



**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
AGENDA
MONDAY MARCH 10, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M.**

**DR. S. F. MONESTIME MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
160 WATER STREET, MATTAWA ON**

**Zoom Meeting Access: 1-647-374-4685
Meeting ID Code: 871 0409 6506
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- 1. Meeting Called to Order**
- 2. Announce Electronic Participants**
- 3. Adoption of Agenda**
 - 3.1 To Adopt the agenda as presented or amended
 - That the agenda dated March 10, 2025 be adopted
- 4. Disclosures of a Conflict of Interest**
- 5. Presentations and Delegations**
- 6. Adoption of Minutes**
 - 6.1 Special Meeting of February 20, 2025
 - 6.2 Regular Meeting of February 24, 2025
 - 6.3 To adopt the minutes as presented or amended
 - That Council adopt the February 10 and February 24, 2025 minutes
- 7. Notice of Motions**
 - 7.1 Declare World Autism Day
- 8. Correspondence**
 - 8.1 Ministry of Transportation – 2025-26 Connecting Links Funding Approval
 - 8.2 Children’s Aid Society – Update on Pending YWHO Application
 - 8.3 AMO – Communities Brace for Tariff Impact
 - 8.4 AMO – Resources for Local Democratic Engagement
 - 8.5 North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit – 2025 Municipal Levy
- 9. Standing Committee Recommendations/Reports – Motions**

9.1 Corporate Services Committee – Motion of Support for Property Taxation Implications Related to Non-Market Valuation of Electricity Industry Properties

9.2 Corporate Services Committee – Motion of Support for the implementation of Buy Canadian Policy

10. Information Reports – Motions

10.1 Council Size Reduction – Report # 25-09R
Report from Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner

10.2 Amalgamation Study – Report # 25-10R
Report from Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner

11. By-Laws

12. Old Business

12.1 Council – Food Cycler Municipal Solutions

12.2 Beautification Committee Terms of Reference & Committee Structure

12.3 Expense Reduction Audit for Municipalities

12.4 Administrative Policies & Procedures

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)(c)

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

16. Return to Regular Session

16.1 That the Council Return to Regular Session at _____ p.m.

17. Motions Resulting from Closed Session

18. Adjournment

18.1 Adjournment of the meeting

- That the March 10, 2025 meeting adjourn at _____ p.m.

DATE: MONDAY MARCH 10, 2025

3.1

THE CORPORATION TOWN OF MATTAWA

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR _____

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR _____

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting agenda dated Monday March 10, 2025 be adopted.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

The minutes of the Special Meeting held Thursday February 20, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the Dr. S.F. Monestime Council Chambers.

Council Present: Mayor Raymond A. Bélanger
Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner
Councillor Fern Levesque
Councillor Laura Ross
Councillor Garry Thibert

Staff Present: Amy Leclerc, Clerk/Revenue Services 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

Meeting Called to Order by Mayor Bélanger at 5:00 p.m.

2. Announce Electronic Participants

Clerk announced that there was 1 member of the public online

3. Adoption of Agenda

3.1 To Adopt the agenda as presented or amended

Resolution Number 25-27

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque
Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting agenda dated Thursday February 20, 2025 be adopted.

CARRIED – unanimous

4. Disclosures of a Conflict of Interest

5. Presentations and Delegations

6. Notice of Motions

7. Standing Committee Recommendations/Reports – Motions

8. Information Reports – Motions

8.1 Setting of the 2025 Water & Wastewater Rates – Report # 25-06R
Report from Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer

Resolution Number 25-28

Moved by Councillor Garry Thibert
Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 25-06R titled Setting of the 2025 Water & Wastewater Rates.

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the recommendation of the CAO/Treasurer and increase the 2025 water rates by 3%.

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs staff to return at the next meeting of Council with a By-law for formal adoption of the 2025 Water & Wastewater Rates.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was as follows:

For: Mayor Belanger, Councillors Levesque, Ross, Thibert

Against: Deputy Mayor Gardiner

9. In Camera (Closed) Session
10. Return to Regular Session
11. Motions Resulting from Closed Session
12. Adjournment
- 12.1 Adjournment of the meeting

Resolution Number 25-29

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the February 20, 2025 meeting adjourn at 5:21 p.m.

CARRIED – unanimous

Mayor

Clerk

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held Monday February 24, 2025, 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 Laura Ross
Councillor Garry Thibert
Councillor Spencer Bigelow (online)

Staff Present: Amy Leclerc, Clerk/Revenue Services Clerk
Dexture Sarrazin, Director of Community Services

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1. Meeting Called to Order

Meeting Called to Order by Mayor Bélanger at 6:00 p.m.

2. Announce Electronic Participants

Clerk announced that Councillor Bigelow and the presenter Neil was participating online.

