

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

Mayor

Clerk