



**MINUTES** of the REGULAR MEETING of COUNCIL  
Held at 7 pm **Thursday, March 12, 2026**  
In the Municipal Hall

Called to Order at 7:07 pm

The 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  
Road Supervisor Phil Bangs

Absent:

Public in Attendance: Robert Einboden

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

**Resolution No. 2026-017**  
Moved by Councillor Lemaire  
Seconded by Councillor Lahaye

**Agenda**

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council being held March 12, 2026 is accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 2026-018**  
Moved by Councillor Lahaye  
Seconded by Councillor Bell

**Minutes**

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on February 12, 2026 are accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**Delegations:**

**Resolution No. 2026-019**  
Moved by Councillor Lemaire  
Seconded by Councillor Bell

**AMO 2026 Conference**

BE IT RESOLVED that Councillor Lahaye be approved to attend the AMO Conference in Ottawa August 16 to 19, 2026.

**CARRIED**



**Resolution No. 2026-020**

**Cassellholme 2026 Operating Levy**

Moved by Councillor Edwards  
Seconded by Councillor Lahaye

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2026 Cassellholme Operating Levy of \$913.50 be paid monthly on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of each month from January 15, 2026 to December 15, 2026.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 2026-021**

**Resolution of Support**

Moved by Councillor Lahaye  
Seconded by Councillor Lemaire

BE IT RESOLVED that the Corporation of the Municipality of Mattawan supports the Corporation of the Township of Papineau-Cameron's Resolution number 2026-50 asking that enrollment capacity be expanded at the Ontario Veterinary College to allow more qualified applicants to pursue certification as large animal veterinarians and that this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Veterinary College, the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association, the Hon. Victor Fedeli MPP Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, the Hon. Trevor Jones MPP Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Hon. Nolan Quinn MPP Minister of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security, Association of Municipalities of Ontario and Ontario Municipalities.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 2026-022**

**Resolution of Support**

Moved by Councillor Bell  
Seconded by Councillor Lahaye

BE IT RESOLVED that the Corporation of the Municipality of Mattawan supports the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board's resolution number DNSSAB 2026-20 in which they are asking the Provincial and Federal Governments for funding to support homelessness services and supports, including maintaining the 24-hour emergency low-barrier shelter services from May 1 to October 31, as well as additional emergency shelter overflow spaces.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 2026-023**

**Resolution of Support**

Moved by Councillor Lahaye  
Seconded by Councillor Lemaire

WHEREAS LifeLabs has announced its intention to close its Greater Sudbury laboratory, and the transfer of medical specimen processing from Northern Ontario to laboratories in southern Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Greater Sudbury laboratory provides essential diagnostic services to communities across Northern Ontario, including urban, rural, and remote municipalities, and plays a critical role in ensuring timely and reliable medical testing for Northern residents;

AND WHEREAS patients with chronic illness, newborns, long-term care residents, and individuals on time-sensitive medications depend on predictable laboratory turnaround times to support clinical decision-making;



AND WHEREAS transporting medical specimens long distances to southern Ontario increases the risk of delays, specimen degradation, and retesting, particularly during frequent winter highway closures, potentially jeopardizing patient outcomes;

AND WHEREAS Northern Ontario is already experiencing shortages of healthcare professionals, and the closure of this laboratory further undermines regional workforce stability, training capacity, and recruitment and retention efforts;

AND WHEREAS Northern Ontario continues to experience sustained population growth, an expanding housing supply, and a strong job market, all factors that collectively increase demand for accessible, reliable, and locally delivered health care services, including timely medical laboratory testing;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Corporation of the Municipality of Mattawan calls on the Province of Ontario and the Ministry of Health to take immediate action to ensure that essential medical laboratory services remain accessible within Northern Ontario, including maintaining local laboratory processing capacity in Greater Sudbury;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province be urged to ensure reliable, timely, and medically appropriate laboratory turnaround times for Northern Ontario patients, recognizing the unique geographic and climatic challenges of the region;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province be requested to protect and support the Northern Ontario health-care workforce, including medical laboratory technologists, by preventing further service centralization that disproportionately impacts Northern communities;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, the Honourable Vijay Thanigasalam, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, the Honourable Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Growth, the Honourable George Pirie, Member of Provincial Parliament Jamie West and Member of Provincial Parliament France Gelin, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA).

