



MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING of COUNCIL

Held at 7 pm **Thursday April 13, 2023**

In the Municipal Hall

Called to Order at 7:02 pm

PRESENT: Mayor Peter Murphy
Councillor Don Lemaire
Councillor Beverly Bell
Councillor Clwyd Edwards
Councillor Michelle Lahaye

Also Present: Clerk Treasurer JoAnne Montreuil
Road Supervisor Phil Bangs

Public in Attendance: Tim Moore and Emily Gear

Delegation: Jessica Dion from Baker Tilly

No Disclosure of Pecuniary interest or the general nature thereof was declared.

Resolution No. 2023-028

Agenda

Motioned by Councillor Lemaire
Seconded by Councillor Lahaye

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council being held April 13, 2023 is accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2023-029

Minutes

Moved by Councillor Lahaye
Seconded by Councillor Lemaire

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council on March 9, 2023 are accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2023-030

Close Meeting

Moved by Councillor Lahaye
Seconded by Councillor Lemaire

BE IT RESOLVED that under the provisions of the Municipal Act section 2.39 (2) (e) and (f) "litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local boards;" and "advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communication necessary for that purpose," the meeting is closed at 8 pm in order to discuss documents received from the municipality's lawyer.

CARRIED



Resolution No. 2023-031 Open Meeting

Moved by Councillor Lemaire
Seconded by Councillor Lahaye

BE IT RESOLVED that the closed portion of the meeting is now adjourned at 8:30 pm and the remainder of the meeting is open to the public.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2023-032 Hire an AACI Appraiser

Moved by Councillor Lahaye
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

BE IT RESOLVED that the municipality hire an AACI appraiser to complete a full narrative appraisal for the purpose of an expropriation.

Councillor Beverly Bell asked for a recorded vote:

Councillor Bell – Nay
Councillor Edwards – Yea
Councillor Lahaye – Yea
Councillor Lemaire - Yea

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2023-033 Miller & Urso Invoice 899323-S6414 \$4,474.77

Moved by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor Lahaye

BE IT RESOLVED that invoice 899323-S6414 received from Miller & Urso in the amount of \$4,474.77 be ordered paid.

CARRIED

**Resolution No. 2023-034 Resolution to Support Efforts to Raise Awareness
About Health Inequities and Food Insecurities**

Moved by Councillor Lahaye
Seconded by Councillor Lemaire

WHEREAS improved financial stability allows municipal residents to participate, contribute and invest in their local economies and communities; and

WHEREAS poverty puts additional pressure on municipalities, who are responsible for delivering necessary and strained public and social services to support residents who are struggling with the consequences of inadequate income; and

WHEREAS food insecurity has a detrimental impact on physical and mental health; and

WHEREAS adequate income is an important social determinant of health that greatly impacts food security and other social determinants of health such as mental health, housing and transportation; and

WHEREAS the 2022 Cost of Eating Well report shows that households reliant on social assistance do not have enough money for the costs of living, including food; and



WHEREAS 67% of households in Ontario with social assistance as their main source of income experience food insecurity.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Corporation of the Municipality of Mattawan support efforts to raise awareness about, and work to reduce health inequities, including food insecurity; and

FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Corporation of the Municipality of Mattawan endorse the letter from the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit and call on the Province of Ontario to:

- legislate targets for the reduction of food insecurity as part of the Ontario Poverty Reduction Strategy; and
- increase social assistance rates to reflect the costs of living, and to index Ontario Works rates to inflation going forward; and
- urge the province to resume investigating the feasibility of creating a guaranteed living wage (basic income) in the Province of Ontario; and

FUTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Corporation of the Municipality of Mattawan provide correspondence of these resolutions to the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, neighbouring municipalities, Victor Fedeli, MPP (Nipissing), Graydon Smith, MPP (Parry Sound-Muskoka), John Vanthof, MPP (Timiskaming-Cochrane), the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier), the Honourable Merrilee Fullerton (Minister of Children, Community and Social Service), the Honourable Sylvia Jones (Minister of Health), and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alpha), MP Anthony Rota, MP Scott Aitchison, MP Marc Serre, The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2023-035

