

The Corporation of the Township of Mattice – Val Côté

Meeting 23-06 (regular)

May 15th, 2023

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on May 15th, 2023, at 7:00 pm, in the basement at the Town Hall, 500 Highway 11, Mattice, Ontario.

Present:

Mayor – Marc Dupuis

Councilor – Steve Brousseau (arrived at 7:32 pm)

Councilor – Sophie Gagnon

Councilor – Joyce Malenfant

Councilor – Réginald Manning

Staff

CAO/Clerk – Guylaine Coulombe

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

1. Opening of meeting

The Mayor opened the meeting at 7:15 pm

2. Approval of the Order of Business

- Resolution 23-105

3. Pecuniary interest

Councilor Brousseau declared an interest at item 7.9

4. Delegation and Presentation

Nil

5. Adoption of minutes of previous Council meeting

- Resolution 23-106

6. Treasurer's report

6.1 2022 Financial Statements

- Resolution 23-107

Invite Martine, from bakertilly, to provide more in-depth explanations to Council at a later date

- Agreed

6.2 2023 Budget

- Resolution 23-108

6.3 Debt policy – based on the auditors’ comments, we will not be adopting such a policy

- Agreed

7. CAO’s report

7.1 Resolutions/requests for support

a) FONOM – Bail reform

- Resolution 23-109

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

b) City of Stratford – redirect LTC funding to community care services

c) Regional Municipality of Waterloo – information pertaining to election candidates and supporters

d) Township of The Archipelago – invasive grass (phragmites australis)

e) National Chronic Pain Society – coverage for chronic pain treatments

f) City of Cambridge – speed enforcement system

7.2 Camp Source de Vie – donation request

- Resolution 23-110

7.3 Rental fees at the Sports Complex

- Resolution 23-111

Prepare comparative analysis of badminton season revenues and costs for Council’s review.

- Agreed

7.4 Parish – rental of the former curling rink

- Resolution 23-112

7.5 Nuisance beavers – agreement with HTC

- Resolution 23-113

7.6 MEDFACT – land for future investments

- Resolution 23-114

7.7 Recycling electronics

- Resolution 23-115

7.8 Recycling from non-eligible sources

- Resolution 23-116

7.9 Zoning – request pertaining to the Open Space Zone

- Resolution 23-117

Councilor Brousseau left the meeting during the discussion and during the decision-making process.

7.10 Report on various items

a) Training/meetings

- Filed

b) Information provided

- letter to be sent to ON Y VA, confirming Council's decision

- Agreed

c) Complaints received

- Filed

d) For Council's consideration

- quantity of calcium on Shallow Lake Road: in an attempt to reduce the number of interventions, Council asked that more calcium be used at a time and that water be spread (instead of waiting for rain)

- Agreed

- request received earlier today for an additional hour per evening for badminton & pickleball: reinstall the 5th badminton net and monitor the situation

- Agreed

All other matters discussed therein

- Filed

8. Mayor's report

8.1 Mayor will attempt to secure a substantial donation for the operation of the Sports complex.

8.2 Verbal report – recent efforts made by Opasatika to hire a by-law officer. We may be able to access these services.

8.3 Verbal report of the NEOMA meeting held in Timmins earlier today.

9. Councilors' reports

A. Councilor Brousseau

- Nil

B. Councilor Gagnon

- Verbal report of the Long Term Care Committee meeting held in Hearst on May 4th, 2023

- Inquired about the possibility of reviving the Embellishment Committee. Council advised that municipal employee will continue to plant the flowers. Committee members can meet but no funds were set aside for projects in the 2023 budget. CAO to look for funding in this regard.

- Agreed

C. Councilor Malenfant

- Verbal report of the Foyer des Pionniers Board meeting held in Hearst on April 20th.
- Verbal report of the Mattice – Val Côté Public Library Board meeting held on April 29th.
- Verbal report of the FONOM Conference held in Parry Sound from May 8th to May 10th.
- Suggested that a positive twist on recycling be made on our facebook page.

D. Councilor Manning

- Verbal report of the Hearst LCC meeting held in Hearst on April 28th.