3. Adoption of Agenda

3.1 To Adopt the agenda as presented or amended

Resolution Number 25-30

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting agenda dated Monday February 24, 2025 be adopted as amended to add a by-law under Section 11 titled Establish Water Rates for 2025.

CARRIED – unanimous

4. Disclosures of a Conflict of Interest

5. Presentations and Delegations

5.1 Neil Brady, Schooley Mitchell – Expense Reduction Audit for Municipalities (Online Presentation)

Neil Brady presented to Council on expense reductions for the municipality. Council asked for this to come back as old business on future agendas

6. Adoption of Minutes

6.1 Regular Meeting of February 10, 2025

6.2 To adopt the minutes as presented or amended

Resolution Number 25-31

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross
Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the minutes of the Regular meeting of Monday February 10, 2025.

CARRIED – unanimous

7. Notice of Motions

8. Correspondence

8.1 DNSSAB – 2025 Budget & Municipal Share Calculations

Council spoke on correspondence item # 8.1.

8.2 Community Living Mattawa – Letter of Appreciation for Support

Council spoke on correspondence item # 8.2.

9. Standing Committee Recommendations/Reports – Motions

10. Staff Reports – Motions

10.1 Funding Applications – Report # 25-07R

Report from Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer (read by Mayor Bélanger)

Resolution Number 25-32

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner
Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 25-07R titled Funding Applications.

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs the CAO/Treasurer to prepare and submit the Health and Safety Water Stream (HSWS) application with the assistance of Jp2g Consultants Inc.

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs the CAO/Treasurer to send out Request for Quotations for the work to be completed on the Pont Mauril Bélanger Mattawa River bridge and return to Council with the results.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was unanimous

10.2 Administrative Policies & Procedures – Report # 25-08R

Report from Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer (read by Dexture Sarrazin)

Resolution Number 25-33

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner
Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 25-08R titled Administrative Policies & Procedures.

CARRIED – unanimous

11. By-Laws

11.1 By-Law 25-04 – Establish Water Rates for 2025
BEING a By-law to establish water rates for 2025.

Resolution Number 25-34

Moved by Councillor Garry Thibert
Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa approve and adopt By-Law 25-04 being a by-law to establish the water rates for 2025.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was as follows:

For: Mayor Belanger, Councillors Levesque, Ross, Thibert, Bigelow

Against: Deputy Mayor Gardiner

12. Old Business

12.1 Council – Food Cyclor Municipal Solutions

A staff member is going to bring the machine home and try it as we do not have much use at the office for this. Will update Council once that happens.

12.2 Beautification Committee Terms of Reference & Committee Structure

A terms of reference is now in draft form for the CAO/Treasurer and Director of Community Services to review then bring to Council.

13. New Business

14. Questions from Public Pertaining to Agenda

15. In Camera (Closed) Session

15.1 Rosemount Valley Suites Update

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

c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board

Resolution Number 25-35

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner
Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council proceed in Camera at 7:27 pm in order to address a matter pertaining to c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.

CARRIED – unanimous

16. Return to Regular Session

Resolution Number 25-36

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque
Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting reconvene at 8:14 p.m.

CARRIED – unanimous

17. Motions Resulting from Closed Session

18. Adjournment

18.1 Adjournment of the meeting

Resolution Number 25-37

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner

Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the February 24, 2025 meeting adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

CARRIED – unanimous

Mayor

Clerk

DATE: MONDAY MARCH 10, 2025

6.3

THE CORPORATION TOWN OF MATTAWA

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR _____

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR _____

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the minutes of the Special Meeting of February 20, 2025 and Regular meeting of February 24, 2025.

THE CORPORATION TOWN OF MATTAWA

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR _____

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR _____

WHEREAS World Autism Day is recognized on April 2, 2025, in Canada. Autism Ontario is one of the largest collective voices representing the autism community, and the work we do helps all autistic individuals and families in their communities have access to meaningful support, information, and connections — not only on April 2 but every day throughout the year;

AND WHEREAS Autism impacts more than 135,000 individuals in Ontario, representing 1 in every 50 Canadian children and youth. It not only influences the lives of autistics but also their friends, families, and communities. It's crucial for us to raise awareness, and acceptance, provide support and promote a more inclusive society;

AND WHEREAS Autism is a diverse spectrum that varies widely among individuals. Each person's experience with autism can change over time. This evolving journey highlights the uniqueness of every autistic individual, emphasizing the need for understanding and support tailored to their specific needs;

AND WHEREAS Autism Ontario is the leading source of information and referral on autism, and since 1973, has been providing support, information, and opportunities for thousands of families and individuals across the province;

AND WHEREAS Autism Ontario is devoted to raising public awareness about autism and addressing the everyday challenges faced by individuals with autism, their families, and the professionals who work alongside them. We urge everyone to recognize and celebrate the unique differences and needs of others, fostering an inclusive environment where all individuals can participate fully in activities and discussions. Together, we can create a society that values and includes everyone.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa do hereby recognize April 2 as World Autism Day while committing to embrace awareness and acceptance today and every day throughout the year.

