

## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, October 23<sup>rd</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 (via teleconference)  
Councillor Laura Ross  
Councillor Garry Thibert

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 23-225**

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross  
Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

**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, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

2. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and Nature Thereof  
Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner declared a conflict of interest on Report # 2023-96R – Advertising Agreement.
3. Petitions & Delegations
4. Correspondence
- 4.1 The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 254 – Re: Annual Poppy Campaign Contribution

**Resolution Number 23-226**

Moved by Councillor Garry Thibert  
Seconded by Councillor Dexture Sarrazin

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the purchase of a wreath in the amount of \$110.00 and a donation of \$250.00 for a total cost of \$360.00 for the Royal Canadian Legion-Poppy Fund.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

5. Questions/Comments about the Content of the Agenda

6. Municipal Report Number 900

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Moved by Councillor Laura Ross  
Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

**Resolution Number 23-227**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner  
Seconded by Councillor Dexture Sarrazin

**BE RESOLVED THAT** the Municipal Report Number 900 be adopted.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

7. Committee Reports

7.1 Paul Laperriere, Interim CAO/Treasurer – Re: Advertising Agreement – Report # 2023-96R

Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner declared a conflict of interest on Report # 2023-92R and removed himself from Council Chambers.

**Resolution Number 23-228**

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque  
Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 2023-96R titled Advertising Agreement.

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council approves the Advertising Agreement with Wilson's Builder's Supplies.

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

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

Councillor Mick Stated his presence via teleconference at 7:12 p.m. and stated he was on the call the entire meeting.

7.2 Paul Laperriere, Interim CAO/Treasurer – Re: Organizational Review – Re-Prioritized – Report # 2023-97R

**Resolution Number 23-229**

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque  
Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 2023-97R titled Organizational Review – Re-Prioritized.

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council directs the Policy and Procedure Working Group to focus on a staffing model and bring back a staffing compliment recommendation for Council's approval, at the Working Group's earliest convenience.

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

8. Questions from the Floor

9. New/Old Business

Mayor Bélanger advised Council that two special meetings have been called, one being Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 with Mr. James Hunton from Jp2g Consulting Inc. for project updates and Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 for Council training which will be held in Closed Session.

Councillor Laura Ross discussed the Fire Department Report that was provided to Council outside of the meeting.

Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner discussed concerns from the public regarding water notices being provided for winterizing/flushing notifications.

Councillor Fern Levesque updated Council on the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Lions Den, 84 members from all over the area attended and shared all the history.

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

11. In Camera (Closed) Session

11.1 Interim CAO/Treasurer Contract

Paul Laperriere left the meeting for the In Camera (Closed) Session.

**Resolution Number 23-230**

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner

**BE IT RESOLVED** That this Committee proceed in Camera at 7:48 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

12. Return to Regular Session

**Resolution Number 23-231**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner

Seconded by Councillor Dexture Sarrazin

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Regular Meeting of Council reconvene at 8:22 p.m.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

Mayor Bélanger stated that the In Camera Session was to discuss the Interim CAO/Treasurer Contract.

**Resolution Number 23-224**

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve an extension of the Interim CAO/Treasurer's contract according to the terms set out in the Closed Session report until December 31, 2024.

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council directs staff to bring forward the By-law to approve the renewal terms at the next regular meeting of Council

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

Paul Laperrierer, Interim CAO/Treasurer returned to Council Chambers.

13. Adjournment

The Regular Meeting of Council of Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

  
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Mayor

  
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Clerk