

The Corporation of the Township of Mattice – Val Côté

Meeting 23-05 (regular)

April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on April 18th, 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 (arrived at 7:30 pm)

Councilor – Sophie Gagnon

Councilor – Joyce Malenfant

Councilor – Réginald Manning

Staff

CAO/Clerk – Guylaine Coulombe

Treasurer – Annie Plamondon (left at 8:25 pm)

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1. Opening of meeting

The Mayor opened the meeting at 7:00 pm

2. Approval of the Order of Business

- Resolution 23-76

3. Pecuniary interest

Nil

4. Delegation and Presentation

Nil

5. Adoption of minutes of previous Council meeting

- Resolution 23-77

6. Treasurer's report

6.1 Verbal report - budget meeting to be scheduled: it will be held on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

- Agreed

7. CAO's report

7.1 Resolutions/requests for support

- a) Town of Petrolia – permanent register of electors
  - Resolution 23-78
- b) Town of Essex – classification of short-term rental units
  - Resolution 23-79
- c) Municipality of Essex – surplus proceeds from tax sales
  - Resolution 23-80
- d) Fondation Émergence – international day against homophobia and transphobia
  - Resolution 23-81
- e) AORS – locate charge by Enbridge Gas
  - Resolution 23-82
- f) City of Owen Sound – reduction of insurance costs
  - Resolution 23-83
- g) Township of Mulmur – stopping harassment and abuse by local leaders
  - Resolution 23-84

The following resolution/request for support was received and filed:

- h) Falun Dafa Day

7.2 Val Côté Sewage Treatment Lagoon – 2022 Annual Operating Report

- Filed

7.3 Workplace Violence Program

- Resolution 23-85

7.4 Workplace Harassment Program

- Resolution 23-86

7.5 Badminton season

- Resolution 23-87

7.6 Funding for water plant projects

- Resolution 23-88

7.7 Water treatment plant – request for tenders (roofing)

- Resolution 23-89

7.8 NORDS – funding update

- Filed

7.9 CLI – ECAs – municipal sewage and stormwater collection systems

- Resolution 23-90

7.10 TSSA – plant registration

- Resolution 23-91

7.11 March 14<sup>th</sup> delegation – follow-up on option proposed by Council (complaint 210223)

- Differed

7.12 Basement rental

- Resolution 23-92

Other potential rental locations: Council Chambers to be used only for municipal purposes or for our parliament representatives. Arena lobby will not be rented.

- Agreed

7.13 Meet & greet with Funders on March 21<sup>st</sup> - Municipality to apply for funding under OTF's Capital Grant Program to renovate the community hall. Municipality to apply for funding under NOHFC's rural enhancement funding stream to install recreational courts and equipment in what used to be the curling area.

- Agreed

7.14 Report on various items

a) Training/meetings - for SNOED paper, Council suggests a river theme – canoe & kayak rental or the establishment of a brown paper bag production plant

b) Information provided

iii) Tiny Town Association

- Resolution 23-93

iv) Splash pad waste water – CAO to contact Environment Canada

- Agreed

c) Complaints received

- Filed

d) For Council's consideration

i) Bingo machine – rental fee

- Resolution 23-94

ii) NEOMA meeting in Timmins on April 25<sup>th</sup> – Councillor Malenfant will attend

- Agreed

All other matters discussed therein

- Filed

8. Mayor's report

- Nil

9. Councilors' reports

A. Councilor Brousseau

- Nil

B. Councilor Gagnon

- Verbal report of the Citizens Committee meetings held on April 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Clarification obtained with respect to role in said committee – not in a municipal capacity.
- Informed Council of the MVC Bonhomme contest winners.

