

The Corporation of the Township of Mattice – Val Côté

Meeting 25-12 (regular)

October 28th, 2025

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on October 28th, 2025, 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 – Joyce Malenfant
Councilor – Réginald Manning

Absent:

Councilor – Sophie Gagnon

Staff

CAO/Clerk – Guylaine Coulombe
Treasurer – Annie Plamondon

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:

- 9. d) First Street
- 11.3 Labour relations
- Resolution 25-165

3. Pecuniary interest

Nil

4. Delegation, Presentation, Meeting requested by Council

Nil

5. Adoption of minutes of previous Council meeting

- Resolution 25-166

6. Treasurer's report

- 6.1 Financial report – September 2025
- Resolution 25-167

7. CAO's report

7.1 Resolutions/requests for support:

- d) Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal – OCIF program
- Resolution 25-168

The following requests were received and filed:

- a) CUPW – service cuts at Canada Post
- b) City of Newmarket – automated speed enforcement
- c) Regional Municipality of Halton – bail and sentencing reforms
- e) Township of Stone Mills – emerald ash borer infestation

7.2 Hiring – occasional employee

- Resolution 25-169

7.3 Hearst Trappers' Council - invitation

- Filed

7.4 Northern Corridor Chamber of Commerce – Shop local campaign – tied vote - no contribution to be made at this time

- Filed

7.5 Request for assistance – transportation challenges – Council does not have the financial resources needed to provide assistance in this regard

- Agreed

7.6 NEOMA meeting on November 7th – Mayor Dupuis and either Councilor Brousseau or Malenfant will attend

- Agreed

7.7 Report on various items

- a) Training/meetings attended
- b) Complaints
- c) Information provided to Council
- Filed

d) For Council's consideration

- i) Emergency program management committee – meeting to be held prior to the next Council meeting
- Agreed
- i) Future of the ice rink
- Deferred

8. Mayor's report

8.1 Verbal report of the Northeast Public Health Board virtual meeting held on October 23rd

8.2 Verbal report of the meeting between him, Councilor Gagnon, Notre-Dame Hospital CEO Josée Vachon and the Director of patient services, Dominic Morin, to discuss issues pertaining to the Missinaibi Medical Clinic

8.3 Confirmed October 30th appearance in Queen's Park pertaining to the private bill on highway safety; mentioned the upcoming small municipalities' virtual meeting scheduled for November 14th

9. Councilors' reports

A. Steve Brousseau

- Verbal report of the MVC Public Library Board meeting held on October 9th, 2025

B. Joyce Malenfant

- Verbal report of the NEOMA meeting held in Smooth Rock Falls on October 3rd, 2025
- Verbal report of the Foyer des Pionniers Board meeting held in Hearst on October 23rd, 2025

C. Councilor Manning

- Verbal report of a recent Kap LCC meeting
- First Street: would like us to remove the remainder of the coal mix found on First Street South. CAO to discuss with PW supervisor and advise.

10. By-laws

Nil

11. Caucus

- a) Caucus – Resolution 25-170
- b) Regular meeting – Resolution 25-171

12. Minutes/Periodic reports/Correspondence

The following documents were received and filed:

- 12.1 Hours of work – September 2025
- 12.2 FONOM – new President
- 12.3 Responses from Prime Minister and from federal Minister of Transportation – 2 + 1 Highway project
- 12.4 FONOM – Kap Paper and the forest industry

13. Resolutions

Agenda

Resolution 25-165: Steve Brousseau - Réginald Manning
THAT the agenda, as amended, be hereby accepted.

Carried

Minutes

Resolution 25-166: Réginald Manning – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council's regular meeting 25-11, held on September 30th, 2025, be hereby adopted.

Carried

Financial report

Resolution 25- 167: Joyce Malenfant – Réginald Manning
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the financial report ending September 30th, 2025, be hereby approved as circulated.

Carried

OCIF program

Resolution 25-168: Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant
WHEREAS the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) was created in 2015 to assist small and rural municipalities facing infrastructure deficits that exceed their local revenue capacities, and;
WHEREAS predictable, multi-year funding, indexed to real-world cost drivers, is critical for municipalities to develop, finance and execute long-term asset management plans, reduce emergency repairs and leverage complementary federal and private infrastructure financing;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby support the resolution made by Council for the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal on September 29, 2025, calling upon the Government of Ontario to extend the annual OCIF envelope at not less than \$400 million beyond its current five-year term ending in 2026, with no reductions in subsequent provincial budgets, and;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province be requested to index the total annual OCIF envelope – and each individual municipal allocation – to the Ontario Consumer Price Index (CPI), calculated on a calendar year basis and disbursed in the first quarter of each fiscal year, and;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Ministry of Infrastructure establish a new five-year OCIF funding framework that guarantees annual envelopes and allocation percentages by municipality, enabling long-term capital planning and stable cash-flow management, and;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province undertake a formal review of the OCIF allocation formula at least once every four years, incorporating current municipal asset management data, demographic projections, climate resilience metrics and rural equity considerations, and;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a dedicated contingency reserve, equal to 5 percent of the annual OCIF envelope, be created within the fund to address extraordinary cost escalations, emergency repairs or project overruns without reallocating core funding, and;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Ministry of Infrastructure publish an annual OCIF performance report – including program disbursements, allocation adjustments and reserve expenditures – in a transparent, publicly accessible online dashboard, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and to our local parliament representatives, MPP Guy Bourgouin and MP Gaetan Malette.

Carried

Hiring

Resolution 25-169: Steve Brousseau - Réginald Manning

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Michel Vaillancourt be hired as a part-time/casual employee.

Carried

Caucus

Resolution 25-170: Joyce Malenfant – Réginald Manning

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council go into a closed meeting at 7:51 pm to adopt the minutes of a closed meeting and to discuss actual or potential litigation and labour relations.

Carried

Regular meeting

Resolution 25-171: Marc Dupuis – Steve Brousseau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting of Council resume at 8:16 pm.

Carried

Minutes

Resolution 25-172: Réginald Manning – Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council's closed meeting 25-11, held on September 30th, 2025, be hereby adopted.

Carried

Legal representation

Resolution 24-173: Réginald Manning – Steve Brousseau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council seek legal representation to respond to letters recently received from constituents living along summer roads.

Carried

Financial incentive for mandatory certification

Resolution 25-174: Joyce Malenfant – Steve Brousseau

WHEREAS Council has received additional information on the time commitment required for its volunteer firefighters to complete the mandatory training (40 hours on line) and to obtain the practical training and required certification (40 hours, over 2 weekends);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council Resolution 25-162 is hereby rescinded, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the established point system used to remunerate members of the fire department be applied to the certification process.

Carried

14. Next regular meeting: Tuesday, November 18th, 2025, at 7:00 pm

15. Confirmatory by-law

Resolution 25-175: Steve Brousseau - Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 1029, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council on Tuesday, October 28th, 2025, be hereby adopted.

Carried

16. Adjournment: 8:17 pm

Resolution 25-176: Joyce Malenfant – Marc Dupuis
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting of Council held on October 28th, 2025, be adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Carried

Read and confirmed on November 18th, 2025

Mayor

CAO/Clerk