

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, July 25th, 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 D. Sarrazin
Councillor G. Larose
Councillor G. Thibert
Councillor L. Mick
Councillor L. Ross

Council Absent: Councillor R. Jones

Staff Present: Francine Desormeau, CAO/Treasurer
Amy Leclerc, Clerk/Revenue Services Clerk
Wayne Chaput, Chief Building Official/By-Law Officer
Renee-Anne Paquette, Recreation & Facilities Services Manager

Staff Absent: Paul Lafreniere, Fire Chief (Interim)
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
 - Councillor D. Sarrazin declared a Pecuniary Interest on Page No. 149
3. Petitions & Delegations – None
4. Correspondence
5. Questions/Comments about the Content of the Agenda – None
6. Municipal Report Number 875

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, July 11th, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa are in agreement that fifty percent of the 2022 Landfill Site revenues be allocated to offset the operating costs and the remaining fifty percent be allocated to the Landfill Closure Reserve.

Carried - Recorded vote on Page No. 146 and the vote was unanimous

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BE IT RESOLVED That Council authorizes the Public Works Supervisor to seek quotes for the purchase of a new Loader for the Public Works Department and return to Council for final approval.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes that the Public Works Equipment Reserve in the amount of \$87,709.00 be transferred to the 2022 Operating Budget to offset the purchase of the new Loader and that the balance of this purchase be transferred from the Working Fund Reserve with an annual set payback of ten years.

Carried

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WHEREAS the Ontario Amber Alert is a warning system that quickly alerts the public of a suspected abduction of children who are in imminent danger;

AND WHEREAS the goal is to broadcast as much information about the child, the abductor and suspect vehicles as quickly as possible so that the public can respond with any relevant information that might lead to the child's safe return;

AND WHEREAS people are encouraged to share the Amber Alert with as many people as possible. If a child or vulnerable person is abducted, spreading the information quickly is critical to their safe return;

AND WHEREAS an Amber Alert makes the Public aware to keep an eye out for the child, vulnerable person, suspect and the vehicle described, in the alert. If they spot them, try to gather as many details as they can, including the specific location where they saw them, the time, the direction they were travelling in and any other identifying details that will help to locate them;

AND WHEREAS an Amber Alert gives citizens instructions to call 9-1-1 or the phone number included in the alert immediately if they have a trip or sighting related to an Amber Alert;

An Amber Alert will only be activated if:

- The police have confirmed that an abduction has taken place; and
- There is reason to believe the victim is in danger of serious physical injury, and there is information available that, if broadcast to the public, could assist in the safe recovery of the victim.

AND WHEREAS it is essential to remember that an Amber Alert is not always appropriate in every circumstance and that their continued effectiveness depends on ensuring that they are only used in cases that meet the above criteria;

AND WHEREAS the recent tragic death of 11 year old Draven Graham showed that the Amber Alert System is flawed when it comes to vulnerable children who can go missing but are not abducted;

AND WHEREAS at the time this motion was written, there have been almost 75,000 citizens who had signed a petition on Change.Org requesting that a Draven Alert be created;

AND WHEREAS it is clear that there needs to be an addition to the alert system to allow for law enforcement to send out an alert for vulnerable children who go missing under circumstances that do not involve abduction but are at serious risk of injury or death.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa endorse the following:

1. **THAT** the Minister of the Solicitor General and the Commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police, as well as the Premier's Office, be requested to make the necessary changes to the Amber Alert system and create a new alert called the Draven Alert, which will protect vulnerable children who have not been abducted but are at high risk of danger, injury or death and alert the public that they are missing; and
2. **THAT** this motion be sent to all municipalities across Ontario and the Association of the Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for endorsement.

Carried

*Councillor D. Sarrazin declared a conflict of interest on Page No. 149

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa agrees to waive all fees associated to the Mattawa Minor Hockey Baseball Tournament which includes the use of the baseball field and parking lot on July 29th to July 31st, 2022.

Carried

Resolution Number 22-60

Moved by Councillor L. Ross

Seconded by Councillor G. Thibert

BE RESOLVED THAT the Municipal Report Number 875 be adopted.

Carried

7. Committee Reports

Information/Action Item Reports

7.1 Wayne Chaput, By-Law Enforcement Officer – Re: Naloxone Access for Public Use – Report # 2022-72R

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 Legal Matter

11.2 Property Acquisition

11.3 Personnel Matter

Resolution Number 22-61

Moved by Councillor L. Mick

Seconded by Councillor G. Larose

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

- b) personal matters about an identifiable, including municipal or local board employee; and*
- c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; and*
- e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.*

Carried

12. Return to Regular Session

Resolution Number 22-62

Moved by Councillor D. Sarrazin

Seconded by Councillor L. Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting of council reconvene at 8:50 p.m.

Carried

Mayor Backer stated the In-Camera Session was to discuss a legal matter, a property acquisition and a personnel matter.

13. Adjournment

The regular meeting of Council Monday, July 25th, 2022 adjourned at 8:51 p.m.



Chair Mayor



Clerk