedule and Access to Dental Care
- 8.8 FONOM – Public Consultation on the Future of Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport
- 8.9 North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit – Health Impact of Bring Your Own Alcohol at Outdoor Public Event

- 8.10 City of Burlington – Information on the new Development Charge Reduction Program
- 8.11 Town of Whitby – Ontario Land Tribunal & Enhancing Deference to Municipal Planning Decisions
- 8.12 Municipality of Wawa – Emergency room wait times

9. Information Reports – Motions

- 9.1 Second Quarter Results – Report # 26-30R
Report from Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer

Resolution Number 26-165

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque
Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 26-30R titled 2nd Quarter Results – June 30, 2026.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was unanimous

- 9.2 Engineering Service Agreement – Report # 26-31R
Report from Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer

Resolution Number 26-166

Moved by Councillor Garry Thibert
Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 26-31R titled Engineering Services Agreement.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was unanimous

Resolution Number 26-167

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque
Seconded by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the Mayor and CAO/Treasurer to sign and execute the Engineering Services Agreement with Jp2g Consultants Inc. for the Main Street Rehabilitation project and new water reservoir.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was unanimous

- 9.3 Severe Windstorm – Report # 26-32R
Report from Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer

Resolution Number 26-168

Moved by Councillor Mathew Gardiner
Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 26-32R titled Severe Windstorm.

CARRIED – unanimous

- 9.4 Restricted “Lame Duck” Period – Report # 26-33R
Report from Amy Leclerc, Municipal Clerk & Sabrina Poullas, Deputy Clerk

Resolution Number 26-169

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque
Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 26-33R titled Restricted "Lame Duck" Period.

CARRIED – unanimous

Resolution Number 26-170

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross
Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the draft by-law and is in agreement to delegate the limited authority and operational powers to the CAO/Treasurer during the "lame duck" period of Council as per Section 275 (3) of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001.

AND FURTHER directs the Clerk to bring forward the by-law for final approval at the next regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was unanimous

10. By-Laws

11. Old Business

11.1 Library Proposal

12. New Business

13. Questions from Public Pertaining to Agenda

14. In Camera (Closed) Session

15. Return to Regular Session

16. Motions Resulting from Closed Session

17. Adjournment

17.1 Adjournment of the meeting

Resolution Number 26-171

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross
Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting adjourn at 7:29 p.m.

CARRIED – unanimous

Electronically signed by
Raymond A. Bélanger

Mayor

Electronically signed by
Amy Leclerc

Clerk