

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held Monday April 13, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Dr. S.F. Monestime Council Chambers.

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

Staff Present: Amy Leclerc, Municipal Clerk  
Sabrina Poullas, Deputy Clerk  
Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer  
Dexture Sarrazin, Director of Community Services  
Shawn Hongell, Fire Chief

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*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.*

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## 1. Meeting Called to Order

## 2. Announce Electronic Participants

## 3. Adoption of Agenda

3.1 To Adopt the agenda as presented or amended

### **Resolution Number 26-74**

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this meeting agenda dated Monday April 13, 2026 be adopted as amended to remove report # 9.3 John Street Roadside Safety, remove report # 9.4 Conference Attendance Strategies, remove report # 9.5 Collaborative OPP Meeting and re-number the reports following the removal.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

## 4. Disclosures of a Conflict of Interest

## 5. Presentations and Delegations

5.1 BrokerLink - 2026-2027 Municipal Insurance RFP Results (Virtual Presentation)

Councillor Mick arrived at 6:06 p.m.

## 6. Adoption of Minutes

6.1 Regular Meeting of March 23, 2026

6.2 To adopt the minutes as presented or amended

**Resolution Number 26-75**

Moved by Councillor Mathew Gardiner  
Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 23, 2026 as circulated.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

**7. Notice of Motions**

7.1 Cancellation of Regular Meeting on Tuesday October 13, 2026

**Resolution Number 26-76**

Moved by Councillor Mathew Gardiner  
Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council cancel the Regular Meeting Tuesday October 13, 2026 due to the 2026 Municipal Elections.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

7.2 Declare May as Community Living Awareness Month

**Resolution Number 26-77**

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick  
Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

**WHEREAS** Community Living Mattawa has provided supports and services to people with developmental disabilities and their families in the Town of Mattawa since 1969.

**AND WHEREAS** Community Living Mattawa goal is that people with developmental disabilities have every opportunity to participate fully in our community with dignity, independence and acceptance;

**AND WHEREAS** Community Living Month is a province-wide annual awareness campaign to promote true inclusion for people who have a developmental disability and their families.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Town of Mattawa does hereby proclaim the month of May 2026 as Community Living Awareness Month in the Town of Mattawa.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

7.3 Permit to Sell Alcohol at Explorer's Point for Voyageur Days

**Resolution Number 26-78**

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque  
Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Town of Mattawa permits the sale of alcohol at Explorer's Point on Friday July 24<sup>th</sup>, Saturday July 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026 with the understanding that all rules and regulations will be followed as set by the Liquor Control Board of Ontario.

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council of the Town of Mattawa endorses and supports the 2026 Mattawa Voyageur Days Festival as an event of municipal significance.

**CARRIED** - unanimous

#### 7.4 Permit Refreshment Vehicles on Explorer's Point for Voyageur Days

##### **Resolution Number 26-79**

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** refreshment vehicles regulated under By-law 09-14 be permitted to locate at Explorer's Point July 24 to 26, 2026 during Voyageur Days festival as requested by staff. Refreshment vehicle operators will be responsible for the following:

- 1) Obtain all approvals before operating from North Bay and District Health Unit, Fire Dept. and Building Dept. under section 6 and 7 of By-Law 09-14.
- 2) Notify the By-law Department with all approvals no later than July 23, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. prior to installation at Explorer's Point.
- 3) Be responsible to ensure that the immediate area is cleaned at all times.

**CARRIED** - unanimous

#### **8. Correspondence**

- 8.1 City of Mississauga - 2026 School Board Resolution #060-2026
- 8.2 Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks - Inspection of Mattawa Drinking Water System 400 Bissett St.
- 8.3 Ministry of Finance - 2026 Budget Announcement
- 8.4 AMO Policy Update - Provincial Budget Spending Priorities and Build Canada Holmes Operating Funding
- 8.5 Ontario Energy Board - Generic Proceeding to Review the 2000 Model Franchise Agreement
- 8.6 FONOM – Annual General Meeting
- 8.7 FONOM - Ministerial Delegation Opportunities (Under 2,500 Population)
- 8.8 FONOM - Housing, Development and Charges Northern Priorities
- 8.9 FONOM - Welcomes Key Northern Investments in Ontario Budget and NORDS Extension
- 8.10 2025 Annual Performance Report - Mattawa Sewage Treatment Lagoon and Sewage Collection System
- 8.11 Franco-Nord Conseil scolaire catholique - 2026 School Board Elections
- 8.12 Paul Sullivan Principal, Practice Leader Advocacy and Tax Policy Canada - Unfreeze Ontario the Cost of Inaction
- 8.13 Municipality of Calvin - Mayor Gould's Report on North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority Assets.