C. Councilor Malenfant

- Verbal report of the Planning Board meeting held in Hearst on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Verbal report of the Mattice – Val Côté Public Library Board meeting held on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

D. Councilor Manning

- Argued that the back alleys should be considered roads for snow removal purposes. Raised questions about fire hydrants buried under the snow.
- Differed

Duration of meeting

- Resolution 23-95

10. By-laws

10.1 By-law no. 953 – open air burning

- Resolution 23-96

11. Caucus

- a) Caucus – Resolution 23-97
- b) Regular meeting – Resolution 23-98

12. Minutes/Periodic reports/Correspondence

The following documents were received and filed:

12.1 Hours of work – March 2023

12.2 MECP – changes to the environmental assessment process

12.3 MNRF – update on proposed regulation re: floating accommodations and camping on water

12.4 MNRF – annual work schedule on the Gordon Cosens Forest

12.5 AG – modernization initiatives in POA courts

12.6 Exolink – update on the Corridor du Nord Broadband project

12.7 MMAH – measures addressing the housing crisis

13. Resolutions

Agenda

Resolution 23-76: Réginald Manning – Joyce Malenfant  
THAT the agenda be hereby accepted.

Carried

Minutes

Resolution 23-77: Sophie Gagnon - Joyce Malenfant  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council’s regular meeting 23-04, held on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, be hereby adopted.

Carried

Permanent register of electors

Resolution 23-78: Steve Brousseau – Réginald Manning  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby supports the resolution made by Council for the Town of Petrolia on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023, regarding the future accuracy of the Permanent register of electors, and;  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté requests that the Province of Ontario, through Elections Ontario and the Chief Electoral Officer, utilize any resources available to produce the highest quality Permanent Register of Electors, and;  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Town of Petrolia and to our local parliament representatives, MP Carol Hughes and MPP Guy Bourgouin.

Carried

Short-term rentals classification

Resolution 23-79: Sophie Gagnon - Steve Brousseau  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby supports Resolution no. R23-03-082 made by Council for the Town of Essex and the letter they have sent to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC), to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and any other relevant bodies, requesting that they investigate the tax classification of short-term rental units and consider taxing them as commercial, as opposed to residential, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Town of Essex and to our local parliament representatives, MP Carol Hughes and MPP Guy Bourgouin.

Carried

Surplus proceeds from tax sales

Resolution 23-80: Steve Brousseau – Réginald Manning

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby supports Resolution no. R23-03-081 made by Council for the Town of Essex and the letter sent to all relevant taxation bodies, including the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Ministry of Finance, urging them to re-instate previous legislation that permitted a Municipality to apply for and retain the surplus proceeds from a tax sale in their jurisdiction, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Town of Essex and to our local parliament representatives, MP Carol Hughes and MPP Guy Bourgouin.

Carried

International Day against  
Homophobia and Transphobia

Resolution 23-81: Steve Brousseau – Sophie Gagnon

WHEREAS the Ontario Human Rights Code prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression, and;

WHEREAS Ontario is a society open to everyone, including lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans people (LGBTQ+) and to all other people who identify with sexual diversity and the multiplicity of gender identities and expressions, and;

WHEREAS despite recent efforts towards greater inclusion of LGBTQ+ people, homophobia and transphobia are still present in society, and;

WHEREAS May 17<sup>th</sup> is the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia, is celebrated as such in many countries and is the result of a Quebec-based initiative promoted by Fondation Émergence starting in 2003, and;

WHEREAS there is reason to support the efforts of Fondation Émergence in holding this day;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT May 17<sup>th</sup> is hereby proclaimed INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA AND TRANSPHOBIA in the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté and be recognized as such, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté acquire and raise the rainbow flag in recognition of this day, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Fondation Émergence.

Carried

Locate charge by Enbridge Gas

Resolution 23-82: Steve Brousseau – Réginald Manning

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;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté strongly opposes these utility locate costs being downloaded to Ontario municipalities by Enbridge Gas or other utilities, and;

BE IT RESOLVED 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;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery, Kaleed Rasheed, to the Minister of Infrastructure, Kinga Surma, to the Minister of Energy, Todd Smith, to Premier Doug Ford, to the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors, to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and to our local parliament representatives, MP Carol Hughes and MPP Guy Bourgouin.

Carried

Reduction of insurance costs

Resolution 23-83: Joyce Malenfant – Réginald Manning

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby supports the resolution made by the City of Owen Sound, supporting the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, in its call for action to reduce insurance costs, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the City of Owen Sound and to our local parliament representatives, MP Carol Hughes and MPP Guy Bourgouin.

