

## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held Monday July 14, 2025, 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  
Councillor Garry Thibert  
Councillor Spencer Bigelow

Staff Present: Amy Leclerc, Municipal Clerk/Revenue Services Clerk  
Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer  
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 Andre Clement and 2 members of the public are online.

### 3. Adoption of Agenda

3.1 To Adopt the agenda as presented or amended

#### **Resolution Number 25-134**

Moved by Councillor Garry Thibert  
Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the meeting agenda dated Monday July 14, 2025 be adopted.  
**CARRIED** – unanimous

### 4. Disclosures of a Conflict of Interest

### 5. Presentations and Delegations

5.1 Jen Serson – Cordwood Construction Homes for Homeless

Clerk advised there was 2 more members of the public online

5.2 Sarah Blythe – New Pharmacy in Mattawa

### 6. Adoption of Minutes

6.1 Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 16, 2025

6.2 Regular Meeting of June 23, 2025

- 6.3 Special Meeting of July 7, 2025
- 6.4 To adopt the minutes as presented or amended

**Resolution Number 25-135**

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council adopt the minutes of the committee of the whole meeting of June 16, 2025, regular meeting of June 23, 2025 and special meeting of July 7, 2025.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

**7. Notice of Motions**

- 7.1 Increase in Fence Height

**Resolution Number 25-136**

Moved by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

**WHEREAS** the owners of property located at 299 Brooke Street requested that Council of the Town of Mattawa allow for an increase in fence height to the rear of the property;

**AND WHEREAS** the increase was to allow for privacy in the back yard as the neighbouring property is higher than the applicants property.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Town of Mattawa approve an increase in fence height from the required 6 feet high to 8 feet high in the rear section only for the property located at 299 Brooke Street.

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

**8. Correspondence**

- 8.1 AMO – Policy Update – Response on Bill 17 & Province Releases Integrated Energy Plan
- 8.2 Minister of Rural Affairs – Rural Ontario Development Program Now Accepting Applications
- 8.3 Strategic Plan Working Group – Minutes of June 11 and June 25, 2025 Meetings
- 8.4 Kailee Fillmore, Nox, Sophie Bangs, Annie, Dekota – Letter of Appreciation for Bursary
- 8.5 AMO – President's Update for June 2025
- 8.6 AMO – Looking Back on AMO's Work in 2024

**9. Standing Committee Recommendations/Reports – Motions**

- 9.1 Corporate Services Committee – Motion to Support Advocacy to Federal Government for Disability Without Poverty

**Resolution Number 25-137**

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

**WHEREAS** the Corporate Services Committee, at their meeting on Monday July 7, 2025 recommends to Council to support a resolution from the County of Prince Edward regarding support of advocacy to the Federal Government for disability without poverty.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa supports the recommendation from the Corporate Services Committee and supports the resolution from the County of Prince Edward as attached to this resolution.

**AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this resolution be sent to the Federal Minister of Finance, the Federal Minister of Health, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association, the Nipissing District Social Services Administration Board and all Ontario Municipalities.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

9.2 Corporate Services Committee – Motion to Support Ontario Works Financial Assistance Rates

**Resolution Number 25-138**

Moved by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

**WHEREAS** the Corporate Services Committee, at their meeting on Monday July 7, 2025 recommends to Council to support a resolution from the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan who was supporting the Prince Edward-Lennox and Addington Social Services Committee regarding Ontario Works financial assistance rates.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa supports the recommendation from the Corporate Services Committee and supports the resolution from the Prince Edward-Lennox and Addington Social Services Committee as attached to this resolution.

**AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, the Minister of Health, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

**10. Staff Reports – Motions**

10.1 VMUTS Update – Report # 25-34R

Report from Councillor Mathew Gardiner

**Resolution Number 25-139**

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick

Seconded by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 25-34R titled VMUTS Report.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

10.2 Economic Development Funding – Report # 25-35R

Report from Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer

**Resolution Number 25-140**

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick

Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 25-35R titled Economic Development Funding.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

**Resolution Number 25-141**

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick

Seconded by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

**WHEREAS** the Federal Government, through FEDNOR, has a Community Investment Initiative for Northern Ontario (CIINO) program available to municipalities;

**AND WHEREAS** the Municipalities of Calvin and Mattawan, the Township of Papineau-Cameron and the Town of Mattawa are eligible to apply for funding under CIINO.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Town of Mattawa agrees to jointly submit a CIINO application to FEDNOR.

**AND FURTHER THAT** each municipality be represented by their Chief Administrative Officer who will jointly develop and implement a business action plan in year one of the three year funding initiative.

**AND FURTHER THAT** each municipality agrees to contribute \$2,500 for each of the three years if the funding application is approved.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

- 10.3 Strategic Plan – Report # 25-36R  
Report from Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer

**Resolution Number 25-142**

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 25-36R titled Strategic Plan.

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council approves the Strategic Plan Vision, Mission and Value Statement as presented.

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

- 10.4 Town Hall Updates – Report # 25-37R  
Report from Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer

**Resolution Number 25-143**

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 25-37R titled Town Hall Updates.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

- 10.5 Purchase of Side by Side – Report # 25-38R  
Report from Dexture Sarrazin, Director of Community Services

**Resolution Number 25-144**

Moved by Councillor Mathew Gardiner  
Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council amends resolution # 25-145 to remove the financed over 10 years and add a one time purchase.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

**Resolution Number 25-145**

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross  
Seconded by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 25-38R titled Purchase of Side by Side.

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council approve the purchase of a side by side from Giesler Marine at a price of \$23,170.15 plus applicable taxes as amended.

**LOST** – Recorded vote and the vote was as follows:

**For:** Mayor Bélanger, Councillor Ross

**Against:** Councillors Gardiner, Levesque, Mick, Thibert, Bigelow

**11. By-Laws**

**12. Old Business**

12.1 Beautification Committee Terms of Reference & Committee Structure

12.2 Renaming of Hurdman Street Request for “Chick Webster”

**13. New Business**

**14. Questions from Public Pertaining to Agenda**

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

**15.1 Personnel Matters**

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 25-146**

Moved by Councillor Mathew Gardiner  
Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this Council proceed in Camera at 7:04 pm 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**

16.1 That the regular session reconvene

**Resolution Number 25-147**

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross  
Seconded by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular meeting reconvene at 8:34 p.m.  
**CARRIED** – unanimous

Mayor Bélanger advised the closed session was pertaining to personnel matters.

**17. Motions Resulting from Closed Session**

**18. Adjournment**

18.1 Adjournment of the meeting

**Resolution Number 25-148**

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick

Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the July 14, 2025 meeting adjourn at 8:35 p.m.  
**CARRIED** – unanimous

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Mayor

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Clerk