

The Corporation of the Township of Mattice – Val Côté

Meeting 21-01 (regular)

January 18th, 2021

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on January 18th, 2021, at 7:00 pm, via the zoom conferencing platform.

Present:

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

Staff

CAO/Clerk – Guylaine Coulombe
Treasurer – Annie Plamondon

1. Opening of meeting
The Mayor opened the meeting at 7:12 pm
2. Approval of the Order of Business
- Resolution 21-01
3. Pecuniary interest
Councilor Brousseau declared an interest at item 7.1 c)
4. Delegation and Presentation
Nil
5. Adoption of minutes of previous Council meeting
- Resolution 21-02
6. Treasurer's report
 - 6.1 Financial report (provisional) to December 31st, 2020
- Resolution 21-03
 - 6.2 2021 membership fees
- Resolution 21-04

The Treasurer informs Council that a number of small municipalities have closed down their ice rink facilities while many others are expected to shortly make a decision on the matter.

7. CAO's report

7.1 Resolutions/requests for support

- a) Town of Kingsville – closure of small businesses
 - Resolution 21-05
- b) Township of Nairn and Hyman – mandatory closures of small businesses and inequity
 - Resolution 21-06
- c) CDSSAB – rent freeze
 - Resolution 21-07
- d) Municipality of Charlton and Dack – municipal insurance premiums
 - Resolution 21-08

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

- e) Municipality of West Grey – forestry operations and species at risk

7.2 Donations and publicity – pre-approved list

- Resolution 21-09

7.3 Municipal equipment rates

- Resolution 21-10

7.4 Report on various items

- a) Meetings attended
- b) Information
- c) Complaints received since last meeting
 - Filed
- d) For Council's consideration
 - i) Medical clinic fees
 - Resolution 21-11
 - ii) Technological tools
 - Resolution 21-12

8. Mayor's report

8.1 Verbal report of the virtual meeting organized by the Kapuskasing District Chamber of Commerce on January 14th, 2021 to discuss the concerns of small businesses in our area during the pandemic.

8.2 Verbal report of the virtual meetings organized by the Town of Hearst on Thursdays re: COVID-19 updates.

8.3 Verbal report of the virtual meeting of all Ontario Mayors, hosted by the Premier and General Hillier, to provide an update on the vaccine rollout on January 14th, 2021.

Council agrees that a virtual meeting be set up between it and MPP Bourgouin in the near future.

9. Councilors' reports

A. Councilor Brousseau

- Nil

B. Councilor Grenier

- Nil

C. Councilor Lemay

- Nil

D. Councilor Malenfant

- Verbal report of the virtual Public Library meeting held on January 13th, 2021

10. By-laws

10.1 By-law no. 878 – Agreement with LAS

- Resolution 21-13

10.2 By-law no. 879 – Compensation and allowances, municipal employees

- Resolution 21-14

10.3 By-law no. 880 – Remuneration and expenses, municipal Council and officers

- Resolution 21-15

10.4 By-law no. 881 – Interim tax bill

- Resolution 21-16

10.5 By-law no. 882 – Agreement with Northern Protection Services and appointment of by-law enforcement officers

- Resolution 21-17

11. Caucus

a) Caucus – Resolution 21-18

b) Regular meeting – Resolution 21-19

12. Minutes/Periodic reports/Correspondence

The following documents were received and filed:

12.1 Hours of work – December 2020

12.2 OSG – community safety and well-being plan, extended deadline

12.3 Township of Black River – Matheson – insurance premiums

13. Resolutions

Agenda

Resolution 21-01: Joyce Malenfant – Steve Brousseau
THAT the agenda be hereby accepted.

Carried

Minutes

Resolution 21-02: Steve Brousseau – Richard Lemay
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council’s regular meeting
20-15 held on December 21st, 2020 be hereby adopted.

Carried

Financial report

Resolution 21-03: Joyce Malenfant – Steve Brousseau
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the provisional financial report ending
December 31st, 2020 be hereby approved as circulated.

Carried

2021 membership fees

Resolution 21-04: Daniel Grenier – Richard Lemay
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice –
Val Côté approves the renewal of the 2021 memberships and
payment of the corresponding fees for the following
associations: AMO, FCM, FONOM, MEPCO, MFOA, NEOMA,
NEOnet and NeCN, and;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the following memberships not
be renewed in 2021: AFMO, AMCTO, including Zone 8, NEOPWO,
OGRA, ORFA and KDCC.

Carried

Closure of small businesses

Resolution 21-05: Richard Lemay – Steve Brousseau
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice –
Val Côté hereby supports Resolution no. 704-2020 made by
Council of the Town of Kingsville calling upon the Premier of
Ontario, Doug Ford, as well as the Ontario cabinet and Health
officials, to protect the health of Ontarians and our small
businesses by allowing them to remain open to in-store sales and
service, with limited capacity and increased safety measures,
and;

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

Carried

Mandatory closures of small businesses and inequity

Resolution 21-06: Richard Lemay – Steve Brousseau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby supports Resolution no. 2020-15-246 made by Council of the Township of Nairn and Hyman, calling upon the provincial government to stop the mandatory closures of small businesses as these are “essential” for not only taxes collected by the municipality but also for the mental health of owners, employees and clients of these businesses and since these small businesses have not been linked to the spread of the virus, and;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the provincial government be requested to address the inequity created between small businesses required to close and businesses permitted to open and continue sales, and;