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January 27, 2025

107-2024-3249

His Worship Raymond Belanger
Mayor
Town of Mattawa
Email - mayor.belanger@mattawa.ca

Dear Mayor Belanger:

I am pleased to advise you that the Town of Mattawa has been selected for funding through the Ministry of Transportation's 2025-26 Connecting Links Program. You may proceed with your project after ensuring that procedural aspects of consultation have been fulfilled as referenced in the forthcoming letter from the ministry regarding your duty to consult obligations, and subject to the conditions noted below.

The ministry's maximum provincial contribution for your project is \$343,440 towards the Environmental Assessment and Detailed Structural Review for the Rehabilitation of Pont Mauril Belanger Bridge.

Ministry staff will follow up with your municipality to provide the contribution agreement and discuss the milestones and other requirements that must be met. The contribution agreement needs to be signed and returned to the ministry within two months of receipt. The ministry will require a signed agreement, accompanied with a council resolution before funding can be provided. Any eligible costs incurred on or after April 1, 2025, will be reimbursable through the payment and reporting process after the contribution agreement has been signed by both parties.

I look forward to continuing our cooperative relationship and wish you success with your project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria".

Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria
Minister of Transportation

c. Paul Laperriere, CAO, Town of Mattawa, cao@mattawa.ca

From: [Brogan Snider](#)
To: [Amy Leclerc](#)
Subject: Elmwood YWHO Update
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 2:38:30 PM
Attachments: [Feb 2025 YWHO Update Letter - 140 Elmwood.pdf](#)

Afternoon,

Please find attached a letter regarding our pending YWHO application. As you kindly submitted a letter of support for our March application, we wanted to keep you informed of our progress.

Thank you for your continued support.

Brogan Snider - she/her

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February 24, 2025

Re: Update on 140 Elmwood & Our Continued Commitment

We wanted to take a moment to update you on our progress at **140 Elmwood** following our March 2024 YWHO business case submission. Over the past year, we have made significant strides in expanding partnerships, growing programming, and strengthening our impact within the community.

140 Elmwood continues to thrive as a dynamic, multi-use community hub. Our facility includes a fully equipped gym, a community kitchen, a food shelf, a clothing boutique, ECPP classrooms, and a fenced-in yard with outdoor equipment. We have also recently opened the Imagination Studio—a creative space designed for youth engagement—and have been donated a van to further remove transportation barriers for youth accessing our programming.

We are now offering programming every night of the week, supporting youth at all stages. EarlyON (0-6 years) provides early childhood programming, while City of North Bay programming (6-12 years) offers free afterschool, PD, and summer camp opportunities. Our Indigenous programming (7-17 years) fosters cultural connection and engagement, and our mental health and independence programming (14+ years) equips youth with essential life skills and support. Additionally, our community spaces and rentals are in high demand, reinforcing 140 Elmwood's role as a vital gathering place for North Bay.

Despite strong alignment with YWHO's model and positive feedback, we were not selected for a YWHO designation this year, as all five newly designated sites were in Southern Ontario. However, we remain committed to advocating for the North and for 140 Elmwood. We recently met again with the YWHO Implementation Team, who continue to support our efforts and will work alongside us as we strengthen our alignment for future designation opportunities.

Looking ahead, our focus is on sustainability and partner growth. We have applied for several other funding opportunities, which could provide financial support until a YWHO designation is secured. We are also working toward an expansion of our Clinical and Social Services Wing, which would create a one-stop shop for youth—integrating child psychiatry, mental health and addictions support, an eating disorder clinic, a gender clinic, a fitness centre, and essential wraparound services.

We remain committed to this work and excited for what's ahead.

Thank you for being part of this journey with us,

Brogan Snider
Coordinator of Programming and
Community Engagement

Nancy Lafrance Rich
Interim Executive Director

From: [AMO Policy](#)
To: [Amy Leclerc](#)
Subject: AMO Policy Update - Communities Brace for Tariff Impact
Date: Tuesday, March 4, 2025 5:53:24 PM



AMO Policy Update – Communities Brace for Tariff Impact

US President Trump Makes Good on Tariff Threats

US tariffs became a reality as of 12:01 a.m. today, initiating a trade war between our countries.

The US imposed a 25 per cent levy on Canadian and Mexican goods, with a lower 10 per cent levy on energy and critical minerals. The Canadian government has responded with counter-tariffs on \$30 billion of US goods, which will rise to \$155 billion in 21 days. Ontario is advancing and considering its own retaliatory measures, including some that could significantly impact municipalities. These may include:

- Banning US companies from procurement contracts. It is unclear if any procurement restrictions would apply to municipalities
- Halting export of nickel and critical minerals, impacting local industry
- Implementing a 25 per cent tax on electricity exports when the legislature returns and potentially cutting off the flow entirely. Ontario's consumers and municipalities could see increased rates resulting from the revenue loss
- Cancelling its Starlink contract, which was going to provide high-speed internet access to rural and northern Ontarians starting this June.

