

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held Monday November 25, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in the Dr. S.F. Monestime Council Chambers.

Council Present: Mayor Raymond A. Bélanger
Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner
Councillor Fern Levesque
Councillor Laura Ross
Councillor Garry Thibert

Staff Present: Melody Byers, Executive Assistant/Acting Clerk
Paul Laperriere, Interim CAO/Treasurer
Wayne Chaput, Chief Building Official/By-Law Enforcement Officer
Dexture Sarrazin, Director of Community Services
Shawn Hongell, 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

Meeting Called to Order by Mayor Bélanger at 5:00 p.m.

2. Announce Electronic Participants

Clerk announced that there was no online participation.

3. Adoption of Agenda

3.1 To Adopt the agenda as presented or amended

Resolution Number 24-240

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque
Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting agenda dated Monday November 25, 2024 be adopted.

CARRIED – unanimous

4. Disclosures of a Conflict of Interest

5. Presentations and Delegations

5.1 Baker Tilly SNT – Town of Mattawa 2022 Audited Financial Statement

Jessica Dion & Isabelle Mineault of Baker Tilly SNT presented Council with the 2022 audited financial statements and results of the 2022 audit completed.

6. Adoption of Minutes

6.1 Regular Meeting of November 11, 2024

6.2 Special Meeting of November 14, 2024

6.3 To adopt the minutes as presented or amended

Resolution Number 24-241

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the minutes of the Regular meeting of Monday November 11, 2024 and the Special meeting of Thursday November 14, 2024.

CARRIED – unanimous

7. Notice of Motions

7.1 Request to Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax & GST to Municipalities

Resolution Number 24-242

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

WHEREAS municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water system and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development;

AND WHEREAS the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government collects Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs;

AND WHEREAS redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers;

AND WHEREAS a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MP Anthony Rota, MPP Vic Fedeli, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all 444 Municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED – unanimous

8. Correspondence

8.1 North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit – Recommendation for Provincial Oral Health Strategy

Council spoke on correspondence item # 8.1 and directed staff to bring back a support resolution at the next regular meeting.

8.2 AMO – Encampments & Opioid Crisis

Council spoke on correspondence item # 8.2.

8.3 Municipality of North Perth – Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

8.4 Municipality of East Ferris – Support for North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit Perspectives from Northern Ontario o Public Health Funding Review

8.5 North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority – Notice of Meeting to Approve the 2025 Draft Budget

Council spoke on correspondence item # 8.5 and Mayor to send request to cut the budget.

8.6 City of Port Colborne – Support for the Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

8.7 Councillor Loren Mick – Dreamcoat Theatre Presents The Drowsy Chaperone

9. Standing Committee Recommendations/Reports – Motions

10. Staff Reports – Motions

10.1 Physician Recruitment Report – Report # 24-63R

Resolution Number 24-243

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 24-63R titled Physician Recruitment Report.

CARRIED – unanimous

10.2 Updates from Town Hall – Report # 24-64R

Resolution Number 24-244

Moved by Councillor Garry Thibert

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 24-64R titled Updates from Town Hall.

CARRIED – unanimous

10.3 Fencing At 640 Brydges Street – Report # 24-65R

Resolution Number 24-245

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross
Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 24-65R titled Fencing at 640 Brydges Street.

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Town of Mattawa approves the request by the homeowners of 640 Brydges Street to leave the lattice on the Brydges Street (front yard) side of the fence.

AND FURTHER THAT if the homeowners sell the property, that the fence be brought back to the height no more than 4' in accordance with Bylaw #17-15.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was as follows:

For: Mayor Bélanger, Deputy Mayor Gardiner, Councillors Ross, Thibert

Against: Councillor Levesque

10.4 Replacement of 2012 Ford F-150 – Report # 24-66R

Resolution Number 24-246

Moved by Councillor Garry Thibert
Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 24-66R titled Replacement of 2012 Ford F-150.

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Town of Mattawa directs the CAO to purchase a 2024 Ford F-150 XL 4X4 SuperCrew White 2.7L V6 truck in the amount of \$49,999.00 plus HST & Licensing, over 60 months at 4.99% financing.

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Town of Mattawa declare the 2012 Ford F-150 XLT surplus and be disposed of in alignment with our disposition of assets policy.

CARRIED – unanimous

11. By-Laws

11.1 By-Law # 24-20 – Hire Chief Administrative Officer & Appointment of Treasurer

BEING a By-law to appoint Paul Laperriere as Chief Administrative Officer and Treasurer for the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa.

Resolution Number 24-247

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque
Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Mattawa approve the hiring of Paul Laperriere as the full-time Chief Administrative Officer and Treasurer.

AND FURTHER THAT Council adopt By-law No. 24-20 which is a by-law to appoint a full time Chief Administrative Officer and Treasurer.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was unanimous

12. Old Business

12.1 Council – Food Cycler Municipal Solutions

There was no update from staff. This will be brought back again under old business.

12.2 Beautification Committee Terms of Reference & Committee Structure

There was no update from staff. This will be brought back again under old business.

12.3 Fence Request at 640 Brydges Street

Removed due to report provided to Council.

12.4 Mattawa & Area Police Services Board Levy

Council spoke to the Mattawa & Area Police Services Board Levy.

Resolution Number 24-248

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council approve the 2024-2025 Mattawa and Area Police Services Board levy structure and authorize staff to send the levy payment in the amount of \$2520.00 to the board.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was as follows:

For: Mayor Belanger, Deputy Mayor Gardiner, Councillor Ross

Against: Councillors Levesque, Thibert

13. New Business

14. Questions from Public Pertaining to Agenda

15. In Camera (Closed) Session

16. Return to Regular Session

17. Motions Resulting from Closed Session

18. Adjournment

18.1 Adjournment of the meeting


Resolution Number 24-249

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner

Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the November 25, 2024 meeting adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

CARRIED – unanimous



Mayor



Clerk