

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held Monday September 22, 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**

Councillor Mick arrived at 6:01 pm

- 3.1 To Adopt the agenda as presented or amended

Resolution Number 25-176

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting agenda dated Monday September 22, 2025 be adopted as amended to include correspondence item 8.8 and report 10.4 titled National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

CARRIED – unanimous

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

- 6.1 Special Meeting of September 8, 2025

- 6.2 Regular Meeting of September 8, 2025

- 6.3 To adopt the minutes as presented or amended

Resolution Number 25-177

Moved by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the minutes of the special meeting of September 8, 2025 and the regular meeting of September 8, 2025.

CARRIED – unanimous

7. Notice of Motions

8. Correspondence

- 8.1 Various Municipalities (Township of Larder Lake, Town of Cobalt, Town of Petrolia) – Resolution to Extend Firefighter
- 8.2 City of Brantford – Advocacy for Provincial Scrap Metal & Bail System Reform
- 8.3 AMO – Advocacy on Automated Speed Enforcement, Federal Development Charges & More
- 8.4 Strategic Plan Committee – Minutes of August 27, 2025 Meeting
- 8.5 FONOM – Consultation on Natural Gas Expansion in Ontario
- 8.6 Municipality of East Ferris – Cassellhome & Castle Arms Board of Directors Resolution
- 8.7 AMO – Federal Government Launches Build Canada Homes
- 8.8 Laura Ross – Letter of Appreciation for Recreation Department

9. Standing Committee Recommendations/Reports – Motions

10. Staff Reports – Motions

- 10.1 Strategic Plan Update – Report # 25-49R
Report from Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer

Resolution Number 25-178

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 25-49R titled Strategic Plan Themes.

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the 4 main themes for the Strategic Plan, which are:

- 1. Governance and Community Relations
- 2. Economic Development and Growth
- 3. Municipal Services
- 4. Fiscal Responsibility

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the Strengths Opportunities Weaknesses and Threats (SWOT) Analysis Report.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was as follows:

For: Mayor Bélanger, Councillors Gardiner, Levesque, Ross, Thibert, Bigelow

Against: Councillor Mick

- 10.2 Pumpkinfest at Explorers Point – Report # 25-50R
Report from Councillor Spencer Bigelow

Resolution Number 25-179

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick

Seconded by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council amends resolution number 25-180 by removing and further that Council approves the purchase of pyramid and pumpkins for October 2025 and directs the recreation staff to erect one pyramid with pumpkins.

CARRIED – unanimous

Resolution Number 25-180

Moved by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 25-50R titled Pumpkinfest at Explorers Point.

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the purchase of pyramid and pumpkins for October 2025 and directs the recreation staff to erect one pyramid with pumpkins.

AND FURTHER THAT Council supports Pumpkinfest as an annual event to be organized by the Parks and Recreation Department with a costume contest, music, food vendors and more beginning in 2026 as amended.

RESOLUTION NOT VOTED ON BY COUNCIL

- 10.3 Upcoming Changes to Recycling Program – Effective October 1, 2025– Report # 25-51R
Report from Dexture Sarrazin, Director of Community Services

Resolution Number 25-181

Moved by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 25-51R titled Upcoming Changes to Recycling Program – Effective October 1, 2025.

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to proceed with communications to residents and the business commercial and industrial sector regarding the upcoming recycling program changes, including:

- the transition of residential recycling to producer responsibility on October 1, 2025,
- the continuation of municipal recycling service for businesses, commercial, and industrial properties from October 1 to December 31, 2025, with full cost recovery through invoicing, and the full transfer of responsibility for business commercial and industrial recycling to businesses as of January 1, 2026.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote unanimous

- 10.4 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation – Report # 25-52R
Report from Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer

Resolution Number 25-182

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 25-52R titled National Day for Truth & Reconciliation.

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the closure of all municipal offices on Tuesday September 30, 2025 and directs staff to post a public notice on the municipal website, town app and social media site.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was as follows:

For: Mayor Bélanger, Councillors Levesque, Mick, Ross, Bigelow

Against: Councillors Gardiner, Thibert

11. By-Laws

11.1 By-Law 25-12 – Amendment of Governance Policies & Procedures of Council

BEING a by-law to amend By-law No. 24-10 being the governance policies and procedures of Council.

Resolution Number 25-183

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa adopt By-Law Number 25-12 which is a by-law to amend Policy 3 of By-law No. 24-10 Governance Policies and Procedures of Council.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote unanimous

11.2 By-Law 25-13 – Amendment of Remuneration for Members of Council

BEING a by-law to amend By-law No. 23-04 being the remuneration for Members of Council, Committees of Council and its local boards to provide for reimbursement of expenses.

Resolution Number 25-184

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa adopt By-Law Number 25-13 which is a by-law to amend Schedule “A” of By-law No. 23-04 Remuneration for Members of Council.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was as follows:

For: Mayor Bélanger, Councillors Levesque, Ross, Bigelow

Against: Councillors Gardiner, Mick, Thibert

12. Old Business

12.1 Renaming of Hurdman Street Request for “Chick Webster”

12.2 Business/Organization Signage Policy

13. New Business

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 25-185

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque
Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council proceed in Camera at 7:12 pm in order to address a matter pertaining to e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

CARRIED – unanimous

16. Return to Regular Session

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

Resolution Number 25-186

Moved by Councillor Garry Thibert
Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting reconvene at 7:52 p.m.

CARRIED – unanimous

17. Motions Resulting from Closed Session

18. Adjournment

18.1 Adjournment of the meeting

Resolution Number 25-187

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross
Seconded by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the September 22, 2025 meeting adjourn at 7:53 p.m.

CARRIED – unanimous

Mayor

Clerk