

The Corporation of the Township of Mattice – Val Côté

Meeting 22-11 (regular)

September 27th, 2022

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on September 27th, 2022, at 7:00 pm, in the Municipal Council Chambers at the Town Hall, 500 Highway 11, Mattice, Ontario.

Present:

Mayor – Marc Dupuis
Councilor – Daniel Grenier
Councilor – Joyce Malenfant

Staff

CAO/Clerk – Guylaine Coulombe

Absent:

Councilor – Steve Brousseau
Councilor – Richard Lemay
Treasurer – Annie Plamondon

1. Opening of meeting
The Mayor opened the meeting at 7:05 pm
2. Approval of the Order of Business
- Resolution 22-166
3. Pecuniary interest
Nil
4. Delegation and Presentation
Nil
5. Adoption of minutes of previous Council meeting
- Resolution 22-167
6. Treasurer's report
Nil

7. CAO's report

7.1 Resolutions/requests for support

- a) Town of Wasaga Beach; Town of Kingsville – opposition to the Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, 2022
 - Resolution 22-168
- b) MP Carol Hughes – changes to the electoral districts in Northern Ontario
 - Resolution 22-169
- c) Municipality of East Ferris – school bus security
 - Resolution 22-170

7.2 2022 Asset Management Plan

- Resolution 22-171

7.3 Updates on different matters pertaining to the MTO

- Filed

7.4 Report on various items

- a) Meetings/training sessions attended
- b) Information provided
- c) Complaints
 - Filed
- d) For Council's consideration
 - i) Agreement pertaining to road allowance on Mgr Proulx Avenue
 - Resolution 22 – 172
 - ii) Purchase of wood for cemetery fences
 - Resolution 22-173
 - iii) Installation of frisbee golf baskets in the Missinaibi Park – permission granted
 - Agreed
 - iv) Spade rental – \$50 per day in 2022 and rented only to public organizations
 - Agreed
 - v) Snow removal at the school – provide Council with a cost analysis
 - Agreed
 - vi) Basement – will let public organizations use the same. Need to consider other types of requests & fees
 - Differed

8. Mayor's report

8.1 Verbal report of the Porcupine Health Unit Board meeting held on September 22nd, 2022.

8.2 Verbal report of the upcoming celebration surrounding Notre-Dame Hospital's 50th anniversary.

8.3 Statistical report of the services provided by the Nord-Aski Family Health Team.

9. Councilors' reports

A. Councilor Grenier

- Verbal report of the CCEJ/Forma-Jeunes meeting held on September 20th, 2022

B. Councilor Malenfant

- Verbal report of the Foyer des Pionniers Board meeting attended virtually on September 1st, 2022
- Verbal report of the Long Term Care committee meeting held in Hearst on September 22nd, 2022

10. By-laws

10.1 By-law no. 935 – Municipal Elections Compliance Committee

- Resolution 22-174

10.2 By-law no. 937 – Vacancy tax rebate program

- Resolution 22-175

11. Caucus

a) Caucus – Resolution 22-176

b) Regular meeting – Resolution 22-177

12. Minutes/Periodic reports/Correspondence

The following documents were received and filed:

12.1 Hours of work – August 2022

12.2 FONOM – redistribution of federal electoral districts

12.3 Ombudsman – 2021-2022 annual report

12.4 MP Shannon Stubbs – issues facing rural municipalities

12.5 Northern Direction – invitation to a conference on rural and northern issues

12.6 Médias de l'épinette noire – 30th radiothon

13. Resolutions

Agenda

Resolution 22-166: Joyce Malenfant – Daniel Grenier
THAT the agenda be hereby accepted.

Carried

Minutes

Resolution 22-167: Daniel Grenier – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council's regular meeting
22-10, held on August 30th, 2022, be hereby adopted.

Carried

Strong Mayors, Building Homes
Act, 2022

Resolution 22-168: Marc Dupuis – Joyce Malenfant

WHEREAS Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté does not support the Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, 2022, and;
WHEREAS said Act received Royal Assent on September 8th, 2022;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT a letter be sent to the Premier of Ontario on behalf of Council expressing our disappointment with the contents of this Act and questioning why it was even deemed necessary and relevant by the provincial government, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to our local federal and provincial parliament representatives, MP Carol Hugues and MPP Guy Bourgouin.

