

The Corporation of the Township of Mattice – Val Côté

Meeting 24-15 (regular)

October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, 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 – Sophie Gagnon  
Councilor – Joyce Malenfant  
Councilor – Réginald Manning

Staff

CAO/Clerk – Guylaine Coulombe  
Treasurer – Annie Plamondon

Others

Claudine Brunelle and Lyne Malenfant (left prior to caucus)

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1. Opening of meeting  
The Mayor opened the meeting at 7:01 pm
  
2. Approval of the Order of Business  
- Resolution 24-198
  
3. Pecuniary interest  
Nil
  
4. Delegation, Presentation, Meeting requested by Council  
Nil
  
5. Adoption of minutes of previous Council meeting  
- Resolution 24-199
  
6. Treasurer's report  
6.1 Financial report  
- Resolution 24-200

7. CAO's report

7.1 Resolutions/requests for support

- b) City of Temiskaming Shores – provincial alcohol strategy
  - Resolution 24-201
- d) Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury – Ontario Deposit Return Program for non-alcoholic beverage containers
  - Resolution 24-202
- e) Good Roads – Ontario Rural Roads Safety Program
  - Resolution 24-203
- h) FONOM – OFIA budget recommendations
  - Resolution 24-204

The following requests were received and filed:

- a) Municipality of East Ferris – combined ROMA/AMO conference
- c) Town of Cobourg – involuntary care for severe mental health and addiction issues
- f) OBCM – Solve the Crisis campaign
- g) Township of Nairn & Hyman and Township of Baldwin – transportation and deposition of NORM

7.2 Estimates – pavement sections

- Resolutions 24-205, 24-206 and 24-207
- Obtain other estimates to replace the culvert on the south side of the railroad track – Lemieux Street crossing
- Agreed

7.3 Northern Corridor Chamber of Commerce – Think Local Campaigns

- Resolutions 24-208

7.4 CSCDGR – request to reconsider snow removal rate

- Resolution 24-209

7.5 Val Côté bridge – proposed temporary measures – estimate of costs – seek other alternatives

- Deferred

7.6 Report – various items

- a) Training/meetings attended
- b) Information provided
- c) Complaints
  - Filed
  
- d) For Council's consideration
  - i) Villa Missinaibi – snow removal
    - Resolution 24-210

- ii) Delegation request for a daycare centre – CAO reported on her recent meeting with AFESSEO representatives in this regard
    - Deferred
  - iii) Lakeshore Capacity Assessment – CAO explained that a meeting with planners, organized by Hutchinson, will be taking place to address our concerns with the draft report
    - Filed
  - iv) Future of the ice rink – nothing to report at this time
    - Deferred
8. Mayor's report  
Nil
9. Councillors' reports
- A. Councillor Brousseau  
Nil
  - B. Councillor Gagnon  
Nil
  - C. Councillor Malenfant
    - Verbal report of the Foyer des Pionniers Board meeting held in Hearst on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024
  - D. Councillor Manning  
Nil
10. By-laws  
10.1 By-law no. 1002– Sale of land
  - Resolution 24-211
11. Caucus  
a) Caucus – Resolution 24-212  
b) Regular meeting – Resolution 24-213
12. Minutes/Periodic reports/Correspondence
- The following documents were received and filed:
- 12.1 Hours of work – September 2024
  - 12.2 MMAH – response to support resolution – social & economic prosperity review
  - 12.3 SG – response to support resolution – road closures
  - 12.4 MNR – funding aerial imagery across the province
  - 12.5 MAFA – funding for international workers in the agrifood sector
  - 12.6 Town of Hearst – response to resolution – cost-sharing formula of the OPP Detachment Board

12.7 AMO 2023 Annual Report – MVC drinking water project highlighted on page 19

12.8 CSCDGR – invitation to take part in their strategic planning exercise

13. Resolutions

Agenda

Resolution 24-198: Steve Brousseau - Réginald Manning  
THAT the agenda be hereby accepted.

Carried

Minutes

Resolution 24-199: Joyce Malenfant - Sophie Gagnon  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council's regular meeting 24-14, held on September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 be hereby adopted.

Carried

Financial report

Resolution 24-200: Réginald Manning – Steve Brousseau  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the financial report ending September 30<sup>th</sup> 2024 be hereby approved as circulated.

Carried

Provincial alcohol strategy

Resolution 24-201: Sophie Gagnon – Réginald Manning  
WHEREAS most tax revenue generated by the sale of alcohol goes to the province, yet the costs and harms that are alcohol related are borne by municipalities in the form of policing and social services and public health costs;  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby support Resolution no. 2024-332 made by Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores, requesting that the Government of Ontario reverse their decision to allow alcohol to be sold in more locations and implement the following recommendations: 1) Permit municipalities to opt out of retail alcohol expansion; 2) Grant municipalities the powers to use zoning to determine where new alcohol retail locations are acceptable; 3) Not permit alcohol sales within 150 m of schools, daycares or substance use facilities; 4) Prohibit the sale of alcohol at gas stations; 5) Require health warning labels on all alcohol containers; 6) Dedicate a portion of provincial alcohol revenue to addressing alcohol-related harms, and; 7) Develop and implement a comprehensive provincial alcohol strategy, in partnership with

municipalities, that prioritizes health and safety and considers the costs associated with alcohol consumption, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the City of Temiskaming Shores, to Premier Doug Ford, to the Attorney General, Doug Downey and to our local parliament representatives MPP Guy Bourgouin and MP Carol Hughes.

