

The Corporation of the Township of Mattice – Val Côté

Meeting 24-05 (regular)

March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 7:00 pm, in the Municipal Council Chambers at the Town Hall, 500 Highway 11, Mattice, Ontario.

Present:

Councilor/Acting Mayor – Sophie Gagnon  
Councilor – Steve Brousseau  
Councilor – Joyce Malenfant  
Councilor – Réginald Manning

Other

Mayor – Marc Dupuis, via meeting owl

Staff

CAO/Clerk – Guylaine Coulombe  
Treasurer – Annie Plamondon

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1. Opening of meeting

The Acting Mayor opened the meeting at 7:00 pm

2. Approval of the Order of Business

The following items were added:

7.8 d) v) internet speed

vi) asphalt on Lemieux Street

- Resolution 24-49

3. Pecuniary interest

Councilor Brousseau declared an interest at item 7.2

4. Delegation, Presentation, Meeting requested by Council

Nil

5. Adoption of minutes of previous Council meeting

- Resolutions 24-50

6. Treasurer’s report

A draft of the 2024 budget will soon be available for Council’s review.

7. CAO's report

7.1 Resolutions/requests for support

- a) Town of Lincoln – increased funding to libraries and museums
  - Deferred
  
- c) County of Lambton – costs of municipally-owned highways
  - Resolution 24-51
  
- i) Township of Amaranth – redirect funding on proposed highway 413
  - Resolution 24-52
  
- j) Township of Amaranth – operational funding to municipalities
  - Resolution 24-53

The following requests for support were received and filed:

- b) Municipality of Tweed – access to natural gas
- d) City of Clarence – Rockland – 9-8-8 hotline
- e) Municipality of Brighton – ride-sharing services
- f) Town of Aurora – Strong Mayor powers
- g) City of Quinte West – funding for rural municipalities
- h) Town of Aurora – use of school board facilities

7.2 Use of the Public Works garage by the snowmobile Club

- Resolution 24-54

7.3 OCWA – Annual Compliance and Summary Report

- Resolution 24-55

7.4 Police Retirees of Ontario – sponsorship request – Council will not be contributing to this campaign

- Agreed

7.5 NG911 Update – CAO to bring more information to Council on contractual terms and costs from potential service providers

- Deferred

7.6 Lakeshore Capacity Assessment – CAO to obtain further clarifications from the consulting firm pertaining to the results format and validity duration

- Deferred

7.7 Badminton and pickleball season – review of the 2023 statistics

- Resolution 24-56

7.8 Report on various items

- a) Training/meetings
- b) Information provided
- c) Complaints received
  - Filed
- d) For Council's consideration:
  - i) Installation of ceiling tiles – rebate to be applied
    - Agreed
  - ii) Arena stage – rental or sale
    - Resolution 24-57
  - iii) Municipality 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2025 – promotional items – Council members will look into various options – CAO/Clerk will look into funding possibilities
    - Deferred
  - iv) Food Cycle Science Presentation – interest to be assessed before taking a decision
    - Deferred
  - v) internet speed – will ask community members to provide data on the subject
    - Agreed
  - vi) asphalt on Lemieux Street – a scope change has been submitted to ICIP
    - Filed

8. Mayor's report

The Mayor mentioned that is has no interest in the NEOMA presidency.

9. Councilors' reports

A. Councilor Brousseau

- Nil

B. Councilor/Acting Mayor Gagnon

- Inquired about the strategic plan communication videos.

C. Councilor Malenfant

- Verbal report of the MVC Public Library meeting held on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

D. Councilor Manning

- Nil

10. By-laws

Nil

11. Caucus

Nil

12. Minutes/Periodic reports/Correspondence

The following documents were received and filed:

12.1 Hours of work – February 2024

12.2 MECP – snowshoe trail to Thunderhouse

12.3 Township of BRM – public libraries connectivity

12.4 Walkerton Clean Water Centre – accessible and flexible operator training

13. Resolutions

Agenda

Resolution 24-49: Steve Brousseau - Joyce Malenfant  
THAT the agenda, as amended, be hereby accepted.

Carried

Minutes

Resolution 24-50: Joyce Malenfant – Steve Brousseau  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council’s regular meeting  
24-03, held on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 be hereby adopted.

