

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held Monday November 10, 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

*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 25-227

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick
Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting agenda dated Monday November 10, 2025 be adopted as amended to include Notice of Motion 7.5 to approve the 2026- 2030 Strategic Plan.

CARRIED – unanimous

- 4. Disclosures of a Conflict of Interest**
- 5. Presentations and Delegations**
- 6. Adoption of Minutes**

6.1 Regular Meeting of October 27, 2025

6.2 To adopt the minutes as presented or amended

Resolution Number 25-228

Moved by Councillor Spencer Bigelow
Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of October 27, 2025.

CARRIED – unanimous

7. Notice of Motions

7.1 Support for Swim to Survive Training in Elementary School Curriculum

Resolution Number 25-229

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa supports the City of Dryden resolution for the Government of Ontario to incorporate mandatory water safety and Swim-to-Survive training into the elementary school curriculum for all Ontario students.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Education of Ontario; MP Pauline Rochefort; MPP Vic Fedeli; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED – unanimous

7.2 Support to Extend Annual Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF)

Resolution Number 25-230

Moved by Councillor Garry Thibert

Seconded by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa supports the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal resolution calling on the Government of Ontario to extend the annual Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) beyond its current five year term ending in 2026.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario; Minister of Infrastructure; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Minister of Finance; MP Pauline Rochefort; MPP Vic Fedeli; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED – unanimous

7.3 Change in Start Time for Committee of the Whole Meeting

Resolution Number 25-231

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

WHEREAS Council of the Town of Mattawa, during their regular meeting of Monday October 27, 2025, discussed holding a Committee of the Whole Meeting to discuss Mattawa Voyageur Days and the Municipality of Mattawan's request for shared fire services;

AND WHEREAS the Clerk spoke with Mayor Bélanger to request the start time for the Committee of the Whole meeting, which is set for Monday November 17, 2025, be set at an earlier time to allow for longer discussions, if required.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council agree to move the start time for the Committee of the Whole meeting of Monday November 17, 2025, to begin at 5:00 p.m.

CARRIED – unanimous

7.4 Request for copy of Financing Agreement from Cassellholme

Resolution Number 25-232

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick
Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

WHEREAS the previous Council for the Town of Mattawa passed, on February 28, 2022, Bylaw #22-09 being a bylaw to authorize the signing of a Guarantee and Postponement of Claim (the “Guarantee”) with Infrastructure Ontario and Lands Corporation (“IO”);

AND WHEREAS the Guarantee extensively refers to a Financing Agreement (the “Agreement”) entered into by IO and the Town of Mattawa along with the 8 other municipalities forming part of the Board of Management for the Nipissing District East (collectively the “Debtors”);

AND WHEREAS the Guarantee makes several references to terms and conditions in the Agreement for which the Debtors are to comply therewith.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Town of Mattawa directs staff to request a copy of the Financing Agreement from Cassellhome Home for the Aged, the Board of Management and from Infrastructure Ontario such that the current Council for the Town of Mattawa can properly determine and assess its obligations under the Guarantee.

CARRIED – unanimous

7.5 Approve 2026-2030 Strategic Plan

Resolution Number 25-233

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque
Seconded by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

WHEREAS the Strategic Plan Workgroup Committee has completed its work on the strategic plan;

AND WHEREAS the final draft of the Strategic Plan was presented to Council on October 20, 2025, with the understanding that the draft plan would be approved by Council at its next regular meeting.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Town of Mattawa approves the 2026 – 2030 Strategic Plan.

