

The Corporation of the Township of Mattice – Val Côté

Meeting 25-02 (regular)

February 4th, 2025

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on February 4th, 2025, 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 – Joyce Malenfant
Councilor – Réginald Manning

Staff

CAO/Clerk – Guylaine Coulombe
Treasurer – Annie Plamondon

Others

Renée-Pier Fontaine - Hearst Medias

Absent:

Councilor – Sophie Gagnon

1. Opening of meeting
The Mayor opened the meeting at 7:00 pm
2. Approval of the Order of Business
- Resolution 25-18
3. Pecuniary interest
Nil
4. Delegation, Presentation, Meeting requested by Council
Nil
5. Adoption of minutes of previous Council meeting
- Resolution 25-19
6. Treasurer's report
Nil

7. CAO's report

7.1 Resolutions/requests for support:

- a) Town of Kapuskasing – passenger train services between Cochrane and Hearst
 - Resolution 25-20
- d) FONOM – recyclables from non-eligible sources
 - Resolution 25-21

The following requests were received and filed:

- b) Town of Peterborough – Bill no. 242 and court decision pertaining to encampments
- c) Town of Hawkesbury – majority vote to disqualify a member of Council
- e) Town of Halton Hills – sovereignty of Canada
- f) Canadian Union of Postal Workers – industrial inquiry commission

7.2 Lakeshore Capacity Review – Zoning by-law amendment

- Resolution 25-22

7.3 Northeastern Fire Education Conference

- Resolutions 25-23 and 25-24

7.4 MMAH Municipal Finance & Administration Forum

- Resolution 25-25

7.5 Report on various items

- a) Training/meetings attended
- b) Requests/complaints
- c) Information provided
 - Filed
- d) For Council's consideration
 - i) Recognition ceremony – community hall – tentatively scheduled for Thursday, February 20th, right after the Carnival parade - Agreed
 - ii) Future of the ice rink – Deferred

8. Mayor's report

- 8.1 Verbal report of the meeting of the Northeastern Public Health Board held on January 30th, 2025.

9. Councilors' reports

A. Councilor Brousseau

- Verbal report of the Mattice – Val Côté Public Library Board meeting held on January 21st, 2025

B. Councilor Malenfant
- Nil

C. Councilor Manning
- Nil

10. By-laws

10.1 By-law no. 1010 – Remuneration and allowances for members of Council
- Resolution 25-26

10.2 By-law no. 1011 – Compensation and allowances for municipal employees
- Resolution 25-27

11. Caucus

- Nil

12. Minutes/Periodic reports/Correspondence

The following documents were received and filed:

12.1 MSG – auto theft and bail reform

12.2 MNR – Minister's permitting decision powers in the place of a conservation authority

12.3 Canada Post – Val Côté post office

13. Resolutions

Agenda

Resolution 25-18: Réginald Manning – Joyce Malenfant
THAT the agenda be hereby accepted.

Carried

Minutes

Resolution 25-19: Steve Brousseau – Réginald Manning
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council's regular meeting 25-01, held on January 15th, 2025 be hereby adopted.

Carried

Passenger train services

Resolution 25-20: Steve Brousseau – Marc Dupuis
BE IT RESOLVED THAT a letter be sent to the Minister of Transportation supporting the request recently made by the Town of Kapuskasing to extend the passenger rail service from Cochrane to Hearst.

Carried

Recyclables from
non-eligible sources

Resolution 25-21: Joyce Malenfant – Steve Brousseau
WHEREAS under Regulation 391/21: Blue Box, producers are fully accountable and financially responsible for their products and packaging once they reach their end of life and are disposed of, for “eligible” sources only, and;
WHEREAS “ineligible” sources, which producers are not responsible for, include businesses, places of worship, daycares, campgrounds, public-facing and internal areas of municipal-owned buildings and not-for-profit organizations, such as shelters and food banks, and;
WHEREAS should a municipality continue to provide services to the “ineligible” sources, the municipality will be required to oversee the collection, transportation and processing of the recycling, assuming 100% of the costs, and;
WHEREAS these costs will further burden the municipalities’ finances and potentially take resources away from vital infrastructure projects;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby requests that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources, and;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, to AMO, ROMA and FONOM and to our local parliament representatives, MP Carol Hughes and MPP Guy Bourgouin.

Carried

Zoning By-law amendment

Resolution 25-22: Steve Brousseau - Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the services of WSP be retained to prepare a Zoning By-Law Amendment that addresses the issues of campground expansion on Shallow Lake at a cost of FIVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY (\$5,950.00) DOLLARS, plus taxes.

Carried

Northeastern Education
Conference

Resolution 25-23: Réginald Manning – Steve Brousseau
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby authorizes the Fire Chief and one captain of the Mattice – Val Côté Fire Department to attend the Northeastern Fire Education Conference in March 2025.

Carried

Resolution 25-24: Marc Dupuis – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby approves the recurring annual expenses associated with sending two members of the Mattice – Val Côté Fire Department, including the Fire Chief, to the Northeastern Fire Education Conference, unless the registration fees or the costs of accommodation have significantly increased over the previous year (15% or more), in which case Council prior approval will be sought.

Carried

MMAH Forum

Resolution 25-25: Marc Dupuis – Réginald Manning
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby authorizes the CAO/Clerk to attend the 2025 Northeast Municipal Finance and Administration Forum in Azilda in March 2025.

Carried

By-law no. 1010

Resolution 25-26: Réginald Manning – Steve Brousseau
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 1010, being a by-law to establish remuneration and allowances for expenses of members of Council and its officers for 2025, be hereby adopted.

Carried

By-law no. 1011

Resolution 25-27: Steve Brousseau – Réginald Manning
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 1011, being a by-law to establish compensation and allowances for expenses of municipal employees, be hereby adopted.

Carried

14. Next regular meeting: Tuesday, February 25th, at 7:00 pm

15. Confirmatory by-law

Resolution 25-28: Steve Brousseau – Réginald Manning
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 1012, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council on Tuesday, February 4th, 2025, be hereby adopted.

Carried

16. Adjournment: 7:46 pm

Resolution 25-29: Joyce Malenfant – Steve Brousseau
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting of Council held
on February 4th, 2025, be adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Carried

Read and confirmed on February 25th, 2025

Mayor

CAO/Clerk