

The Corporation of the Township of Mattice – Val Côté

Meeting 25-05 (regular)

April 14th, 2025

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on April 14th, 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 – Sophie Gagnon

Councilor – Joyce Malenfant

Councilor – Réginald Manning (arrived at 7:08 pm)

Staff

CAO/Clerk – Guylaine Coulombe

Treasurer – Annie Plamondon

Others

Renée-Pier Fontaine - Hearst Medias (left at 8:40 pm)

1. Opening of meeting

The Mayor opened the meeting at 7:07 pm

2. Approval of the Order of Business

- Resolution 25-53

3. Pecuniary interest

Councilor Brousseau declared an interest at item 7.7 (3) and left Council Chambers during discussions on the matter.

4. Delegation, Presentation, Meeting requested by Council

Nil

5. Adoption of minutes of previous Council meeting

- Resolution 25-54

6. Treasurer's report

Nil

7. CAO's report

7.1 Resolutions/requests for support:

- c) FONOM – northern section within the MTO
- Resolution 25-55

The following requests were received and filed:

- a) Municipality of Huron Shores – Provincial Land Tax
- b) City of Peterborough – use of the social media platform X

7.2 Tiny Town Association – update – in light of the many requirements recently added for an application to be submitted on behalf of the Municipality, for the time being, Council will not proceed further with this particular project.

- Agreed

7.3 Badminton season – Council confirmed the schedule for the 2025 season – fees will remain unchanged

- Agreed

7.4 OCWA annual operating reports for Mattice and Val Côté sewage treatment lagoons and sewage collection systems

- Filed

7.5 Annual review of Health & Safety policies

- Resolution 25-56

7.6 Procedural By-law revision – Council reviewed the draft presented, discussed pertinent sections and provided directions to the CAO in order to finalize the same

- Agreed

7.7 Renewal of rental agreements – the agreements to be renewed, as presented, with 1) the St-François Xavier Parish and 2) the Centre de Formation

- Agreed
- 3) Mattice Sno Devils
- Resolution 25-57

7.8 Municipality's 50th anniversary: a small committee was formed and will meet later in April. An application for funding will be submitted under the PAFO program. The main event will take place in late September. Local organizations will be invited to participate in the festivities by organizing activities in relation to said anniversary.

- Agreed

7.9 Zoning By-law amendment – CAO explained how WSP wanted to address the issues surrounding the Shallow Lake capacity and why said language was considered too stringent in the circumstances.

- Agreed

- 7.10 AMCTO – Zone 8 Spring Meeting
- Resolution 25-58

- 7.11 Val Côté bridge replacement – instead of culverts, the current bridge will be replaced by a Lessard bridge. Once the engineer submits new drawings, a number of contractors will be asked to bid on the project.
-Agreed

- 7.12 Medical recruitment – financial incentives
- Resolution 25-59

- 7.13 OPP Detachment – James Bay Board 1 – cost distribution
- Resolution 25-60

7.14 Report on various items

- a) Training/meetings attended
- b) Requests/complaints
- c) Information provided
 - i), ii), iii) and iv)
 - Filed
- v) Fire Protection Grant: CAO and Mayor to sign the funding agreement for the additional funds (\$361.73) that will be available to the MVC Fire Department under said program
- Agreed
- d) For Council's consideration
 - i) Encouraging residents to plant trees: no incentives to be offered, simply a suggestion
 - ii) Comfort Station: once open, at least for the time being, no controlled access
 - iii) Flooring – medical clinic reception area: to be considered in budget deliberations
 - iv) Energy study – FCM funding: either 100% funding from FCM or we do not proceed
- Agreed

8. Mayor's report

8.1 Verbal report of the Northeastern Public Health Board meeting held in Timmins on March 29th last

8.2 Verbal report of a recent telephone discussion with Hydro One VP Terri French

9. Councilors' reports

A. Councilor Brousseau

- Nil

B. Councilor Gagnon

- Verbal report of the Long Term Care committee meeting held in Hearst on March 20th last

C. Councilor Malenfant

- Verbal report of the MVC Library Board meeting held on February 26th last
- Verbal report of the Hearst Planning Board meeting held in Hearst on April 9th last
- Verbal report of the NEOMA meeting held in Smooth Rock Falls on March 28th last

D. Councilor Manning

- Verbal report of the Hearst LCC meeting held in Hearst on February 26th last
- Verbal report of the Kap LCC meeting held in Kapuskasing on April 9th last

10. By-laws

Nil

11. Caucus

- a) Caucus – Resolution 25-61
- b) Regular meeting – Resolution 25-62

12. Minutes/Periodic reports/Correspondence

The following documents were received and filed:

12.1 Hours of work – March 2025

12.2 MSA – nominations for the 2025 Ontario Senior of the Year Award

13. Resolutions

Agenda

Resolution 25-53: Joyce Malenfant - Steve Brousseau
THAT the agenda be hereby accepted.

