

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held Monday November 24, 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  
Wayne Chaput, CBO/By-Law Enforcement Officer  
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 25-250**

Moved by Councillor Mathew Gardiner  
Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the meeting agenda dated Monday November 24, 2025 be adopted.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

## 4. Disclosures of a Conflict of Interest

## 5. Presentations and Delegations

5.1 Public Meeting for Road Closures for James Street, Rankin Street & Peter Street  
No comments received

5.2 Public Meeting for Public Input on Town of Mattawa 2026-2030 Strategic Plan  
Andre Clement presented the draft Strategic Plan

## 6. Adoption of Minutes

6.1 Regular Meeting of November 10, 2025

6.2 Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 17, 2025

6.3 To adopt the minutes as presented or amended

## **Resolution Number 25-251**

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque  
Seconded by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of November 10, 2025 and the committee of the whole meeting of November 17, 2025.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

### **7. Notice of Motions**

### **8. Correspondence**

- 8.1 AMO – Fall Economic Statement
- 8.2 Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing – Fighting Delays, Building Faster Act, 2025 (Bill 60)
- 8.3 Mattawa Hospital & Algonquin Nursing Home – 2025 Tree of Lights Campaign
- 8.4 United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria – Request for Auto Extrication Services on Highway 17 Between Deux Rivieres & Mackey
- 8.5 FONOM – Northern Commitments in Ontario's Fall Economic Statement
- 8.6 Cassellholme – Quarterly Capital Levy Notice
- 8.7 Municipality of Wawa & Town of Goderich – Accessible & Effective Alcohol Container Return System in Ontario
- 8.8 Strategic Plan Working Group – Minutes of October 22, 2025
- 8.9 Ontario Clean Water Agency – Water & Wastewater Systems Quarterly Operations Report
- 8.10 FONOM – Final Report on Internal Migration to Northern Ontario
- 8.11 Stephen Galka – Request to Waive Planning Fees for Minor Variance File A1-25
- 8.12 Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing – 2025 Northern Municipal Council Workshop

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

### **10. Staff Reports – Motions**

- 10.1 Encroachment Agreement for Committee of Adjustment File A1-24 – Report # 25-71R  
Report from Amy Leclerc, Municipal Clerk & Wayne Chaput, Chief Building Official

## **Resolution Number 25-252**

Moved by Councillor Mathew Gardiner  
Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 25-71R titled Encroachment Agreement for Committee of Adjustment File A1-24.

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council approves the encroachment agreement for the location 250 Bangs Street and directs the Clerk to return at the next regular meeting with a by-law to enter into the agreement.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

10.2 Community Safety & Well-Being in Mattawa – Report # 25-72R  
Report from Councillor Spencer Bigelow & Councillor Loren Mick

**Resolution Number 25-253**

Moved by Councillor Spencer Bigelow  
Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 25-72R titled Community Safety & Well-Being in Mattawa.

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council put this report on Old Business for future discussions.  
**CARRIED** – unanimous

10.3 Appointment of Committee of Adjustment Members for 2026 – Report # 25-73R  
Report from Amy Leclerc, Municipal Clerk

**Resolution Number 25-254**

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross  
Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 25-73R titled Appointment of Committee of Adjustment Members for 2026.

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council appoints Councillors Bigelow, Levesque and Gardiner to the Committee of Adjustment for 2026 which will be formally adopted by By-law at the next meeting of Council.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

## 11. By-Laws

11.1 By-Law 25-16 – Dissolve Standing Committees of Council  
**BEING** a by-law to repeal By-law 24-06 and dissolve the Standing Committees of Council.

**Resolution Number 25-255**

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque  
Seconded by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa adopt By-Law 25-16 being a By-law to repeal By-law 24-06 and dissolve the Standing Committees of Council.

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

**For:** Councillors Gardiner, Levesque, Mick, Ross

**Against:** Mayor Bélanger, Councillors Thibert, Bigelow

## 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 2026 Tax Rates for Vacant Lots

12.5 Commercial Recycling/Commercial Tax Rate Adjustment

12.6 Streetlights on McKenzie Street

**13. New Business**

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

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

15.1 Adoption of Previous Closed Meeting Minutes

15.2 Litigation Matter

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

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

**Resolution Number 25-256**

Moved by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council proceed In Camera (Closed) session pursuant to section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended at 8:16 p.m. in order to address the following:

Item 15.2 Litigation Matter - litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

Councillors Gardiner and Mick left the meeting at 8:18 pm.

**16. Return to Regular Session**

16.1 That the Council Return to Regular Session

**Resolution Number 25-257**

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular meeting reconvene at 8:48 p.m.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

**17. Motions Resulting from Closed Session**

**18. Adjournment**

18.1 Adjournment of the meeting

**Resolution Number 25-258**

Moved by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this regular meeting adjourn at 8:49 p.m.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

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Mayor

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Clerk