

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, September 12th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the S.F. Monestime Council Chambers. The meeting was also available via teleconference.

Council Present: Councillor D. Sarrazin
Councillor G. Thibert
Councillor L. Mick
Councillor L. Ross

Council Absent: Mayor D. Backer
Councillor G. Larose
Councillor R. Jones

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

Staff Absent: Amy Leclerc, Clerk/Revenue Services Clerk

*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.

Resolution Number 21-78

Moved by Councillor L. Ross

Seconded by Councillor G. Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT in the absence of Mayor Backer, Councillor D. Sarrazin be appointed to Chair the Regular Meeting of Monday, September 12th, 2022.

Carried

2. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and Nature Thereof
3. Petitions & Delegations
 - 3.1 Mr. Terry Belanger, Owner of Belanger Taxi made a presentation to Council on the taxi licences within the Town of Mattawa.
 - 3.2 Mr. James Hunton, Jp2g Consultants Inc. made a presentation to Council on the Mattawan Street Reconstruction Project.
4. Correspondence
5. Questions/Comments about the Content of the Agenda – None

6. Municipal Report Number 878

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, August 22nd, be adopted as circulated.

Carried - Recorded vote on Page No. 171 and the vote was unanimous

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the disbursements for the month of July 2022 in the amount of \$731,113.23 be adopted as submitted.

Carried - Recorded vote on Page No. 172 and the vote was unanimous

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the October 24th, 2022 regular meeting of Council be cancelled and the November 14, 2022 regular meeting of Council be cancelled and rescheduled for Tuesday, November 15, 2022 to coincide with the new term of Council as stated in the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Inaugural Meeting of Council begin on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. followed by the regular meeting of Council at 7:00 p.m.

Carried - Recorded vote on Page No. 173 and the vote was unanimous

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WHEREAS the Province of Ontario and particularly rural areas such as the Town of Mattawa, are experiencing a severe shortage of physicians, leaving many people without access to medical care;

AND WHEREAS when the Province of Ontario realized the shortage of Personal Support Workers, they took progressive action to support Ontario colleges to provide free tuition for students who agreed to enter into this field of study and work;

AND WHEREAS it is recognized that the education costs for a physician can be a deterrent for students contemplating entering the medical field.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Mattawa respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario and Government of Canada recognizes that the shortage in health care workers is not unique to Personal Support Workers but is also relevant to physician including specialists and general practitioners;

AND FURTHER THAT in order to support Ontario municipalities and their residents, the Provincial and Federal Governments take steps to provide support and subsidy to students entering medical school with the intention of becoming practicing physicians in the Province of Ontario and particularly in underserved rural and northern municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT the Provincial and Federal Governments work with Canadian universities to increase the number of students accepted into medical school and residency programs;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town of Mattawa supports whatever protective measures the Provincial and Federal Governments place on the subsidy given to ensure that the students receiving the funding become practicing physicians in the Province of Ontario.

Carried - Recorded vote on Page No. 174 and the vote was as unanimous

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa authorize the purchase of the winter salt to Compass Mineral in the amount of \$6,749.46 plus HST and the winter sand to A. Miron Topsoil in the amount of \$15,300.00 plus HST.

Carried - Recorded vote on Page No. 175 and the vote was as unanimous

Resolution Number 22-79

Moved by Councillor L. Mick

Seconded by Councillor L. Ross

BE RESOLVED THAT the Municipal Report Number 878 be adopted.

Carried

7. Committee Reports

Information/Action Item Reports

7.1 Francine Desormeau, CAO/Treasurer – Re: Affordable Seniors Housing Committee – CMHC Seed Funding – Report # 2022-84R

7.2 Barry Jackson, Public Works Supervisor – Re: Purchase of New Loader for Public Works Department – Report # 2022-85R

Departmental Activity Reports

7.3 Francine Desormeau, CAO/Treasurer – Re: Update to Ongoing Activities in General Government – Report # 2022-86R

7.4 Paul Lafreniere, Interim Fire Chief – Re: Activity Update in Fire Department – Report # 2022-87R

8. Questions from the Floor – None

9. New/Old Business

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

Resolution Number 22-80

Moved by Councillor L. Ross

Seconded by Councillor G. Thibert

BE RESOLVED THAT Council supports delaying the tender call for the Mattawan Street Flood Reconstruction Project to February 2023 due to possible weather constraints.

Carried – Recorded vote on Resolution No. 22-80 and the vote was unanimous

Resolution Number 22-81

Moved by Councillor L. Mick

Seconded by Councillor G. Thibert

BE RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa is in agreement with the purchase of a new 2022 Caterpillar Model: 920 Wheel Loader from Toromont Cat at the quoted cost of \$240,177.95 and financing for the equipment will be returned to Council at the next meeting.

Carried - Recorded vote on Resolution No. 22-81 and the vote was as unanimous

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

The regular meeting of Council Monday, September 12th, 2022 adjourned at 8:34 p.m.



Chair Mayor



Clerk