

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held Monday May 26, 2025, 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
Councillor Spencer Bigelow

Staff Present: Amy Leclerc, Clerk/Revenue Services 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

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

2. Announce Electronic Participants

Clerk announced that there was no online participation.

3. Adoption of Agenda

3.1 To Adopt the agenda as presented or amended

Resolution Number 25-100

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick

Seconded by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting agenda dated Monday May 26, 2025 be adopted as amended to include a motion under Section 7 titled Voyageur Days Permit to Sale Liquor and an In Camera (Closed) Session item under Section 15 titled Library Board Members.

CARRIED – unanimous

4. Disclosures of a Conflict of Interest

5. Presentations and Delegations

6. Adoption of Minutes

6.1 Regular Meeting of May 12, 2025

6.2 To adopt the minutes as presented or amended

Resolution Number 25-101

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 12,

2025.

CARRIED – unanimous

7. Notice of Motions

7.1 Voyageur Days Permit to Sale Liquor

Resolution Number 25-102

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa permits the sale of alcohol at Explorer's Point on Friday July 25, Saturday July 26 and Sunday July 27, 2025 with the understanding that all rules and regulations will be followed as set by the Liquor Control Board of Ontario.

AND FURTHER THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa endorses and supports the 2025 Mattawa Voyageur Days Festival as an event of municipal significance.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was unanimous

8. Correspondence

8.1 Various Municipalities (Town of Petawawa, Town of Goderich, Township of Springwater, Municipality of North Perth, City of Quinte North, Town of Shelburne, Town of Orangeville)
– Opposition to Proposed Amendments to Expand Strong Mayor Powers

8.2 FONOM – Resolutions for Public Health Programs, Policing Costs, Provincial/Municipal Fiscal Review, Expand Producer Responsibility, Ministry of Transportation

8.3 Municipality of Mattawan – Support for Mattawa Area Business & Tourism Development Organization

Council spoke on correspondence item # 8.3

8.4 Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing – Protect Ontario by Building Faster & Smarter Act, 2025

8.5 AMO – Proposed Legislation on Planning Approvals & Development Charges

8.6 Mattawa / North Bay Algonquin First Nation – Celebration of National Indigenous People's Day on June 20, 2025

Council spoke on correspondence item # 8.6

8.7 OPP – Realignment of Services

Council spoke on correspondence item # 8.7

8.8 Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer – Celebration and Otto Holden Dam Tour

Council spoke on correspondence item # 8.8

8.9 Bell – Infrastructure Upgrades

Council spoke on correspondence item # 8.9

9. Standing Committee Recommendations/Reports – Motions

10. Staff Reports – Motions

- 10.1 Mattawa Marina Rehabilitation – Report # 25-28R
Report from Councillor Spencer Bigelow

Resolution Number 25-103

Moved by Councillor Spencer Bigelow
Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 25-28R titled Mattawa Marina Rehabilitation.

AND FURTHER THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa accepts to look at potential grants/funding for the waterfront/marina rehabilitation.

CARRIED – unanimous

Councillor Thibert left Council Chambers at 6:41 p.m.

- 10.2 Insurance Renewal – Report # 25-29R
Report by Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer

Resolution Number 25-104

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque
Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 25-29R titled Insurance Renewal.

AND FURTHER THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa approves the 2025-26 insurance policy renewal with Intact Public Entities.

AND FURTHER THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa directs the CAO/Treasurer to secure quotes for the 2026-27 renewal.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was unanimous

- 10.3 Town of Mattawa Sign – Report # 25-30R
Report by Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer

Councillor Thibert returned to Council Chambers at 6:46 p.m.

Resolution Number 25-105

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross
Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 25-30R titled Town of Mattawa Sign.

AND FURTHER THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa approves the revised Town of Mattawa sign with the population.

CARRIED – Members voting for: 5, Members voting against: 2

11. By-Laws

- 11.1 By-Law 25-10 – Appoint Municipal Auditor

BEING a by-law to appoint Baker Tilly SNT as the municipal audit firm for the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa and its local boards on a year-to-year basis.

Resolution Number 25-106

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa adopt By-Law 25-10 being a by-law to appoint Baker Tilly SNT as the municipal audit firm for the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa and its local boards on a year-to-year basis.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was unanimous

12. Old Business

12.1 Beautification Committee Terms of Reference & Committee Structure

12.2 Council Presentation from April 28, 2025 – Newly Formed Non Profit Corporation

13. New Business

14. Questions from Public Pertaining to Agenda

15. In Camera (Closed) Session

15.1 Dorion Road Reconstruction - Update

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

i) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization

15.2 Library Board Members

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 25-107

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council proceed in Camera at 7:04 pm in order to address a matter pertaining to b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; and i) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization.

CARRIED – unanimous

16. Return to Regular Session

16.1 That the regular session reconvene

Resolution Number 25-108

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting reconvene at 7:36 p.m.

CARRIED – unanimous

Mayor Bélanger advised the closed session was pertaining to library members and Dorion Road Reconstruction.

17. Motions Resulting from Closed Session

Resolution Number 25-109

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa approve the appointment of Tracy Ellis, Bryan David Williams and Molly McNamara as John Dixon Library Board Members and directs the Clerk to return at the next regular meeting of Council for formal adoption by way of By-law.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was as follows:

For: Councillors Gardiner, Levesque, Mick, Ross, Thibert, Bigelow

Against: Mayor Bélanger

18. Adjournment

18.1 Adjournment of the meeting

Resolution Number 25-110

Moved by Councillor Garry Thibert

Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the May 26, 2025 meeting adjourn at 7:39 p.m.

CARRIED – unanimous

Mayor

Clerk