

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, January 23rd, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the S.F. Monestime Council Chambers.

- Council Present: Mayor Raymond A. Bélanger
Councillor Mathew Gardiner
Councillor Fern Levesque
Councillor Laura Ross
Councillor Garry Thibert
- Council Absent: Councillor Dexture Sarrazin
*Councillor Loren Mick (ROMA Conference)
- Staff Present: Francine Desormeau, CAO/Treasurer
Amy Leclerc, Clerk/Revenue Services Clerk
Wayne Chaput, Chief Building Official/By-Law Officer
Paul Lafreniere, Fire Chief (Interim)
- Staff Absent: 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 by Mayor Bélanger at 6:59 p.m.
2. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and Nature Thereof
3. Petitions & Delegations
 - 3.1 Mr. Scott Gardiner of the Near North Palliative Care Network made a presentation to Council on the importance of palliative services and offering care training to residents in the Mattawa and area.
4. Correspondence
5. Questions/Comments about the Content of the Agenda
6. Municipal Report Number 883

Resolution Number 23-15

Moved by Councillor Thibert

Seconded by Councillor Gardiner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa temporarily suspend the rules of the procedural by-law for the regular meeting of Monday, January 23rd, 2023.

CARRIED – unanimous

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Moved by Councillor Ross

Seconded by Councillor Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, January 9th, 2023, the Special Meeting of Monday, December 12th, 2022 and the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Monday, January 16th, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED – unanimous

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Moved by Councillor Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Gardiner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa adopt By-Law Number 23-01 authorizing the 2023 interim tax levy based on 50% of the prior year's annualized taxes.

CARRIED – unanimous

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Moved by Councillor Ross

Seconded by Councillor Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa adopt By-Law Number 23-02 appointing Councillors Mathew Gardiner, Dexture Sarrazin and Fern Levesque to the Committee of Adjustment for the 2023 year.

CARRIED – unanimous

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Moved by Councillor Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Gardiner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa adopt By-Law Number 23-03 authorizing the Mayor and CAO/Treasurer to sign the debenture with Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation (OILC) towards the purchase of the 2022 Caterpillar Model 920 Wheel Loader for the Public Works Department.

CARRIED – unanimous

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Moved by Councillor Ross

Seconded by Councillor Thibert

WHEREAS *Crime Stoppers month promotes awareness through education campaigns, activities and events held across Ontario municipalities and also offers the community the opportunity to partner in solving crime in our area;*

AND WHEREAS *Crime Stoppers encourages everyone See Something, Hear Something, Say Something to assist law enforcement;*

AND WHEREAS *increased awareness and understanding of Crime Stoppers program will promote the use of the 24-hour reporting services to reduce and solve crime.*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT *Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa hereby proclaim January 2023 as "Crime Stopper Awareness Month" in the Town of Mattawa.*

CARRIED – unanimous

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Moved by Councillor Ross

Seconded by Councillor Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT *Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa recognizes the issues of violence in rural communities as serious to the health and wellness of local families;*

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT *Council recognizes the rural Renfrew County Coroner's Inquest as important to all rural communities;*

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT *based on the statistics of 4815 crisis calls and service provision to 527 women and children in our local communities the Council of the Town of Mattawa declares IPV (intimate partner violence) / VAW (violence against women) an epidemic as per recommendation #1 of the Renfrew County Coroner's jury recommendations;*

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT *this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario, local MPs and MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ministry of the Attorney General, Ministry of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity and the Federal Ministry of Women and Gender Equality.*

CARRIED – unanimous

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Moved by Councillor Thibert

Seconded by Councillor Gardiner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa requests that the Affordable Seniors Housing Committee seek non-profit housing corporation options for the sustainability and viability of Rosemount Valley Suites and return to Council for further direction.

CARRIED – unanimous

Resolution Number 23-16

Moved by Councillor Gardiner

Seconded by Councillor Levesque

BE RESOLVED THAT the Municipal Report Number 883 be adopted.

CARRIED – unanimous

7. Committee Reports

7.1 Francine Desormeau, CAO/Treasurer – Re: Draft Remuneration By-Law and Municipal Travel Expense Policy – Report # 2023-07R

7.2 Francine Desormeau, CAO/Treasurer – Re: CAO Activity Report – Report # 2023-08R

7.3 Amy Leclerc, Clerk/Revenue Services Clerk – Re: Standing Committees of Council Terms of Reference – Report # 2023-09R

8. Questions from the Floor

A resident requested information on the future of the Affordable Senior Housing Complex and the project financing.

9. New/Old Business

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

Resolution Number 23-17

Moved by Councillor Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa receives Report No. 2023-07R titled “Draft Remuneration By-law and Municipal Travel Expense Policy”.

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorizes the CAO to bring forward the Council Remuneration By-law and Municipal Travel Expense Policy at the next regular meeting of Council for formal approval.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was unanimous

Resolution Number 23-18

Moved by Councillor Ross

Seconded by Councillor Gardiner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 2023-08R titled CAO Activity Report.

CARRIED – unanimous

Resolution Number 23-19

Moved by Councillor Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Gardiner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 2023-09R titled Standing Committees of Council Terms of Reference.

AND FURTHER THAT staff return to Council at the next regular meeting with the recommended changes to the Terms of Reference (if any).

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was unanimous

Resolution Number 23-20

Moved by Councillor Ross

Seconded by Councillor Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa authorize the meeting of Monday, February 6th, 2023 to begin at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED – unanimous

11. In Camera (Closed) Session
12. Return to Regular Session
13. Adjournment

The Regular Meeting of Council Monday, January 23rd, 2023 adjourned at 8:46 p.m.



Mayor



Clerk