

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held Tuesday May 19, 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 (Online)
Councillor Garry Thibert
Councillor Spencer Bigelow

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 26-111

Moved by Councillor Garry Thibert
Seconded by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting agenda dated Tuesday May 19, 2026 be adopted as amended to remove information report # 9.1 Police Service Board (PSB) Report # 26-22R.

CARRIED – unanimous

4. **Disclosures of a Conflict of Interest**
5. **Presentations and Delegations**
6. **Adoption of Minutes**
- 6.1 Regular Meeting of April 27, 2026
- 6.2 To adopt the minutes as presented or amended

Resolution Number 26-112

Moved by Councillor Spencer Bigelow
Seconded by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of April 27, 2026 as circulated.

CARRIED – unanimous

7. Notice of Motions

7.1 Support for Growing Canada's Community Canopies Initiative

Resolution Number 26-113

Moved by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

Seconded by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

WHEREAS the Town of Mattawa has the following interest: Improving our school yards by creating outdoor learning spaces and tree canopy environments;

AND WHEREAS the Re-Nature Foundation is undertaking the "**Growing Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board Canopies with Re-Nature**" which will be building an outdoor learning space and planting trees at the elementary school within the municipality.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Mattawa acknowledges and supports the funding opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' "Growing Canada's Community Canopies" initiative for the "**Growing Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board Canopies with Re-Nature**" program, which will be building learning spaces and planting trees at the elementary schools in the municipality, in partnership with the Town of Mattawa.

AND FURTHER THAT this Council also recognizes that the lifetime contribution from the "Growing Canada's Community Canopies" initiative will not exceed \$10 million for tree planting within our municipality, inclusive of a maximum contribution of \$1 million for infrastructure activity costs, and that if approved this project will be counted towards that limit.

CARRIED – unanimous

8. Correspondence

- 8.1 Township of Madawaska Valley – Support Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025
- 8.2 Mattawa North Bay Algonquin First Nation – Invitation to National Indigenous Peoples Day
- 8.3 MPAC – 2025 Annual and Performance Report
- 8.4 Jp2g Consultants Inc – 2025 Annual Monitoring Report Mattawa Landfill
- 8.5 Luce Zeus – John Street Roadside Safety report 26-20R
- 8.6 Township of South Algonquin – Employment Insurance Program
- 8.7 FONOM – OTA Media Release on Highway 11 & 17
- 8.8 North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit - Medical Officer of Health Report & Meeting Minutes
- 8.9 DNSSAB – 2025 Annual Report
- 8.10 FONOM – Nair Centre Mill Curtailment
- 8.11 Town of Halton Hills – Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework

8.12 United Counties of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry & Municipality of Wawa – Land Transfer Tax

9. Information Reports – Motions

10. By-Laws

10.1 By-Law 26-12 – 2026 Municipal Operating Budget.
BEING a by-law to adopt the 2026 Municipal Operating Budget

Resolution Number 26-114

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 26-12 being a by-law to adopt the 2026 Municipal Operating Budget.

LOST – Recorded vote and the vote was as follows:

For: Mayor Bélanger, Councillors Levesque, Thibert

Against: Councillors Gardiner, Mick, Bigelow

Resolution Number 26-115

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque
Seconded by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council defer by-law 26-13 and by-law 26-14 until the 2026 operating budget can be approved.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was unanimous

10.2 By-law 26-13 – Tax Ratios for 2026 – DEFERRED

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

10.3 By-law 26-14 – Rate of Taxation for 2026 – DEFERRED

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.

11. Old Business

11.1 Library Proposal from Report #26-01R

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

11.3 John Street Roadside Safety from Report # 26-20R

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 26-116

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting adjourn at 6:58 p.m.

CARRIED – unanimous



Mayor



Clerk