

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

The minutes of the regular meeting of Council held Monday, April 11th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the S.F. Monestime Council Chambers. The meeting was also available via teleconference.

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

Council Absent: Councillor D. Sarrazin (via videoconference)

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

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.
2. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and Nature Thereof – None
3. Petitions & Delegations – None
4. Correspondence
5. Questions/Comments about the Content of the Agenda
6. Municipal Report Number 868

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, March 28th, 2022 and the Special Meeting of Monday, April 4th, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa grants the authority to Mr. Thomas Davis, Valin Partners, to issue a Notice of Application, under Section 48 of the Arbitration Act, on the Town's behalf with respect to the Arbitration Provisions in the former Participation Agreement dated April 27, 1993 for the Mattawa Landfill Site.

Carried

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WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on individuals and families, both globally and locally, including immediate and ongoing mental health concerns;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Mattawa believes local needs for mental health supports and difficulties in responding to this increased need is indicative of a broader issue across Ontario and is expected to continue in the future;

AND WHEREAS the current provincial funding model for mental health support is fragmented across several ministries and programs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa requests that the Government of Canada ensure appropriate and sustained funding is transferred to provinces for mental health purposes in their 2022 budget;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa requests the Government of Ontario to provide stable, reliable and predictable funding for mental health organizations in their 2022 budget;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution to be forwarded to the Prime Minister, the Federal Minister of Finance, the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the MP of Nipissing-Timiskaming, the MPP of Nipissing, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Carried

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa adopt By-Law 22-14 to establish the procedures for the 2022 Municipal Elections.

Carried

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa adopt By-Law 22-15 to establish the rules and procedures with respect to the use of municipal resources during the election.

Carried

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT refreshment vehicles regulated under By-law 09-14 be permitted to locate at Annie's Park during the summer season, the summer season being from May 20, 2022 to October 11, 2022.

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Fees regulated under section 12 of By-Law 09-14 be exempt and the fees listed in the RFP be administered for refreshment vehicles in Annie's Park and that Section 10 of By-law 09-14 be exempt for Annie's Park.

Carried

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WHEREAS tenants in the Town of Mattawa and throughout Ontario need stable homes and predicable rents;

AND WHEREAS the Covid-19 pandemic has had a profound destabilizing effect on both the job market and the rental housing market;

AND WHEREAS citizens and communities are hurt by unscrupulous practices such as bad faith "Renovictions" and false "personal use" evictions which can, and do directly impact the affordable housing crisis, as well as inflict damage (both financial and mental) particularly on our most vulnerable citizens.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa requests that the Government of Ontario take additional and meaningful steps to address the ever-increasing problem of "Renovictions" and other bad-faith evictions and extend rent control to all tenancies including those first occupied after November 2018 which are currently exempt from rent control restrictions;

AND BE IT FURTHER REESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to Hon Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honorable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing, Mr. Anthony Rota, MP of Nipissing-Timiskaming 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 approves Annie's Park Refreshment Vehicle Request for Proposal.

Carried

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa approves the erection and rental of 2 tents on the East side of the Museum for a period of 5 months, being May 1st to September 20th, 2022. in order to host a Live History Exhibit.

Carried

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa approves the hiring of a summer student for a 16 week period at 35 hours per week for the upcoming season.

Carried

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WHEREAS the Town of Mattawa recognizes the important social, environmental and economic value of healthy watersheds to our residents, visitors, business and eco-tourists;

AND WHEREAS the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority is a community-based, environmental organization which has been providing leadership in watershed management to the Town of Mattawa and our neighbouring municipalities since 1972;

AND WHEREAS the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority plays a crucial role in supporting science-based decision making in watershed planning, development, resource management, flood forecasting, drinking water source protection, water quality monitoring, conservation land management, stewardship and education;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Mattawa recognizes, appreciates, and values the expertise, advice and leadership of the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority in balancing human needs with the needs of the natural environment on a watershed basis;

AND WHEREAS the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority recognizes that protecting and conserving our watershed relies on collaboration and cooperation with individuals, organization, and communities and is celebrating its 50th anniversary by recognizing others who are “watershed heroes”.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa proclaim May as North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority 50th Anniversary Celebration Month.

Carried

Resolution Number 22-21

Moved by Councillor R. Jones

Seconded by Councillor L. Mick

BE RESOLVED THAT the Municipal Report Number 868 be adopted.

Carried

7. Committee Reports

Information/Action Item Reports

7.1 Francine Desormeau, CAO/Treasurer – Re: Vehicle & Clothing Allowance for Public Works Supervisor – Report # 2022-32R

7.2 Wayne Chaput, By-Law Enforcement Officer – Re: Merging of Vet’s and Belanger Taxi – Report # 2022-33R

Departmental Activity Reports

- 7.3 Francine Desormeau, CAO/Treasurer – Re: Update to Ongoing Activities – Report # 2022-34R
- 7.4 Wayne Chaput, By-Law Enforcement Officer – Re: Activity Update in Building, By-Law, Property & Animal Control – Report # 2022-35R
- 7.5 Renee-Anne Paquette, Recreation & Facilities Services Manager – Re: Activity Update in Recreation Department – Report # 2022-36R

- 8. Questions from the Floor – None
- 9. New/Old Business
- 10. 2/3 (Special Resolutions – not previously circulated)

Resolution Number 22-22

Moved by Councillor L. Ross
Seconded by Councillor R. Jones

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa appoint Councillors L. Mick and G. Thibert to the Asset Management Plan Working Group.

Carried

Resolution Number 22-23

Moved by Councillor G. Thibert
Seconded by Councillor G. Larose

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accept Report # 2022-32R and, in light of rising fuel costs, approve an increase to the vehicle allowance for the Public Works Supervisor from \$3,600/year to \$6,000/year effective January 1, 2022 and further that an annual clothing allowance for this position also be provided in the amount of \$500.00.

Carried

- 11. In Camera (Closed) Session

11.1 Legal Matter

Resolution Number 22-24

Moved by Councillor L. Ross
Seconded by Councillor L. Mick

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

e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

Carried

12. Return to Regular Session

Resolution Number 22-25

Moved by Councillor L. Ross

Seconded by Councillor G. Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting of council reconvene at 8:15 p.m.

Carried

Mayor Backer stated the In Camera Session was to discuss a legal matter.

13. Adjournment

The regular meeting of Council Monday, April 11th, 2022 adjourned at 8:16 p.m.



Mayor



Clerk