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

Carried

Rent freeze

Resolution 21-07: Richard Lemay – Daniel Grenier

WHEREAS Consolidated Municipal Service Managers and DSSABs rely on rent revenue to offset municipal costs associated with the downloaded housing portfolio, and;

WHEREAS Bill 204 has resulted in a rent freeze, thereby limiting the available revenue for municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby supports Resolution no. 20-115 made by The District of Cochrane Social Services Administration Board, requesting that the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing exclude DSSABs from the rent freeze stipulated in Bill 204, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Cochrane District Social Services Administration Board and to our federal and provincial government representatives, Carol Hughes and Guy Bourgouin.

Carried

Municipal insurance premiums

Resolution 21-08: Joyce Malenfant – Richard Lemay

WHEREAS the cost of municipal insurance in the Province of Ontario has continued to increase, with especially large increases going into 2021, and;

WHEREAS Joint and Several Liability continues to ask property taxpayers to carry the lion's share of a damage award when a municipality is found at minimum fault, and;

WHEREAS these increases are unsustainable and unfair and eat at critical municipal services, and;

WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario outlined seven recommendations to address insurance issues, including:

1. The provincial government adopt a model of full proportionate liability to replace joint and several liability.
2. Implement enhancements to the existing limitation period, including the continued applicability of the existing 10 day rule on slip and fall cases, given recent judicial interpretations, and whether a 1 year limitation period may be beneficial.
3. Implement a cap for economic loss awards.
4. Increase the catastrophic impairment default benefit limit to \$2 million and increase the third party liability coverage to \$2 million in government regulated automobile insurance plans.
5. Assess and implement additional measures which would support lower premiums or alternatives to the provision of insurance services by other entities such as non profit insurance reciprocals.
6. Compel the insurance industry to supply all necessary financial evidence, including premiums, claims and deductible limit changes which supports it, and municipal arguments as to the fiscal impact of joint and several liability.
7. Establish a provincial and municipal working group to consider the above and put forward recommendations to the Attorney General.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby supports the motion made by Council for the Municipality of Charlton and Dack on December 18th, 2020, calling on the Province of Ontario to immediately review these recommendations and to investigate the unethical practice of preferred vendors who are paid substantial amounts over industry standards, despite COVID 19

delays, as insurance premiums will soon be out of reach for many communities, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Municipality of Charlton and Dack and to our federal and provincial government representatives, Carol Hughes and Guy Bourgoïn.

Carried

Donations and publicity

Resolution 21-09: Steve Brousseau – Richard Lemay

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby confirms the list of pre-approved donations and publicity, as circulated.

Carried

Municipal equipment rates

Resolution 21-10 Richard Lemay – Daniel Grenier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2021 hourly rates for the truck and for the tractor to perform snow removal duties be respectively set at \$125 and \$95.

Carried

Medical clinic fees

Resolution 21-11: Joyce Malenfant – Richard Lemay

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the fees associated with cleaning duties not be charged to the Missinaibi medical clinic for a total of seven (7) months, covering the period of May to November 2020, inclusive.

Carried

Technological tools

Resolution 21-12: Joyce Malenfant – Marc Dupuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby agrees that a portion of the funds received to deal with COVID-19 issues be used to purchase the technological tools required, namely electronic tablets, to allow for paperless online Council meetings.

Carried

By-law no. 878

Resolution 21-13: Richard Lemay - Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 878, being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement with Local Authority Services, be hereby adopted.

Carried

By-law no. 879

Resolution 21-14: Richard Lemay – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 879, being a by-law to establish compensation and allowances for expenses of municipal employees for 2021, be hereby adopted.

Carried

By-law no. 880

Resolution 21-15: Marc Dupuis – Steve Brousseau
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 880, being a by-law to establish remuneration and allowances for expenses of members of Council and its officers for 2021, be hereby adopted.

Carried

By-law no. 881

Resolution 21-16: Daniel Grenier – Steve Brousseau
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 881, being a by-law authorizing a tax levy before the adoption of the estimates for the year 2021, be hereby adopted.

Carried

By-law no. 882

Resolution 21-17: Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 882, being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement with Northern Protection Services to supply contractual by-law enforcement services for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté and to appoint municipal by-law enforcement officers, be hereby adopted.

Carried

Caucus

Resolution 21-18: Daniel Grenier - Richard Lemay
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council go into closed meeting at 7:56 pm to discuss labour relations and the disposition of land.

Carried

Regular meeting

Resolution 21-19: Richard Lemay – Steve Brousseau
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting of Council resume at 8:17 pm.

Carried

14. Next meeting: Monday, February 8th, 2021 at 7:00 pm

15. Confirmatory by-law

Resolution 21-20: Steve Brousseau – Richard Lemay
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 883, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council on Monday, January 18th, 2021, be hereby adopted.

Carried

16. Adjournment: 8:29 pm

Resolution 21-21: Joyce Malenfant – Daniel Grenier
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting of Council held on January 18th, 2021, be adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Carried

Read and confirmed on February 8th, 2021

Mayor

CAO/Clerk