

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, April 24th, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Dr. S.F. Monestime Council Chambers.

Council Present: Mayor Raymond A. Bélanger
Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner
Councillor Dexture Sarrazin
Councillor Fern Levesque
Councillor Laura Ross
Councillor Garry Thibert

Staff Present: Amy Leclerc, Clerk/Revenue Services Clerk
Brittany Belanger, Executive Assistant
Barry Jackson, Public Works Supervisor
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 by Mayor Bélanger at 6:00 p.m.

Resolution Number 23-103

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Dexture Sarrazin

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, April 24th, 2023.

CARRIED – unanimous

2. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and Nature Thereof
3. Petitions & Delegations
 - 3.1 Theo Margaritis, TWG Communications – Re: Logo Design
– Did not present, invited to the next meeting.
 - 3.2 Louise Vaillancourt, Canadian Red Cross – Re: Emergency Management Services
– Did not present due to emergency situation, provided her regards.

4. Correspondence

**Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner arrived at 6:03 p.m. during correspondence # 4.1

**Councillor Laura Ross arrived at 6:04 p.m. during correspondence # 4.1

5. Questions/Comments about the Content of the Agenda
6. Municipal Report Number 889

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Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, April 11th, 2023, and the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Monday, April 17th, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED – unanimous

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Moved by Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner

Seconded by Councillor Dexture Sarrazin

WHEREAS Community Living Mattawa has provided support and services to people with developmental disabilities and their families in the Town of Mattawa since 1969.

AND WHEREAS Community Living Mattawa goal is that people with developmental disabilities have every opportunity to participate fully in our community with dignity, independence and acceptance;

AND WHEREAS Community Living Month is a province-wide annual awareness campaign to promote true inclusion for people who have a developmental disability and their families.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Mattawa does hereby proclaim the month of May 2023 as "Community Living Awareness Month" in the Town of Mattawa.

CARRIED – unanimous

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Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

WHEREAS the Quebec Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms recognizes that no one can be discriminated against on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression;

AND WHEREAS Quebec is a society open to everyone, including lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans people (LGBTQ+) and to all other people who identify with sexual diversity and the multiplicity of gender identities and expressions;

AND WHEREAS, despite recent efforts towards greater inclusion of LGBTQ+ people, homophobia and transphobia are still present in society;

AND WHEREAS May 17th is the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia, is celebrated as such in many countries and is the result of a Quebec-based initiative promoted by Fondation Émergence starting in 2003;

AND WHEREAS there is reason to support the efforts of Fondation Émergence in holding this day;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa proclaim May 17 International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia and to recognize this day as such.

CARRIED – unanimous

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Moved by Councillor Dexture Sarrazin

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

***WHEREAS** Enbridge recently made an announcement of their intention to begin charging third-party contractors and other utilities \$200 CAD (plus applicable taxes) for utility locates where a field locate is required;*

***AND WHEREAS** third-party contractors include Ontario municipalities;*

***AND WHEREAS** these locate requests are only required as Ontario municipalities have allowed utilities to use municipal right of ways at no charge to the utilities;*

***AND WHEREAS** this announcement of new downloaded costs will negatively impact the budgets of Ontario municipalities which are already burdened;*

***AND WHEREAS** if Enbridge is successful in implementing this new charge, a precedence is set for other utility companies to also begin charging for locates;*

***THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED** that Council of the Town of Mattawa strongly opposes these utility locate costs being downloaded to Ontario municipalities by Enbridge Gas or other utilities;*

***AND FURTHER THAT** the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery make it clear that these costs must be borne by the utilities themselves;*

***AND FURTHER THAT** this decision be forwarded to Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery Kaleed Rasheed, Minister of Infrastructure Kinga Surma, Minister of Energy Todd Smith, Premier Doug Ford, Vic Fedeli, MPP, the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.*

CARRIED – unanimous

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Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner

WHEREAS all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace;

AND WHEREAS municipal governments, as the democratic institutions most directly engaged with Ontarians need respectful discourse;

AND WHEREAS several incidents in recent years of disrespectful behaviour and workplace harassment have occurred amongst members of municipal councils;

AND WHEREAS these incidents seriously and negatively affect the people involved and lower public perceptions of local governments

AND WHEREAS municipal Codes of Conduct are helpful tools to set expectations of council member behaviour;

AND WHEREAS municipal governments do not have the necessary tools to adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa supports the call of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them in consultations with municipal governments.

