

The Corporation of the Township of Mattice – Val Côté

Meeting 23-12 (regular)

September 21st, 2023

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on September 21st, 2023, at 7:00 pm, in the Municipal Council Chambers at the Town Hall, 500 Highway 11, Mattice, Ontario.

Present:

Mayor – Marc Dupuis
Councilor – Steve Brousseau
Councilor – Sophie Gagnon
Councilor – Joyce Malenfant
Councilor – Réginald Manning

Staff

CAO/Clerk – Guylaine Coulombe

Absent:

Treasurer – Annie Plamondon

1. Opening of meeting
The Mayor opened the meeting at 7:00 pm
2. Approval of the Order of Business
- Resolution 23-188
3. Pecuniary interest
Councilor Manning declared an interest at item 7.6 d) iii)
4. Delegation and Presentation
Nil
5. Adoption of minutes of previous Council meeting
- Resolution 23-189
6. Treasurer's report
 - 6.1 Financial report – to August 31st, 2023
- Resolution 23-190

6.2 Verbal report

- a) Budget 2024 – Council confirmed it expects to approve next year’s budget in January 2024
- b) Tax arrears – mandate
 - Resolution 23-191

7. CAO’s report

7.1 Resolutions/requests for support

- b) FONOM – NOSM annual base funding – letter to be sent to Premier
 - Resolution 23-192

The following resolutions/requests for support were received and filed:

- a) Town of Grimsby – guaranteed livable income program
- c) Township of Black River – Matheson
 - i) Closure of the Matheson OPP Detachment
 - ii) Boreal Forest Medieval Villages
- d) Nature Canada – Ocean protection

- 7.2 ONR – status update for the Mattice creek and river bridges – CAO to inquire about the Val Côté railroad bridge
 - Differed

- 7.3 Val Côté bridge – structural analysis report – CAO to obtain budget costing to replace with culverts
 - Agreed

- 7.4 MMAH – recommendations of the Housing Affordability Taskforce – select recommendations no. 40 and 42 and wait for AMO response before choosing others
 - Differed

- 7.5 Summary of the September 10th “meet & greet” event at the Parish Hall
 - Filed

7.6 Report on various items

- a) Training/meetings
- b) Information provided
- c) Complaints received
 - Filed

d) For Council’s consideration

- i) Val Côté Fire Hall – snow removal – publish request for tender
 - Agree

- ii) Dental hygienist – we might get someone from Hearst – to be confirmed
 - Differed
- iii) Asphalt patch on 2nd Street
 - Resolution 23-193
 - look into options to slow down traffic on 2nd Street (yield, children at play, speed bump)
 - Differed
- iv) Community park: launch a contest to find it a name
 - Agreed
- v) Selecting a date for the next Council meeting: choose a date where at least 4 members of Council can attend
 - Agreed
- vi) Snow removal issues – ask the PW Supervisor to attend the next Council meeting
 - Agreed

8. Mayor's report

8.1 Verbal report: PHU finance committee meeting held virtually on September 14th, 2023

8.2 Verbal report of a discussion with Chief Allen, from CLFN, pertaining to the old native burial grounds

9. Councilors' reports

A. Councilor Brousseau

- Verbal report of the Library Board meeting held on September 6th, 2023

B. Councilor Gagnon

- Verbal report of the Long Term Care committee meeting attended virtually earlier today

C. Councilor Malenfant

- Verbal report of the Library Board meeting held on September 6th, 2023
- Verbal report of the Foyer des Pionniers Board meeting held in Hearst on September 7th, 2023

D. Councilor Manning

- Nil

10. By-laws

Nil

11. Caucus

Nil

12. Minutes/Periodic reports/Correspondence

The following documents were received and filed:

- 12.1 Hours worked – August 2023
- 12.2 FONOM – documents presented at the AMO Conference
- 12.3 OFM – relationship between Fire Chief and Council
- 12.4 AMO – policy update

13. Resolutions

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| Agenda | <u>Resolution 23-188</u> : Steve Brousseau – Sophie Gagnon
THAT the agenda be hereby accepted. | Carried |
| Minutes | <u>Resolution 23-189</u> : Réginald Manning - Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council’s regular meeting 23-11, held on August 30 th , 2023 be hereby adopted. | Carried |
| Financial report | <u>Resolution 23-190</u> : Joyce Malenfant – Steve Brousseau
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the financial report ending August 31 st , 2023 be hereby approved as circulated. | Carried |
| Tax arrears mandate | <u>Resolution 23-191</u> : Steve Brousseau - Réginald Manning
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby authorizes the Treasurer to proceed with legal collection measures for tax arrears on the two vacant properties known as Roll no. 5677 007 00413700.0000 and Roll no. 5677 007 00418700.0000. | Carried |
| NOSM annual base funding | <u>Resolution 23-192</u> : Joyce Malenfant – Sophie Gagnon
WHEREAS Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côte recognized the urgent need for physicians in Northern Ontario as it is experiencing a shortage of trained physicians and specialist physicians, and;
WHEREAS life expectancy of Northern residents is more than two years lower than the Ontario average, and mental health and addictions are at a four-times higher rate, and; | |

WHEREAS one in eight Northern residents does not have access to a family doctor, and many must travel long distances to access healthcare services representing the failure of healthcare in Northern Ontario, and;

WHEREAS communities in Northern Ontario require access to equitable health care, especially underserved rural, Indigenous, and Francophone communities, and;

WHEREAS in April of 2022, the Government announced an unprecedented medical expansion for NOSM University's medical programs, and;

WHEREAS the current base funding rates for the Northern School of Medicine University (NOSM) have not been increased sufficiently to accommodate growth and expansion.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté strongly requests the Provincial Government grant NOSM University's request for a permanent increase in annual base funding by \$4.0 million before the end of this fiscal year so it can continue to deliver on the mandate that the Conservative Government initially established in response to the needs of Northern municipalities, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this motion be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Health and Deputy Premier Sylvia Jones, Minister of Colleges and Universities Jill Dunlop, MPPs Greg Rickford, Vic Fedeli, George Pirie, Ross Romano, Kevin Holland, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Northern Ontario School of Medicine University, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association, the leaders of the opposition parties of Ontario and the local parliament representatives.

Carried

Asphalt patch on 2nd Street

Resolution 23-193: Joyce Malenfant – Steve Brousseau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council proceed with the repair of an asphalt patch on 2nd Street at a cost of approximately EIGHT THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED (\$8,700.00) DOLLARS.

Carried

14. Next meeting: Tuesday, October 10th, 2023

15. Confirmatory by-law

Resolution 23-194: Steve Brousseau – Réginald Manning

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 965, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council on Thursday, September 21st, 2023, be hereby adopted.

Carried

16. Adjournment: 8:45 pm

Resolution 23-195: Joyce Malenfant – Sophie Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting of Council held on September 21st, 2023, be adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Carried

Read and confirmed on October 10th, 2023

Mayor

CAO/Clerk