These new tariff rates and additional US “reciprocal tariffs” said to be implemented in April could have substantial impacts on Ontario, especially in the most [trade-exposed communities](#) that produce automobiles and parts, steel, copper and other items.

AMO's Action

AMO continues to highlight to federal and provincial governments' Ontario municipalities' desire to take action. Yesterday, AMO President Robin Jones [wrote to the Premier](#) to highlight municipal procurement, economic development functions, and infrastructure investment as key tools to deploy in support of communities and the economy at this critical time.

To ensure municipalities receive the most relevant news on tariff and trade actions, AMO has launched a [new web page](#) to centralize our resources. Here, members can find:

- Tariff impacts on planned municipal infrastructure expenditures. With input from municipal staff across the province, Oxford Economics [estimates](#) that tariffs could increase infrastructure costs over \$1 billion on nearly \$50 billion in planned expenditures over the next two years. Municipalities can use the 2.1% municipal capital cost increase to help inform decisions on upcoming contracts.
- Updates on any “Buy Canadian” initiatives so that municipalities can comply with standing trade agreements while supporting their local, Ontario and Canadian economies. To date, AMO has not received a

response to its February [letter to the Ontario Secretary of Cabinet](#) with respect to the importance of collaborating with municipalities around procurement policies and strategies.

- Upcoming tools to estimate the impacts of trade and tariff measures on municipal expenditures and revenues including property taxes to ensure municipalities understand the changing fiscal environment.

AMO will continue to work with our partners in the business community as well as residential and civil construction industries to make the case for investing in municipal services such as social housing and local infrastructure as a stimulus measure. Infrastructure investments pay dividends in both the short and long term, as employing workers contributes to GDP growth and productivity.

This policy update is also available on [AMO's Website](#).

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From: [AMO](#)
To: [Amy Leclerc](#)
Subject: AMO Resources for Local Democratic Engagement
Date: Monday, March 3, 2025 2:00:37 PM



AMO Launches Resources for Local Civic and Democratic Engagement

AMO is pleased to share with its members two resources developed through its Healthy Democracy Project. Supporting our members in civic and democratic engagement and education, we have developed our **Municipal Rep Day Program** resources and our **Democratic Engagement Solutions Bank**.

AMO's Municipal Rep Day Program

Working in partnership with [CIVIX](#), AMO has developed its Municipal Rep Day Program to support our members to engage with your communities' educators and students. This set of resources provides you with a framework join in classroom discussions on the role and importance of municipal government and your role as an elected official. We are providing you with support that we believe will help to ignite interest in local government with future voters and community leaders. These resources include a framework for teachers to prepare students for your discussion and classroom engagement.

Developed as part of [AMO's Healthy Democracy Project](#). The Municipal Rep Day Program resources were specifically developed for AMO members with the support and expertise of the team at [CIVIX](#), a national leader in civic education.

[To access the Municipal Rep Day resources, click here.](#)

Make a deposit in AMO's Democratic Engagement Solutions Bank

In addition to the Municipal Rep Day Program resources, AMO has also developed our Democratic Engagement Solutions Bank. [The Solution Bank](#), developed in partnership with the Toronto Metropolitan University's Democratic Engagement Lab, is a resource designed to help municipalities in Ontario find practical ways to improve local democratic and political participation, to get people involved in municipal decision making, and to help them understand the value and importance of their local government. These resources range from research, to examples of local strategies, to organizations engaged in important work such as campaign schools.

This project is part of [AMO's Healthy Democracy Project](#). Are you doing interesting work? If so, we are looking for solutions to a variety of local democratic challenges to share with Ontario municipalities, please follow the [directions in the Bank](#) and share promising solutions we can add for everyone's benefit.

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January 20, 2025

SENT ELECTRONICALLY

Dear Paul,

Thank you for your e-mail regarding the 2025 municipal levy letter dated December 20, 2024, sent to the Town of Mattawa. Apologies for the initial misdirection of the letter, we have updated the contact information for future mailings.

We regret that you found the levy information in the letter unclear, this was not our intention. Two fifths of the 5% increase in the municipal contribution in 2024 was taken out of the Health Unit's municipal reserve. The 2% increase paid from the reserve in 2024 and the 3% increase which was approved in the 2025 budget are both included in the levy for 2025. If you have any further questions related to the calculation of the levy, please reach out to Isabel Churcher, Executive Director, Finance at (705) 499-6016.