AND FURTHER THAT the legislation encompass the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's recommendations for:

- Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment.
- Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario.
- Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province.
- Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner.
- Prohibit a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was unanimous

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Moved by Councillor Dexture Sarrazin

Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

WHEREAS almost 824,000 students travel in about 16,000 school vehicles every school day in Ontario and according to the Ministry of Transportation's statistics the rate of vehicles blowing by stopped school buses is over 30,000 times every day;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario passed the Safer School Zones Act in 2017 which authorized the use of Automated School Bus Stop Arm Camera Systems to detect incidents where vehicles failed to stop when the school bus was stopped and the stop-arm extended (O. Reg. 424/20);

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities (AMO) working on behalf of all Ontario Municipalities made its submission to the Standing Committee on General Government on May 21, 2019 in support of Administrative Monetary Penalties (AMPs) to be used to collect fine revenue for school bus stop arm infractions and other applications, including Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) technologies deployed in school and community safety zones;

AND WHEREAS police resources can not be spread any thinner to enforce Highway Traffic Act offences throughout municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the administrative and financial costs to establish the required municipal Administrative Penalty program under the Highway Traffic Act, and its regulations, are substantial and maybe out of reach for small or rural municipalities that have insufficient amounts of traffic to generate the required funds to offset the annual operational costs of a municipal administrative Penalty program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Mattawa urges the Provincial Government to require all school buses to have stop arm cameras installed and paid for by the Province for the start of the 2023-2024 school year; and underwrite the costs for the implementation and on-going annual costs for Administrative Monetary Penalties in small and rural municipalities.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, MPP Vic Fedeli and the Association for Municipalities of Ontario.

CARRIED – unanimous

Resolution Number 23-104

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner
Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE RESOLVED THAT the Municipal Report Number 889 be adopted.
CARRIED – unanimous

7. Committee Reports

- 7.1 Amy Leclerc, Clerk/Revenue Services Clerk – Re: Event Collaboration for Canada Day Activities – Report # 2023-45R

Resolution Number 23-105

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque
Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 2023-45R titled Event Collaboration for Canada Day Activities.

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the use of the Mike Rodden Arena and Community Centre to the Mattawa Good Time Cruisers free of charge to assist in providing the Town of Mattawa and area residents with a free Canada Day Event.

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the collaboration to run the Canada Day Free Event with the Mattawa Good Time Cruisers and the Mattawa Museum.

CARRIED – unanimous

- 7.2 Wayne Chaput, By-Law Enforcement Officer – Re: Meet and Greet at Explorer's Point – Report # 2023-46R

DEFERRED to the next regular meeting of May 8th

- 7.3 Amy Leclerc, Clerk/Revenue Services Clerk & Barry Jackson, Public Works Supervisor – Re: Landfill Site Extended Hours & Curbside Giveaway – Report # 2023-47R

Resolution Number 23-106

Moved by Councillor Garry Thibert
Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 2023-47R titled Landfill Site Extended Hours and Curbside Giveaway.

CARRIED – unanimous

- 7.4 Amy Leclerc, Clerk/Revenue Services Clerk – Re: Geotechnical Survey for Dorion Road Hill Reconstruction Project – Report # 2023-48R

Resolution Number 23-107

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 2023-48R titled Geotechnical Survey for Dorion Road Hill Reconstruction Project.

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the Geotechnical Survey to be completed by WSP at a cost of \$26,800.00 plus HST and authorize the Clerk to sign the Acceptance of Proposal.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was unanimous

8. Questions from the Floor
9. New/Old Business
10. 2/3 (Special Resolutions – not previously circulated)
11. In Camera (Closed) Session
12. Return to Regular Session
13. Adjournment

The Regular Meeting of Council Monday, April 24th, 2023 adjourned at 7:26 p.m.



Deputy Mayor



Clerk