

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, October 10th, 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 Garry Thibert

Staff Present: Paul Laperriere, Interim CAO/Treasurer
Amy Leclerc, Municipal Clerk/Revenue Services Clerk
Sabrina Poullas, Front Counter Clerk
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 7:00 p.m.

Resolution Number 23-216

Moved by Councillor Garry Thibert

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 Tuesday, October 10th, 2023.

CARRIED – unanimous

2. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and Nature Thereof

Councillor Fern Levesque declared a conflict of interest on Report # 2023-92R – Lions Club One Time Grant.

Mayor Bélanger declared a conflict of interest on Report # 2023-93R – Resident's Vehicle Repair Expenses.

Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner & Councillor Dexture Sarrazin declared a conflict of interest on Report # 2023-94R – Mike Rodden Arena and Community Centre.

3. Petitions & Delegations

4. Correspondence

4.1 Beverly Bell, Mattawa Women's Resource Centre – Re: A Letter of Gratitude for Leadership and Support

4.2 Township of Bonfield – Re: Invitation to Remembrance Day Ceremony

4.3 MPBSD – Re: Managing Third Party Billing – Tips for Consumers

5. Questions/Comments about the Content of the Agenda
6. Municipal Report Number 899

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Moved by Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner
Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, September 25th, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED – unanimous

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Moved by Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner
Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt By-law Number 23-27 to appoint Bonnie Thur as Deputy Treasurer for the Town of Mattawa.

AND FURTHER THAT the title for Bonnie be amended from Accounting Clerk to Deputy Treasurer.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was unanimous

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Moved by Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner
Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt By-law Number 23-28 to appoint Amy Leclerc as Municipal Clerk for the Town of Mattawa.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was unanimous

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Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque
Seconded by Councillor Dexture Sarrazin

WHEREAS the Town of Mattawa recognized the urgent need for physicians in Northern Ontario as it is experiencing a shortage of trained physicians and specialist physicians;

AND WHEREAS life expectancy of Northern residents is more than two years lower than the Ontario average, and mental health and addictions are at a four-times higher rate;

AND WHEREAS one in eight Northern residents does not have access to a family doctor, and many must travel long distances to access healthcare services representing the failure of healthcare in Northern Ontario;

AND WHEREAS communities in Northern Ontario require access to equitable health care, especially underserved rural, Indigenous, and Francophone communities;

AND WHEREAS in April of 2022, the Government announced an unprecedented medical expansion for NOSM University's medical programs;

AND WHEREAS the current base funding rates for the Northern School of Medicine University (NOSM) have not been increased sufficiently to accommodate growth and expansion.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Mattawa strongly requests the Provincial Government grant NOSM University's request for a permanent increase in annual base funding by \$4.0 million before the end of this fiscal year so it can continue to deliver on the mandate that the Conservative Government initially established in response to the needs of Northern municipalities.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Health and Deputy Premier Sylvia Jones, Minister of Colleges and Universities Jill Dunlop, MPPs Greg Rickford, Vic Fedeli, George Pirie, Ross Romano, Kevin Holland, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Northern Ontario School of Medicine University, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association and the leaders of the opposition parties of Ontario.

CARRIED – unanimous

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Moved by Councillor Dexture Sarrazin

Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the ratification of the Memorandum of Settlement of the Collective Agreement for CUPE Local 1465-01 provided to Council in Closed Session on Monday, September 25, 2023.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was unanimous

Resolution Number 23-217

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

BE RESOLVED THAT the Municipal Report Number 899 be adopted.

CARRIED – unanimous

7. Committee Reports

7.1 Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner, Chair of Corporate Services – Re: Lions Club One Time Grant – Report # 2023-92R

Councillor Levesque declared a conflict of interest on Report # 2023-92R and removed himself from Council Chambers.

Resolution Number 23-218

Moved by Councillor Dexture Sarrazin
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 2023-92R titled Lions Club One Time Grant.

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the payment of a **ONE TIME** Grant in the amount of \$3100.00 to the Mattawa Lions Club to help offset the property taxes and water billings for the 2023 year.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was unanimous

Councillor Levesque returned to Council Chambers and his Council seat.

7.2 Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner, Chair of Corporate Services – Re: Resident's Vehicle Repair Expenses – Report # 2023-93R

Mayor Bélanger declared a conflict of interest on Report # 2023-93R and removed himself from Council Chambers and Deputy Mayor Gardiner assumed the Chair.

Resolution Number 23-219

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque
Seconded by Councillor Dexture Sarrazin

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 2023-93R titled Resident's Vehicle Repair Expenses.

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs staff to issue payment of \$686.07 to Jean-Claude Belanger for re-imbusement of repairs to his personal vehicle due to damages caused by the municipality's roadway.

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs the Corporate Services Committee to review the need for a municipal policy regarding claims of this nature.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was as follows:

For: Councillors Gardiner, Sarrazin, Levesque

Against: Councillor Thibert

Mayor Bélanger returned to Council Chambers and his seat and resumed chairing the meeting.

7.3 Paul Laperriere, Interim CAO/Treasurer – Re: Mike Rodden Arena & Community Centre – Report # 2023-94R

Deputy Mayor Gardiner declared a conflict of interest on Report # 2023-94R and removed himself from Council Chambers.

Councillor Sarrazin declared a conflict of interest on Report # 2023-94R and removed himself from his Council seat and remained in Council Chambers.

Resolution Number 23-220

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque
Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 2023-94R titled Mike Rodden Arena and Community Centre.

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorizes the Interim CAO/Treasurer to submit a funding application to NOHFC.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was unanimous

Deputy Mayor Gardiner returned to Council Chambers and his Council seat.

Councillor Sarrazin returned to his Council seat.

7.4 Paul Laperriere, Interim CAO/Treasurer – Re: Governance Policies – Report # 2023-95R

Resolution Number 23-221

Moved by Councillor Dexture Sarrazin
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 2023-95R titled Governance Policies.

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the proposed list of new Governance Policies and directs the Working Group to return with the finalized proposed policies for approval.

CARRIED – unanimous

8. Questions from the Floor

Councillor Levesque requested clarification as to the reason why all Department Heads do not attend all meetings held by Council.

Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner requested information on the digging at the museum.

9. New/Old Business

9.1 Rules and Procedures of Conducting a Meeting

Council provided further information on the rules and procedures.

Councillor Sarrazin held further discussions on the time capsule located at the museum / Explorer's Point.

Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner requested information on when all the planters will be removed from Main Street.

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

11. In Camera (Closed) Session

11.1 Personnel Matters

Barry Jackson, Public Works Supervisor left the meeting for the In Camera (Closed) Session.

Resolution Number 23-222

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Dexture Sarrazin

BE IT RESOLVED That this Committee proceed in Camera at 8:26 p.m. in order to address a matter pertaining to: b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

CARRIED – unanimous

12. Return to Regular Session

Resolution Number 23-223

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner

Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Meeting of Council reconvene at 9:31 p.m.

CARRIED – unanimous

Mayor Bélanger stated that the In Camera Session was to discuss personnel matters.

Resolution Number 23-224

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

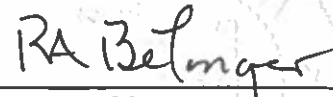
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the Town of Mattawa requests that the Integrity Commissioner begins an investigation and inquiry into the activities of the 2023 Mattawa Voyageur Days Committee and its collective members and those of the Municipal Staff as it relates to their interactions with the members of the 2023 Mattawa Voyageur Days Committee.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was unanimous

13. Adjournment

The Regular Meeting of Council of Tuesday, October 10th, 2023 adjourned at 9:33 p.m.



Mayor



Clerk