

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held Monday April 22, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Dr. S.F. Monestime Council Chambers.

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

Staff Present: Paul Laperriere, Interim CAO/Treasurer
Amy Leclerc, Municipal Clerk/Revenue Services Clerk
Sabrina Poullas, Deputy Clerk
Dexture Sarrazin, Director of Community Services
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. Meeting Called to Order

Meeting Called to Order by Mayor Bélanger at 6:00 p.m.

2. Announce Electronic Participants

Clerk announced that 1 member of the public was online.

3. Adoption of Agenda

3.1 To Adopt the agenda as presented or amended

Resolution Number 24-93

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque
Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting agenda dated Monday April 22, 2024 be adopted.
CARRIED – unanimous

4. Disclosures of a Conflict of Interest

5. Presentations and Delegations

6. Adoption of Minutes

6.1 Regular Meeting of April 8, 2024

6.2 To adopt the minutes as presented or amended

Resolution Number 24-94

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner
Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the minutes of the Regular meeting of Monday

April 8, 2024.

CARRIED – unanimous

7. Notice of Motions

7.1 Proclaim Community Living Awareness Month

Resolution Number 24-95

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner

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 2024 as Community Living Awareness Month in the Town of Mattawa.

CARRIED – unanimous

7.2 Proclaim International Day Against Homophobia & Transphobia

Resolution Number 24-96

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick

Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Resolution Number 24-97 be amended to add biphobia to state: Therefore Be It Resolved That Council of the Town of Mattawa proclaim May 17 international day against homophobia, transphobia and biphobia and to recognize this day as such.

AND FURTHER THAT the Quebec Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms be amended to state the Town of Mattawa.

AND FURTHER THAT the 2nd AND WHEREAS be amended to remove Quebec and state Mattawa.

AND FURTHER THAT the 4th AND WHEREAS be removed in its entirety.

CARRIED – unanimous

Resolution Number 24-97

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

WHEREAS the Town of Mattawa recognizes that no one can be discriminated against on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression;

AND WHEREAS Mattawa is a society open to everyone, including lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans people (LGBTQ+) and to all other people who identify with sexual diversity and the multiplicity of gender identities and expressions;

AND WHEREAS, despite recent efforts towards greater inclusion of LGBTQ+ people, homophobia and transphobia are still present in society;

AND WHEREAS there is reason to support the efforts of Fondation Émergence in holding this day.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa proclaim May 17 international day against homophobia, transphobia and biphobia and to recognize this day as such as amended.

CARRIED – unanimous

8. Correspondence

Councillor Garry Thibert called into the meeting via teleconference at 6:10 p.m.

8.1 Councillor Dexture Sarrazin – Resignation from Council Effective April 9, 2024

Council spoke on correspondence item # 8.1.

8.2 AMO – Policy Update on Bill 185, Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024

Council spoke on correspondence item # 8.2.

8.3 FONOM – Proclaim June 7 as Hope Air Day

8.4 Town of Goderich – Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Code of Conduct

Council spoke on correspondence item # 8.4.

8.5 FONOM – Sustainable North Ontario Economic Development Course

Council spoke on correspondence item # 8.5.

8.6 Municipality of Huron Shores – Urging Government to Promptly Resume Assessment Cycle

Council spoke on correspondence item # 8.6.

Councillor Thibert signed off meeting at 6:22 p.m.

9. Standing Committee Recommendations/Reports – Motions

Councillor Thibert signed back on the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

10. Staff Reports – Motions

10.1 Councillor Resignation & Council Seat Vacancy Options – Report # 24-25R

Resolution Number 24-98

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner

Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 24-25R titled Councillor Resignation & Council Seat Vacancy Options.

AND FURTHER THAT Council accepts the resignation of Councillor Dexture Sarrazin.

AND FURTHER THAT Council declares the seat of one (1) Councillor vacant as per Section 262 (1) of the Municipal Act, 2001.

AND FURTHER THAT Council choses to fill the vacancy by requesting applications from residents in the community and directs the Clerk to place a public notice in the Mattawa Recorder, municipal website, Town of Mattawa social media pages and Mattawa App.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was as follows:

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

Against: Mayor Bélanger, Councillor Levesque

10.2 Trillium Venture Exercise – Report # 24-26R

Resolution Number 24-99

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 24-26R titled Trillium Venture Exercise.

CARRIED – unanimous

10.3 Street Sweeping in the Town of Mattawa – Report # 24-27R

Resolution Number 24-100

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 24-27R titled Street Sweeping in the Town of Mattawa.

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the quote from DEEP Construction in the amount of \$31,200 plus applicable taxes.

CARRIED – unanimous

10.4 Purchase of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus – Report # 24-28R

Resolution Number 24-101

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 24-28R titled Purchase of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA).

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the purchase of the SCBA units from Trans Canada Safety in the amount of \$123,967.81 plus applicable taxes.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was unanimous

11. By-Laws

11.1 By-law # 24-10 – Governance Policies & Procedures

BEING a by-law to set the governance policies and procedures of Council.

Resolution Number 24-102

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa adopt By-Law Number 24-10 which is a by-law to set the governance policies and procedures of Council.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was unanimous

12. Old Business

12.1 John Dixon Public Library 2024 Funding

Council spoke to the John Dixon Public Library 2024 Funding and once the budget is complete will remove from old business. Councillor Mick will bring forward a report on the library board and it's request for funding.

13. New Business

13.1 2024 Mattawa Voyageur Days Festival

Council spoke to the festival and requested consideration for Sunday evening show and fireworks. The Interim CAO/Treasurer advised Council that the Sunday event will end at 5:00 p.m. with closing ceremonies and the fireworks will happen at dusk unless a fire ban is in place then there will be no fireworks.

14. Questions from Public Pertaining to Agenda

15. In Camera (Closed) Session

Councillor Thibert left the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

15.1 Fire Chief Position

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

b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees

Resolution Number 24-103

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council proceed in Camera at 7:52 p.m. in order to address a matter pertaining to: b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

CARRIED – Members For: 4, Members Against: 1

16. Return to Regular Session

Resolution Number 24-104

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting of council reconvene at 8:11 p.m.

CARRIED – unanimous

Mayor Belanger advised that the closed session was to discuss the Fire Chief position.

17. Motions Resulting from Closed Session

18. Adjournment

18.1 Adjournment of the meeting

Resolution Number 24-105

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the April 22, 2024 meeting adjourn at 8:12 p.m.

CARRIED – unanimous

**Approved Minutes as Certified by
the Municipal Clerk**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Amy Leclerc", is written inside a black rectangular box.