Carried

Ontario Deposit Return Program

Resolution 24-202: Sophie Gagnon – Réginald Manning  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby supports the letter signed by the Mayor of Bradford West Gwillimbury on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, endorsing the expansion of the Ontario Deposit Return Program to include non-alcoholic beverage containers, and;  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Andrea Khanjin and to our local parliament representatives MPP Guy Bourgouin and MP Carol Hughes.

Carried

Ontario Rural Roads Safety Program

Resolution 24-203: Steve Brousseau – Sophie Gagnon  
WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads, and;  
WHEREAS, despite having only 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads, and;  
WHEREAS rural, northern and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base, and;  
WHEREAS preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained health care system, and;  
WHEREAS road collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. This will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical

investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, to the Minister of Transportation, Prabmeet Sarkaria, to Good Roads and to our local parliament representatives, MPP Guy Bourgouin and MP Carole Hughes.

Carried

OFIA recommendations

Resolution 24-204: Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant

WHEREAS the success of the forest sector is critical to the economic and social prosperity of Ontario communities, employing 137,000 people;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby support the implementation of the Ontario Forest Industries Association's 2025 budget recommendations in order to attract investment and maintain forest operations and employment in Ontario, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to FONOM, to the OFIA and to our local parliament representatives, MPP Guy Bourgouin and MP Carol Hughes.

Carried

Sections of pavement

Resolution 24-205: Sophie Gagnon – Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby authorizes Villeneuve Construction to pave a small section of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street South, which was damaged when the water and sanitary lines were installed for the splashpad in 2023, at a cost of EIGHT THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED (\$8,700) DOLLARS, plus taxes, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT funds set aside to complete the splashpad project be used in this regard.

Carried

Resolution 24-206: Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby authorizes Villeneuve Construction to pave a small section of First Street South, which was damaged when work was recently performed in the area by municipal employees, at a cost of SIX THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED (\$6,200) DOLLARS, plus taxes, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT OCIF funds be used in this regard.

Carried

Resolution 24-207: Steve Brousseau – Sophie Gagnon  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby authorizes Villeneuve Construction to pave that portion of Lemieux Street which was damaged at the start of the sanitary sewer project in the fall of 2022 for the sum of THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED (\$32,800) DOLLARS, and;  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT OCIF funds be used to finance the municipal portion (26.67%) of said amount.

Carried

Think Local Campaigns

Resolution 24-208: Sophie Gagnon – Joyce Malenfant  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté, in partnership with other regional municipalities, take part in the 2024 Think Local Campaigns organized by the Northern Corridor Chamber of Commerce by making a contribution in the amount of TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY (\$250.00) DOLLARS, and;  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT said contribution be added to the pre-approved annual donation/publicity list, provided that the requested amount remains the same.

Carried

Snow removal –  
School Board

Resolution 24-209: Steve Brousseau - Joyce Malenfant  
WHEREAS the Conseil Scolaire Catholique des Grandes Rivières asked Council to reconsider the rate increase that was set in September 2024 to renew the snow removal contract for the local school;  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council maintain the 10% rate increase in this regard, and;  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, should the snow removal contract be renewed, the Municipality clarify therein that the service is subject to the availability of the municipal equipment and of an operator.

Carried

Snow removal -  
Villa Missinaibi

Resolution 24-210: Steve Brousseau – Sophie Gagnon  
WHEREAS a CDSSAB housing representative inquired whether the Municipality could provide snow removal services for the Villa Missinaibi parking lot during the 2024-2025 season;  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, for health & safety reasons, Council will not entertain any further requests for snow removal from community organizations.

Carried

- By-law no. 1002                      Resolution 24-211: Réginald Manning - Steve Brousseau  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 1002, being a by-law to authorize the sale of land, be hereby adopted.  
Carried
- Caucus                                      Resolution 24-212: Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council go into a closed meeting at 8:11 pm to adopt the minutes of a closed meeting, to discuss labour relations, the acquisition or disposition of land and personal matters about identifiable individuals.  
Carried
- Regular meeting                      Resolution 24-213: Steve Brousseau – Réginald Manning  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting of Council resume at 8:44 pm.  
Carried
- Minutes                                      Resolution 24-214: Steve Brousseau – Réginald Manning  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council’s closed meeting 24-14, held on September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 be hereby adopted.  
Carried
- Part-time position                      Resolution 24-215: Sophie Gagnon – Steve Brousseau  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT a part-time labour position be posted for an employee to occasionally perform various duties in the Public Works and in the Parks & Recreation Departments.  
Carried
- MVC Fire Department                      Resolution 24-216: Réginald Manning – Joyce Malenfant  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the application made by Jean-Sébastien Després to become a member of the Mattice – Val Côté Fire Department be hereby accepted.  
Carried

14. Next regular meeting:    Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024

15. Confirmatory by-law                      Resolution 24-217: Réginald Manning – Joyce Malenfant  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 1003, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council on Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, be hereby adopted.  
Carried



16. Adjournment: 8:51 pm

Resolution 24-218: Steve Brousseau - Sophie Gagnon  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting of Council held  
on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, be adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Carried

Read and confirmed on November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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Mayor

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CAO/Clerk