

## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

The minutes of the regular meeting of Council held Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mike Rodden Arena & Community Centre (Upstairs). The meeting was also available via teleconference and streamed live via Town of Mattawa Facebook Page.

Council Present: Mayor D. Backer  
Councillor C. Lacelle  
Councillor D. Sarrazin  
Councillor G. Larose  
Councillor G. Thibert  
Councillor L. Mick  
Councillor L. Ross

Council Absent: None

Staff Present: Francine Desormeau, Clerk/Deputy Treasurer  
Amy Leclerc, Executive Assistant/Deputy-Clerk  
Barry Jackson, Public Works Supervisor  
Paul Lafreniere, Fire Chief (Interim)  
Wayne Chaput, Chief Building Official/By-Law Officer

Staff Absent: Lucie Desrochers, Recreation & Facilities Services Manager

\*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 at 7:00 p.m.
2. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and Nature Thereof - None
3. Petitions & Delegations
  - 3.1 Mr. Kevin Whyte and Mr. Roberto Rego of BusPatrol made a presentation to Council with updates on the school bus stop-arm camera program.
4. Correspondence
5. Questions/Comments about the Content of the Agenda – None
6. Municipal Report Number 833

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***BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and the Closed Meeting of Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 be adopted as circulated.***

Carried

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**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa, in consideration of the condition of the property, agrees by majority, to forego Step three (3) of the Sale and Disposition of Land Policy and authorizes staff to advertise the property legally described as PIN 49102-0037 Part of Lot 13 N/S Valois Drive, Plan 1, Village of Mattawan, Part 8, 10, 11 and known as 333 Main Street for 'Best Offer' including an "As Is Where Is" clause.

Carried

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**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa authorize staff to proceed with the issuance of the tender for the Turcotte Park Road Sidewalk project as prepared by Jp2g Consultants Inc.

Carried

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**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa authorize staff to proceed with the issuance of the Request for Proposal for Engineering, Planning and Project Management Services for the Dorion Road Hill Reconstruction Project.

Carried

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**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa authorize the purchase of asphalt from Pioneer construction at a total cost of \$130.00 per metric tonne plus HST which is a total cost of \$17,106.64 and to Miller Paving for the supply and placement of superpave asphalt at a total cost of \$24,500.00 plus HST.

Carried

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**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the disbursements for the month of August 2020 in the amount of \$502,070.46 be adopted as submitted.

Carried

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**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa adopt By-Law Number 20-22 authorizing the signing of the Contribution Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Transportation for the rehabilitation of the Pont Mauril Belanger Bridge Project.

Carried

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**WHEREAS**, we the Nipissing communities of the Nipissing-Temiskaming riding, Antoine First Nation, Mattawa/North Bay Algonquin First Nation, Bonfield (Bonfield, Rutherglen), Callander, Calvin, East Ferris (Astorville, Corbeil), Mattawa, Mattawan, Nipissing, North Bay, Papineau-Cameron, Chisholm, Powassan (Powassan, South River, Trout Creek) and Redbridge, seek fast, reliable and affordable internet and e-connectivity for our citizens, our businesses, our non-profit organizations and our visitors;

**AND WHEREAS**, we form part of Blue Sky Net where internet speed in our communities has been confirmed as substantially lacking as reported in the recently published report entitled "The Speed of Northern Ontario Broadband" ;

**AND WHEREAS**, our companies find it difficult to operate in a business environment that is becoming increasingly digitalized;

**AND WHEREAS**, our citizens are frustrated as the school season resumes and their children require internet for their education programs;

**AND WHEREAS**, we are concerned that applications for the Improving Connectivity for Ontario (ICON) was severely over-subscribed;

**AND WHEREAS**, we are equally concerned there has yet to be Federal Government funding announced in support of the ICON fund;

**AND WHEREAS**, we are more so concerned that our voice will be lost in the sea of funding demands for improved internet and e-connectivity currently being made by communities across our region, our province and our country;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa encourages the citizens of our area to raise their voice in support of their municipalities and Blue Sky Economic Growth Corporation (Blue Sky Net) as they look to secure funding for internet for our Nipissing communities; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** we encourage our MP Anthony Rota and our MPP Victor Fedeli to examine the opportunity to re-instate the role played by our northern economic development agencies (FedNor and NOHFC) in the delivery of internet funding in Northern Ontario as they are best positioned to understand the needs of our region; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** we encourage our Federal Government to release funding for a National Broadband Initiative that encompasses the critical needs of communities and citizens that fall under the Blue Sky Net (Nipissing) umbrella; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** communities in the Blue Sky Net (Nipissing) area are committed to supporting the anticipated deployment and adoption of this infrastructure in our communities.

Carried

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**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa authorizes the Building Department to issue a permit for a seven foot high fence at the front side of the property known as 411 Rankin Street.

Carried

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**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Town of Mattawa adopt By-Law No. 20-23, being a By-law that will further amend Recreational Open Air Burning By-Law No. 11-17, section 3 which pertains to an exemption from burning on weekends between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Weekends being from Friday at 6:00 p.m. to Monday at 6:00 a.m..

