

The Corporation of the Township of Mattice – Val Côté

Meeting 21-04 (regular)

March 1st, 2021

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on March 1st, 2021, at 7:00 pm, via the zoom conferencing platform.

Present:

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

Absent:

Councilor – Steve Brousseau

Staff

CAO/Clerk – Guylaine Coulombe
Treasurer – Annie Plamondon

1. Opening of meeting
The Mayor opened the meeting at 7:01 pm

2. Approval of the Order of Business
- Resolution 21-42

3. Pecuniary interest
Nil

4. Delegation and Presentation
Nil

5. Adoption of minutes of previous Council meeting
- Resolutions 21-43

6. Treasurer's report
6.1 Minutes of the Finance committee meeting
- Resolution 21-44

6.2 Cyber attack insurance coverage: it will not be purchased

- Agreed

6.3 Tax rebate application

- Resolution 21-45

7. CAO's report

7.1 Resolutions/requests for support

a) Township of Guelph/Eramosa – MFIPPA reform

- Resolution 21-46

b) ii) City of St. Catharines – landfill site development approval process

- Resolution 21-47

c) Township of Conmee – members of Council with a criminal record

- Resolution 21-48

d) Bell - application for funding, broadband internet services

- Resolution 21-49

e) Township of Terrace Bay – taxation of railway rights

- Resolution 21-50

The following resolution/request for support was received and filed:

b) i) City of St. Catharines – legislated paid sick days

7.2 Municipal Modernization Program

- Resolution 21-51

7.3 NOHFC – new programs available

- Filed

7.4 Northeastern Ontario tourism – 2021 partnership

- Resolution 21-52

7.5 Report on various items

a) Meetings/training sessions attended

b) Information

c) Complaints received since last meeting

- Filed

7.6 OCWA – Drinking water – 2021 Annual Compliance and Summary Report

- Filed

8. Mayor's report

8.1 Verbal report pertaining to the pandemic, including virtual meetings held in this regard (weekly update with Town of Hearst, vaccine distribution updates provided by General Hillier, etc.)

8.2 Verbal report of the virtual NAFHT meeting held on February 24th, 2021

8.3 Verbal report of the virtual Board of Health meeting held on February 25th, 2021

8.4 Verbal report of a conversation pertaining to available commercial property within the Municipality

9. Councilors' reports

A. Councilor Grenier

- Verbal report of the Kapuskasing LCC virtual meeting held on February 10th, 2021
- Verbal report of the CCEJ/Forma Jeunes meeting held in Hearst on February 16th, 2021

B. Councilor Lemay

- Nil

C. Councilor Malenfant

- Verbal report of the Hearst Planning Board virtual meeting held on February 10th, 2021
- Verbal report of the MVC Public Library virtual meeting held on February 10th, 2021
- Verbal report of the Foyer des Pionniers virtual meeting held on February 11th, 2021
- Verbal report of the Long Term Care committee virtual meeting held on February 18th, 2021

10. By-laws

Nil

11. Caucus

- a) Caucus – Resolution 21-53
- b) Regular meeting – Resolution 21-54

12. Minutes/Periodic reports/Correspondence

The following documents were received and filed:

12.1 Hours of work – January 2021

12.2 Township of Perth South – conservation authorities working group

12.3 MNRF – budworm insect pest management program

12.4 Northeastern Ontario settlement services – presentation

12.5 District School Board ONE – community planning and partnerships policy

12.6 AMCTO – staff training budgets

13. Resolutions

Agenda Resolution 21-42: Richard Lemay - Joyce Malenfant
THAT the agenda be hereby accepted.
Carried

Minutes Resolution 21-43: Richard Lemay – Daniel Grenier
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council’s regular meeting
21-03 held on February 8th, 2021, be hereby adopted.
Carried

Resolution 21-44: Daniel Grenier – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Finance committee
meeting held on February 8th, 2021, be hereby adopted.
Carried

Tax rebate application Resolution 21-45: Joyce Malenfant - Richard Lemay
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the application for a vacancy tax rebate
submitted with respect to roll no. 5677007004299000000 be
hereby approved as circulated.
Carried

MFIPPA reform Resolution 21-46: Joyce Malenfant – Richard Lemay
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice –
Val Côté hereby supports the resolution made by the Township
of Guelph/Eramosa, dated February 1st, 2021, requesting a
review and reform of the Municipal Freedom of Information and
Protection of Privacy Act, and;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of
Mattice – Val Côté hereby agrees with the eight (8)
recommendations listed in said resolution, including the need to
review the threshold for frivolous and/or vexatious actions,
taking into consideration the need to protect staff from
harassment, and;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be
forwarded to the Township of Guelph/Eramosa, to the Minister
of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Steve Clark, and to our federal
and provincial government representatives, Carol Hughes and
Guy Bourgoïn.
Carried

Landfill site development
approval process

Resolution 21-47: Marc Dupuis – Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby supports the resolution made by Council for the City of St. Catharines on October 5th 2020, requesting an amendment to Schedule 6 of Bill 197 (Environmental Assessment Act), eliminating the adjacent municipality overreach powers, which impacts municipal autonomy and waste management infrastructure (landfills), and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté supports the need for the “host” municipality to be empowered to render approval for landfills within its jurisdiction, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the City of St. Catharines, to Premier Doug Ford, to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Jeff Yurek, to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Steve Clark, to the Association of Ontario Municipalities and to our federal and provincial government representatives, Carol Hughes and Guy Bourgouin.

