

The Corporation of the Township of Mattice – Val Côté

Meeting 21-06 (regular)

April 26th, 2021

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on April 26th, 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

1. Opening of meeting
The Mayor opened the meeting at 7:00 pm

2. Approval of the Order of Business
The following item was added:
11.3 Acquisition/disposition of land
- Resolution 21-80

3. Pecuniary interest
Nil

4. Delegation and Presentation
Nil

5. Adoption of minutes of previous Council meeting
- Resolutions 21-81

6. Treasurer's report
6.1 Minutes of the Finance committee meetings
- Resolution 21-82

6.2 Reserves - allocations

- Resolutions 21-83, 21-84, 21-85, 21-86 and 21-87

6.3 2020 Financial Statements

- Resolution 21-88

6.4 Fuel tax – agreement with Holly Transportation

- Resolution 21-89

6.5 Adoption of 2021 budget

- Resolution 21-90

7. CAO's report

7.1 Resolutions/requests for support

- a) Town of Plympton-Wyoming – carbon tax exemption
 - Resolution 21-91
- c) Town of Kingville – Bill C-21 – amendment to firearms legislation
 - Resolution 21-92
- d) Town of Orangeville – Schedule 3 of Bill 257
 - Resolution 21-93
- e) Town of Cochrane – MeeQuam Youth Residence Closure
 - Resolution 21-94
- f) Town of Caledon – suicide and crisis prevention hotline
 - Resolution 21-95
- g) Township of Hudson – funding for Fire Departments
 - Resolution 21-96
- h) Township of Zorra – reform of the Negligence Act
 - Resolution 21-97
- i) Township of Georgian Bay – Planning Act timelines
 - Resolution 21-98
- k) Township of The Archipelago – invasive phragmites
 - Resolution 21-99

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

- b) Town of Fort Erie – end of life care in the Niagara region
- j) Township of Springwater – impact of the clean fuel standard on agriculture

7.2 FONOM – Annual conference and AGM: CAO, Mayor and Councillors Lemay and Malenfant plan on virtually attending the same on May 18th

- Filed

7.3 Nuisance Beavers – agreement with the Hearst Trappers' Council

- Resolution 21-100

7.4 Website – compliance with the WCAG 2.0

- Deferred

7.5 Policy – delegation of powers and duties

- Resolution 21-101

7.6 Tax adjustment application

- Resolution 21-102

7.7 Report on various items

a) Meetings/training sessions attended

b) Complaints received since last meeting

- Filed

c) For Council's consideration

i) Donation request from the Canadian Cancer Society – donations will be kept locally

- Agreed

ii) Small residential campfires – Council does not wish to go beyond the wording found in paragraph 3 of BL no. 863

- Agreed

iii) Service Canada – 3 summer positions (8 weeks) have been approved under this program

- Filed

8. Mayor's report

8.1 Verbal report with respect to the recent anti-mask protests in Hearst

8.2 Verbal report of the Family Health Team virtual meeting held on April 22nd 2021

8.3 Mayor informed Council that Jimmy Côté was recently hired as CAO in Val Rita – Harty

9. Councilors' reports

A. Councilor Brousseau

- Verbal report of the virtual MVC Public Library meeting held on April 21st, 2021

B. Councilor Grenier

- Verbal report of the CCEJ/Forma Jeunes virtual meeting held on April 20th, 2021

C. Councilor Lemay

- Nil

D. Councilor Malenfant

- Verbal report of the virtual Foyer des Pionniers meeting held on April 8th, 2021

- Verbal report of the virtual Planning Board meeting held on April 14th, 2021

- Verbal report of the virtual MVC Public Library meeting held on April 21st, 2021

- Verbal report of the virtual Long Term Care committee meeting held on April 22nd, 2021

10. By-laws

10.1 By-law no. 888 – agreement with OFM

- Resolution 21-103

10.2 By-law no. 889 – agreement with Ministry of Infrastructure

- Resolution 21-104

10.3 By-law no. 890 – agreement with OTF

- Resolution 21-105

11. Caucus

a) Caucus – Resolution 21-106

b) Regular meeting – Resolution 21-107

12. Minutes/Periodic reports/Correspondence

The following documents were received and filed:

12.1 Hours of work – March 2021

12.2 ORFA – open letter to Mayor and Council

12.3 Abitibi Institute – regional economic policy

12.4 MSG – EMCPA 2020 compliance

13. Resolutions

Agenda

Resolution 21-80: Richard Lemay - Joyce Malenfant
THAT the agenda, as amended, be hereby accepted.

Carried

Minutes

Resolution 21-81: Richard Lemay – Daniel Grenier
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council’s regular meeting
21-05 held on March 22nd, 2021, be hereby adopted.