North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority Invoices

Moved by Councillor Lemaire
Seconded by Councillor Lahaye

WHEREAS the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority has approved the 2023 Budget with an Operations Levy (invoice 4414) to the Municipality of Mattawan of \$314.00, a Capital Levy (invoice 4424) in the amount of \$259.00, and a request for \$41.00 (invoice 4436) for the Laurentian Ski Hill Snowboarding Club Capital Asset "ASK";

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of Mattawan orders the above paid.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2023-036

Mattawa & Area Police Services Board Levy Invoice

Moved by Councillor Lahaye
Seconded by Councillor Bell

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2023 invoice received from the Mattawa & Area Police Services Board Levy in the amount of \$300.00 is ordered paid.

CARRIED



Resolution No. 2023-037
Moved by Councillor Lemaire
Seconded by Councillor Lahaye

Resolution to Strongly Oppose Utility Locate Costs Being Downloaded to Ontario Municipalities

WHEREAS, Enbridge recently made an announcement of their intention to begin charging third-party contractors and other utilities \$200 CAD (plus applicable taxes) for utility locates where a field locate is required;

AND WHEREAS, third-party contractors include Ontario municipalities;

AND WHEREAS, these locate requests are only required as Ontario municipalities have allowed utilities to use municipal right of ways at no charge to the utilities;

AND WHEREAS, this announcement of new downloaded costs will negatively impact the budgets of Ontario municipalities which are already burdened;

AND WHEREAS, if Enbridge is successful in implementing this new charge, a precedence is set for other utility companies to also begin charging for locates;

THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED, that the Corporation of the Municipality of Mattawan strongly opposes these utility locate costs being downloaded to Ontario municipalities by Enbridge Gas or other utilities;

AND THAT, the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery make it clear that these costs must be borne by the utilities themselves;

AND THAT, this decision be forwarded to Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery Kaleed Rasheed, Minister of Infrastructure Kinga Surma, Minister of Energy Todd Smith, Premier Doug Ford, MPP Victor Fedeli, the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2023-038
Moved by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor Lemaire

Senior of the Year Nomination

BE IT RESOLVED that the municipality nominate Robert Morrow for Senior of the Year for his outstanding contribution to our municipality.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2023-039
Moved by Councillor Lahaye
Seconded by Councillor Bell

Russell, Christie, LLP Invoice

BE IT RESOLVED that File number 63-268-098 received from Russell, Christie, LLP, in the amount of \$2,198.97 be ordered paid.

CARRIED



Resolution No. 2023-040 **Consent Items**

Moved by Councillor Lemaire
 Seconded by Councillor Lahaye

BE IT RESOLVED that the following correspondence/reports are marked received and filed in the Municipal Office.

CONSENT ITEMS		
March 22	Marianne Zadra, Communications & Executive Coordinator, District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB)	DNSSAB March 22, 2023 Community Services Committee Meeting Package and the March 22, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Package
February 23	Rebecca Morrow, Administrative Coordinator, North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority (NBMCA)	NBMCA January 25, 2023 Meeting Minutes
March 31	Rebecca Morrow, Administrative Coordinator, North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority (NBMCA)	February 22, 2023 NBMCA Meeting Minutes and March 8, 2023 NBMCA Special Meeting Minutes

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2023-041 **Cheque Registers 10547 - 10599**

Moved by Councillor Lahaye
 Seconded by Councillor Lemaire

BE IT RESOLVED that cheque registers for 10547 - 10599 are approved as paid in March 2023 totalling \$119,413.93.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2023-042 **Integrity Commissioner**

Moved by Councillor Lahaye
 Seconded by Councillor Lemaire

BE IT RESOLVED that we accept E4m's quote for continued Integrity Commissioner services until December 31, 2026.

CARRIED



Resolution No. 2023-043

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Lahaye

Seconded by Councillor Lemaire

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council held April 13, 2023 is adjourned.
Time: 9:30 pm.

CARRIED

The next Regular Council Meeting May 11, 2023 at 7 pm.

Mayor Peter Murphy

Clerk Treasurer, JoAnne Montreuil
Approved by Resolution No. 2023-

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