Carried

Members of Council
with a criminal record

Resolution 21-48: Richard Lemay – Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby supports resolution no. 2021/022 made by the Township of Conmee on January 26th, 2021, to lobby the Provincial Government to amend the *Municipal Act* and the *Municipal Elections Act*, as may be, so that people with a criminal record, who have not had their record cleared from the RCMP database by order of the Governor General of Canada, be prohibited from becoming a candidate in municipal elections, and that an elected local government official be disqualified from office upon conviction of a serious criminal offence and must resign, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Township of Conmee and to our federal and provincial government representatives, Carol Hughes and Guy Bourgouin.

Carried

Broadband internet services

Resolution 21-49: Daniel Grenier – Richard Lemay

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby agrees that a letter of support be forwarded on its behalf to Bell to accompany its application to the Universal Broadband Fund for the provision of broadband internet services in our community.

Carried

Taxation of railway rights

Resolution 21-50: Marc Dupuis - Richard Lemay

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby supports Resolution no. 27-2021 made by Council for the Township of Terrace Bay and supporting the Rainy River Municipal District Association in its call to the Minister of Finance of the Province of Ontario to undertake ongoing consideration of municipal taxation for railroad rights of way properties based on a per tonne-mile concept, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Township of Terrace Bay, to the Minister of Finance of Ontario, Peter Bethlenfalvy, and to our federal and provincial government representatives, Carol Hughes and Guy Bourgouin.

Carried

Municipal Modernization Program

Resolution 21-51: Marc Dupuis - Richard Lemay

WHEREAS Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté was informed in 2020 that the Municipality would face a significant tax revenue shortfall in 2021 as a result of the decommissioning of TC Energy’s compressor station on its territory, and;

WHEREAS Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté has since been considering all available options and implementing various cut-cutting and revenue generating measures to counter the impact of this substantial financial loss, and;

WHEREAS, despite the numerous and oftentimes difficult decisions taken to date to address this issue, Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté will be forced to impose a substantial property tax increase in order to balance its 2021 budget, and;

WHEREAS Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté has, to no avail, reached out for assistance to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to the Minister of Finance, to its MPP, to AMO and to FONOM;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté agree with and fully support the funding application presented under the Municipal Modernization Program – Review Stream for a service delivery review, for a line-by-line review of the budget and for a review of administrative and operational processes, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté strongly believes that, in light of the current financial circumstances of the Municipality, such reviews are not only required and desirable but have in fact become a necessity.

Carried

Northeastern Ontario Tourism

Resolution 21-52: Richard Lemay – Marc Dupuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté become a partner with the Northeastern Ontario Tourism Organization in 2021 (NeONT) at a cost of \$194.40.

Carried

Caucus

Resolution 21-53: Richard Lemay – Daniel Grenier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council go into closed meeting at 8:16 pm to discuss i) the adoption of the minutes of a closed meeting; ii) labour relations; iii) the disposition of land and iv) confidential information about an identifiable individual.

Carried

Regular meeting

Resolution 21-54: Joyce Malenfant – Daniel Grenier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting of Council resume at 8:40 pm.

Carried

Minutes

Resolution 21-55: Joyce Malenfant – Richard Lemay

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council's closed meeting 21-03 held on February 8th, 2021, be hereby adopted.

Carried

Labour relations

Resolution 21-56: Richard Lemay – Daniel Grenier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement reached on November 4th, 2020, with members of CUPE – Local 1536-01, as circulated in closed meeting 20-13, for the renewal of the collective agreement for the period of 2020 to 2022.

Carried

Resolution 21-57: Marc Dupuis – Daniel Grenier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby approves the revised document, as circulated in closed meeting 21-01, entitled "Employment conditions governing non-union employees" for the period of January 1st, 2020 to December 31st, 2022.

Carried

Resolution 21-58: Richard Lemay – Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby recognizes that 2020 annual salaries were divided by the usual twenty-six pay periods instead of by the actual twenty-seven pay periods, as discussed in closed session.

Carried

Property appraisal

Resolution 21-59: Marc Dupuis – Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby directs that the municipal property known as the Mattice – Val Côté Sports Complex be the subject of an appraisal, to be performed by Boréal Appraisal Services, as discussed in closed session.

Carried

14. Next meeting: Monday, March 22nd, 2021 at 7:00 pm

15. Confirmatory by-law

Resolution 21-60: Daniel Grenier - Richard Lemay

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 885, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council on Monday, March 1st, 2021, be hereby adopted.

Carried

16. Adjournment: 8:47 pm

Resolution 21-61: Joyce Malenfant – Marc Dupuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting of Council held on March 1st, 2021, be adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Carried

Read and confirmed on March 22nd, 2021

Mayor

CAO/Clerk