

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held Monday September 8, 2025, at 6:37 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

Meeting Called to Order by Mayor Bélanger at 6:37 p.m.

2. Announce Electronic Participants

Clerk announced that Andre Clement of Integrity Management Consulting Group was online.

3. Adoption of Agenda

3.1 To Adopt the agenda as presented or amended

Resolution Number 25-165

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick

Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting agenda dated Monday September 8, 2025 be adopted as amended to include a motion under section 7, 7.2 Change Order for Dorion Road Hill Reconstruction Project; and a delegation from Andre Clement, Integrity Management Consulting Group under section 5 to present the strategic plan survey results.

CARRIED – unanimous

4. Disclosures of a Conflict of Interest

Councillor Gardiner declared a conflict of interest on correspondence item # 8.3

5. Presentations and Delegations

5.1 Andre Clement, Integrity Management Consulting Group – Results for Strategic Plan Survey

6. Adoption of Minutes

6.1 Regular Meeting of August 11, 2025

6.2 To adopt the minutes as presented or amended

Resolution Number 25-166

Moved by Councillor Matthew Gardiner
Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of August 11, 2025.

CARRIED – unanimous

7. Notice of Motions

- 7.1 Support for FONOM Advocating for the Adoption of 2+1 Highway System on Highways 11 & 17

Resolution Number 25-167

Moved by Councillor Spencer Bigelow
Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

WHEREAS Council received correspondence from FONOM advising the board put forth a formal proposal to both the Prime Minister and the Premier of Ontario advocating for the adoption of a 2+1 Highway System on Highways 11 and 17;

AND WHEREAS FONOM requested that a letter of support from the Mayor be considered for submission.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the letter of support that was attached to the correspondence from FONOM and approve the Mayor submit the letter of support, as attached, on behalf of Council.

CARRIED – unanimous

- 7.2 Change Order for Dorion Road Hill Reconstruction Project

Resolution Number 25-168

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick
Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

WHEREAS Canor Construction Company was awarded the Dorion Road construction contract;

AND WHEREAS the ICIP project is on-going and must be completed by October 31, 2026.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Town of Mattawa approves Change Order #10 for the tree clearing and grubbing and drainage consolidation along Dorion Road in the amount of \$247,137.00 plus HST.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was unanimous

8. Correspondence

- 8.1 Township of Papineau-Cameron – Request for Use of Mike Rodden Arena & Community Centre as Township Emergency Evacuation Centre
- 8.2 Ministry of Transportation – Connecting Links 2026-27 Intake 11 Now Available
Councillor Gardiner declared a conflict of interest and left Council Chambers
- 8.3 Mattawa Minor Hockey Association – Letter of Gratitude for Ongoing Support

Councillor Gardiner returned to Council Chambers

8.4 AMO – 2nd Annual Healthy Democracy Forum October 18-19, 2025

8.5 Ontario Clean Water Agency – Mattawa Water & Wastewater Systems Quarterly Operations Report

8.6 Strategic Plan Committee – Minutes of July 30 & August 13, 2025 Meeting

8.7 Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing – Proposed Updates to the Projection Methodology Guideline

8.8 Colleen Burton – Request for Slower Speed on Pine Street

9. Standing Committee Recommendations/Reports – Motions

9.1 Council Remuneration Policy Changes – Report # 25-44R
Report from Councillor Mathew Gardiner, Chair of Corporate Services Committee

Resolution Number 25-169

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 25-44R titled Council Remuneration Policy.

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the changes to Schedule “A” of By-law 23-04 titled Council Remuneration.

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs the Clerk to bring forward the changes to Schedule “A” of By-law 23-04 at the next regular meeting of Council for final approval and adoption.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was as follows:

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

Against: Councillors Gardiner, Mick

9.2 Governance Policy 3 – Proposed Changes – Report # 25-45R
Report from Councillor Mathew Gardiner, Chair of Corporate Services Committee

Resolution Number 25-170

Moved by Councillor Garry Thibert

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 25-45R titled Governance Policy 3 – Proposed Changes.

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the changes within this policy.

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs the Clerk to bring forward the changes to Schedule “A”, Policy 3 Council Meetings, of By-law 24-10 at the next regular meeting of Council for final approval and adoption.

CARRIED – unanimous

10. Staff Reports – Motions

10.1 Arts & Culture Economic Development – Report # 25-46R
Report from Councillor Spencer Bigelow

Resolution Number 25-171

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 25-46R titled Arts & Culture Economic Development.

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs the Mayor and CAO/Treasurer to include this report into the 2026 Municipal Operating Budget deliberations.

CARRIED – unanimous

Councillor Ross left Council Chambers at 7:52 p.m. and returned at 7:53 p.m.

10.2 Mattawan & Bissett Street Lift Stations – Report # 25-47R

Report from Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer

Resolution Number 25-172

Moved by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 25-47R titled Mattawan and Bissett Street Lift Stations.

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the purchase of the new pumps for the Mattawan Street Lift Station at a cost of \$20,599.41.

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs the CAO/Treasurer to obtain quotes for the Bissett Street lift station and return to Council with a recommendation and final approval.

CARRIED – unanimous

10.3 Cassellholme – Report # 25-48R

Report from Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer

Resolution Number 25-173

Moved by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 25-48R titled Cassellholme.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was as follows:

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

Against: Councillor Levesque

Resolution Number 25-174

Moved by Councillor Garry Thibert

Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

WHEREAS Cassellholme Board of Management, through its member municipalities' Mayors has provided a detailed backgrounder document with respect to the evolution of Castle Arms, an incorporated not for profit organization and registered charity, and a request that all municipalities adopt a motion to support specific actions, including that member municipalities form an action committee and that all members share in the costs associated with funding any legal action against the Castle Arms organization to resolve the

matters brought forward by the Cassellholme Board of Management in the backgrounder document;

AND WHEREAS the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa has received, reviewed and discussed the information provided by Cassellholme Board of Management.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Town of Mattawa hereby moves that the first option should be that the Cassellholme and Castle Arms organizations engage and together fund at their cost, an unbiased third-party mediator to attempt to resolve the issues brought forward by the Cassellholme Board of Management,

AND FURTHER THAT the results of mediation be shared openly with the general public and Cassellholme Board of Management member municipalities with next step recommendations for their consideration.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be shared with Cassellholme Board of Management, the Castle Arms Board of Directors, all member municipalities and Nipissing MPP Vic Fedeli.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was as follows:

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

Against: Councillors Gardiner, Levesque

11. By-Laws

12. Old Business

12.1 Renaming of Hurdman Street Request for “Chick Webster”

13. New Business

13.1 Business/Organization Signage

14. Questions from Public Pertaining to Agenda

15. In Camera (Closed) Session

16. Return to Regular Session

17. Motions Resulting from Closed Session

18. Adjournment

18.1 Adjournment of the meeting

Resolution Number 25-175

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the September 8, 2025 meeting adjourn at 8:41 p.m.

CARRIED – unanimous

Mayor

Clerk