

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, August 14th, 2023 at 7:00 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: Paul Laperriere, Interim CAO/Treasurer
Amy Leclerc, Clerk/Revenue Services Clerk
Brittany Belanger, Executive Assistant
Paul Lafreniere, Interim Fire Chief

*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 7:00 p.m.

Resolution Number 23-185

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

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, August 14th, 2023.

CARRIED – unanimous

Councillor Garry Thibert arrived at 7:01 p.m.

2. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and Nature Thereof
4. Correspondence
5. Questions/Comments about the Content of the Agenda
6. Municipal Report Number 895

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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 Monday, July 24th, 2023, and the Special Meeting of Monday, July 31st, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED – unanimous

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Moved by Councillor Dexture Sarrazin

Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

***WHEREAS** the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa recently experienced a sudden unexpected and extraordinary flood disaster from May 2nd to May 29th, 2023 and has experienced incremental operating and capital costs.*

***BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa hereby requests the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing activate the Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance Program;*

***AND FURTHER THAT** Interim CAO/Treasurer Paul Laperriere is provided delegated authority to verify and attest to the accuracy of the claim.*

CARRIED – unanimous

Resolution Number 23-186

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner

***BE RESOLVED THAT** the Municipal Report Number 895 be adopted.*

CARRIED – unanimous

7. Committee Reports

- 7.1 Paul Laperriere, Interim CAO/Treasurer – Re: Council Training with Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing – Report # 2023-77R

Resolution Number 23-187

Moved by Councillor Garry Thibert

Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

***BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 2023-77R titled Council Training with Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing.*

***AND FURTHER THAT** Council approves another training session with the Council of the Town of Mattawa provided by MMAH, focusing on key areas including Councillor Limitations.*

CARRIED – unanimous

- 7.2 Councillor Dexture Sarrazin – Re: Sisters of Charity / Soeurs de la Charité Dedication – Report # 2023-78R

Resolution Number 23-188

Moved by Councillor Dexture Sarrazin
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 2023-78R titled Sisters of Charity/Soeurs de la Charité Dedication.

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs the Interim CAO/Treasurer and the Mayor to communicate with both high schools, the church, and the Sisters of Charity/Soeurs de la Charité our financial commitment and bursary requirements for the 2024-2026 graduating classes.

AND FURTHER THAT Council formally acknowledges the work of the Sisters of Charity/Soeurs de la Charité, their 150 years of service in the community, and impact they have had and will continue to have through those contributions.

CARRIED – unanimous

- 7.3 Paul Lafreniere, Interim Fire Chief – Re: Hiring of Volunteer Firefighters – Report # 2023-79R

Resolution Number 23-189

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque
Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 2023-79R titled Hiring of Volunteer Firefighter.

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the hiring of Kevin Montgomery on a one year probationary period subject to attaining a physical examination and a DZ licence.

CARRIED – Council For: 5, Council Against: 1

8. Questions from the Floor

9. New/Old Business

Councillor Garry Thibert requested Council provide a letter of gratitude to the bands that come in and play for our senior citizens at the Golden Age Club.

Councillor Dexture Sarrazin, Chair of the Public Services Committee provided Council with an update from the meeting that was held on Tuesday, August 8th, 2023.

Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner, Chair of the Corporate Services Committee informed Council that there will be a meeting held Tuesday, August 29th, 2023.

Mayor Bélanger provided a written statement of gratitude to the community and staff members.

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, August 14th, 2023 adjourned at 8:07 p.m.



Mayor



Clerk