Carried

Electoral districts

Resolution 22-169: Joyce Malenfant – Daniel Grenier

WHEREAS the Electoral Boundary Commission has proposed to remove one of the electoral ridings from Northern Ontario, and;
WHEREAS the proposal to diminish Northern Ontario's voice in Parliament will have a detrimental effect on participatory democracy and regional development, as the issues in Northern Ontario are significantly different than the issues facing the urban south, and;

WHEREAS the Federal Boundary Commission proposal to cut representation in the north is contrary to the 2017 electoral boundary changes for Ontario that recognized the need to add two seats to ensure fair representation for northern residents, and;

WHEREAS many of the existing ridings in Northern Ontario are already larger than many European countries, a situation that will only be worsened by the addition of massively new regions to service, and;

WHEREAS the proposed new super ridings will force municipalities to compete for a limited amount of riding funding, which will further exacerbate inequities in the north, and;

WHEREAS Northern Ontario's population per riding is already much higher than many other rural and isolated regions in Canada's north, and;

WHEREAS the courts have ruled that representation in Canada's democracy is not based merely on population but also on regions of interest and on the right of citizens to engage with their elected representatives, and;

WHEREAS any changes to electoral boundaries should be based on the principles of maintaining communities of interest within boundaries that are equitable in terms of population and geography;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté calls on the Electoral Boundary Commission to maintain the electoral representation of Northern Ontario and to ensure that any boundary changes are done in a manner that responds to regional and local need, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission and to our local federal and provincial parliament representatives, MP Carol Hugues and MPP Guy Bourgouin.

Carried

School bus security

Resolution 22-170: Marc Dupuis – Daniel Grenier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby supports the recent resolution made by the East Ferris Police Services Board to increase safety standards on Ontario school buses and for the Attorney General of Ontario to request that the appropriate provincial government officials review recent proposed changes to school bus regulations by Transport Canada regarding required equipment, including infraction cameras, extended stop sign arms and 360 degree exterior cameras, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Attorney General examine the application of camera and fine collection technologies similar to those used on electronically controlled toll highways, to ensure that no offending driver is excluded from the law, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the East Ferris Police Services Board and to our local federal and provincial parliament representatives, MP Carol Hugues and MPP Guy Bourgouin.

Carried

Asset Management Plan

Resolution 22-171: Marc Dupuis – Daniel Grenier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby acknowledges the receipt of the 2022 Asset Management Plan prepared on behalf of the Municipality by PSD Citywide, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby adopts the figures presented and the principles outlined in the Asset Management Plan in terms of capital infrastructure deficit, target reinvestment rate, etc.

Carried

Agreement pertaining to road allowance on Mgr Proulx Avenue

Resolution 22-172: Daniel Grenier – Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agreement entered into pursuant to Council resolution no. 22-112 be amended to reflect the following: a fee of 15 cents per square feet and conditions pertaining to the use of the building and its installation (lengthwise).

Carried

Purchase of wood for cemetery fences

Resolution 22-173: Joyce Malenfant – Marc Dupuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby authorizes the purchase of wood in the approximate amount of FIFTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,500.00) to build and install new gravesite fences at the Old Indian Cemetery.

Carried

By-law no. 935

Resolution 22-174: Daniel Grenier – Marc Dupuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 935, being a By-law to establish the 2022 Municipal Elections Compliance Audit Committee, be hereby adopted.

Carried

By-law no. 937

Resolution 22-175: Marc Dupuis – Daniel Grenier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 937, being a By-law to provide that paragraph 364 (1) of the Municipal Act does not apply to the municipality, be hereby adopted.

Carried

Caucus

Resolution 22-176: Daniel Grenier – Marc Dupuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council go into closed meeting at 8:52 pm to adopt the minutes of a closed meeting and to discuss a) personal matters about identifiable individuals and b) labour relations.

Carried

Regular meeting

Resolution 22-177: Joyce Malenfant - Marc Dupuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting of Council resume at 9:10 pm.

Carried

Minutes of closed meeting

Resolution 22-178: Daniel Grenier – Marc Dupuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council's closed meeting 22-10, held on August 30th, 2022, be hereby adopted.

Carried

Volunteer firefighters

Resolution 22-179: Joyce Malenfant – Daniel Grenier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the application submitted by Justin Stewart to become a member of the Mattice – Val Côté Fire Department be hereby accepted.

Carried

Resolution 22-180: Marc Dupuis – Daniel Grenier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the application submitted by Nicolas Rice to become a member of the Mattice – Val Côté Fire Department be hereby accepted.

Carried

14. Next meeting: To be determined (possibly October 12th or 17th)

15. Confirmatory by-law

Resolution 22-181: Joyce Malenfant – Daniel Grenier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 936, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council on Tuesday, September 27th, 2022, be hereby adopted.

Carried

16. Adjournment: 9:17 pm

Resolution 22-182: Marc Dupuis – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting of Council held on
September 27th, 2022, be adjourned at 9:17 pm.

Carried

Read and confirmed on October 26th, 2022

Mayor

CAO/Clerk