CARRIED – unanimous

8. Correspondence

- 8.1 Ministry of Environment, Conservation & Parks – Amendments to Excess Soil Regulations
- 8.2 AMO – Response to OPP Cost Recovery Model, Continued Automated Speed Enforcement Advocacy
- 8.3 Niagara Region – State of Emergency on Mental Health, Homelessness & Addictions
- 8.4 Town of Plympton-Wyoming & Municipality of Calvin – Support for Conservation Fee Freeze

- 8.5 Descon Management Group Ltd – Property Management Report September 30, 2025
- 8.6 Minister of Finance – 2026 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF)
- 8.7 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Amendments to Development Charges Act, 1997 (DCA)

9. Standing Committee Recommendations/Reports – Motions

10. Staff Reports – Motions

- 10.1 Standing Committees of Council – Report # 25-67R
Report from Amy Leclerc, Municipal Clerk

Resolution Number 25-234

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick
Seconded by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 25-67R titled Standing Committees of Council.

AND FURTHER THAT Council will dissolve the standing committee structure and will repeal By-law 24-06 Standing Committees of Council.

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs the Clerk to return at the next regular meeting of Council with the by-law to repeal the standing committees for its approval and passing.

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs the clerk to bring forward an amended governance policies and procedures by-law removing the standing committee structure from the policy.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was as follows:

For: Councillors Gardiner, Levesque, Mick, Ross, Bigelow
Against: Mayor Bélanger, Councillor Thibert

- 10.2 Main Street Connecting Link Application Update – Report # 25-68R
Report from Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer

Resolution Number 25-235 (a)

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick
Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Town of Mattawa receives report # 25-68R titled Main Street Connecting Link Application Update.

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the submission of a funding application under the Connecting Link Intake # 11 for the revised total cost of \$3,673,614.00 as amended.

CARRIED AS AMENDED – unanimous

Resolution Number 25-235 (b)

Moved by Councillor Mathew Gardiner
Seconded by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council amend the resolution to state a revised total cost of \$3,922,259.00.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was unanimous

10.3 Police Service Board Meet and Greet – Report # 25-69R
Report from Councillor Laura Ross

Resolution Number 25-236

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick
Seconded by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Town of Mattawa receives report # 25-69R titled Police Service Board Meet and Greet.

CARRIED – unanimous

10.4 Mattawa Museum Year End Board Meeting – Report # 25-70R
Report from Councillor Laura Ross

Resolution Number 25-237

Moved by Councillor Spencer Bigelow
Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Town of Mattawa receives report # 25-70R titled Mattawa Museum Year End Board Meeting.

CARRIED – unanimous

11. By-Laws

11.1 By-Law 25-15 – Evacuation Centre Agreement with Township of Papineau-Cameron
BEING a By-law to execute a mutual agreement with the Corporation of the Township of Papineau-Cameron to provide emergency evacuation facilities.

Resolution Number 25-238

Moved by Councillor Mathew Gardiner
Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa adopt By-Law 25-15 being a By-law to execute a mutual agreement with the Corporation of the Township of Papineau-Cameron to provide emergency evacuation facilities.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was unanimous

12. Old Business

12.1 Renaming of Hurdman Street Request for “Chick Webster”

12.2 Business/Organization Signage Policy

12.3 FONOM Correspondence Consultation on Natural Gas Expansion in Ontario

12.4 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

12.5 North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority

12.6 2026 Tax Rates for Vacant Lots

13. New Business

13.1 Councillor Gardiner – Commercial Recycling/Commercial Tax Rate Adjustment

13.2 Councillor Ross - Mackenzie Street Streetlights

13.3 Councillor Ross - Portable Speed Sign

14. Questions from Public Pertaining to Agenda

15. In Camera (Closed) Session

15.1 Mattawa Landfill Site

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

e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board

Resolution Number 25-239

Moved by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council proceed In Camera (Closed) session at 7:24 p.m. in order to address a matter pertaining to e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board. This is for Council to discuss the Mattawa Landfill Site.

CARRIED – unanimous

16. Return to Regular Session

16.1 That the Council Return to Regular Session

Resolution Number 25-240

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting reconvene at 7:57 p.m.

CARRIED – unanimous

17. Motions Resulting from Closed Session

18. Adjournment

18.1 Adjournment of the meeting

Resolution Number 25-241

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick

Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the November 10, 2025 meeting adjourn at 7:58 p.m.

CARRIED – unanimous

Mayor

Clerk