With respect to the public health services that residents of Mattawa can access, the short answer is that residents of Mattawa have access to all services provided by the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit. Below are some highlights of public health services that residents of Mattawa benefit from, but it is by no means a comprehensive list. Please visit our [website](#) for a more complete description of the services we provide.

Community Services

- Small Drinking Water Systems (SDWSs), personal services settings, restaurants, camps, childcare facilities, etc., in Mattawa are inspected by Public Health Inspectors per Ontario Public Health Standards to keep your residents safe. We also respond to reports of animal bites and ensure that all local hospitals are stocked with a supply of rabies vaccine.
- Tobacco Enforcement Officers from the Health Unit enforce the *Smoke Free Ontario Act*.
- Residents of Mattawa can drop off private well water samples for testing at the North Bay office.
- We collaborate with municipalities and other partners to plan for and respond to emergencies requiring public health response everywhere in our service area.
- Consenting at-risk families residing in Mattawa receive home visits from our Family Home Visitors and Public Health Nurses in the Healthy Babies and Healthy Children program.
- We provide prenatal, breastfeeding, and parenting support to parents throughout the district including Mattawa. Our Family Health Information Line also provides individuals with access to a Public Health Nurse Monday to Friday.
- Our Healthy Schools program interacts with all school boards with schools in Mattawa to collaborate on programming related to health topics.
- The Health Unit provides funds to schools and schools boards in the district to support healthy eating through the Northern Fruits and Vegetable Program.

Clinical Services

- A Public Health Nurse from the Health Unit regularly provides a Sexual Health clinic at F.J. McElligott Intermediate Secondary School.
- We rent clinic space in Mattawa to provide regular Sexual Health clinics to Mattawa residents.

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- We schedule annual influenza and COVID-19 vaccine clinics for the general population in the Town of Mattawa.
- The Health Unit provides vaccine clinics in Mattawa schools to provide students with documented consent to receive recommended childhood vaccines, including *Immunization of School Pupils Act* vaccines.
- We provide publicly-funded vaccines to primary care providers in Mattawa
- Public Health Nurses in the Communicable Disease Control program perform case and contact management for residents of Mattawa diagnosed with a Disease of Public Health Significance (DOPHS).
- Public Health Nurses are specifically assigned to Mattawa Hospital and Algonquin Nursing Home to support these facilities with infection prevention and control.
- We work collaboratively with the Canadian Mental Health Association – Mattawa and a Mattawa pharmacy to provide free harm reduction supplies needed in the community.
- While we do not have a dental office in the Town of Mattawa, clients are able to access our clinics in North Bay.
- We have a contract with a dentist in Mattawa to provide dental care through the Ontario Senior Dental Care Program (for eligible adults aged 65+).

Health Promotion

Much of the work public health does to promote health is at a population level, rather than one-on-one services. Residents of Mattawa benefit from our health promotion work which includes:

- Advocating for policy change on a broad range of topics related to health, including consulting with municipalities on healthy built environment and healthy aging initiatives.
- Sharing health promotion messaging with partners and the public
- Working with partners such as hospitals, school boards, HANDs, DSSABs, social service providers and others to coordinate efforts, with a particular focus on reducing health inequities and improving Social Determinants of Health.

We look forward to keeping this line of communication open. Please reach out if you have any questions, or ideas for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit to collaborate with the Town of Mattawa to better provide mandated public health services to the community.

Best,

Rick Champagne

Rick Champagne (Jan 24, 2025 10:30 EST)

Rick Champagne
Chairperson, Board of Health
Appointee for Nipissing District – East

Carol Zimbalatti


Carol Zimbalatti (Jan 20, 2025 13:31 EST)

Carol Zimbalatti, M.D., CCFP, MPH
Medical Officer of Health/Executive Officer


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DATE: MONDAY MARCH 10, 2025

9.1

THE CORPORATION TOWN OF MATTAWA

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR _____

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR _____

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporate Services Committee, at their meeting on Monday March 3, 2025 recommends to Council to support a resolution from the Municipality of Kincardine for the property taxation implications related to non-market valuation of electricity industry properties received from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming.

AND FURTHER THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa supports the recommendation and supports the resolution from the Municipality of Kincardine.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Energy and Electrification, Minister of Finance, AMO and all Ontario Municipalities.



Hon. Doug Ford
Premier@ontario.ca

Hon. Stephen Lecce
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Bob Bailey
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(sent via e-mail)

January 9th, 2025

Re: Property Taxation Implications Related to Non-Market Valuation of Electricity Industry Properties

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, at its Regular Council meeting on January 8th, 2025, passed the following motion supporting the resolution from the Municipality of Kincardine regarding Property Taxation Implications Related to Non-Market Valuation of Electricity Industry Properties:

Motion #14

Moved by Bob Woolvett

Seconded by John van Klaveren

That Council support correspondence item 'g' from the Municipality of Kincardine regarding Property Taxation Implications.

Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email.

Sincerely,

Ella Flynn
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Executive Assistant – Deputy Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

Cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities

Council Meeting

Motion # 12/11/24 - 02
Title: Property Taxation Implications Related to Non-Market Valuation of Electricity Industry Properties, CAO General-2024-33
Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Moved by: Rory Cavanagh
Seconded by: Beth Blackwell

Whereas the Municipality of Kincardine is a proud host community of the Bruce Nuclear Generating Site where Bruce Power generates 30% of Ontario's electricity needs; and

Whereas two decades ago the Province of Ontario adopted a property tax assessment model that continues to apply to Ontario's nuclear generation facilities; and

Whereas the Province assessment model includes non-market property valuation for electricity generating properties; and

Whereas the Municipality of Kincardine undertook a study in 2024 which has shown that the Provincial assessment model is compromising fairness and shifting the tax burden away from the electricity industry properties and onto the broader property tax base within the host community; and

Whereas the study demonstrated that this is primarily attributable to the assessed value of the subject properties being held almost static over several reassessment cycles, resulting from the Provincially prescribed rules for electricity generating, transmission and distribution properties; and

Whereas the Provincial model results in a disparity between the continuously updated market values assigned to the majority of properties and the static, non-market-based formula applied to electricity industry properties means that the tax burden shifts onto non-industry taxpayers; and

Now Therefore be it Resolved That municipal staff be directed to send communication to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Energy and Electrification, the Minister of Finance, and the local MPP, to request that the Province undertake an immediate review and update the property tax assessment model for Ontario's nuclear generation facilities and other properties within the electricity industry, and copy the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried.

Jennifer Lawrie

Clerk

DATE: MONDAY MARCH 10, 2025

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THE CORPORATION TOWN OF MATTAWA

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR _____

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR _____

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporate Services Committee, at their meeting on Monday March 3, 2025 recommends to Council to support a resolution from the Township of Uxbridge for the implementation of buy Canadian policy.

AND FURTHER THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa supports the recommendation and supports the resolution from the Township of Uxbridge.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Finance, AMO and all Ontario Municipalities.



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February 14, 2025

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**RE: IMPLEMENTATION OF "BUY CANADIAN" POLICY
TOWNSHIP FILE: A-00 G**

Please be advised that during the regular meeting of the General Purpose and Administration Committee of February 3, 2025, the following motion was carried:

THAT the Administration and Special Projects Committee receive Report CAO-04/25 regarding the implementation of "Buy Canadian" Policy;

AND THAT the Policy remain in place until such time as there is clear indication from the Provincial and Federal Governments that trade relations have been normalized;

AND THAT the Policy be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario requesting they implement similar policies;

AND THAT the Policy be forwarded to AMO and ROMA;

AND THAT the Policy be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, MP O'Connell, all Durham MPP's and appropriate Provincial Ministers;

AND THAT the Policy be forwarded to all Township Committee Chairs for information;

AND THAT Committee support this Policy in principle;

AND THAT the final document be run through the CAO's office for final approval.

I trust you will find the above to be satisfactory.

Yours truly,


Emily Elliott
Deputy Clerk
/ljr

cc: Honourable Jennifer O'Connell, MP
Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, MPP (peter.bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org)
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All Ontario Municipalities

REPORT

Office of the Mayor

TO: Finance and Emergency Services Committee

FROM: Mayor Dave Barton

DATE: February 3, 2025

REPORT: 04/25 **FILE NO.:**

SUBJECT: Implementation of “Buy Canadian” Policy

BACKGROUND:

The purpose of this report is to seek Committee’s approval for the adoption of a “Buy Canadian” policy. This policy will prioritize Canadian suppliers and manufacturers for municipal procurement, encourage diversification of non-U.S. sources, and establish oversight mechanisms for any significant expenditures involving U.S. manufacturers. This initiative aligns with our commitment to supporting federal and provincial leaders, Canadian farmers, manufacturers, and the sovereignty of Canada. This policy shall work in tandem with the Township of Uxbridge’s procurement policy.

DISCUSSION:

1. Prioritization of Canadian Suppliers:

Staff will be directed to prioritize the purchase of goods and services from Canadian manufacturers and suppliers whenever possible. This policy aims to bolster the Canadian economy, support local businesses, and contribute to sustainable procurement practices.

2. Non-U.S. Alternatives:

In situations where Canadian products or services are unavailable, staff will seek suppliers from countries other than the United States. This approach will diversify our supply chain, reduce dependency on U.S. manufacturers, and promote broader international trade relationships.

3. Approval Requirements for U.S. Purchases:

To ensure transparency and fiscal responsibility, the following approval thresholds will apply to any purchases from U.S. manufacturers:

- **Expenses Over \$1,000:** Any purchase exceeding \$1,000 must be approved by the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), in consultation with the mayor and council as appropriate.

