

# MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING of COUNCIL

Held at 7 pm **Thursday August 10, 2023**In the Municipal Hall

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Called to Order at 7:03 pm

Land Acknowledgement was read by Mayor Peter Murphy

PRESENT: Mayor Peter Murphy

Councillor Don Lemaire
Councillor Beverly Bell
Councillor Michelle Lahaye
Councillor Clwyd Edwards

Also Present: Clerk Treasurer JoAnne Montreuil

Absent: Road Supervisor Phil Bangs

Public in Attendance:

Delegation:

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

# Resolution No. 2023-093 Agenda

Motioned by Councillor Lahaye Seconded by Councillor Lemaire

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council being held August 10, 2023 is accepted as presented.

## CARRIED

# Resolution No. 2023-094

Minutes

Moved by Councillor Edwards Seconded by Councillor Lahaye

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council on July 13, 2023 are accepted as presented.

## **CARRIED**

# Resolution No. 2023-095

**Cold Storage for the Plow Truck** 

Moved by Councillor Lemaire Seconded by Councillor Lahaye

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Municipality of Mattawan accept the quotation from Fowler Construction for the cold storage of the municipality's plow/dump truck from November 15, 2023 to April 15, 2024 at a cost of \$350.00 plus HST per month at the Mattawa Yard. The Council also agrees to the conditions in their quotation:

- Fowler is not responsible for the Municipality of Mattawan truck or workers when on their site,
- The municipality will supply an extension cord in good working order, free of cuts and wear spots to plug in the truck,
- The designated parking spot will be determined by Fowler staff, and



• Access to Fowler's buildings is not permitted.

#### **CARRIED**

## Resolution No. 2023-096

**Closed Meeting** 

Moved by Councillor Lemaire Seconded by Councillor Edwards

BE IT RESOLVED that under the provision 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 "advise that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communication necessary for that purpose," the meeting is closed at 7:15 pm in order to discuss documents received from the municipality's lawyer.

#### **CARRIED**

#### Resolution No. 2023-097

**Open Meeting** 

Moved by Councillor Lahaye Seconded by Councillor Lemaire

BE IT RESOLVED that the closed portion of the meeting is now adjourned at 7:30 pm and the remainder of the meeting is open to the public.

#### **CARRIED**

#### Resolution No. 2023-098

**Lehtiniemi Expropriation** 

Motioned by Councillor Lahaye Seconded by Councillor Edwards

BE IT RESOLVED that the Corporation of the Municipality of Mattawan advise Jennifer Biggar, solicitor of said municipality, that we choose to continue with bullet point #3 as our previous and final offer of \$2,500.00 and to advise Mr. Lehtiniemi if he chooses to get a new appraisal it should only be of the expropriate portion of land.

# **CARRIED**

### Resolution No. 2023-099

Support of City of Clarence-Rockland's Resolution 2023-72

Moved by Councillor Edwards Seconded by Councillor Lemaire

BE IT RESOLVED that that the Council of the Municipality of Mattawan supports Resolution 2023-72 presented by the Corporation of the City of Clarence-Rockland for the third-party study of the Ottawa River and its tributaries and basins in order to provide the Ottawa River Planning Board with better tools to adapt the river to the influence of climate change and from the impact of development.

# CARRIED

#### Resolution No. 2023-100

**Support to Strengthen Municipal Codes of Conduct** 

Moved by Councillor Edwards Seconded by Councillor Lahaye

WHEREAS, all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace;

WHEREAS, municipal governments, as the democratic institutions most directly engaged with Ontarians need respectful discourse;



WHEREAS, several incidents in recent years of disrespectful behaviour and workplace harassment have occurred amongst members of municipal councils;

WHEREAS, these incidents seriously and negatively affect the people involved and lower public perceptions of local governments;

WHEREAS, municipal Codes of Conduct are helpful tools to set expectations of council member behaviour;

WHEREAS, municipal governments do not have the necessary tools to adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the corporation of the Municipality of Mattawan, supports the call of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them in consultation with municipal governments;

ALSO, BE IT RESOLVED, the legislation encompass the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's recommendations for:

- Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment;
- Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario;
- Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province;
- Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner;
- Prohibit a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office.

### **CARRIED**

Resolution No. 2023-101

SIS Information Technology

Motioned by Councillor Bell Seconded by Councillor Lemaire

BE IT RESOLVED that Council ask SIS Information Technology infrastructure to proceed with item 01: Cloud Backup (Data only) reference #20231504

# CARRIED

Resolution No. 2023-102

**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		
July 27	Jim Meness, Executive Director, The Algonquins of Ontario Consultation Office	Letter regarding the importance of consulting with Aboriginal communities on planning matters and two newsletters

#### **CARRIED**



### Resolution No. 2023-103

# Cheque Registers 10753 - 10789

Moved by Councillor Lemaire Seconded by Councillor Edwards

BE IT RESOLVED that cheque registers for 10753 - 10789 are approved as paid in July 2023 totalling \$37,935.93.

# **CARRIED**

Resolution No. 2023-104 Opening of Tenders Received for Hall/Garage Renovations

Moved by Councillor Bell

Seconded by Councillor Lemaire

BE IT RESOLVED that the tender for hall/garage renovations submitted by B & D Building Renovating at a cost of \$85,315.00 be accepted.

# **CARRIED**

Resolution No. 2023-105 Adjournment
Moved by Councillor Lahaye
Seconded by Councillor Lemaire

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council held August 10, 2023 is adjourned. Time: 8:45 pm.

### **CARRIED**

The next Regular Council Meeting will be September 14, 2023 at 7 pm.

Deputy Mayor Don Lemaire

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