

## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

The minutes of the regular meeting of Council held Monday, April 26th, 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. Larose  
Councillor L. Mick  
Councillor L. Ross  
Councillor R. Jones

Council Absent: Councillor G. Thibert

Staff Present: Francine Desormeau, CAO/Treasurer  
Amy Leclerc, Clerk/Revenue Services Clerk  
Brittany Belanger Executive Assistant  
Paul Lafreniere, Interim Fire Chief  
Renee Paquette, Recreation & Facilities Services Manager  
Wayne Chaput, Chief Building Official/By-Law Officer

Staff Absent: Barry Jackson Public Works Supervisor

\*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
3. Petitions & Delegations
  - 3.1 Mr. James Hunton, Jp2g Consultants Inc made a presentation to Council with updates on the Dorion Road Hill Construction Project.
4. Correspondence
5. Questions/Comments about the Content of the Agenda – None
6. Municipal Report Number 847

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***BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and the Closed Meeting of Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 be adopted as circulated.***

Carried

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**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Mattawa authorize the Mattawa Fire Department to hire Mr. Codie Whalley as a Firefighter on a one year probationary period subject to acquiring a DZ licence and successfully completing a physical examination from a primary care provider.

Carried

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**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Town of Mattawa appoints Councillor Dexture Sarrazin and Recreation & Facilities Services Manager Renee-Anne Paquette to the Voyageur Multi-Use Trail System (VMUTS) Board of Directors.

Carried

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**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Town of Mattawa authorizes the start of the Committee of the Whole meeting on Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 to begin at 6:00 p.m.

Carried

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**WHEREAS** workers in Ontario without paid sick leave often feel forced to work when unwell so they can feed and support their families and are at risk of losing a paycheque or even their jobs if they stay home;

**AND WHEREAS** the Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit is temporary, not accessible to all and not usable for the crucial first few days of an illness;

**AND WHEREAS** has legislated paid sick leave been in place before the global pandemic, lives would have been saved because infection rates would have been reduced;

**AND WHEREAS** the lack of paid sick days has especially hurt black, indigenous, workers of colour, women and migrant workers who are over-represented in low-paying frontline jobs with few benefits and a reduced ability to work from home;

**AND WHEREAS** the Ontario Medical Association, 11 GTHA Mayors and Chairs representing Ontario's largest municipalities, the editorial board of the Toronto Star, the Toronto Board of Health, the Decent Works and Health Network, the Ontario Nurses Association, and several other professional associations representing thousands of healthcare workers have all called on the provincial government to legislate paid sick days;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa endorses legislated sick leave and calls on the government of Ontario to permanently legislate universal paid sick days for all workers in Ontario during the pandemic and beyond, regardless of workplace size, type of work or immigration status;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this motion be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Labour, all Regional MPPs and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried – Recorded vote on Page No. 85 and the vote was as follows:

Voting For: Mayor Backer, Councillors Mick, Ross, Jones

Voting Against: Councillors Sarrazin, Larose

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**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the disbursements for the month of February 2021 in the amount of \$416,872.85 and for the month of March 2021 in the amount of \$1,239,491.49 be adopted as submitted.

Carried

Resolution Number 21-33

Moved by Councillor G. Larose

Seconded by Councillor L. Mick

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Municipal Report Number 847 be adopted.

Carried

7. Committee Reports

7.1 Francine Desormeau, CAO/Treasurer – Re: Mattawa Landfill Site Operations Tender- Confidential – Report # 2021-51R

7.2 Wayne Chaput, By-Law Enforcement Officer – Re: Clean Yards By-Law– Report # 2021-52R

7.3 Wayne Chaput, By-Law Enforcement Officer – Re: Activity Update In Building, By-Law, Property & Animal Control Department – Report # 2021-53R

7.4 Paul Lafreniere, Interim Fire Chief - Re: Fire Department Update - Report # 2021-54R

8. Questions from the Floor – None

9. New/Old Business

9.1 Insurance Renewal

9.2 Marina Decking Project Tender

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

10.1 Marina Decking Project Tender

Resolution Number 21-34

Moved by Councillor L. Ross


Seconded by Councillor L. Mick

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa give permission to the CAO/Treasurer to issue a tender for the resurfacing of the marina docks.

Carried

11. In Camera (Closed) Session - None
12. Return to Regular Session
13. Adjournment

The regular meeting of Council Monday, April 26th, 2021 adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

  
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Mayor

  
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Clerk