

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

The minutes of the regular meeting of Council held Monday, February 8th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via videoconference due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The meeting was also available via teleconference and streamed live via Town of Mattawa Facebook Page.

Council Present: Mayor D. Backer
Councillor D. Sarrazin
Councillor G. Thibert
Councillor L. Mick
Councillor L. Ross
Councillor R. Jones

Council Absent: Councillor G. Larose

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

Staff Absent: None

*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.

Mayor Backer welcomed newly appointed Councillor Robbie Jones. Councillor Jones declared his Oath of Office and was sworn in by CAO/Clerk/Treasurer Francine Desormeau.

Mayor Backer also recognized February as Black History Month with further recognition for two Mattawa residents and pioneers in their time, Dr. S. F. Monestime and Mr. David Douglass.

2. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and Nature Thereof
3. Petitions & Delegations – None
4. Correspondence
5. Questions/Comments about the Content of the Agenda – None
6. Municipal Report Number 842

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, January 25th, 2021 and the Closed Meeting of Monday, January 25th, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Mattawa hereby appoints the members of Council to Chair the Standing Committees of Council as follows:

Councillor Garry Thibert

***Finance Committee
Personnel Committee
Environmental Services Committee***

Councillor Loren Mick

***Protection to Persons & Property Committee
By-Law/Building Department Committee
Conservation Authority Committee***

Councillor Robbie Jones

***Health Services Committee
Social & Family Services Committee***

Councillor Dexture Sarrazin

***General Government Committee
Planning & Development Services Committee***

Councillor Garry Larose

***Transportation Services Committee
Fire Department Committee
Library Committee***

Councillor Laura Ross
Carried

Recreation, Tourism & Special Projects Committee

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Mattawa supports the 2021 Census and encourages all residents to complete their census questionnaire online at www.census.gc.ca. Accurate and completed census data support programs and services that benefit our community.

Carried

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa adopt By-Law No 21-08 which is a By-law to establish a municipal addressing system within the Town of Mattawa.

Carried

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council formally accept the following reports as submitted by the Ontario Clean Water Agency to the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa:

- *O. Reg. 170/03, Section 11 Annual Report*
- *O. Reg. 170/03, Schedule 22 Summary Report*

Carried

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the disbursements for the month of November 2020 in the amount of \$728,331.20 and for the month of December 2020 in the amount of \$933,440.40 be adopted as submitted.

Carried

Resolution Number 21-09

Moved by Councillor R. Jones

Seconded by Councillor L. Ross

That the Municipal Report Number 842 be adopted.

Carried

7. Committee Reports

7.1 Francine Desormeau, CAO/Clerk/Treasurer – Re: Council Update to Ongoing Activities – Report # 2021-14R

7.2 Francine Desormeau, CAO/Clerk/Treasurer – Re: Financing Proposals for Affordable Seniors Housing Project - CONFIDENTIAL – Report # 2021-15R

7.3 Francine Desormeau, CAO/Clerk/Treasurer – Re: Summary of Jp2g Project Costs 2017-2020 – Report # 2021-16R

7.4 Francine Desormeau, CAO/Clerk/Treasurer – Re: Proposed 2021 Water/Wastewater Operating Budget – Report # 2021-17R

7.5 Renee-Anne Paquette, Recreation & Facilities Services Manager – Re: Activity Update in Recreation Department – Report # 2021-18R

7.6 Renee-Anne Paquette, Recreation & Facilities Services Manager – Re: Mike Rodden Arena Re-Opening Plan – Report # 2021-19R

7.7 Renee-Anne Paquette, Recreation & Facilities Services Manager – Re: Mattawa Fitness Centre Re-Opening – Report # 2021-20R

7.8 Francine Desormeau, CAO/Clerk/Treasurer – Re: 333 Main Street – Update – Report # 2021-21R

Department Activity Reports

By-Law & Building Department Report – Chief Building Official, Wayne Chaput

Read by Councillor G. Thibert on behalf of Councillor L. Mick

8. Questions from the Floor – None

9. New/Old Business

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

Resolution Number 21-10

Moved by Councillor D. Sarrazin

Seconded by Councillor G. Thibert

***WHEREAS** access to reliable, cost-efficient high-speed internet is essential to all Canadians;*

***AND WHEREAS** the ongoing pandemic has quickly and sharply highlighted the need to be able to learn, work, shop and engage online;*

***AND WHEREAS** the number of communities and Canadians that still lack access to this critical infrastructure is surprisingly high and still far too common;*

***AND WHEREAS** as a small urban municipality in Ontario, we recognize our residents' need to access broadband service and have committed to supporting initiatives that will help reach that goal;*

***AND WHEREAS** The Corporation of the Town of Mattawa has recently been working with Smile Information Services and Mage Networks to bring high-speed internet service to the municipality and its surrounding areas.*

***AND WHEREAS** Smile Information Services is a local Information/Internet Technology Company that has been servicing our area since 1997;*

***AND WHEREAS** Mage Networks has been exemplary in its work with local residents, businesses, organizations and the municipality in developing a plan that will deliver much needed high-speed internet to residents in areas of our country that do not currently have access to this service;*

***AND WHEREAS**, as a licensed Internet Service Provider (ISP) and an Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM), Mage Networks deploys its technology, MagiNet to deliver fast and reliable high-speed internet to remote and rural areas more quickly, efficiently, and cost-effectively than traditional technology;*

***AND WHEREAS** Smile Information Services and Mage Networks together will apply for funding to the Universal Broadband Fund for the development and deployments of its reliable high-speed internet project in Mattawa and surrounding areas at no cost to the municipality.*

***THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa fully supports Mage Networks' application to the Universal Broadband Fund for the development and deployment of its reliable high-speed internet project in Mattawa and surrounding areas.*

Carried

11. In Camera (Closed) Session

11.1 Affordable Senior Housing Project Financials

11.2 Mattawa Landfill Site

Resolution Number 21-11

Moved by Councillor L. Mick

Seconded by Councillor L. Ross

That this Committee proceed in Camera in order to address a matter pertaining to:

a) security of the property of the municipality or local board; and

i) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization;

Carried

12. Return to Regular Session

Resolution Number 21-12

Moved by Councillor L. Ross

Seconded by Councillor R. Jones

That the regular session reconvene at 8:25 p.m.

Carried

Mayor Backer stated the In Camera session was to discuss the Affordable Senior Housing Project financing proposals and the Mattawa Landfill Site.

Resolution Number 21-13

Moved by Councillor G. Thibert

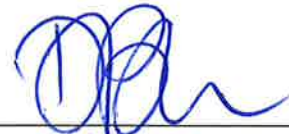
Seconded by Councillor L. Ross

2/3 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa authorize the CAO/Treasurer to secure financing with the Caisse Populaire Alliance Ltee as per the details in their financial proposal in the amount of \$5,492,000.00 for the Affordable Senior Housing Project at 231 Tenth Street.

Carried – Recorded vote on Resolution No 21-13 and the vote was unanimous

13. Adjournment

The regular meeting of Council Monday, February 8th, 2021 adjourned at 8:27 p.m.



Mayor



Clerk