

## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, November 13<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

Staff Present: Paul Laperriere, Interim CAO/Treasurer  
Amy Leclerc, Municipal Clerk/Revenue Services Clerk  
Sabrina Poullas, Front Counter Clerk/Lottery Licence Officer  
Barry Jackson, Public Works Supervisor  
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. Call to Order

Meeting Called to Order by Mayor Bélanger at 7:00 p.m.

#### **Resolution Number 23-240**

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque  
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, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**CARRIED – unanimous**

Mayor Bélanger advised Council there are two additions to the agenda with Council's approval.

#### **Resolution Number 23-241**

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick  
Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve two additions on the agenda for the meeting of Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023. One addition being Report # 2023-106R Hiring of Firefighter to accompany existing Report # 2023-104R and one addition being an In Camera (Closed) Session topic of library board members.

**CARRIED – unanimous**

### 2. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and Nature Thereof

### 3. Petitions & Delegations

**4. Correspondence**

- 4.1 AMO – Re: Policy Update on Official Plans, Income Security & Provincial Climate Change Impact Assessment
- 4.2 Various Municipalities – Re: Call for Amendment to Legislation Act, 2006
- 4.3 North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority – Re: 2024 Draft Budget
- 4.4 FONOM – Re: Sustainable Northern Ontario Economic Development Program
- 4.5 Nipissing Violence Against Women Coordinating Committee – Awards Ceremony for Nomination on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- 4.6 Vic Fedeli, MPP – Re: Funding to Mattawa Museum through Ontario Trillium Foundation

**5. Questions/Comments about the Content of the Agenda**

**6. Municipal Report Number 901**

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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 Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 and the Special Meeting of Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

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Moved by Councillor Loren Mick  
Seconded by Councillor Dexture Sarrazin

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Town of Mattawa adopt By-Law Number 23-29 which is a by-law to extend the Interim Chief Administrative Officer's contract.

**AND FURTHER THAT** Paul Laperriere, Interim Chief Administrative Officer's contract be extended until December 31, 2024 as per the terms set out in the Closed Session Meeting of Monday, October 23, 2023.

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

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Moved by Councillor Laura Ross  
Seconded by Councillor Dexture Sarrazin

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Town of Mattawa adopt By-Law Number 23-30 which is a by-law to extend the Interim Treasurer's contract.

**AND FURTHER THAT** Paul Laperriere, Interim Treasurer's contract be extended until December 31, 2024 as per the terms set out in the Closed Session Meeting of Monday, October 23, 2023.

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

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Moved by Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner  
Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Town of Mattawa affirms Resolution No. 23-239 passed October 25, 2023 supporting the Connecting Link Funding for the Detailed Engineering Design and Environmental Assessment for the Rehabilitation of Main Street Connecting Link.

**AND FURTHER THAT** funding is available for the Municipal portion of the requested funding and that if the current application is successful the municipality will proceed in accordance with timelines specified in the application.

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

**Resolution Number 23-242**

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross  
Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

**BE RESOLVED THAT** the Municipal Report Number 901 be adopted.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

**7. In Camera (Closed) Session**

7.1 Municipal Financial Assessment

7.2 John Dixon Public Library Board

**Resolution Number 23-243**

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross  
Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

**BE IT RESOLVED** That this Committee proceed in Camera at 7:30 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

The Public Works Supervisor and Interim Fire Chief left the meeting for Item No. 7.2 of the In Camera (Closed) Session.

**8. Return to Regular Session**

**Resolution Number 23-244**

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque  
Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Regular Meeting of Council reconvene at 8:44 p.m.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

Mayor Bélanger stated that the In Camera Session was to discuss the municipal finances and library board members.

The Public Works Supervisor and Interim Fire Chief returned to the meeting.

**9. Committee Reports**

- 9.1 Paul Laperriere, Interim CAO/Treasurer – Re: 2023 Projected Results – Report # 2023-98R

**Resolution Number 23-245**

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross  
Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 23-98R titled 2023 Projected Results.

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council approves the Projected 2023 results as presented.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

- 9.2 Paul Laperriere, Interim CAO/Treasurer – Re: Landfill Grinding – Report # 2023-99R

**Resolution Number 23-246**

Moved by Councillor Garry Thibert  
Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 23-99R titled Landfill Grinding.

