

The Corporation of the Township of Mattice – Val Côté

Meeting 24-17 (regular)

December 18th, 2024

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on December 18th, 2024, at 7:30 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

Absent

Treasurer – Annie Plamondon

Others

Claudine Brunelle and Lyne Malenfant (left prior to caucus)
Renée-Pier Fontaine - Hearst Medias

1. Opening of meeting
The Mayor opened the meeting at 7:35 pm
2. Approval of the Order of Business
The following item was added:
7.9 d) ii) Christmas gifts
- Resolution 24-243
3. Pecuniary interest
Nil
4. Delegation, Presentation, Meeting requested by Council
Nil
5. Adoption of minutes of previous Council meeting
- Resolution 24-244
6. Treasurer's report
Nil

7. CAO's report

7.1 Resolutions/requests for support

- a) Porcupine Health Unit – early childhood food insecurity
 - Resolution 24-245
- b) Northern Ontario Women's Caucus – Michael Mantha resignation
 - Resolution 24-246

The following request was received and filed:

- c) City of Belleville – equitable treatment with respect to the increasing costs of policing

7.2 MECP – Val Côté Lagoon 2024 Inspection Report

- Filed

7.3 Pre-budget consultations by the province – CAO to draft submissions (to include operating funds and fire department requirements) and to present the same to Council in January

- Deferred

7.4 FONOM – 2025 conference – Mayor Dupuis and Councillor Malenfant plan on attending the annual conference to be held in North Bay in May 2025

- Agreed

7.5 CAO/Clerk training - offered by Fred Dean in Kapuskasing in January

- Filed

7.6 New Board of Health representative

- Resolution 24-247

7.7 Property insurance in 2025

- Resolution 24-248

7.8 MECP – Mattice Drinking Water System Inspection Report

- Filed

7.9 Report – various items

- a) Training/meetings attended
- b) Information provided
- c) Complaints
 - Filed

- d) For Council's consideration
 - i) Future of the ice rink
 - Deferred
 - ii) Christmas gifts
 - Resolution 24-249

8. Mayor's report

8.1 Verbal report of the virtual meeting held on December 6th, 2024 between some of the rural north cluster municipalities to discuss the selection process for a representative on the Northeastern Board of Health

9. Councilors' reports

A. Councilor Brousseau

- Nil

B. Councilor Gagnon

- Verbal report of the Long Term Care committee meeting held in Hearst on November 14th, 2024
- Verbal report of the Hearst Forest Management Board meeting held in Hearst on December 11th, 2024

C. Councilor Malenfant

- Verbal report of the Foyer des Pionniers Board meeting held in Hearst on December 16th, 2024

D. Councilor Manning

- Nil

10. By-laws

- 10.1 By-law no. 1006 – Emergency Management Program
 - Resolution 24-250

11. Caucus

- a) Caucus – Resolution 24-251
- b) Regular meeting – Resolution 24-252

12. Minutes/Periodic reports/Correspondence

The following documents were received and filed:

- 12.1 Hours of work – November 2024
- 12.2 MNR – modernization of wildland fire management
- 12.3 MMAH – changes to the *Planning Act* to address housing crisis
- 12.4 SG – cost relief for OPP services
- 12.5 MNR – framework to regulate geological carbon storage

- 12.6 TBS – EMO – modernization of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*
- 12.7 MMAH and AMO Policy – stronger legislation on municipal codes of conduct
- 12.8 AMO Policy – homelessness encampments legislation

13. Resolutions

Agenda	<p><u>Resolution 24-243:</u> Réginald Manning – Sophie Gagnon THAT the agenda, as amended, be hereby accepted.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>
Minutes	<p><u>Resolution 24-244:</u> Joyce Malenfant – Réginald Manning BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council’s regular meeting 24-16, held on November 27th, 2024 be hereby adopted.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>
Early childhood food Insecurity	<p><u>Resolution 24-245:</u> Marc Dupuis – Steve Brousseau WHEREAS nutrition is critical for healthy growth and development and provincial action is urgently needed to protect young children 0-24 months of age from the harmful effects of household food insecurity, and; WHEREAS the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (Alpha) is calling on the provincial government to optimize early growth and development among families most impacted by food insecurity and health inequities by: i) increasing the Pregnancy and breastfeeding nutritional allowance and the Special diet allowance to ensure families reliant on Ontario Works or on the Ontario Disability Support Program can afford the products they need to adequately nourish their infants; ii) expanding the Ontario Drug Benefit to include specialized infant formulas for families whose children (0-24 months) have a medical diagnosis requiring strict avoidance of standard soy and milk proteins, and; WHEREAS Alpha will continue to advocate for income-related policies to reduce household food insecurity, especially for households with children where prevalence of food insecurity is highest; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby support Resolution no. BOH-2024-10-89 made by the Porcupine Health Unit endorsing Alpha Resolution no. A24-05 pertaining to early childhood food insecurity, and;</p>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Porcupine Health Unit, to Alpha, to the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and to our local parliament representatives, MP Carol Hughes and MPP Guy Bourgouin.

Carried

Michael Mantha

Resolution 24-246: Marc Dupuis – Réginald Manning
WHEREAS the Northern Ontario Women’s (NOW) Caucus is calling upon Michael Mantha to immediately resign from his position as MPP for the Algoma-Manitoulin riding in light of substantiated sexual harassment allegations;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby support the NOW Caucus resolution, received on December 10th last, calling for the immediate resignation of Michael Mantha as an MPP for the reasons outlined therein, and;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the NOW Caucus and to our local parliament representatives, MP Carol Hughes and MPP Guy Bourgouin.

Carried

New Board of Health representative

Resolution 24-247: Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant
WHEREAS each of the seven municipalities in the Rural North Cluster had to nominate a representative for the Northeastern Ontario Health Unit Board of Health, and;
WHEREAS the seven municipalities were required to reach a unanimous decision on the appointment, and;
WHEREAS following discussions and a voting process, Marc Dupuis, Mayor of the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté, was identified as the selected representative;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby appoint Mayor Marc Dupuis as representative of the Rural North Cluster on the Northeastern Ontario Health Unit Board of Health, effective immediately.

Carried

Property insurance in 2025

Resolution 24-248: Steve Brousseau – Réginald Manning
BE IT RESOLVED THAT, in light of the limited savings involved in ceasing to insure them, the current insurance coverage be maintained for the 6 properties valued at less than \$20,000 and for the 2 properties valued for a little over \$20,000.

Carried

16. Adjournment: 8:40 pm

Resolution 24-255: Joyce Malenfant – Réginald Manning
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting of Council held
on December 18th, 2024, be adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Carried

Read and confirmed on January 15th, 2025

Mayor

CAO/Clerk