THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held Monday September 14, 2026 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 (Virtual)

Staff Present: Amy Leclerc, Municipal Clerk
Sabrina Poullas, Deputy 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 26-191
Moved by Councillor Laura Ross
Seconded by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting agenda dated Monday September 14, 2026 be adopted as amended to include the following changes under section 12 New Business:
12.1 Town of Mattawa Social Media Pages
12.2 Rosemount Valley Suites Governance Plan Update
CARRIED – Members For: 6, Members Against: 1

4. Disclosures of a Conflict of Interest

5. Presentations and Delegations

6. Adoption of Minutes

6.1 Regular Meeting of August 10, 2026

6.2 To adopt the minutes as presented or amended

Resolution Number 26-192
Moved by Councillor Loren Mick
Seconded by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of August 10, 2026 as circulated.

CARRIED – unanimous

7. Notice of Motions

7.1 Support for Beacons of Light British Home Children & Child Migrants

Resolution Number 26-193
Moved by Councillor Laura Ross
Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa supports the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand in their "Beacons of Light for British Home Children and Child Migrants Tribute.

AND FURTHER THAT Council request the Province of Ontario continue to support initiatives that recognize, educate and preserve the history.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution and supporting backup be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, Premier of Ontario, Minister responsible for Canadian Heritage, MP Pauline Rochefort, MPP Vic Fedeli, and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED – Members For: 6, Members Against: 1

7.2 Support for Intimate Partner Violence

Resolution Number 26-194
Moved by Councillor Laura Ross
Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa supports the City of Mississauga in their "Intimate Partner Violence" resolution.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution and supporting backup be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MP Pauline Rochefort, MPP Vic Fedeli, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED – unanimous

7.3 Motion of Reconsideration for 2027 Voyageur Days

Resolution Number 26-195
Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque
Seconded by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the matter relating to resolution number 26-180 Voyageur Days for 2027 be reconsidered.

LOST – unanimous

8. Correspondence

8.1 Solicitor General – OPP municipal policing costs of 2027

8.2 AMO – Policy Update Property Tax Reassessment

8.3 FONOM – Calls for Federal – Provincial Cooperation on Bail Reform

8.4 FONOM – Advances Northern Ontario Priorities at 2026 AMO Conference

8.5 FONOM – RYAM Temiscaming Shutdown

8.6 FONOM – Statement on U.S. Tariffs and Canada-U.S. Trade

8.7 Ministry of the Environment – New regulation to focus Municipal Environmental Assessment Requirements

8.8 FONOM – Municipal Workforce Challenges Across Northeastern Ontario

8.9 Castle Arms – Rosemount Suites

8.10 FONOM – Request for Municipal Support, Prescription Diversion Project

8.11 Lucille Zeus – Letter to Mayor and Council Barriers to persons with physical disabilities

8.12 Lucille Zeus – MPP Office Regarding Thefts

9. Information Reports – Motions

9.1 Rosemount Valley Suites (RVS) Annual Rent Review – Report #26-38R
Report from Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer

Resolution Number 26-196
Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque
Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 26-38R titled Rosemount Valley Suites (RVS) Annual Rent Review.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was unanimous

10. By-Laws

10.1 By-Law 26-17 – Amendment of By-law 24-10 Governance Policies
BEING a by-law to amend By-law No. 24-10 being the governance policies and procedures of Council.

Resolution Number 26-197
Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque
Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa adopt By-Law Number 26-17 which is a by-law to amend Policy 3 of the By-law No. 24-10 Governance Policies and Procedures of Council.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was as follows:
For: Mayor Bélanger, Councillors Levesque, Ross, Thibert, Bigelow
Against: Councillors Gardiner, Mick

11. Old Business

11.1 Library Proposal

12. New Business

12.1 Councillor Gardiner – Town of Mattawa Social Media Pages

12.2 Councillor Gardiner – Rosemount Valley Suites Governance Plan Update

13. Questions from Public Pertaining to Agenda

14. In Camera (Closed) Session

14.1 Adoption of Previous Closed Meeting Minutes

14.2 Mattawa Landfill Update

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 26-198
Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque
Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council proceed In Camera (Closed) session pursuant to section 239(2)(e) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended at 7:14 p.m. in order to address the following:

- Item #14.2 Mattawa Landfill Update under litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.
  CARRIED – unanimous

Councillor Bigelow left meeting at 7:15 pm

15. Return to Regular Session

15.1 That the Council Return to Regular Session

Resolution Number 26-199
Moved by Councillor Loren Mick
Seconded by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting reconvene at 7:35 p.m.
CARRIED – unanimous

16. Motions Resulting from Closed Session

17. Adjournment

17.1 Adjournment of the meeting

Resolution Number 26-200
Moved by Councillor Mathew Gardiner
Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting adjourn at 7:36 p.m.
CARRIED – unanimous

R A Belanger
Mayor

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Clerk