4. Support for Canadian Sovereignty:

This policy demonstrates our municipality’s commitment to supporting federal and provincial leaders in their efforts to strengthen the Canadian economy. By prioritizing Canadian products, we are actively supporting:

- **Canadian farmers and agricultural producers**, ensuring the continued vitality of rural communities and food security.
- **Local and national manufacturers**, promoting job creation and innovation within Canada.
- **The sovereignty of Canada**, by reducing reliance on foreign suppliers and fostering economic independence.

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

- **Good Governance:** Ensuring fiscal responsibility and transparency in procurement practices.
- **Economic Development:** Supporting local businesses, farmers, and manufacturers while contributing to Canada's economic sovereignty.
- **Sustainability:** Encouraging environmentally responsible and locally sourced procurement decisions.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report CAO-04/25 of Mayor Dave Barton be received for information;

AND THAT Committee direct staff to implement the "Buy Canadian" policy as outlined in this report;

AND THAT any purchases from U.S. manufacturers exceeding \$1,000 require CAO approval.

AND THAT a copy of Report CAO-04/25 be forwarded to the Finance and Emergency Services Committee for consideration.

AND THAT this policy will be in place until such time as there is clear indication from the Province and Feds that trade relations have been normalized.

AND THAT this policy be forward to all municipalities in Ontario and request they implement similar policies.

AND THAT this policy be forwarded to AMO and ROMA.

AND THAT this policy be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, MP O'Connell, Durham MPP's and appropriate Provincial ministers.

AND THAT we collaborate with North Durham Chamber of Commerce to implement the policy outlined above.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Mayor Dave Barton



INFORMATION REPORT

PREPARED FOR: MAYOR BÉLANGER AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

PREPARED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR MATHEW GARDINER

TITLE: COUNCIL SIZE REDUCTION

DATE: MONDAY MARCH 10, 2025

REPORT NO: 25-09R

BACKGROUND

As you know, Council for the Town of Mattawa has had a composition of 1 Mayor and 6 Councillors for a total of 7 Council members for many years. Councillors can own, rent or reside anywhere within the boundaries of the municipality and are not bound by any kind of a ward system when seeking election. Council is elected every 4 years, and the next election is scheduled to take place in the latter half of 2026.

ANALYSIS & DISCUSSION

During councils last campaign period, many constituents and candidates talked about the importance of being fiscally responsible with taxpayer dollars. As we all know, the costs of running the municipality keep rising, but our constituents can't afford the tax increases to match. During this term on multiple occasions, I have had conversations with the mayor, CAO & some members of council about the potential of reducing the composition of Council from 7 members total down to 5 members' total.

Below I have outlined various municipalities within an approximately 100km radius for comparison. These municipalities were chosen as comparators as they closely align with Mattawa in one of location, operational and/or service levels as lower-tier municipalities. Some of these municipalities are among the larger towns/townships in the Nipissing Region, making them more relevant for comparison to us than some of the smaller municipalities in the area.

Mattawa's current composition of 7 has a constituent to Council member ratio of 1:269 according to the 2021 Census, and an annual Council salary of \$88,078 for the 2026 year.

Municipality	Population	Council Members	Residents Per Council Member
Mattawa	1,881	7 (6 + 1 Mayor)	269
Mattawan	153	5 (4 + 1 Mayor)	30
Calvin Township	557	5 (4 + 1 Mayor)	111
Papineau-Cameron	982	5 (4 + 1 Mayor)	196
Bonfield	2,146	5 (4 + 1 Mayor)	429
Powassan	3,346	5 (4 + 1 Mayor)	669
Deep River	4,175	7 (6 + 1 Mayor)	596
East Ferris	4,946	5 (4 + 1 Mayor)	989
West Nipissing	14,583	9 (8 + 1 Mayor)	1620
AVERAGE	3641	5.88 (4 + 1 Mayor)	545

My proposition, would bring Mattawa down to 4 Councillors and 1 Mayor for the 2026 election and would save the residents of Mattawa approximately \$23,346 per year moving forward in Council salary alone, not including any claimable expenses. This change would also move

Mattawa to a 1:376 constituent to Council member ratio which is more in line with the average around us of 1:545.

To ensure council that composition continues to reflect local and demographic needs, the Act requires all regional municipalities to review their regional council composition. This requirement starts after the 2018 municipal election and must be done within two years after every second regular municipal election.