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council approves the additional work by National Grinding for the additional quote price of \$25,000 plus HST.

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

- 9.3 Paul Laperriere, Interim CAO/Treasurer – Re: Replacement Of 1989 Champion Grader – Report # 2023-100R

**Resolution Number 23-247**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner  
Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 23-100R titled Replacement of 1989 Champion Grader.

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council approves the acquisition of a grader that meets the current needs of the town. The acquisition is to align with the criteria stated in the report and the annual cost of financing the unit is to be no more than \$75,000 per year over a period not exceeding five years.

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

- 9.4 Paul Laperriere, Interim CAO/Treasurer – Re: Closing & Sale Of 975 James Street Road Allowance – Report # 2023-101R

**Resolution Number 23-248**

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick  
Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 23-101R titled Closing & Sale of 975 James Street Road Allowance.

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council approves By-law 23-31 which authorizes the road closing of part of Wood Street, as per the attached legal survey Plan 36R-15112, Part 1, Part of Wood Street Registered Plan No. 1, and authorizes the sale of this land to Mr. Jason Ranger.

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

- 9.5 Paul Laperriere, Interim CAO/Treasurer – Re: Mattawa Museum – Report # 2023-102R

**Resolution Number 23-249**

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque  
Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 23-102R titled Mattawa Museum.

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council approves the 2023 contribution to the Mattawa Museum in the amount of \$15,000.

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council directs the Interim CAO/Treasurer to provide the Mattawa Museum Board a notice in the form of a letter indicating that Council will not commit to making a contribution in 2024 year and that the Mattawa Museum should source other avenues to becoming a self-sustained operation.

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

**Voting For:** Mayor Bélanger, Councillors Levesque, Ross, Thibert

**Voting Against:** Deputy Mayor Gardiner, Councillors Sarrazin, Mick

Councillor Laura Ross left the meeting at 9:51 p.m.

- 9.6 Amy Leclerc, Municipal Clerk/Revenue Services Clerk – Re: Library Board Member Applications – Report # 2023-103R

**Resolution Number 23-250**

Moved by Councillor Dexture Sarrazin  
Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 23-103R titled Library Board Member Applications.

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council directs staff to return with more information on the John Dixon Library Board at the next regular meeting of Council.

**DEFERRED** – unanimous

- 9.7 Paul Lafreniere, Interim Fire Chief – Re: Hiring of Volunteer Firefighter – Report # 2023-104R

**Resolution Number 23-251**

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque  
Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 2023-104R titled Hiring of Volunteer Firefighter.

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

**CARRIED – unanimous**

- 9.8 Mayor Raymond A. Bélanger – Re: Physician Recruitment Report – Report # 2023-105R

**Resolution Number 23-252**

Moved by Councillor Dexture Sarrazin  
Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 2023-105R titled Physician Recruitment Report.

**CARRIED – unanimous**

- 9.9 Paul Lafreniere, Interim Fire Chief – Re: Hiring of Volunteer Firefighter – Report # 2023-106R

**Resolution Number 23-253**

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque  
Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 2023-106R titled Hiring of Volunteer Firefighter.

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

**CARRIED – unanimous**

**10. Questions from the Floor**

**11. New/Old Business**

Councillor Fern Levesque expressed his wishes to send a member of the Beautification Committee a 'get well' gift from Council.

Councillor Dexture Sarrazin advised Council he will be bringing a report forward at the next meeting for the Public Services Committee.

Councillor Loren Mick expressed his concerns to Council on a gap in the remuneration policy and requested changes be done on this matter.

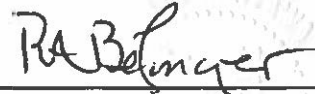
Councillor Garry Thibert advised that he was invited to a housing meeting but did not receive the invitation in time for the meeting.

Mayor Raymond A. Bélanger advised Council of the Finance Meeting that occurred last week when government announced funding for Northern Municipalities.

**12. 2/3 (Special Resolutions – not previously circulated)**

**13. Adjournment**

The Regular Meeting of Council of Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 adjourned at 10:30 p.m.



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Mayor



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Clerk