Carried

Costs of municipally-owned highways

Resolution 24-51: Joyce Malenfant – Réginald Manning  
WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has agreed to assume responsibility for the Gardiner Expressway and the Don Valley Parkway from the City of Toronto, which will be uploaded to the Province;  
AND WHEREAS like the City of Toronto, all municipalities in the Province of Ontario are experiencing significant financial and budgetary pressures, including those related to infrastructure development, maintenance and repairs, and are seeking reasonable solutions to address the same while balancing their financial books;  
AND WHEREAS the uploading of municipal highway infrastructure to the Province of Ontario or, alternatively, appropriately increasing the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund to Ontario municipalities will assist municipalities in addressing such financial challenges;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby support the motion made by Council for the County of Lambton on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and request that the Province of Ontario upload from local municipalities the responsibility of and costs associated with the continued construction, operation and maintenance of major municipally-owned highways throughout the Province of Ontario to the Ontario Ministry of Transportation or, alternatively, if uploading is not the preferred option of the Province and/or local municipality, to appropriately increase the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund to municipalities so as to fairly and equitably allocate resources to Ontario municipalities;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the County of Lambton and to our local parliament representatives, MPP Guy Bourgoïn and MP Carol Hughes.

Carried

Redirect funding for proposed  
Highway 413

Resolution 24-52: Joyce Malenfant – Steve Brousseau

WHEREAS the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté recognizes the importance for efficient and effective transportation networks in the Province, and;

WHEREAS the Province has committed to getting 1.5 million homes built within the next 10 years or less.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby support the resolution made by the Township of Amaranth on February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, requesting that the Province of Ontario pause advancement on proposed highway 413 and redirect the approximate \$8 billion cost for highway 413 to support municipal infrastructure costs and housing construction initiatives, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT at least 50% of those funds be allocated for small urban and rural Ontario with populations less than 50,000 and;

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

Carried

Operational funding

Resolution 24-53: Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant

WHEREAS all Ontario municipalities are prohibited from running budget deficits for operations purposes, and;

WHEREAS all Ontario municipalities have similar pressures with respect to aging infrastructure and operating costs for policing, and;

WHEREAS the City of Toronto has recently received provincial funding to cover a \$1.2 billion dollar operating shortfall and approximately \$12 million in federal and provincial funding for their police operating budget, and;

WHEREAS the City of Toronto has the lowest tax rates in the Province, approximately 40% less than the average Dufferin rural municipal tax rate;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby support Resolution no. 4 made by Council for the Township of Amaranth on March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, calling on the Province of Ontario to treat all municipalities fairly and provide equivalent representative operational budget funding amounts to all Ontario municipalities, and;

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

Carried

Use of the Public Works garage

Resolution 24-54: Sophie Gagnon – Réginald Manning

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby revokes Resolution 21-35 and replaces it with the following;

1. Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté allows the local snowmobile club, the Mattice Sno Devils, to use the Public Works garage, in the presence of a municipal employee, to occasionally perform maintenance and repairs on the groomer and drag, and;
2. An hourly fee of SIXTY (\$60.00) DOLLARS will be charged to the Northern Corridor du Nord Snowmobile Association for the hours of work so performed in the Public Works garage, said fee to include the occasional use of tools and of basic shop supplies, and;

3. It is understood that, should the use of tools or of basic shop supplies result in expenses of THIRTY or more (\$30.00+) DOLLARS, said expenses will also be charged to the Corridor, and;
4. Should a municipal employee be called upon to assist club volunteers to perform maintenance or mechanical work during his normal working hours, an additional hourly labour fee will be charged to the Corridor, payable in accordance with Resolution 22-124.

Carried

Annual Compliance and Summary Report

Resolution 24-55: Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby acknowledges receipt of the Mattice Drinking Water System 2023 Annual Compliance and Summary Report.

Carried

Badminton and pickleball season

Resolution 24-56: Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2024 badminton and pickleball season run for a period of ten weeks between Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and;  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the need for the pickleball court be reassessed a few weeks into the season. If there is insufficient interest, it shall be taken out and replaced by another badminton court.

Carried

Arena stage – rental or sale

Resolution 24-57: Steve Brousseau – Réginald Manning  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the rental fee for the arena stage be set at FIVE HUNDRED (\$500.00) DOLLARS per day or ONE THOUSAND (\$1,000.00) DOLLARS for the weekend, and;  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the party renting the stage be responsible for picking it up and for bringing it back, and;  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the possibility of selling the arena stage will not be entertained at this time.

Carried

14. Next regular meeting: Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7:00 pm

15. Confirmatory by-law

Resolution 24-58: Steve Brousseau - Joyce Malenfant  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 980, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, be hereby adopted.

Carried

16. Adjournment: 9:10 pm

Resolution 24-59: Joyce Malenfant – Sophie Gagnon  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting of Council held on March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, be adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Carried

Read and confirmed on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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Acting Mayor

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CAO/Clerk