## 9. Information Reports – Motions

- 9.1 Affordable Senior Housing Committee Mandate – Report # 26-15R  
Report from Councillor Garry Thibert

### **Resolution Number 26-80**

Moved by Councillor Garry Thibert  
Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 26-15R titled Affordable Senior Housing Committee Mandate.

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

**For:** Mayor Bélanger, Councillors Gardiner, Mick, Thibert

**Against:** Councillor Levesque

### **Resolution Number 26-81**

Moved by Councillor Garry Thibert  
Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council directs the CAO/Treasurer to invite Keith Harriman and David Butler to make a presentation to Council at a regular meeting in May 2026 on the creation of a non-profit organization that will run the Rosemount Valley Suites.

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

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

**Against:** Mayor Bélanger, Councillor Levesque

- 9.2 Rosemount Valley Suites Rental Rates – Report # 26-16R  
Report from Councillor Garry Thibert

### **Resolution Number 26-82**

Moved by Councillor Garry Thibert  
Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 26-16R titled Rosemount Valley Suites Rental Rates.

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

**For:** Mayor Bélanger, Councillors Gardiner, Mick, Thibert

**Against:** Councillor Levesque

### **Resolution Number 26-83**

Moved by Councillor Garry Thibert  
Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approves the rental rate increase for the Rosemount Valley Suites to the following rates:

Bachelor apartment - monthly rental of \$894 plus \$150 hydro

1 bedroom apartment - monthly rental of \$1,122 plus

1 bedroom apartment plus den apartment - monthly rental of \$1,219 plus \$150 hydro

2 bedroom apartment - monthly rental of \$1,385 plus \$150 hydro

**AND FURTHER THAT** these rates will only take affect once a current tenant in the apartment has vacated.

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

**For:** Mayor Bélanger, Councillors Gardiner, Levesque, Mick

**Against:** Councillor Thibert

Councillor Ross arrived at 7:21 p.m.

- 9.3 Fire Department Acquisitions – Report # 26-17R  
Report from Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer

**Resolution Number 26-84**

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 26-17R titled Fire Department Acquisitions.

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

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

**Against:** Councillor Mick

- 9.4 Annual Council Remuneration - Report #26-18R  
Report from Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer

**Resolution Number 26-85**

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick

Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Town of Mattawa receive report # 26-18R titled 2026-2027 Annual Council Remuneration.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

**Resolution Number 26-86**

Moved by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council directs staff to post the 2025 Council Remunerations on the municipal website.

**CARRIED** – 5 members for, 1 member against

- 9.5 2026-2027 Municipal Insurance Renewal - Report # 26-19R  
Report from Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer

**Resolution Number 26-87**

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Town of Mattawa receive report # 26-19R titled 2026-2027 Municipal Insurance Renewal.

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

**Resolution Number 26-88**

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick

Seconded by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approves the 2026-2027 Municipal Insurance Renewal with Intact Property Entities (IPE) through our municipal broker Brokerlink in the amount of \$153,295 plus applicable taxes.

**CARRIED** - unanimous

**10. By-Laws**

**11. Old Business**

11.1 Library Proposal from Report # 26-01R

**12. New Business**

**13. Questions from Public Pertaining to Agenda**

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

**Resolution Number 26-89**

Moved by Mayor Raymond A. Bélanger,  
Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council authorized the meeting to be extended past 9:00 pm to discuss the remaining items on the agenda, not to go past 10:00 pm as per the procedural by-law.

**CARRIED** - unanimous

14.1 Adoption of Previous Closed Meeting Minutes

14.2 Fire Services Protection Agreement

In accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001 Section 239 (2)(k)

k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on our to be carried on by on behalf of the municipality or local board

**Resolution Number 26-90**

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick  
Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council proceed In Camera (Closed) session pursuant to section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended at 8:15 p.m. in order to address item #14.2 Fire Services Protection Agreement under a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

**CARRIED** -5 members for, 1 member against

**15. Return to Regular Session**

15.1 That the regular session reconvene

**Resolution Number 26-91**

Moved by Councillor Garry Thibert  
Seconded by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular meeting reconvene at 8:56 p.m.

**CARRIED** - unanimous

**16. Motions Resulting from Closed Session**

**Resolution Number 26-92**

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque  
Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the agreement between the Mattawa Fire Department and Ontario Power Generation as per the terms set out in the closed session.

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council directs the Clerk to bring forward a by-law at the next regular meeting to formally adopt the agreement.

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

**17. Adjournment**

17.1 Adjournment of the meeting

**Resolution Number 26-93**

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque  
Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular meeting adjourn at 8:59 p.m

**CARRIED** - unanimous

Electronically signed by  
Raymond A. Bélanger

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Mayor

Electronically signed by  
Amy Leclerc

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Clerk