

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

The minutes of the regular meeting of Council held Monday, July 26th, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Dr. S. F. Monestime Municipal Council Chambers. The meeting was also available via teleconference and streamed live via Town of Mattawa Facebook Page.

Council Present: Mayor D. Backer
Councillor G. Larose **
Councillor G. Thibert
Councillor L. Ross

Council Absent: Councillor D. Sarrazin
Councillor L. Mick
Councillor R. Jones

Staff Present: Francine Desormeau, CAO/Treasurer
Amy Leclerc, Clerk/Revenue Services Clerk
Paul Lafreniere, Interim Fire Chief
Renee Paquette, Recreation & Facilities Services Manager
Barry Jackson, Public Works Supervisor

Staff Absent: Wayne Chaput, Chief Building Official/By-Law Officer

*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.

*Councillor G. Larose arrived at 7:05 p.m. after meeting was called to order.

2. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and Nature Thereof – None

3. Petitions & Delegations – None

4. Correspondence

5. Questions/Comments about the Content of the Agenda – None

6. Municipal Report Number 853

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, July 12th, 2021 and the Closed Meeting of Monday, July 12th, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

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WHEREAS primary residences are currently exempt from a capital gains tax;

AND WHEREAS currently secondary and additional non-primary properties are subject to capital gains;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government is currently looking into a primary residence capital gains tax as they have recognized that affordable housing has become a serious issue in Canada;

AND WHEREAS small communities including the Town of Mattawa are seeing unprecedented higher selling prices that are outpacing prices in larger cities;

AND WHEREAS many hard-working Canadians who have only a primary residence with no additional non-primary homes count on their home equity as financial aid to apply to upsizing or downsizing their home depending on their personal situation;

AND WHEREAS a change in taxation to primary residences would be a significant financial blow to Canadians and would create an unfair, two-tiered taxation which could lead to depleted savings, inter-generational disparities, disparities among diverse groups such as seniors who may have a significant portion of their savings vested in their primary residence, as well as, reducing the ability of home ownership thereby a further, higher need for rentals;

AND WHEREAS the Federal government could look at other means to slow down the rapidly escalating housing costs to improve housing affordability;

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa supports the Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie as they lobby the Federal Government to cease further consideration of eliminating capital gains tax exemptions on primary residences;*

***AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this resolution be forwarded to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities.*

Carried

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***BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa support the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Crisis Call Division Program by adding Mental Health workers to OPP Communications Centres.*

***AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.*

Carried

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa adopt By-law 21-18 to accept an extension contract with Expertise for Municipalities (E4M) as Integrity Commissioner for the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa for a two year term commencing March 1, 2021 until February 28, 2023.

Carried

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa adopt By-Law 21-12 which is a final reading of the Clean Yards By-law, being a By-law to provide for the maintenance of land in a clean and clear condition.

Carried

Resolution Number 21-58

Moved by Councillor L. Ross

Seconded by Councillor G. Larose

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipal Report Number 853 be adopted.

Carried

7. Committee Reports

Information/Action Item Reports

7.1 Amy Leclerc, Clerk/Revenue Services Clerk – Re: Affordable Senior Housing Committee Vacancy – Report # 2021-86R

Departmental Activity Reports – None

8. Questions from the Floor – None

9. New/Old Business

10. 2/3 (Special Resolutions – not previously circulated) – None

11. In Camera (Closed) Session

11.1 Cassellholme Redevelopment Matter

11.2 Personnel Matter

Resolution Number 21-59

Moved by Councillor G. Larose

Seconded by Councillor G. Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Committee proceed in Camera in order to address a matter pertaining to:

- b) *personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; 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

* Clerk, Amy Leclerc removed herself from Council Chambers for the discussion of the In Camera Session Item No. 11.2 Personnel Matter.

12. Return to Regular Session

Resolution Number 21-60

Moved by Councillor G. Thibert

Seconded by Councillor L. Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting of council reconvene at 7:55 p.m.

Carried

Mayor Backer stated the In Camera Session was to discuss the Cassellholme Redevelopment Project and a personnel matter.

13. Adjournment

The regular meeting of Council Monday, July 26th, 2021, adjourned at 7:56 p.m.



Mayor



Clerk