Duration of meeting

- Resolution 23-118

10. By-laws

10.1 By-law no. 955 – cemetery price list

- Resolution 23-119

10.2 By-law no. 957 – water rates

- Resolution 23-120

10.3 By-law no. 958 – tax ratios

- Resolution 23-121

10.4 By-law no. 959 – tax rates, penalties and interest

- Resolution 23-122

11. Caucus

a) Caucus – Resolution 23-123

b) Regular meeting – Resolution 23-124

12. Minutes/Periodic reports/Correspondence

The following documents were received and filed:

12.1 Hours of work – April 2023

12.2 TDH – MRI scheduling

12.3 Township of Black River – Matheson – broadband service

12.4 Exolink – press release

12.5 MOI – interactive high-speed internet map

12.6 Enbridge gas/Ontario One Call – locate fees

12.7 EMO – 2022 compliance

12.8 NEOMA – press release

12.9 Report of the Northern Ontario Transportation Task Force

13. Resolutions

- Agenda Resolution 23-105: Réginald Manning – Joyce Malenfant
THAT the agenda be hereby accepted.
Carried
- Minutes Resolution 23-106: Réginald Manning - Sophie Gagnon
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council’s regular meeting
23-05, held on April 18th, 2023, be hereby adopted.
Carried
- 2022 Financial Statements Resolution 23-107: Joyce Malenfant – Réginald Manning
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Independent Auditor’s report and
Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ending December
31st, 2022 for the Corporation of the Township of Mattice – Val
Côté be hereby approved as circulated.
Carried
- Adoption of the 2023 Budget Resolution 22-108: Réginald Manning – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED that the 2023 Budget, with revenues and
expenditures totaling \$2,956,589.00, be hereby approved as
circulated.
Carried
- Bail reform Resolution 23-109: Steve Brousseau – Réginald Manning
WHEREAS the cost of policing and emergency services in
northern communities is harming a community’s ability to
support local social and health issues, and;
WHEREAS a small percentage of those affected by addiction in
the communities of northern Ontario are committing crimes,
and;
WHEREAS many of those committing crimes are not housed in
the correctional system, therefore remain in our communities
and often those that do require treatment for their addiction
issue receive none, and;
WHEREAS some committing crimes become violent but are
released back into the community due to the negative impacts of
federal Bill C75, and;
WHEREAS the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities
(FONOM) believes that more must be done by the federal
government on Bail Reform;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby supports FONOM’s request that the federal government make these legislative changes: 1) create a designation of a chronic persistent offender; 2) allow community impact statements at bail and at bail hearings; 3) create a reverse onus in bail for all firearms offences; 4) all bail-related gun charges go to the Superior Court for bail release, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister, Federal Justice Minister, Premier of Ontario, the Attorney General, the Solicitor General, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Northeastern MPs and MPPs, Leaders of the opposition, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and to the FONOM.

Carried

Donation request

Resolution 23-110: Steve Brousseau – Marc Dupuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté not contribute to the Camp Source de Vie fundraising campaign.

Carried

Rental fees at the Sports Complex

Resolution 23-111: Sophie Gagnon – Steve Brousseau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following fees be increased as follows: deposits - \$250; community hall – private - \$700; community hall – local organization/club - \$350; rink surface – private - \$900; rink surface – local organization/club - \$450; 2nd day rental (no clean-up) - \$200; kitchen - \$100; commercial food warmer (1) - \$75; both commercial food warmers - \$100; rink surface hourly rental (summer) - \$60; volleyball – at the door - \$5, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT other changes be made to the list as discussed: remove some items – curling club, portion of community hall, defer some items - badminton season, gym, all fees involving ice, include comments on some items - no cleaning Teen Centre.

Carried

Rental – former curling rink

Resolution 23-112: Joyce Malenfant – Sophie Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CAO/Clerk enter into a rental agreement with the Parish with respect to the former curling rink, as discussed.

Carried

Nuisance beavers

Resolution 23-113: Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality enter into an agreement with the Hearst Trappers' Council for the removal of nuisance beavers in 2023.

Carried

Land for future investments

Resolution 23-114: Steve Brousseau – Réginald Manning

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality does not have the resources (human resources, time, availability of information) required to answer the MEDJCT request to fill out templates on available land in our jurisdiction for future investments.

Carried

Recycling electronics

Resolution 23-115: Steve Brousseau – Sophie Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CAO/Clerk terminate the agreement with EPRA with respect to the recycling of electronic products by providing them with the required 45 days notice in this regard.

