

The Corporation of the Township of Mattice – Val Côté

Meeting 21-10 (regular)

July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 7:00 pm, via the zoom conferencing platform.

Present:

Mayor – Marc Dupuis  
Councilor – Steve Brousseau  
Councilor – Daniel Grenier  
Councilor – Richard Lemay  
Councilor – Joyce Malenfant

Staff

CAO/Clerk – Guylaine Coulombe  
Treasurer – Annie Plamondon

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1. Opening of meeting  
The Mayor opened the meeting at 7:05 pm
  
2. Approval of the Order of Business  
- Resolution 21-153
  
3. Pecuniary interest  
Nil
  
4. Delegation and Presentation  
Nil
  
5. Adoption of minutes of previous Council meeting  
- Resolutions 21-154
  
6. Treasurer's report  
6.1 Financial report  
- Resolution 21-155

7. CAO's report

7.1 Resolutions/requests for support

- a) Township of Rideau Lakes – abandoned cemeteries
  - Resolution 21-156
- b) City of St. Catharines – Lyme disease treatment and testing
  - Resolution 21-157
- c) Town of Fort Erie – illegal cannabis operations
  - Resolution 21-158
- d) Municipality of St. Charles – land transfer charge
  - Resolution 21-159
- e) Town of Cochrane – PSA testing
  - Resolution 21-160

7.2 Xplornet – installation of tower – Council is agreeable with the proposed replacement and awaits the consultation summary

- Agreed

7.3 MNRF aerial photography project 2022

- Resolution 21-161

7.4 Unsafe condition of a property

- Resolution 21-162

7.5 Policy - how to fill a vacant seat on Council

- Resolution 21-163

7.6 Property currently designated for aggregates – owner informing Council of his plans to request an amendment to the Official Plan and to the Zoning By-law – Council has no objection

- Agreed

7.7 CCRF – available funding – suggestions were brought forward by Council members

- Deferred

7.8 Report on various items

- a) Meetings/training sessions attended
- b) Information: landfill site fire, upcoming renovations, PAFO funding, municipal modernization program
- c) Complaints received since last meeting
  - Filed

d) For Council's consideration:

i) Available funding from TC Energy

- Resolution 21-164

ii) Abell service proposal

- Resolution 21-165

iii) Native cemetery – offer of services by N. Rice to pursue renovations/repairs – if and when funds become available

- Agreed

8. Mayor's report

8.1 Verbal report of the virtual meeting held by the MNRF on June 18<sup>th</sup> 2021 on Managing Human – Bear Conflicts

8.2 Mayor reported that Xolink plans on installing a tower in our area in the upcoming months

8.3 Mayor reported that an MNRF biologist will be taking water samples in Shallow Lake to address concerns recently raised

9. Councilors' reports

A. Councilor Brousseau

- Nil

B. Councilor Grenier

- Nil

C. Councilor Lemay

- Nil

D. Councilor Malenfant

- Verbal report of the virtual Planning Board meeting held on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

- Verbal report of the virtual Long term care committee meeting held on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

- Verbal report of the virtual Foyer des Pionniers meeting held on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021

10. By-laws

Nil

11. Caucus

a) Caucus – Resolution 21-166

b) Regular meeting – Resolution 21-167

12. Minutes/Periodic reports/Correspondence

The following documents were received and filed:

- 12.1 Hours of work – May 2021
- 12.2 AMO – cabinet reshuffle
- 12.3 MENDM – natural gas expansion program
- 12.4 MNRF – herbicide project on the Gordon Cosens Forest

13. Resolutions

Agenda Resolution 21-153: Richard Lemay – Daniel Grenier  
THAT the agenda be hereby accepted. Carried

Minutes Resolution 21-154: Joyce Malenfant – Steve Brousseau  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council’s regular meeting  
21-09 held on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021, be hereby adopted. Carried

Financial report Resolution 21-155: Steve Brousseau – Daniel Grenier  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the financial report ending May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021  
be hereby approved as circulated. Carried

Abandoned cemeteries Resolution 21-156: Joyce Malenfant – Steve Brousseau  
WHEREAS Municipalities in Ontario have been made responsible  
for abandoned cemeteries within their boundaries and are  
required by the *Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002*,  
“to ensure that the cemetery grounds, including all lots,  
structures, and markers, are maintained to ensure the safety of  
the public and to preserve the dignity of the cemetery”;  
AND WHEREAS the care and maintenance funds of abandoned  
cemeteries are generally non-existent or so small as to produce  
insufficient annual interest to cover even the cost of lawn care at  
the site;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby supports Resolution no. 12-2021 made by the Township of Rideau Lakes, urging the Government of Ontario to immediately provide funding sources for Municipalities for the ongoing maintenance and preservation repair of abandoned cemeteries in their care, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Township of Rideau Lakes and to our federal and provincial government representatives, Carol Hughes and Guy Bourgouin.

