

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held Monday March 23, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Dr. S.F. Monestime Council Chambers.

Council Present: Mayor Raymond A. Bélanger
Councillor Mathew Gardiner
Councillor Laura Ross
Councillor Garry Thibert
Councillor Loren Mick (Online)
Councillor Spencer Bigelow (Online)

Staff Present: Amy Leclerc, Municipal Clerk
Sabrina Poullas, 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 26-64

Moved by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

Seconded by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting agenda dated Monday March 23, 2026 be adopted

CARRIED – unanimous

4. Disclosures of a Conflict of Interest

5. Presentations and Delegations

6. Adoption of Minutes

6.1 Regular Meeting of March 9, 2026

6.2 To adopt the minutes as presented or amended

Resolution Number 26-65

Moved by Councillor Garry Thibert

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 9, 2026 as circulated.

CARRIED – unanimous

7. Notice of Motions

7.1 Support of Ontario Veterinary College's Enrollment Capacity

Resolution Number 26-66

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Town of Mattawa supports the Township of Papineau-Cameron regarding the Ontario Veterinary College's Enrollment Capacity.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Veterinary College; the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association; the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade; the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness; Minister of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities

CARRIED – unanimous

Councillor Mick arrived online at 6:03 p.m.

8. Correspondence

- 8.1 AMO Policy Update - Conservation Authority Consolidation New Buy Ontario Municipal Procurement Requirements, Proposal on Drug Enforcement
- 8.2 Township of Oro Medonte - Request for Provincial Legislation Amendments, Health & Safety Concerns
- 8.3 Board of Health Update - Discontinuation of Routine Beach Sampling Information
- 8.4 Community Living Mattawa - May as Community Living Month
- 8.5 Ministry of Environment, Conservation & Parks - Decision Notice on the Proposed Boundaries for the Regional Consolidation of Ontario's Conservation Authorities
- 8.6 FONOM – Highway Safety on Highways 11 and 17
- 8.7 City of Ottawa - Proposed New Regulation Under the Restricting Public Consumption of Illegal Substances Act
- 8.8 Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan & Township of Tay Valley - Collaborative Action on Sustainable Waste Management in Ontario
- 8.9 Township of Rideau Lakes - Concerns on Alto High Speed Rail Project (Bill C-15 Budget)
- 8.10 Town of Whitby - Request for a Comprehensive Review of the Provincial - Municipal Fiscal Framework

8.11 Township of McNab/Braeside - Ontario Heritage Organization Development Grand Advocacy

8.12 Regional Municipality of York - Resolution Circular Materials Ontario Blue Box Extended

8.13 Scott Andres - EV Level 3 Chargers

Councillor Mick left the meeting at 6:21 pm

9. Information Reports – Motions

9.1 Physician Recruitment Committee Report – Report # 26-12R
Report from Mayor Raymond A. Bélanger

Resolution Number 26-67

Moved by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 26-12R titled Physician Recruitment Committee Report.

CARRIED – unanimous

9.2 ROMA 2026 Rural Ontario's Leaders Conference – Report # 26-13R
Report from Mayor Raymond A. Bélanger

Resolution Number 26-68

Moved by Councillor Garry Thibert

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 26-13R titled ROMA 2026 Rural Ontario's Leaders Conference

CARRIED – unanimous

9.3 Annual Drinking Water System Reports from OCWA – Report # 26-14R
Report from Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer on behalf of Dexture Sarrazin, Director of Community Services

Resolution Number 26-69

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 26-14R titled Annual Drinking Water System Reports from OCWA

CARRIED – unanimous

Resolution Number 26-70

Moved by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

Seconded by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council formally accepts the following reports for the Mattawa Drinking Water System as submitted by the Ontario Clean Water Agency to the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa:

- O. Reg. 170/03, Section 11 Annual Report
- O. Reg. 170/03, Section 22 Summary Report

CARRIED – unanimous

10. By-Laws

10.1 By-Law 26-09 – Election Procedures Policy

BEING a by-law to establish the procedures for the 2026 Municipal Elections.

Resolution Number 26-71

Moved by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa adopt By-Law 26-09 being a by-law to establish the procedures for the 2026 Municipal Elections.

CARRIED – unanimous

10.2 By-Law 26-10 - Use of Municipal Resources for Election Purposes Policy

BEING a by-law to adopt the Use of Municipal Resources for Elections Purposes Policy.

Resolution Number 26-72

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa adopt By-Law 26-10 being a by-law to adopt the Use of Municipal Resources for Election Purposes Policy.

CARRIED – unanimous

11. Old Business

11.1 Library Proposal from Report # 26-01R

11.2 Cancellation of Regular Meeting of Council on Tuesday October 13, 2026

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 26-73

Moved by Councillor Garry Thibert

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting adjourn at 6:43 p.m.

CARRIED – unanimous

Electronically signed by
Raymond A. Bélanger

Mayor

Electronically signed by
Amy Leclerc

Clerk