

The Corporation of the Township of Mattice – Val Côté

Meeting 24-10 (regular)

June 10th, 2024

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on June 10th, 2024, at 7:00 pm, in the Municipal Council Chambers at the Town Hall, 500 Highway 11, Mattice, Ontario.

Present:

Mayor – Marc Dupuis
Councilor – Sophie Gagnon
Councilor – Joyce Malenfant
Councilor – Réginald Manning

Staff

CAO/Clerk – Guylaine Coulombe
Treasurer – Annie Plamondon

Absent:

Councilor – Steve Brousseau

Others

Nicolas Rice

1. Opening of meeting

The Mayor opened the meeting at 7:00 pm

2. Approval of the Order of Business

The following items were added to the agenda:

6.2 Financial report – to May 31st, 2024

7.1 b) Town of Cochrane – communications - road closures

7.4 d) i) SFX Parish 100th anniversary – pool

ii) Modular Homes

- Resolution 24-126

3. Pecuniary interest

Nil

4. Delegation, Presentation, Meeting requested by Council

Nil

5. Adoption of minutes of previous Council meeting

- Resolution 24-127

6. Treasurer's report

6.1 Verbal report – tax sales: 6 of the 8 properties sold. Others to be vested.

- Resolution 24-128

6.2 Financial report – to May 31st, 2024

- Resolution 24-129

7. CAO's report

7.1 Resolutions/requests for support

a) FONOM – natural gas needs

- Resolution 24-130

b) Town of Cochrane – communications - road closures

- Resolution 24-131

7.2 KBL Projects Ltd. – contaminated material to the landfill site

- Resolution 24-132

7.3 Verbal report – follow-up on various matters

a) Municipality's 50th anniversary - CAO/Clerk presented another style of fridge magnet available locally. A committee will be formed to plan the activities – Council to approve both the content and the costs.

- Filed

b) Future of the ice rink – no new information sought or provided in this respect

- Filed

c) Contest – Community Park name

- Resolution 24-133

7.4 Report – various items

a) Training/meetings attended

b) Information provided

c) Complaints

- Filed

- d) For Council's consideration
 - i) SFX Parish request to the Fire Department to fill up a pool during their upcoming festivities
 - Agreed
 - ii) Modular homes – CAO/Clerk shared information provided by WSP in this regard
 - Filed

8. Mayor's report

8.1 Verbal report of the Board of Health meeting held in Timmins on May 23rd last

8.2 Verbal report of the Splashpad recognition activity held on May 24th last

9. Councilors' reports

A. Councilor Gagnon

- Nil

B. Councilor Malenfant

- Verbal report of the MVC Library Board meeting held on May 22nd last

C. Councilor Manning

- Verbal report of the Hearst LCC meeting held in Hearst on May 29th last

10. By-laws

10.1 By-law no. 992 – agreement with Circular Materials

- Resolution 24-134

11. Caucus

a) Caucus – Resolution 24-135

b) Regular meeting – Resolution 24-136

12. Minutes/Periodic reports/Correspondence

The following documents were received and filed:

12.1 NECN update

12.2 Porcupine Health Unit – closing of the Timmins laboratory

13. Resolutions

Agenda

Resolution 24-126: Joyce Malenfant – Sophie Gagnon
THAT the agenda, as amended, be hereby accepted.

Carried

Minutes

Resolution 24-127: Réginald Manning - Sophie Gagnon
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council's regular meeting 24-09, held on May 21st, 2024 be hereby adopted.

Carried

Vested properties

Resolution 24-128: Joyce Malenfant – Réginald Manning
WHEREAS no offers were received for two of the eight properties that were recently up for sale to recover tax arrears;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT a notice of vesting be prepared and registered in the name of the municipality with respect to these two properties, being Roll no. 5677 007 00424200 0000 and Roll no. 5677 007 00411600 0000, in accordance with paragraph 379 (5) b) of the *Municipal Act*.

Carried

Financial report

Resolution 24-129: Réginald Manning – Sophie Gagnon
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the financial report ending May 31st, 2024 be hereby approved as circulated.