Carried

Resolution 21-82: Steve Brousseau – Richard Lemay
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Finance committee
meetings held on March 22nd, on April 7th and on April 22nd, 2021,
be hereby adopted.

Carried

Reserves – allocations

Resolution 21-83: Steve Brousseau – Richard Lemay
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the reserve funds known as “Residential
streets” and as “Bridges and roads” be combined and hereafter
designated as the “Streets, roads & bridges” reserve fund and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a portion of the 2020 accumulated surplus, in the amount of \$48,317.00, be hereby directed to the "Streets, roads & bridges" reserve fund.

Carried

Resolution 21-84: Daniel Grenier – Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a reserve fund know as "Economic Development" be hereby created and;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a portion of the 2020 accumulated surplus, in the amount of \$10,774.00, be hereby directed to the "Economic Development" reserve fund.

Carried

Resolution 21-85: Marc Dupuis – Daniel Grenier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a reserve fund known as "Water & Sewer" be hereby created and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a portion of the 2020 accumulated surplus, in the amount of \$131,000.00, be hereby directed to the "Water & Sewer" reserve fund.

Carried

Resolution 21-86: Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a reserve fund known as "Mobile equipment" be hereby created and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a portion of the 2020 accumulated surplus, in the amount of \$50,000.00, be hereby directed to the "Mobile equipment" reserve fund.

Carried

Resolution 21-87: Richard Lemay – Marc Dupuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a reserve fund known as "Facilities" be hereby created and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a portion of the 2020 accumulated surplus, in the amount of \$25,000.00, be hereby directed to the "Facilities" reserve fund.

Carried

2020 Financial Statements

Resolution 21-88: Steve Brousseau – Daniel Grenier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Independent Auditor's report and Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ending December 31st, 2020 for the Corporation of the Township of Mattice – Val Côté, be hereby approved as circulated.

Carried

Fuel tax

Resolution 21-89: Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Treasurer is hereby authorized to enter into a Provincial Fuel Tax Refund Agreement with Holly Transportation Services Inc. on the Municipality's behalf.

Carried

Adoption of 2021 Budget

Resolution 21-90: Richard Lemay – Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2021 Budget, with revenues and expenditures totaling \$2,782,038, be hereby approved as circulated.

Carried

Carbon tax exemption

Resolution 21-91: Richard Lemay – Steve Brousseau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby supports the resolution made by the Town of Plympton-Wyoming on March 10th 2021, supporting the recommendation of Norfolk County Council that the Federal Government consider the concerns of the agricultural community and move to exempt all primary agriculture producers from current and future carbon taxes, and;

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

Carried

Bill C-21 – amendment to firearms legislation

Resolution 21-92: Joyce Malenfant – Steve Brousseau

WHEREAS municipalities have never been responsible for gun control laws in Canada, and;

WHEREAS law abiding Mattice – Val Côté residents who own legal handguns have already been thoroughly vetted through CFSC, PAL and ATT applications, and;

WHEREAS illegal gun owners and smugglers do not respect postal codes, and;

WHEREAS if one municipality enacts a ban and not a neighbouring municipality, this will create a patchwork of by-laws, and;

WHEREAS a municipal ban would be difficult to enforce and easy to get around;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby supports Motion no. 205-2021 made by the Town of Kingsville opposing the adoption

of any by-laws restricting the possession, storage or transportation of legally obtained handguns, and;

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

Carried

Schedule 3 of Bill 257

Resolution 21-93: Marc Dupuis – Richard Lemay

WHEREAS the purpose of the Planning Act is to promote sustainable economic development in a healthy natural environment and to provide for a land use planning system led by provincial policy, and;

WHEREAS the requirement for all decision-makers under the Planning Act to make decisions in a manner that is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement is longstanding and necessary for good planning, environmental, societal and health outcomes;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby supports resolution no. 2021-116 made by the Town of Orangeville, that the Minister of Infrastructure and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing be requested to withdraw Schedule 3 from Bill 257, and;

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

Carried

MeeQuam Youth Residence Closure

Resolution 21-94: Steve Brousseau – Daniel Grenier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby supports Resolution no. 83-2021 made by the Town of Cochrane requesting that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the youth justice facility in Cochrane, known as MeeQuam Youth Residence, as these vulnerable children need to be as close as possible to their families and communities, 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

Suicide and Crisis Prevention Hotline

Resolution 21-95: Joyce Malenfant – Richard Lemay

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby supports the resolution made by the Town of Caledon on March 30th, 2021, endorsing the 988 crisis line initiative, and;

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

Carried

Funding for Fire Departments

Resolution 21-96: Joyce Malenfant – Daniel Grenier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby supports resolution no. 2021-049 made by the Township of Hudson requesting that the Federal and Provincial Governments include apparatuses, training, equipment and structures for fire departments as eligible categories to any further infrastructure programs, which will not only provide immediate stimulus to the local, provincial and federal economies given the current pandemic uncertainty, but will also ensure the safety of Canadians and dedicated firefighters, and;