Carried

Lyme disease treatment and testing

Resolution 21-157: Steve Brousseau – Daniel Grenier

WHEREAS the Ontario health system does not cover treatment and testing for all strains of Lyme Disease;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby supports the Motion made by the City of St. Catharines on May 31, 2021, calling on the Ontario government to expand testing to all strains of Lyme Disease and improve the level of treatment and care for those diagnosed with this crippling disease, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the City of St. Catharines and to our federal and provincial government representatives, Carol Hughes and Guy Bourgouin.

Carried

Illegal cannabis operations

Resolution 21-158: Marc Dupuis – Steve Brousseau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby supports the Resolution made by the Town of Fort Erie on June 21, 2021, asking the Federal Government: 1) to prohibit the ability to obtain a licence to grow cannabis if any of the owners, including those owners within a corporation, have ever been convicted of operating an illegal cannabis operation; 2) to restrict lands previously operated for illegal cannabis use from obtaining a licence for a period of 5 years from the date of the offence, and; 3) to require that before submitting an application to the Minister for a licence for cultivation, a licence for processing or a licence for sale that authorizes the possession of cannabis, the applicant must first obtain a letter of compliance from the following authorities in the area in which the site referred to in the application is located: a) the local government;

b) the local fire authority; c) the local police force or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police detachment that is responsible for providing policing services to that area, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Town of Fort Erie and to our federal and provincial government representatives, Carol Hughes and Guy Bourgouin.

Carried

Land transfer charge

Resolution 21-159: Joyce Malenfant – Daniel Grenier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby supports Resolution no. 2021-94 made by the Municipality of St. Charles asking that Municipalities be allowed to have a charge applied to all land transfers within their boundaries and that this amount go directly to the Municipality, and;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Municipality of St. Charles and to our federal and provincial government representatives, Carol Hughes and Guy Bourgouin.

Carried

PSA testing

Resolution 21-160: Marc Dupuis – Steve Brousseau

WHEREAS 11 Canadian men die of prostate cancer every day;  
AND WHEREAS the male population must pay for prostate blood tests;

AND WHEREAS 1.5 million Canadian men are not seeking the early detection PSA testing;

AND WHEREAS, when detected early, the survival rate for prostate cancer is close to 100%;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby supports Resolution no. 182-2021 made by the Town of Cochrane requesting that both the Federal and the Provincial Governments move to have this test included in the national health care system and that it be made available for all Canadian men at no charge, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Town of Cochrane and to our federal and provincial government representatives, Carol Hughes and Guy Bourgouin.

Carried

Aerial photography project 2022

Resolution 21-161: Steve Brousseau – Richard Lemay  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby authorizes the CAO/Clerk to send a Letter of intent with respect to the MNRF North West Ontario Orthophotography Project (NWOOP) 2022.

Carried

Unsafe condition of a property

Resolution 21-162: Richard Lemay – Daniel Grenier  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté will address the safety issues surrounding the property located at 230 King Street by authorizing the Treasurer to register a tax certificate pertaining to the same.

Carried

Policy – how to fill a vacant seat on Council

Resolution 21-163: Joyce Malenfant – Steve Brousseau  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT PM6, being a policy describing the process to fill a vacant seat during the term of Council, be hereby adopted.

Carried

Available funding from TC Energy

Resolution 21-164: Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT a funding request be submitted to TC Energy with respect to the costs of the recent water valve repairs.

Carried

Abell service proposal

Resolution 21-165: Daniel Grenier – Marc Dupuis  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT proposal no. MQ154200011 submitted by Abell for monthly pest control services at the municipal complex be hereby accepted and;  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the situation be reassessed in twelve months.

Carried

Caucus

Resolution 21-166: Richard Lemay – Daniel Grenier  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council go into closed meeting at 8:28 pm to discuss i) the acquisition or disposition of land; ii) labour relations; iii) confidential information about an identifiable individual and iv) legal advice.

Carried

Regular meeting

Resolution 21-167: Joyce Malenfant – Daniel Grenier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting of Council resume at 9:00 pm.

Carried

Park Attendant

Resolution 21-168: Marc Dupuis – Daniel Grenier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby confirms the hiring of Mackenzie Gagnon as Park Attendant as a replacement for James Morin.

Carried

14. Next meeting: Wednesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 9:00 pm

15. Confirmatory by-law

Resolution 21-169: Steve Brousseau - Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 897, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council on Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021, be hereby adopted.

Carried

16. Adjournment: 9:12 pm

Resolution 21-170: Joyce Malenfant – Richard Lemay

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting of Council held on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021, be adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Carried

Read and confirmed on July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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Mayor

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CAO/Clerk