Carried

Harassment and abuse by local leaders

Resolution 23-84: Steve Brousseau – Réginald Manning

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby supports the resolution made by Council for the Township of Mulmur and endorsing Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022, which would require the Code of Conduct for municipal Council members to include a requirement to comply with workplace violence and harassment policies and permit municipalities to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member's seat if the Commissioner's inquiry determines that the member has contravened this requirement, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Township of Mulmur and to our local parliament representatives, MP Carol Hughes and MPP Guy Bourgouin.

Carried

Workplace Violence Program

Resolution 23-85: Joyce Malenfant – Sophie Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby approves the revised Workplace Violence Program, as circulated.

Carried

Workplace Harassment Program

Resolution 23-86: Steve Brousseau – Sophie Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby approves the revised Workplace Harassment Program, as circulated.

Carried



Badminton season

Resolution 23-87: Steve Brousseau – Réginald Manning

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the badminton and pickleball season run from April 24<sup>th</sup> to the end of the school year, as per proposed schedule, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the user fees remain unchanged for the 2023 season, with the addition of a \$2.00 daily charge for the rental of a pickleball paddle and ball.

Carried

Funding for water plant projects

Resolution 23-88: Joyce Malenfant – Marc Dupuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CAO/Clerk submit a project revision request to ICIP – Green Stream to reduce the scope of work/number of projects to be completed with this funding.

Carried

Request for tenders – roofing

Resolution 23-89: Réginald Manning – Sophie Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council retain the bid submitted by Strategik Builders for the installation of the metal cladding on the roof of the water treatment plant at a cost of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN DOLLARS (\$150,515.00) DOLLARS, plus taxes.

Carried

CLI – ECAs

Resolution 23-90: Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the services of OCWA be retained to review the draft CLI-ECAs for the municipal sewage collection system and for the municipal stormwater collection system, and to respond to the MECP comments in that respect, at a cost of ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED (\$1,300.00) DOLLARS, plus taxes.

Carried

Plant registration

Resolution 23-91: Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mattice – Val Côté Sports Complex be registered with TSSA as a facility that operates a refrigeration system using ammonia, at a cost of SIX HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINE (\$629.00) DOLLARS, plus taxes.

Carried

Basement rental

Resolution 23-92: Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the newly renovated basement of the municipal complex be made available a maximum of three (3) times throughout the year to local organizations at no charge and without the need to provide an insurance certificate, and;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT for a more regular use of that space by a local organization, a rental fee of ONE HUNDRED (\$100.00) DOLLARS be charged, along with the need to provide an insurance certificate, and;

BE IT FURHTER RESOLVED THAT the organization using the basement must pick up the keys before each event, return the keys after each event and leave no items in the basement, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the use of paint for crafts or other purposes is strictly prohibited.

Carried

Tiny Town Association

Resolution 23-93: Sophie Gagnon – Réginald Manning

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, in order for the Tiny Town Association (TTA) to apply for pre-development funding in this regard, the CAO/Clerk is hereby authorised to confirm in writing to the TTA this Council's interest for a tiny homes development in Mattice – Val Côté.

Carried

Bingo machine rental fee

Resolution 23-94: Sophie Gagnon – Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a fee of ONE HUNDRED (\$100.00) DOLLARS, plus taxes, be charged to a local organization who rents the community hall and wishes to use the bingo machine.

Carried

Duration of meeting

Resolution 23-95: Réginald Manning – Steve Brousseau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council meeting be allowed to continue beyond TEN (10:00 p.m.) o'clock.

Carried

By-law no. 953

Resolution 23-96: Marc Dupuis – Réginald Manning

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 953, being a By-law to control open air burning within municipal boundaries, be hereby adopted.

Carried



16. Adjournment: 10:42 pm

Resolution 23-104: Sophie Gagnon – Marc Dupuis  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting of Council held on  
April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, be adjourned at 10:42 pm.

Carried

Read and confirmed on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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Mayor

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CAO/Clerk