Carried

Recycling from non-eligible sources

Resolution 23-116: Joyce Malenfant – Réginald Manning

WHEREAS recycling material from Industrial, Commercial and Institutional properties is considered as recycling from non-eligible sources, and;

WHEREAS during 2025, which is set to be the transition year for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté, Circular Materials Ontario (CMO) will automatically deduct 25% of the sum payable to the Municipality for what it considers to be recyclables from non-eligible sources, unless the Municipality can demonstrate to CMO's satisfaction that the percentage should be lower;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality will attempt to determine the proportion of non-eligible sources based on MPAC property types.

Carried

Request - Open Space Zone

Resolution 23-117: Réginald Manning – Joyce Malenfant

WHEREAS the Mattice – Val Côté Zoning By-law provides that no permanent buildings or structures are allowed in an Open Space Zone, and;

WHEREAS in order to determine the boundaries of an Open Space Zone, the By-law provides that the services of a qualified professional are required, and;

WHEREAS the property described as Roll number 567700700428800.0000 is located by the Missinaibi River, and has both an Open Space Zone (by the river) and a Rural Zone (by the road), and;

WHEREAS the owners of this property wish to install a structure in the section of the property that is zoned as rural, and;

WHEREAS the sections of the property where they intend to install said structure have a sea level elevation of 225 and 226 metres, and;

WHEREAS residential properties located on First Street South and on Plamondon Road are at a sea level elevation of 225 metres, and;

WHEREAS in front of the entrance to the subject-property, First Street South has a sea level elevation of 224 metres, and;

WHEREAS a bench was installed closer to the river, at a sea level elevation of 218 meters, which is the same elevation as the Mattice high-lift station, and;

WHEREAS the Missinaibi River is 214 meters above sea level;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, in light of the measurements taken and of comparable properties in the area, Council is confident that the structure the owners wish to install in the section of their property that is 225 and 226 meters above sea level is in fact located in the Rural Zone, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, in these particular circumstances, as a result of the above, the owners do not have to obtain the services of a qualified professional to establish the limits of the Open Space Zone.

Carried

Duration of meeting

Resolution 23-118: Steve Brousseau – Sophie Gagnon

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

Carried

By-law no. 955

Resolution 23-119: Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 955, being a By-law to amend Schedule A to By-law no. 914 (cemetery price list), be hereby adopted.

Carried

By-law no. 957

Resolution 23-120: Joyce Malenfant – Réginald Manning
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 957, being a By-law to establish water rates for 2023, be hereby adopted.

Carried

By-law no. 958 – tax ratios

Resolution 23-121: Joyce Malenfant – Réginald Manning
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 958, being a By-law to establish tax ratios for 2023, be hereby adopted.

Carried

By-law no. 959

Resolution 23-122: Joyce Malenfant – Réginald Manning
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 959, being a By-law to adopt tax rates and to further provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof for 2023, be hereby adopted.

Carried

Caucus

Resolution 23-123: Steve Brousseau – Sophie Gagnon
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council go into closed meeting at 10:05 pm to adopt the minutes of a closed meeting and to discuss labour relations.

Carried

Regular meeting

Resolution 23-124: Réginald Manning – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting of Council resume at 10:36 pm.

Carried

Minutes

Resolution 23-125: Sophie Gagnon – Steve Brousseau
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council's closed meeting 23-05, held on April 18th, 2023, be hereby adopted.

Carried

Seasonal positions

Resolution 23-126: Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the three Park attendant positions be offered to the three older applicants, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, in addition to age, past employment performance with the Municipality be taken into consideration during the selection process.

Carried

Working conditions

Resolution 23-127: Steve Brousseau – Marc Dupuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT working conditions improvements for non-union employees (dental coverage, eye exam, wages) be granted, as discussed.

Carried

14. Next meeting: Monday, June 5th, 2023, at 7:00 pm

15. Confirmatory by-law

Resolution 23-128: Steve Brousseau – Réginald Manning

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 956, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council on Monday, May 15th, 2023, be hereby adopted.

Carried

16. Adjournment: 10:40 pm

Resolution 23-129: Sophie Gagnon – Réginald Manning

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting of Council held on May 15th, 2023, be adjourned at 10:40 pm.

Carried

Read and confirmed on June 5th, 2023

Acting Mayor

CAO/Clerk