

The Corporation of the Township of Mattice – Val Côté

Meeting 23-02 (regular)

January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 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

Treasurer – Annie Plamondon (left at 8:30 pm)

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1. Opening of meeting

The Mayor opened the meeting at 6:55 pm

2. Approval of the Order of Business

- Resolution 23-31

3. Pecuniary interest

Nil

4. Delegation and Presentation

Presentation by Mario Levesque, Account Manager for the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC). Mario provided explanations about the assessment process and answered Council's questions in this regard.

5. Adoption of minutes of previous Council meeting

- Resolution 23-32

6. Treasurer's report

6.1 Municipal Budget Policy

- Resolution 23-33

6.2 Reserve and Reserve Funds Policy – the example provided was reviewed by Council

- Differed

6.3 Property tax arrears – as of January 2023

- Resolution 23-34

7. CAO's report

7.1 Resolutions/requests for support

a) Town of Petrolia – school board elections

- Resolution 23-35

7.2 Inspection report – Mattice Drinking Water System

- Resolution 23-36

7.3 Upcoming training and meetings

i) Standard of Care training session, by WCWC – Mayor Dupuis and Councillor Gagnon will attend the training hosted by OCWA in Hearst on March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023

ii) Essentials of Municipal Fire Protection workshop, by OFM – Councillors Gagnon and Malenfant will attend the training offered in Kapuskasing on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

iii) FONOM Conference – Mayor Dupuis and Councillor Malenfant will attend the conference in Parry Sound in May 2023

iv) NEOMA – Mayor Dupuis and Councillor Gagnon will attend the meeting in Val Rita – Harty on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

- Agreed

7.4 Communities in Bloom – 2023 invitation

- Filed

7.5 Northern Policy Institute – SNOED course

- Resolution 23-37

7.6 Health & Safety Policy

- Resolution 23-38

7.7 Report on various items

a) Training/meetings

b) Information provided

- Filed

c) Complaints received

- Wastewater pumps: Resolution 23-39

- Snow accumulation: Resolution 23-40

- Other complaints were filed

8. Mayor's report

8.1 Verbal report of the Porcupine Health Unit meeting attended virtually on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

8.2 Verbal report of a complaint received from a resident pertaining to the chosen location of the splashpad.

9. Councilors' reports

A. Councilor Brousseau

- Verbal report of the MVC Library Board meeting held on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

B. Councilor Gagnon

- Verbal report of a recent introductory meeting with the Hearst FMA manager

- Snowman contest – discussion with respect to the various venues that could be used to submit an entry (hashtag, event, group, etc.). Will be finalized with staff on Thursday.

C. Councilor Malenfant

- Verbal report of a special Foyer des Pionniers Board meeting held in Hearst on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

D. Councilor Manning

- Verbal report of a Hearst LCC meeting held in Hearst on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023

10. By-laws

10.1 By-law no. 944 – remuneration and allowances for members of Council

- Resolution 23-41

10.2 By-law no. 945 – compensation and allowances for municipal employees

- Resolution 23-42

10.3 By-law no. 948 – members of the Mattice – Val Côté Public Library Board

- Resolution 23-43

11. Caucus

a) Caucus – Resolution 23-44

b) Regular meeting – Resolution 23-45

12. Minutes/Periodic reports/Correspondence

The following documents were received and filed:

12.1 Hours of work – December 2022

12.2 Town of Hearst – CDSSAB representation

12.3 Emergency Management Ontario – evacuations and host communities

13. Resolutions

Agenda

Resolution 23-31: Réginald Manning – Joyce Malenfant  
THAT the agenda be hereby accepted.

Carried

Minutes

Resolution 23-32: Réginald Manning - Steve Brousseau  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council’s regular meeting  
23-01, held on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, be hereby adopted.

Carried

Municipal Budget Policy

Resolution 23-33: Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipal Budget Policy, as amended,  
be hereby adopted.

Carried

Property tax arrears

Resolution 23-34: Joyce Malenfant – Steve Brousseau  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT certificates for tax arrears dating back to  
2020 or prior be registered against those properties that are  
either used as inhabited residences or consist of vacant land.

Carried

School board elections

Resolution 23-35: Steve Brousseau – Sophie Gagnon  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice –  
Val Côté hereby supports the resolution made by the Council for  
the Town of Petrolia on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022, requesting that  
school boards become responsible for conducting their own  
trustee elections or, at minimum, that municipalities be  
compensated by the school boards for overseeing such trustee  
elections, 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

Inspection report – water

Resolution 23-36: Sophie Gagnon – Steve Brousseau  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby accepts and adopts the Inspection Report for the Mattice Drinking Water System, prepared on behalf of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, following their December 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 inspection.

Carried

SNOED Course

Resolution 23-37: Steve Brousseau – Sophie Gagnon  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby authorizes the CAO/Clerk to take the Sustainable Northern Ontario Economic Development (SNOED) course offered by the Northern Policy Institute, over a period of twelve weeks starting February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, at a cost of SEVEN HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE (\$725.00) DOLLARS.

Carried

Health & Safety Policy

Resolution 23-38: Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the municipal Health & Safety policy be approved, as circulated.

Carried

Waste water pumps

Resolution 23-39: Sophie Gagnon – Marc Dupuis  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CAO/Clerk verify the availability of plumbing parts and services for the Val Côté wastewater pumps with Kapuskasing entrepreneurs.

Carried

Snow accumulation

Resolution 23-40: Joyce Malenfant – Sophie Gagnon  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT a letter be sent advising this individual that he will be invoiced for the cost of removing the snow that he is accumulating on the road side and on surrounding properties.

Carried

By-law no. 944

Resolution 23-41: Sophie Gagnon – Marc Dupuis  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 944, being a By-law to establish remuneration and allowances for expenses of members of Council and its officers for 2023, be hereby adopted.

Carried

By-law no. 945

Resolution 23-42: Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 945, being a By-law to establish compensation and allowances for expenses of municipal employees for 2023, be hereby adopted.

Carried

By-law no. 948

Resolution 23-43: Sophie Gagnon – Réginald Manning  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 948, being a By-law to appoint the members of the Mattice – Val Côté Public Library Board, be hereby adopted.

Carried

Caucus

Resolution 23-44: Marc Dupuis – Steve Brousseau  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council go into closed meeting at 9:40 pm to adopt the minutes of a closed meeting and to discuss the acquisition or disposition of land.

Carried

Regular meeting

Resolution 23-45: Réginald Manning – Sophie Gagnon  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting of Council resume at 9:42 pm.

Carried

Minutes

Resolution 23-46: Réginald Manning – Joyce Malenfant  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council's closed meeting 23-01, held on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, be hereby adopted.

Carried

Letter of Intent

Resolution 23-47: Sophie Gagnon - Réginald Manning  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby authorizes the Mayor, Marc Dupuis, to sign the Letter of Intent, circulated in closed session, pertaining to the Claybelt Agricultural Development Project.

Carried

14. Next meeting: Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, at 7:30 pm

15. Confirmatory by-law

Resolution 23-48: Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 949, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council on Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, be hereby adopted.

Carried

16. Adjournment: 9:52 pm

Resolution 23-49: Sophie Gagnon – Réginald Manning

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting of Council held on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, be adjourned at 9:52 pm.

Carried

Read and confirmed on February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023

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Mayor

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CAO/Clerk