## **CARRIED**

### **Resolution No. 2026-024**

Moved by Councillor Edwards  
Seconded by Councillor Lahaye

### **Resolution of Support**

WHEREAS the Municipality of East Ferris is planning the construction of a new fire hall that will serve as a regional fire training centre for fire departments including from across the Nipissing, East Parry Sound, and East Sudbury districts;

AND WHEREAS the closest accredited and operational training facilities are currently located in Huntsville, Haileybury, and Sault Ste. Marie, requiring significant travel, increased costs, and reduced training frequency for volunteer and composite departments in our region;

AND WHEREAS the summer 2025 storm in the Municipality of Calvin demonstrated the effectiveness of regional collaboration under a declared state of emergency, highlighting the value of joint training and coordinated emergency response;

AND WHEREAS a regional training centre in East Ferris would allow firefighters to train closer to home, reduce operational costs, foster inter-departmental collaboration, and improve readiness for future emergencies;



NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Mattawan supports the Municipality of East Ferris in its application to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) for funding assistance to construct the East Ferris Regional Fire Training Centre;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Municipality of East Ferris to demonstrate our municipality's support for this important regional initiative.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 2026-025                      Resolution of Support**

Moved by Councillor Lemaire  
Seconded by Councillor Lahaye

BE IT RESOLVED that the Corporation of the Municipality of Mattawan supports the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) Urgent Action on Highway Safety – Highways 11 and 17 and that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth, Northern Ontario Members of Provincial Parliament, Northern Members of the Canadian Parliament, the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association and FONOM.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 2026-026                      Consent Items**

Moved by Councillor Edwards  
Seconded by Councillor Lahaye

February 10 and March 4	Tiffany Chapman, Human Resources & Student Placement Coordinator, Cassellholme	December 4, 2025 Cassellholme Board minutes and the January 31, 2026 Capital Levy for October-December 2025. January 29, 2026 Cassellholme Board minutes
February 13 and March 6	Ashley Lecappelain, Executive Assistant, Office of the Medical Officer of Health/Executive Officer, North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit	February 25 <sup>th</sup> agendas for the Finance and Property Committee and the Board of Health Meetings, the January 28, 2026 Board of Health Minutes and the January 28, 2026 Finance and Property Committee minutes, highlights from the February Medical Officer of Health report to the Board and information on the discontinuation of Routine Beach Sampling
February 13 and March 6	Melanie Shaye, District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB) CAO	DNSSAB'S January and February 2026 highlights

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

**CARRIED**



**Resolution No. 2026-027**                      **Cheque Register**

Moved by Councillor Edwards  
Seconded by Councillor Lahaye

BE IT RESOLVED that cheque registers for numbers 19 to 54 are approved as paid in February 2026 totalling \$80,171.89.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 2026-028**                      **Defer By-Law to April Meeting**

Moved by Councillor Bell  
Seconded by Councillor Lemaire

BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 2026-007 be deferred to the April township meeting.

**NOT CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 2026-029**                      **Minor Variance Fee**

Moved by Councillor Lahaye  
Seconded by Councillor Lemaire

BE IT RESOLVED that the fee in Schedule "A" for By-Law #2026-007 "Minor Variance or Permission" be changed to \$600.00 instead of \$1,000.00

**CARRIED**

**By-Law 2026-007** –Being a by-law to establish a tariff of fees for the processing of applications made in respect to planning matters not done by the East Nipissing Planning Board. Read a first, second and third time enacted and finally passed before an open Council this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 2026-030**                      **Shared Service Agreement for CG Group**

Moved by Councillor Lahaye  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

WHEREAS on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Council for the Municipality of Mattawan passed a resolution to obtain legal services from Hammond LLP and cost share with the Town of Mattawa, the Township of Papineau-Cameron and the Municipality of Calvin, and

WHEREAS Hammond LLP have completed the requested services and are no longer required,

BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Municipality of Mattawan is in agreement to obtain the services provided by the CG Group and cost share with the Town of Mattawa, the Township of Papineau-Cameron and the Municipality of Calvin to a maximum of \$5,000.00 each.

**CARRIED**



**Resolution No. 2026-031**

**Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Lemaire  
Seconded by Councillor Lahaye

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council held March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026 is adjourned at 8:40 pm.

**CARRIED**

**The next Regular Council Meeting will be April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 7 pm.**

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**Mayor Peter Murphy**

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**Clerk Treasurer, JoAnne Montreuil**  
**Approved by Resolution No. 2026-**

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