Composition of council of local municipality

217 (1) Without limiting sections 9, 10 and 11, those sections authorize a local municipality to change the composition of its council subject to the following rules:

- 1. There shall be a minimum of five members, one of whom shall be the head of council.***
- 2. The members of council shall be elected in accordance with the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.***
- 3. The head of council shall be elected by general vote.***
- 4. The members, other than the head of council, shall be elected by general vote or wards or by any combination of general vote and wards.***
- 5. The representation of a local municipality on the council of an upper-tier municipality shall not be affected by the by-law of the local municipality under this section.***

Coming into force

(3) A by-law described in this section does not come into force until the day the new council is organized,

(a) after the first regular election following the passing of the by-law; or

(b) if the by-law is passed in the year of a regular election before voting day, after the second regular election following the passing of the by-law.

As outlined above the deadline for a municipal council to approve a by-law changing the council composition for the next election is December 31, 2025. Meeting this deadline is essential for these changes to be effective for the upcoming municipal election in 2026.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Net savings in council salary of approximately \$23,346 per year.

RELEVANT POLICY/LEGISLATION

Municipal Act, sections 217(1)

ATTACHMENTS

RECOMMENDATIONS/RESOLUTION

That council receives this report and to bring the topic back under old business in future agendas, and requests the Clerk bring forward more information about the process at a future council meeting.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 25-09R titled Council Size Reduction.

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs the Clerk to add this report under Old Business and further directs the Clerk to bring forward more information on the process of reducing the composition of Council at a future date.



INFORMATION REPORT

PREPARED FOR: MAYOR BÉLANGER AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

PREPARED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR MATHEW GARDINER

TITLE: AMALGAMATION STUDY

DATE: MONDAY MARCH 10, 2025

REPORT NO: 25-10R

BACKGROUND

As you all know, for many years Mattawa has been the center and a major hub of the area providing essential services to our surrounding municipalities such as recreation programs, a gym, an arena, the MTO office, some business centres, medical offices, a nursing home, a hospital, dock systems, a landfill, a library, and more. Some, but not all, of these services are considered shared services in which our neighbours pay a fee to help offset the costs and allow their residents to use those services. In many cases, no shared service fee is provided, and Mattawa taxpayers are burdened with the cost to the benefit of our neighbours. In some cases, some services (such as fire protection) are not currently available to our neighbors because they are not residents of the municipality of Mattawa.

ANALYSIS & DISCUSSION

During councils last campaign, and more specifically the candidate's night, some candidates talked about the importance of amalgamating with our neighbours. This point has been talked about many times during our term and is a hot topic as the Town of Mattawa often is stuck paying the largest and often unproportionate share of the cost of services that benefit all in the area. More recently the Township of Mattawan approached Mattawa's staff about the potential for a Fire Services agreement to protect some parts of their municipality. At the Council meeting where it was discussed, the majority of the table hinted to the fact that this should be part of a bigger conversation and that we should be looking at combining municipalities instead of contracting out our services and staff. According to the 2021 Census, Mattawan has a population of 151 residents that **could** benefit from increased or better services provided by the Town of Mattawa. The Town of Mattawa, (which is landlocked) **could** benefit from the increased tax base, increase in population and the vast amounts of land that the Township of Mattawan has for future growth. In my opinion, this collaboration is the first and easiest step to our region becoming one municipality in the future.

To truly understand the balance of benefits and disadvantages of the two neighbouring municipalities becoming one, an amalgamation study would likely have to be done to provide both councils with all the information needed to make the best decision for their constituents.

My proposition is for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to Meet with our counterparts in Mattawan to discuss if they have any interest in having this study completed and to further investigate the potential for amalgamation. We would then return to Council to provide an update before reaching out to any firm for a study to be completed.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Unknown at this time.

RELEVANT POLICY/LEGISLATION

Municipal Act, 2001 (sections 171 to 173)

ATTACHMENTS

RECOMMENDATIONS/RESOLUTION

That council receive this report and asks the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to approach the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of the Township of Mattawan about potential interest in an amalgamation study, and to return with further information at a later date.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 25-10R titled Amalgamation Study.

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to hold a meeting with the Municipality of Mattawan's Mayor and Deputy Mayor to speak of the potential interest in an amalgamation study.

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor and Deputy Mayor return to Council with further information at a future date.

THE CORPORATION TOWN OF MATTAWA

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR _____

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR _____

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council proceed in Camera at _____ in order to address a matter pertaining to:

- a) security of the property of the municipality or local board;
- b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
- c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;
- d) labour relations or employee negotiations;
- e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;
- f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
- g) a matter in respect of which a council, board, committee or other body has authorized a meeting to be closed under another Act;
- h) information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them;
- i) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization;
- j) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial or financial information that belongs to the municipality or local board and has monetary value or potential monetary value; or
- k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

DATE: MONDAY MARCH 10, 2025

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THE CORPORATION TOWN OF MATTAWA

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR _____

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR _____

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting reconvene at _____ p.m.

DATE: MONDAY MARCH 10, 2025

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THE CORPORATION TOWN OF MATTAWA

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR _____

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR _____

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the March 10, 2025 meeting adjourn at _____ p.m.