

The Corporation of the Township of Mattice – Val Côté

Meeting 23-10 (regular)

July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 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

Absent:

Treasurer – Annie Plamondon

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1. Opening of meeting

The Mayor opened the meeting at 7:03 pm

2. Approval of the Order of Business

- Resolution 23-161

3. Pecuniary interest

Nil

4. Delegation and Presentation

Nil

5. Adoption of minutes of previous Council meeting

- Resolution 23-162

6. Treasurer's report

Nil

7. CAO's report

7.1 Resolutions/requests for support

- d) Town of Petrolia – shortage of child care spaces
  - Resolution 23-163
- e) Town of Kapuskasing – gas billing charges
  - Resolution 23-164

The following resolutions/requests for support were received and filed:

- a) Municipality of North Perth – building official positions
- b) Town of Fort Erie – protection from renovations
- c) Township of Selwyn – short term rental accommodations

7.2 Signs for the splashpad – instead of advertising only for the splashpad, CAO to look into requirements and costs to install a post with different directional signs in Brisson Park

- Agreed

7.3 Report on various items

- a) Training/meetings
- b) Information provided
- c) Complaints received
  - Filed

d) For Council's consideration

- i) Kayak rentals: 25% saving if the same individual rents more than one at the same time
  - Agreed
- ii) Rack for kayaks: will be constructed by a municipal employee
  - Agreed
- iii) Comfort station - theft and vandalism
  - Resolution 23-165
- iv) Val Côté Fire Hall – snow removal – to be opened up for bids
  - Agreed
- v) Nomination – Arena Fund Committee
  - Resolution 23-166
- vi) Rental of arena chairs
  - Resolution 23-167
- vii) Speed bump/hump near the splashpad – revisit the need for it next year
  - Deferred

8. Mayor's report

- 8.1 Verbal report of the Northeast Telecom Consultation group meeting held virtually on July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- 8.2 Verbal report of efforts made/to be made to change the name and signage of the Old Indian Cemetery
- 8.3 Mentionned that someone suggested the development of a municipal campground in the Missinaibi Municipal Park

9. Councilors' reports

A. Councilor Brousseau

- Verbal report of Arena Fund committee meeting held on July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, as reported to him by another committee member

B. Councilor Gagnon

- Nil

C. Councilor Malenfant

- Verbal report of the Foyer des Pionniers Board meeting held in Hearst earlier today

D. Councilor Manning

- Nil

10. By-laws

Nil

11. Caucus

- a) Caucus – Resolution 23-168
- b) Regular meeting – Resolution 23-169

12. Minutes/Periodic reports/Correspondence

The following documents were received and filed:

- 12.1 Hours worked – June 2023
- 12.2 Minister of Justice – response/bail reform
- 12.3 MNR – herbicide project on Gordon Cosens Forest
- 12.4 MNR – updates to crown forest manuals
- 12.5 MRNF – flood hazard mapping
- 12.6 Office of the Prime Minister – acknowledgment/affordable housing

13. Resolutions

Agenda

Resolution 23-161: Joyce Malenfant – Steve Brousseau  
THAT the agenda be hereby accepted.

Carried

Minutes

Resolution 23-162: Réginald Manning – Sophie Gagnon  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council's regular meeting 23-09, held on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 be hereby adopted.

Carried

Shortage of child care spaces

Resolution 23-163: Steve Brousseau – Réginald Manning  
WHEREAS there is an extreme shortage of child care spaces across the Province;  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby supports the resolution made by Council for the Town of Petrolia on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023, recommending to the Honorable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education, that in time for the 2023 school year, amendments to the current legislation be made to allow licensed home-based child care operators the ability to provide two (2) before and after school care spaces to school aged children, in addition to the permitted six (6) full time child care spaces, and;  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT in an effort to attract and retain qualified early childhood educators, the Minister of Education review the current wage bracket for early childhood educators and implement an increase to wages to align with the services provided, and;  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province provide more capital based funding sources for the construction of new centre-based facilities, and;  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province consider increasing the current goal of thirty-three percent (33%) access ratio, to better align with the current provincial situation and the anticipated population growth over the next ten (10) years, and;  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT these items be considered sooner than later to assist in remedying the critical child care shortage experienced in Petrolia, Lambton, and across the province, and;

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

Carried

Gas billing charges

Resolution 23-164: Steve Brousseau – Réginald Manning

WHEREAS the Town of Kapuskasing submitted an objection regarding an application made by Enbridge Gas Inc. which could result in another additional one-time charge to residential customers, and;

WHEREAS the Town of Kapuskasing encourages surrounding municipalities to support its position on this issue and to submit a written objection in that regard, on the Ontario Energy Board website, on or before July 24<sup>th</sup> 2023;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby directs the CAO/Clerk to submit a similar written objection on its behalf, and;

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

Carried

Comfort station

Resolution 23-165: Steve Brousseau – Réginald Manning

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, in an attempt to stop thefts and vandalism from occurring at the Comfort station, two (2) hours of work be paid on a weekly basis to a municipal employee in order to lock the facility every evening and to unlock and lock the facility during the weekend.

Carried

Arena Fund Committee

Resolution 23-166: Sophie Gagnon – Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Councilor Steve Brousseau represent the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté on the Arena Fund committee for the duration of the term of this Council ending on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Carried

Rental of arena chairs

Resolution 23-167: Steve Brousseau – Réginald Manning

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the community hall brown plastic chairs are to remain in the arena at all times, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Municipality is prepared to rent the metal chairs, found on the arena rink level, at a cost of SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS (\$0.75) each, per day, plus taxes, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the chairs are to be picked up and returned at agreed-upon times and that, if they are used outside, the chair legs be cleaned prior to their return.

Carried

Caucus

Resolution 23-168: Steve Brousseau – Sophie Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council go into closed meeting at 8:07 pm to adopt the minutes of a closed meeting and to discuss labour relations.

Carried

Regular meeting

Resolution 23-169: Joyce Malenfant – Marc Dupuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting of Council resume at 8:10 pm.

Carried

Minutes

Resolution 23-170: Sophie Gagnon – Réginald Manning

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council's closed meeting 23-09, held on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, be hereby adopted.

Carried

14. Next meeting: Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 7:00 pm

15. Confirmatory by-law

Resolution 23-171: Steve Brousseau – Réginald Manning

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 963, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council on Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, be hereby adopted.

Carried

16. Adjournment: 8:22 pm

Resolution 23-172: Sophie Gagnon – Joyce Malenfant  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting of Council held on July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, be adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Carried

Read and confirmed on August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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Mayor

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CAO/Clerk