Carried

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**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Town of Mattawa adopt By-Law No. 20-24 which will amend Off-Road Vehicle By-Law No. 15-26, section 1 Definitions which pertains to Ontario Regulation 316/03, Operation of Off-Road Vehicles on Highways.

Carried

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**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Mayor and Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa adopt By-Law No. 20-25 which is a By-law to Regulate the Use of Hydrants and Water Distribution System within the Town of Mattawa.

Carried

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**WHEREAS** the Town of Mattawa Council condemns the unjust treatment, oppression and racism against those who identify as black, indigenous and people of colour;

**AND WHEREAS** Council acknowledges that systemic racism exists and persists in every community and institution in Canada, including Mattawa, creating social and economic disparities from education, to healthcare, to housing, to employment and justice;

**AND WHEREAS** the report by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada contains 'Calls to Action' several of which are actionable by local governments including Call 57: "We call upon federal, provincial, territorial and municipal governments to provide education to public servants on the history of Aboriginal peoples, including the history and legacy of residential schools, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Treaties and Aboriginal rights, Indigenous law and Aboriginal-Crown relations. This will require skills-based training in intercultural competency, conflict resolution, human rights, and anti-racism";

***THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT*** Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa supports the Municipality of West Grey's position to actively work towards anti-racism and anti-oppression at every opportunity for the betterment of each and every resident of our communities.

Carried

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**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council adopt the attached Mike Rodden Arena & Community Centre Safety Plan for COVID-19 Safe Operations which includes Ice Rental, Community Hall and Fitness Training policies.

Carried

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***BE IT RESOLVED THAT*** Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa approve the additional estimate provided by Galcon Marine Ltd. to remove and relocate thirty-two feet of the main dock at a cost of \$5,500.00.

***AND FURTHER THAT*** this work will involve a contingency allowance for additional materials of approximately \$1,200.00 in case the existing deep water anchors cannot be readily salvaged.

Carried

Resolution Number 20-53

Moved by Councillor D. Sarrazin

Seconded by Councillor C. Lacelle

*That the Municipal Report Number 833 be adopted.*

Carried

7. Committee Reports

- 7.1 Francine Desormeau, Interim CAO/Clerk/Deputy-Treasurer – Re: Council Update to Ongoing Activities – Report # 2020-60R
- 7.2 Barry Jackson, Public Works Supervisor – Re: Activity Update in Public Works Department – Report # 2020-61R
- 7.3 Francine Desormeau, Interim CAO/Clerk/Deputy-Treasurer – Re: Gorman Street Reconstruction Project – Report # 2020-62R
- 7.4 Francine Desormeau, Interim CAO/Clerk/Deputy-Treasurer – Re: Landfill Site Shared Services Agreement – Confidential – Report # 2020-63R
- 7.5 Francine Desormeau, Interim CAO/Clerk/Deputy-Treasurer – Re: Recreation & Facilities Services Manager Position – Report # 2020-64R

- 7.6 Francine Desormeau, Interim CAO/Clerk/Deputy-Treasurer – Re: Turcotte Park Road Storm Drainage Outlet – Report # 2020-65R

**Department Activity Reports**

Recreation Department Report – Clerk 1, Lynne Bastien  
Read by Councillor L. Ross

8. Questions from the Floor – None

Councillor G. Thibert left the meeting during the ‘Questions from the Floor’ section of the agenda.

9. New/Old Business

10. 2/3 (Special Resolutions – not previously circulated)

Resolution Number 20-54

Moved by Councillor G. Larose

Seconded by Councillor L. Mick

***BE IT RESOLVED THAT*** Council authorize the Public Works Department to complete the Gorman Street Reconstruction project this fall based on a one way Street configuration from Main Street to Pine Street with the assistance of Jp2g Consultants Inc.

***AND FURTHER THAT*** these project costs will be submitted for reimbursement under the Municipal Disaster Relief Assistance Program funding.

Carried

11. In Camera (Closed) Session

11.1 Personnel Matter

Resolution Number 20-55

Moved by Councillor L. Mick

Seconded by Councillor L. Ross

*That this Committee proceed in Camera in order to address a matter pertaining to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; and labour relations or employee negotiations.*

Carried

Councillor D. Sarrazin left the meeting during the In Camera Session.

12. Return to Regular Session

Resolution Number 20-56

Moved by Councillor L. Ross

Seconded by Councillor C. Lacelle

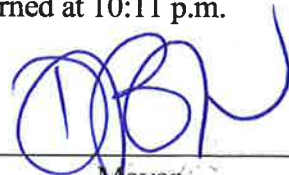
*That the regular session reconvene at 10:10 p.m.*

Carried

Mayor Backer stated the In Camera session was to discuss personnel matters.

13. Adjournment

The regular meeting of Council Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 adjourned at 10:11 p.m.

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Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Shirley D. Dorneau", written over a horizontal line.

Clerk