

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, October 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 D. Sarrazin (via teleconference)
Councillor G. Larose
Councillor G. Thibert
Councillor L. Mick
Councillor L. Ross
Councillor R. Jones

Council Absent: None

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

Staff Absent: Paul Lafreniere, Fire Chief (Interim)

***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 – None
6. Municipal Report Number 880

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, September 26th, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa approve the Naloxone Policy.

Carried

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WHEREAS the Government of Ontario, through the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, has introduced Bill 3 which is described as “An Act to amend various statutes with respect to special powers and duties of heads of council”;

AND WHEREAS this Bill, if enacted, will initially apply to the City of Toronto and the City of Ottawa, but will later be expanded to include other municipalities according to a statement made by the Premier at the 2022 AMO annual conference;

AND WHEREAS this Bill, if enacted, will give Mayors additional authority and powers, and correspondingly take away authority and powers from Councils and professional staff, and will include giving the Mayor the authority to propose and adopt the Municipal budget and to veto some decisions of Council;

AND WHEREAS this Bill, if enacted, will give authority over professional staff to the Mayor, including that of the Chief Administrative Officer;

AND WHEREAS these changes will result in a reduction of independence for professional staff including the CAO, who currently provide objective information to the Council and public and will now take direction from the Mayor alone when the Mayor so directs;

AND WHEREAS these surprising and unnecessary changes to the historical balance of power between a Mayor and Council, and which historically gave the final say in all matters to the will of the majority of the elected Council.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa passes this resolution to petition the Government of Ontario:

1. **THAT** these changes to the Municipal Act, 2001, are unnecessary and will negatively affect the Town of Mattawa;
2. **THAT** if the Ontario Government deems these changes necessary in large single-tier municipalities such as Toronto and Ottawa, that such changes should not be implemented in smaller municipalities;
3. **THAT** the Ontario Government should enact legislation clarifying the role of Mayor, Council and Chief Administrative Officer, similar to those recommended by the Ontario Municipal Administrator’s Association and those recommended by Justice Marrocco in the Collingwood judicial inquiry of 2022; and
4. **THAT** if the stated goal of this legislation is to construct more housing in Ontario that this can be accomplished through other means including amendment of the Planning Act and funding of more affordable housing.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be provided to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the “Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy”, Nipissing MP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried

Resolution Number 22-88

Moved by Councillor L. Mick

Seconded by Councillor G. Thibert

BE RESOLVED THAT the Municipal Report Number 880 be adopted.

Carried

7. Committee Reports

Information/Action Item Reports

7.1 Renée-Anne Paquette, Recreation & Facilities Services Manager – Re: 2022 Voyageur Days Final Report – Report # 2022-96R

Departmental Activity Reports

7.2 Francine Desormeau, CAO/Treasurer – Re: Update to Ongoing Activities in General Government – Report # 2022-97R

8. Questions from the Floor - None

9. New/Old Business

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

11. In Camera (Closed) Session – None

12. Return to Regular Session

13. Adjournment

The regular meeting of Council Tuesday, October 11th, 2022 adjourned at 7:43 p.m.



Mayor



Clerk