

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held Monday April 27, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in the Dr. S.F. Monestime Council Chambers.

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

Staff Present: Amy Leclerc, Municipal Clerk
Sabrina Poullas, Deputy Clerk
Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer

*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

2. Announce Electronic Participants

3. Adoption of Agenda

3.1 To Adopt the agenda as presented or amended

Resolution Number 26-99

Moved by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting agenda dated Monday April 27, 2026 be adopted
CARRIED – unanimous

4. Disclosures of a Conflict of Interest

5. Presentations and Delegations

5.1 Audrey Gribbons, NPSC & Jamie Thomson, Re-Nature Foundation – Outdoor Learning Spaces & Tree Planting (Virtual Presentation)

5.2 Backer Tilly SNT LLP – Presentation of the Town of Mattawa 2025 Consolidated Financial Statement.

Councillor Thibert arrived at 5:51 pm

6. Adoption of Minutes

6.1 Regular Meeting of April 13, 2026

6.2 Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 20, 2026

6.3 To adopt the minutes as presented or amended

Resolution Number 26-100

Moved by Councillor Spencer Bigelow
Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of April 13, 2026 and committee of the whole meeting April 20, 2026 as circulated.

CARRIED – unanimous

7. Notice of Motions

7.1 Adoption of 2025 Consolidated Financial Statement

Resolution Number 26-101

Moved by Councillor Spencer Bigelow
Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa formally adopt the 2025 Consolidated Financial Statement as submitted by the municipal audit firm Baker Tilly SNT LLP.

CARRIED – unanimous

7.2 North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority Sale of Assets

Resolution Number 26-102

Moved by Councillor Garry Thibert
Seconded by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa supports a request to the North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority for full consultation and transparency regarding the sale of assets, and that a formal plan for asset management and future sales be shared with all member municipalities.

CARRIED – unanimous

7.3 Creation of Northern Ontario Policing Grant

Resolution Number 26-103

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque
Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

WHEREAS Municipalities across Northern Ontario face disproportionately high policing costs due to low population densities, geographic isolation, and limited municipal tax bases;

AND WHEREAS many Northern communities rely on the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) for policing services, while others operate municipal police services that are also experiencing significant cost pressures;

AND WHEREAS recent increases in policing costs have placed unsustainable pressure on municipal budgets, forcing communities to make difficult decisions between maintaining public safety and funding essential municipal services such as infrastructure, roads, water systems, and recreation facilities;

AND WHEREAS Northern Ontario municipalities provide essential services across a vast

geographic region while supporting key sectors of Ontario's economy including mining, forestry, transportation and energy;

AND WHEREAS municipalities require predictable and equitable provincial support to ensure policing costs remain sustainable and communities remain safe.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa call on the Government of Ontario to establish a \$100 million Northern Ontario Policing Grant, phased in over three years, to support the 157 municipalities across Northern Ontario served by both the Ontario Provincial Police and municipal police services;

AND FURTHER THAT the grant include a base funding allocation for all municipalities, with additional funding distributed based on population to ensure equitable support across communities of varying sizes;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province work collaboratively with Northern municipal leaders, including FONOM and NOMA, to design and implement a sustainable funding framework that recognizes the unique economic and geographic realities of Northern Ontario.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Solicitor General, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), and all Northern Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote unanimous

8. Correspondence

- 8.1 Municipality of South Huron – Request for Provincial Legislation Amendments, Health and Safety Concerns
- 8.2 Township of North Dumfries – Architectural Conservancy of Ontario Proposal
- 8.3 Regional Municipality of Waterloo – Community Safety and Well-Being Plan
- 8.4 Municipality of Calvin – Ontario Veterinary College Enrollment Capacity
- 8.5 Municipality of Calvin – Resolution City of North Bay to Purchase Escarpment Lands from Conservation Authority
- 8.6 AMO – 2026 Delegation Meeting Requests Open until May 21
- 8.7 FONOM – Letter from Ontario Minister of Transportation & the Minister of Northern Economic Development & Growth on Highway 11 & 17
- 8.8 North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority – Media Release City of North Bay to Purchase Escarpment Lands from Conservation Authority
- 8.9 Municipal Engineers Association – Harmonization of Municipal Road Construction Standards

- 8.10 Northwatch – Transportation of High-Level Radioactive Waste on Our Highway
- 8.11 City of Pickering – Call to Action for Justice and Protection of Canada’s Children
- 8.12 Calvin Connects – Coffee House Open Mic Night Donation

9. Information Reports – Motions

- 9.1 John Street Roadside Safety – Report #26-20R
Report from Councillor Spencer Bigelow

Resolution Number 26-104

Moved by Councillor Spencer Bigelow
Seconded by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 26-20R titled John Street Roadside Safety.

CARRIED – unanimous

Resolution Number 26-105

Moved by Councillor Spencer Bigelow
Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to communication with MTO to advocate/initiate measures.

LOST – unanimous

Council voted twice and votes went as follows

First Vote – 1 Yea and 5 Nay

Second Vote – unanimous

- 9.2 Collaboration OPP Meeting – Report # 26-21R
Report from Councillor Laura Ross

Resolution Number 26-106

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross
Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receive report #26-21R titled Collaborative OPP Meeting.

CARRIED – unanimous

10. By-Laws

- 10.1 By-Law 26-11 – Fire Protection Agreement with Ontario Power Generation.
BEING a by-law to execute a mutual agreement with Ontario Power Generation to provide fire services at the Otto Holden Dam located at 770 Highway 656 in the Municipality of Mattawan.

Resolution Number 26-107

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque
Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa adopt By-Law 26-11 being a by-law to execute a mutual agreement with Ontario Power Generation to provide fire

services at the Otto Holden Dam located at 770 Highway 656 in the Municipality of Mattawan.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote unanimous

11. Old Business

11.1 Library Proposal from Report #26-01R

11.2 Rosemount Valley Suites Rental Rates from Report #26-16R

12. New Business

12.1 Councillor Bigelow – Arts & Culture Economic Development Report #25-46R

12.2 Councillor Bigelow – Pumpkinfest at Explorers Point Report # 25-50R

13. Questions from Public Pertaining to Agenda

Councillor Mick arrived at 6:49 pm

14. In Camera (Closed) Session

14.1 Adoption of Previous Closed Meeting Minutes

14.2 Cassellholme Board of Management vs Castle Arms

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

e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

14.3 Cassellholme Board of Management Exit Strategy

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

e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

Resolution Number 26-108

Moved by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

Seconded by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council proceed In Camera (Closed) session pursuant to section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended at 6:54 p.m. in order to address Item #14.2 Cassellholme Board of Management vs Castle Arms and Item # 14.3 Cassellholme Board of Management Exit Strategy both under litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

CARRIED – unanimous

15. Return to Regular Session

15.1 That the Council Return to Regular Session

Resolution Number 26-109

Moved by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting reconvene at 7:13 p.m.

CARRIED – unanimous

16. Motions Resulting from Closed Session

17. Adjournment

17.1 Adjournment of the meeting

Resolution Number 26-110

Moved by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting adjourn at 7:14 p.m.

CARRIED – unanimous

Electronically signed by
Raymond A. Bélanger

Mayor

Electronically signed by
Amy Leclerc

Clerk