

## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 Loren Mick  
Councillor Laura Ross  
Councillor Garry Thibert (via teleconference)

Staff Present: Paul Laperriere, Interim CAO/Treasurer  
Amy Leclerc, Municipal Clerk/Revenue Services Clerk  
Brittany Belanger, Executive Assistant

\*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 23-203**

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

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, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**CARRIED – unanimous**

2. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and Nature Thereof
3. Petitions & Delegations

\*Councillor Loren Mick arrived for the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

4. Correspondence
5. Questions/Comments about the Content of the Agenda
6. Municipal Report Number 897

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Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED – unanimous**

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Moved by Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner  
Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Town of Mattawa supports Resolution # 2023-72 from the Corporation of the City of Clarence-Rockland for the third party study of the Ottawa River and its tributaries and basins in order to provide the Ottawa River Planning Board with better tools to adapt the river to the influences of climate change and from the impact of development.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

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Moved by Councillor Loren Mick  
Seconded by Councillor Dexture Sarrazin

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approves the form of draft by-law and franchise agreement attached hereto and authorizes the submission thereof to the Ontario Energy Board for approval pursuant to the provisions of Section 9 of the *Municipal Franchises Act*.

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council requests that the Ontario Energy Board make an Order declaring and directing that the assent of the municipal electors to the attached draft by-law and franchise agreement pertaining to the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa is not necessary pursuant to the provisions of Section 9(4) of the *Municipal Franchises Act*.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

**Resolution Number 23-204**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner  
Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

**BE RESOLVED THAT** the Municipal Report Number 897 be adopted.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

7. Committee Reports

- 7.1 Paul Laperriere, Interim CAO/Treasurer – Re: Engineers & Planners of Record Agreement – Report # 2023-89R

**Resolution Number 23-205**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner  
Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 2023-89R titled Engineers & Planners of Record Agreement.

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council approves the agreement with Jp2g Consultants Inc and directs staff to bring forward the formal agreement by way of By-law to the next regular meeting of Council.

**CARRIED** – Recorded vote and the vote was unanimous

7.2 Mayor Raymond A. Bélanger – Re: AMO 2023 Conference – Report # 2023-90R

**Resolution Number 23-206**

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Dexture Sarrazin

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 2023-90R titled AMO 2023 Conference.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

8. Questions from the Floor

9. New/Old Business

Councillor Fern Levesque inquired about the Rosemount Valley Suites to see if there has been any interest in the Expression of Interest. A request was made for a report to be brought forward to Council with an update.

Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner had been approached by members of the community to receive a letter of recognition for those who completed great accomplishments. An update regarding the Mattawa Museum donation request was provided, the Mattawa Museum Committee was not ready to present to the Corporate Services Committee with a report at this time, they will be invited back to have the opportunity to present.

Councillor Loren Mick updated Council that he was meeting with the new CEO of the John Dixon Public Library and will report back with an update.

Mayor Bélanger advised Council that the Tree Clearing Project has begun on Dorion Road.

Councillor Garry Thibert has been invited to the next Mattawa & Area Food Bank meeting and will provide and update to Council.

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

**Resolution Number 23-207**

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

**WHEREAS** the Town of Mattawa is located in Aboriginal territory, we will be observing the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. All municipal offices will be closed to observe this day.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approves the closure of all municipal offices on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 due to the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation falling on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and directs staff to post a public notice on the municipal website, Mattawa App and Town of Mattawa social media sites.

**CARRIED** – Recorded vote and the vote was as follows:

**For:** Councillors Gardiner, Levesque, Mick, Ross, Thibert

**Against:** Mayor Bélanger and Councillor Sarrazin

11. In Camera (Closed) Session

11.1 CUPE Negotiations

11.2 Personnel Matters

11.3 Operational Review Update

**Resolution Number 23-208**

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

***BE IT RESOLVED*** That this Committee proceed in Camera at 8:07 p.m. in order to address a matter pertaining to:

*b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; and*

*d) labour relations or employee negotiations.*

**CARRIED – unanimous**

\*Councillor Garry Thibert left the In Camera (Closed) Session and meeting at 8:10 p.m.

12. Return to Regular Session

**Resolution Number 23-209**

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

***BE IT RESOLVED THAT*** the Regular Meeting of Council reconvene at 9:32 p.m.

**CARRIED – unanimous**

13. Adjournment

The Regular Meeting of Council Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 adjourned at 9:33 p.m.



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Mayor



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Clerk