

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held Monday June 8, 2026 at 6:00 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 Garry Thibert

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

*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 26-132

Moved by Councillor Mathew Gardiner
Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting agenda dated Monday June 8, 2026 be adopted.
CARRIED – unanimous

Councillor Thibert arrived at 6:02 p.m.

4. Disclosures of a Conflict of Interest

5. Presentations and Delegations

6. Adoption of Minutes

6.1 Regular Meeting of May 25, 2026

6.2 To adopt the minutes as presented or amended

Resolution Number 26-133

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque
Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of May 25, 2026 as circulated.
CARRIED – unanimous

7. Notice of Motions

7.1 Support to Call of action for Justice & Protection of Canada's Children

Resolution Number 26-134

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa supports the Town of Aylmer's resolution regarding a Call for Action for Justice and Protection of Canada's Children.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada; the Premier of Ontario; the Attorney General of Ontario; the Solicitor General of Ontario; the Minister of Justice; the Attorney General of Canada; Nipissing District MPP and MP; FONOM, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED – unanimous

8. Correspondence

8.1 Cassellholme – 2026 Municipal Operating Levy

8.2 Cassellholme – Quarterly Capital Levy

8.3 Ministry of the Attorney General – Follow-up to Updates to “Tailgate Event” permits under the Liquor Licence and Control Act, 2019

8.4 Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch & Raglan – Canada Post Rate Reduction for Libraries

8.5 Let's Remember Adam – Request for Arena Fees Waived

8.6 Mattawa Community Living – Request for Arena Fees Waived

Resolution Number 26-135

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council waive the hall rental fees at the Mike Rodden Arena for the Let's Remember Adam washer tournament being held June 13, 2026 and the Community Living washer tournament being held September 12, 2026.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was as follows:

For: Mayor Bélanger, Councillors Levesque, Mick,

Against: Councillor Gardiner, Thibert

8.7 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Protecting Ontario's Streets and Communities Act, 2026 (Bill 119)

8.8 AMCTO – Advocacy Update Bill 9, Municipal Accountability Act, Passes Third Reading

8.9 Clearview Township – Public Sector Salary Disclosure Inflation Adjustments

8.10 Dr. Raj Khanuja – National Dental Care Day October 10, 2026

8.11 Luce Zeus – Printing of Agenda Package & Noise Complaint Letter

8.12 Corporation of the Township of Papineau-Cameron – Storm Damage and Wildfire Risk Observations

8.13 United Counties of Leeds and Grenville – Support for Municipal Engineers Association.

9. Information Reports – Motions

- 9.1 Changes to Council Procedures By-law & Governance Policy 3 – Report # 26-24R
Report from Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer & Amy Leclerc, Municipal Clerk

Resolution Number 26-136

Moved by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 26-24R titled Changes to Council Procedures By-law & Governance Policy 3.

CARRIED – unanimous

- 9.2 Mattawa Public Library – Report # 26-25R
Report from Councillor Loren Mick

Resolution Number 26-137

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick

Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council refer the report to the Committee of the Whole for discussion and consideration of opportunities related to the long-term planning, coordination, and delivery of community services and public facilities within the Town of Mattawa.

AND FURTHER THAT the Committee of the Whole be directed to explore potential partnership opportunities among municipal and community organizations, including but not limited to the Mattawa Public Library, Mattawa Museum, Visitor Information Services, community support organizations, and other public services, with the goal of identifying opportunities to improve service delivery, maximize municipal assets, and enhance community access to programs and services.

LOST – Recorded vote and the vote was as follows:

For: Councillors Mick, Levesque

Against: Mayor Bélanger Councillor Gardiner, Thibert

Resolution Number 26-138

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick

Seconded by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 26-25R titled Mattawa Public Library.

CARRIED – unanimous

- 9.3 Line of Credit & Banking Services – Report # 26-26R
Report from Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer

Resolution Number 26-139

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 26-26R titled Line of Credit and Banking Services.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was unanimous

Resolution Number 26-140

Moved by Mayor Bélanger
Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves transitioning banking services to Caisse Alliance.

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs staff to bring back a borrowing by-law for a \$2,000,000 Line of Credit.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was unanimous

10. By-Laws

10.1 By-law 26-13 – Tax Ratios for 2026

BEING a By-law for establishing tax ratios for the current taxation year.

Resolution Number 26-141

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque
Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa adopt By-Law 26-13 being a By-law for establishing tax ratios for the current taxation year.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was as follows:

For: Mayor Bélanger, Councillors Levesque, Thibert,

Against: Councillor Gardiner, Mick

10.2 By-Law 26-14 – Rate of Taxation for 2026

BEING a by-law to fix the tax rates and to provide for the levy and collection of municipal and education taxes for the year 2026.

Resolution Number 26-142

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque
Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa adopt By-Law 26-14 being a by-law to fix the tax rates and to provide for the levy and collection of municipal and education taxes for the year 2026.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was as follows:

For: Mayor Bélanger, Councillors Levesque, Thibert

Against: Councillor Gardiner, Mick

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

15. Return to Regular Session

16. Motions Resulting from Closed Session

17. Adjournment

17.1 Adjournment of the meeting

Resolution Number 26-143

Moved by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting adjourn at 8:26 p.m.

CARRIED – unanimous

Electronically signed by
Raymond A. Bélanger

Mayor

Electronically signed by
Amy Leclerc

Clerk