

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held Monday May 25, 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 Laura Ross
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 26-117

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick
Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting agenda dated Monday May 25, 2026 be adopted as amended to include New Business Item # 12.1 Councillor Ross – Berm on Mattawan Street and motion of reconsideration.

CARRIED – unanimous

4. Disclosures of a Conflict of Interest

- Mayor R. A. Bélanger on item # 14.2

5. Presentations and Delegations

5.1 David Butler & Keith Harriman – Creation of Affordable Senior Housing Not-for Profit Organization

Resolution Number 26-118

Moved by Councillor Garry Thibert
Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the consultants, David Butler and Keith Harriman to prepare a detailed transition plan for Rosemount Valley Suites. The plan would outline the steps, responsibilities and timing required to support the transfer and long-term sustainability of the project.

AND FURTHER THAT the consultants return to Council to present the plan for their consideration.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was unanimous

Councillor Thibert left meeting at 6:40 p.m.

6. Adoption of Minutes

6.1 Regular Meeting of May 19, 2026

6.2 To adopt the minutes as presented or amended

Resolution Number 26-119

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of May 19, 2026 as circulated.

CARRIED – unanimous

Councillor Thibert returned at 6:45 p.m.

7. Notice of Motions

7.1 Reconsideration of the Budget By-Law # 26-12

Resolution Number 26-120

Moved by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the matter relating to the 2026 Operating Budget by-law 26-12 be reconsidered.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was as follows:

For: Mayor Bélanger, Councillors Gardiner, Levesque, Ross, Thibert

Against: Councillor Mick

Resolution Number 26-121

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

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.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was as follows:

For: Mayor Bélanger, Councillors Levesque, Ross, Thibert

Against: Councillor Gardiner, Mick

8. Correspondence

8.1 École Secondaire Catholique Élisabeth-Bruyère – Request for Graduation Bursary

8.2 St. Victor Catholic Elementary School – Request for Graduation Bursary

8.3 F. J. McElligott Secondary School – Request for Graduation Bursary

8.4 FONOM – Response to Auditor General Report

- 8.5 OCWA – Post Severe Weather Event Update
- 8.6 Ministry of Northern Economic Development & Growth – NORDS Funding Announcement
- 8.7 FONOM – Help Showcase Northern Ontario This Summer
- 8.8 City of Pickering – Provincial School Board Governance Consultation Process
- 8.9 AMO – Advocacy on Bill 98 & Potential Amendments to Police Record Checks Reform Act
- 8.10 Township of Matachewan – Call for Action for Justice & Protection of Canada’s Children

9. Information Reports – Motions

- 9.1 Police Service Board (PBS) – Report # 26-22R
Report from Paul Laperriere CAO/Treasurer

Resolution Number 26-122

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque
Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 26-22R titled Police Services Board (PSB).

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was unanimous

Resolution Number 26-123

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick
Seconded by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the proposed Police Services Board revised budget as prepared by the CAO/Treasurer attached to report # 26-22R.

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs Councillor Ross to bring the proposed revisions to the budget to the Police Services Board as well as the Council's concerns stated within the report.

CARRIED – unanimous

- 9.2 Updates from Town Hall – Report # 26-23R
Report from Paul Laperriere CAO/Treasurer

Resolution Number 26-124

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross
Seconded by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 26-23R titled Update from Town Hall.

CARRIED – unanimous

10. By-Laws

11. Old Business

- 11.1 Library Proposal from Report # 26-01R
- 11.2 Rosemount Valley Suites Rental Rates from Report # 26-16R

11.3 2026 Municipal Operating Budget By-law 26-12

11.4 Tax Ratios for 2026 By-law 26-13

11.5 Rate of Taxation for 2026 By-law 26-14

12. New Business

12.1 Councillor Ross – Berm on Mattawan Street

13. Questions from Public Pertaining to Agenda

Councillor Ross Left Council Chambers at 8:01 p.m. and returned at 8:03 p.m.

14. In Camera (Closed) Session

Councillor Mick left Council Chambers at 8:13 p.m. and returned at 8:14 p.m.

14.1 Adoption of Previous Closed Meeting Minutes

Mayor Bélanger declared a conflict on item # 14.2 and removed himself from Council Chambers

14.2 Personnel Matters

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

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

Mayor Bélanger returned to Council Chambers

14.3 Litigation Matter

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

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

14.4 Mattawa Landfill Update

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

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

Resolution Number 26-125

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council proceed In Camera (Closed) session pursuant to section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended at 8:12 p.m. in order to address the following:

- Item #14.2 Personnel Matters under personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
- Item # 14.3 & 14.4 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 26-126

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting reconvene at 8:56 p.m.

CARRIED – unanimous

Resolution Number 26-127

Moved by Councillor Garry Thibert

Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council agrees to continue their regular meeting past 9:00 p.m. as per policy, not to go past 10:00 p.m.

CARRIED – unanimous

Resolution Number 26-128

Moved by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council proceed in Camera at 8:57 p.m. in order to address a matter pertaining to a personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

CARRIED – unanimous

Resolution Number 26-129

Moved by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting reconvene at 9:39 p.m.

CARRIED – unanimous

16. Motions Resulting from Closed Session

16.1 Resolution Number 26-130

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick

Seconded by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs the Clerk to make a request to the Council of the Township of Papineau – Cameron, at their next regular meeting of council to be added to their agenda for a discussion about the Mattawa Landfill Site with Mayor Bélanger, CAO/Treasurer Paul Laperriere, and Director of Community Services Dexture Sarrazin.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was unanimous

17. Adjournment

17.1 Adjournment of the meeting

Resolution Number 26-131

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting adjourn at 9:41 p.m.

CARRIED – unanimous



Mayor



Clerk