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

Carried

Reform of The Negligence Act

Resolution 21-97: Richard Lemay – Marc Dupuis

WHEREAS joint and several liability has been identified by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, for more than a decade, as a concern to Ontario municipalities as a contribution factor to increasing insurance premiums paid by those municipalities, and;
WHEREAS previous provincial governments have failed to address those concerns;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby supports resolution no. 27-01-2021 made by the Township of Zorra, supporting the Municipality of Tweed in their call for reform and reconsideration of The Negligence Act, R.S.O. 1990, c N.1, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Township of Zorra, to the Municipality of Tweed and to our federal and provincial government representatives, Carol Hughes and Guy Bourgoûin.

Carried

Planning Act timelines

Resolution 21-98: Richard Lemay – Steve Brousseau

WHEREAS the passing of Bill 108 in 2019 reduced timelines for processing development applications before they can be appealed to the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal (LPAT) for a non-decision from those outlined in Bill 139, the Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, and;

WHEREAS the shortened timeframes create unreasonable pressures on municipalities and result in reduced opportunities for meaningful public engagement and limited time for the public to provide written submissions on a development application;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby supports resolution no. C-087-2021 made by the Township of Georgian Bay, supporting the City of Kitchener and urging the Province of Ontario to review and reconsider the current timelines established for review of Planning Act applications before an appeal is permitted to the LPAT and to return to the timelines that were in effect under Bill 139, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Township of Georgian Bay, to the City of Kitchener and to our federal and provincial government representatives, Carol Hughes and Guy Bourgoûin.

Carried

Invasive phragmites

Resolution 21-99: Marc Dupuis – Steve Brousseau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby supports resolution no. 21-073 made by the Township of The Archipelago, requesting that the Ministry of Transportation take road management action, including the detection, mapping and eradication, against invasive phragmites and;

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

Carried

Nuisance beavers

Resolution 21-100: Joyce Malenfant – Richard Lemay

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby authorizes the Public Works Supervisor to sign on its behalf the annual nuisance beaver removal agreement with the Hearst Trappers' Council for the period of May 15th to October 5th, 2021, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council hereby authorizes the CAO to look into the possibility of modifying the duration of said agreement, from an annual to a multi-year basis.

Carried

Delegation of powers and duties

Resolution 21-101: Joyce Malenfant – Marc Dupuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the municipal policy on the Delegation of Powers and Duties be hereby adopted, as circulated.

Carried

Tax adjustment application

Resolution 21-102: Joyce Malenfant – Marc Dupuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the application made by the property owners for an adjustment of taxes under section 357 of *The Municipal Act* with respect to roll no. 5677007004125000000 be hereby approved as circulated.

Carried

By-law no. 888

Resolution 21-103: Richard Lemay – Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 888, being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario, as represented by the Office of the Fire Marshall, for funding under the Municipal Fire Protection Grant, be hereby adopted.

Carried

By-law no. 889

Resolution 21-104: Richard Lemay – Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 889, being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario, as represented by the Minister of Infrastructure, for funding under the Green infrastructure funding stream of ICIP, be hereby adopted.

Carried

By-law no. 890

Resolution 21-105: Richard Lemay – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 890, being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement with the Ontario Trillium Foundation for funding under the Resilient Communities Fund, be hereby adopted.

Carried

Caucus

Resolution 21-106: Daniel Grenier – Steve Brousseau
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council go into closed meeting at 8:19 pm to discuss i) the adoption of the minutes of a closed meeting; ii) labour relations and iii) the acquisition or disposition of land.

Carried

Regular meeting

Resolution 21-107: Richard Lemay – Daniel Grenier
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting of Council resume at 9:06 pm.

Carried

Minutes

Resolution 21-108: Joyce Malenfant – Steve Brousseau
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council's closed meeting 21-05 held on March 22nd, 2021, be hereby adopted.

Carried

Surplus property

Resolution 21-109: Joyce Malenfant – Richard Lemay
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby declares the real property located at 272, 3rd Street, in Mattice, to be surplus to the needs of the Municipality and hereby authorizes the CAO/Clerk to take action in the manner set out in Schedule 1 of By-law no. 374.

Carried

14. Next meeting: Tuesday, May 18th, 2021 at 7:00 pm

15. Confirmatory by-law

Resolution 21-110: Steve Brousseau – Marc Dupuis
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 891, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council on Monday, April 26th, 2021, be hereby adopted.

Carried

16. Adjournment: 9:10 pm

Resolution 21-111: Joyce Malenfant – Richard Lemay
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting of Council held on
April 26th, 2021, be adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Carried

Read and confirmed on May 18th, 2021

Mayor

CAO/Clerk