Carried

Natural gas needs

Resolution 24-130: Marc Dupuis – Joyce Malenfant
WHEREAS FONOM circulated a template letter for Council's consideration with respect to securing access to natural gas for Ontario's future;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT a letter of comment be submitted on the Ontario Energy Board filing portal in this regard.

Carried

Communications - road closures

Resolution 24-131: Réginald Manning – Sophie Gagnon
WHEREAS Highway 11 serves as a vital transportation route for both residents and commercial activities within our communities, and;
WHEREAS the closure of Highway 11 due to severe weather conditions or accidents can result in significant disruptions to local businesses, emergency services and the general public, and;
WHEREAS the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is responsible for managing road closures on Highway 11 during such incidents, and;
WHEREAS past closures have lasted for extended periods, causing undue hardship to the affected communities, and;

WHEREAS there is a need for improved communication and coordination between the OPP and relevant emergency management authorities to mitigate the impact of road closures on Highway 11, and;

WHEREAS the Provincial Emergency Operations Centre (PEOC) plays a crucial role in coordinating emergency response efforts at the provincial level, and;

WHEREAS municipalities along the Highway 11 corridor lack the resources to adequately manage the influx of vehicles and ensure public safety during prolonged road closures;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby supports Resolution No. 303-2024 made by Council for the Town of Cochrane and requests that the Province, through the Ministry of the Solicitor General, consider the establishment of a formal notification protocol between the OPP and the PEOC regarding road closures on Highway 11, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the notification protocol include provisions for timely updates on the status of road closures, anticipated duration and any alternative routes or detours available to the public, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Solicitor General of Ontario, the Honourable Michael S. Kerzner, to the Town of Cochrane, to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), to the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), to the North Eastern Ontario Municipal Association (NEOMA), to the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) and to our local parliament representatives, MPP Guy Bourgouin and MP Carol Hughes.

Carried

Contaminated material
to the landfill site

Resolution 24-132: Marc Dupuis – Réginald Manning

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby authorizes the CAO/Clerk to prepare and sign an agreement with KBL Projects Ltd. with respect to the transportation of approximately FORTY (40) tons of contaminated material from Station 92 to the Mattice – Val Côté landfill site in accordance with the terms discussed, including the set fee of SEVENTY-FIVE (\$75.00) DOLLARS per ton.

Carried

Community Park name	<p><u>Resolution 24-133</u>: Marc Dupuis – Joyce Malenfant WHEREAS Council had launched a contest to find a new name for the Community Park, and; WHEREAS Council was looking for a name that referenced the ball field, the playground and the splashpad, and; WHEREAS Council set aside the suggestions that included the word "Missinaibi" since the municipality already has a park bearing that name, and; WHEREAS Council was hoping for a name that could easily be translated in both official languages; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Community Park will simply continue to be known and referred to as the Community Park.</p> <p>Carried</p>
By-law no. 992	<p><u>Resolution 24-134</u>: Joyce Malenfant – Réginald Manning BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 992, being a By-law to authorize the execution of an agreement with Circular Materials to enter into a Depot Operations Agreement, be hereby adopted.</p> <p>Carried</p>
Caucus	<p><u>Resolution 24-135</u>: Réginald Manning – Joyce Malenfant BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council go into a closed meeting at 8:12 pm to adopt the minutes of a closed meeting, to discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual and to discuss labour relations.</p> <p>Carried</p>
Regular meeting	<p><u>Resolution 24-136</u>: Joyce Malenfant – Sophie Gagnon BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting of Council resume at 8:55 pm.</p> <p>Carried</p>
Minutes	<p><u>Resolution 24-137</u>: Réginald Manning – Marc Dupuis BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council's closed meeting 24-09, held on May 21st, 2024 be hereby adopted.</p> <p>Carried</p>

14. Next regular meeting: Tuesday, July 2nd, 2024 at 7:00 pm

15. Confirmatory by-law

Resolution 24-138: Réginald Manning – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 993, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council on Monday, June 10th, 2024, be hereby adopted.

Carried

16. Adjournment: 9 :00 pm

Resolution 24-139: Sophie Gagnon – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting of Council held on June 10th, 2024, be adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Carried

Read and confirmed on July 2nd, 2024

Mayor

CAO/Clerk