Carried

Minutes

Resolution 25-54: Sophie Gagnon – Steve Brousseau
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council's regular meeting 25-04, held on March 18th, 2025 be hereby adopted.

Carried

Northern section within the MTO

Resolution 25-55: Joyce Malenfant – Marc Dupuis
WHEREAS Northern Ontario's land area covers 88% of the province of Ontario, and;
WHEREAS in recent years Northern Ontario residents increasingly fear using Northern Ontario highways because of weather conditions, traffic patterns, inattentive drivers, regional differences in highway maintenance and the lack of accountability in commercial motor vehicle driver training, and;

WHEREAS it is essential to recognize that transportation responsibilities in northern and southern Ontario involve vastly different approaches and planning;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, to enhance the effectiveness of the current duties, Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby support the letter recently sent by FONOM to Premier Doug Ford, proposing the creation of Deputy or Associate Minister of Transportation that would be specifically responsible for Northern Ontario, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to FONOM, to Premier Ford and to the Minister of Transportation, the Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria.

Carried

Health & Safety policies

Resolution 25-56: Steve Brousseau – Sophie Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby approves the revised versions of the municipal Health & Safety policy, Workplace Harassment policy and Workplace Violence policy.

Carried

Rental agreement

Resolution 25-57: Sophie Gagnon – Réginald Manning

WHEREAS Council is not interested or prepared to consider selling the arena garage at this time, and;

WHEREAS Council is willing to pursue the rental agreement originally signed with the Mattice Sno Devils Snowmobile Club in 2020 for their use of the arena garage.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT said rental agreement will run from September 1st 2025 to August 31st 2028, on the same terms and conditions as the original agreement, save and except for the monthly rent payable to the Municipality, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the current rent increase by 3% on September 1st 2025 and on September 1st of each year thereafter.

Carried

AMCTO – Zone 8

Resolution 25-58: Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby authorizes the CAO/Clerk to attend the AMCTO – Zone 8 Spring Meeting which will be held in Cochrane on May 14th and 15th next.

Carried

Medical recruitment

Resolution 25-59: Réginald Manning – Sophie Gagnon
WHEREAS the Town of Hearst will be providing incentives totalling FIFTY-THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$53,000.00) over the course of the next 4 to 5 years to Félix Lavigne, a medical student who plans to establish his medical practice in Hearst, and;
WHEREAS the Town of Hearst has asked the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté to contribute to said incentives, and;
WHEREAS the Municipality recognizes the urgent need to recruit medical professionals and has, on a number of occasions in the past, contributed towards similar incentives on a per capita basis.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté contribute 12% to the incentives that will be paid by the Town of Hearst to Félix Lavigne over the course of the next 4 to 5 years, for a total amount of SIX THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND SIXTY DOLLARS (\$6,360.00).

Carried

OPP Detachment Board

Resolution 25-60: Sophie Gagnon – Réginald Manning
WHEREAS Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté asked the Town of Hearst to share the costs of the OPP Detachment – James Bay Board 1 on the established population-based percentages of 88/12, and;
WHEREAS Council for the Town of Hearst is prepared to adopt a cost-sharing formula based on municipal representation on said Board, being two (2) from Hearst and one (1) from Mattice – Val Côté;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby accepts a cost-sharing formula wherein it will assume 33% of the Board's annual expenses.

Carried

Caucus

Resolution 25-61: Steve Brousseau – Sophie Gagnon
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council go into a closed meeting at 9:25 pm to adopt the minutes of a closed meeting, to discuss personal matters about identifiable individuals and to discuss litigation or potential litigation.

Carried

Regular meeting

Resolution 25-62: Joyce Malenfant – Réginald Manning
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting of Council resume at 9:40 pm.

Carried

Minutes

Resolution 25-63: Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council's closed meeting 25-04, held on March 18th, 2025 be hereby adopted.
Carried

Senior of the Year

Resolution 25-64: Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality nominate the selected individual for the 2025 Senior of the Year Award in Mattice – Val Côté.
Carried

14. Next regular meeting: Thursday, May 15th, at 7:00 or 7:30 pm, depending on length of agenda
Financial Committee meeting: Tuesday, April 15th, at 7:00 pm

15. Confirmatory by-law

Resolution 25-65: Réginald Manning - Sophie Gagnon
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 1016, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council on Monday, April 14th, 2025, be hereby adopted.
Carried

16. Adjournment: 9:46 pm

Resolution 25-66: Sophie Gagnon – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting of Council held on April 14th, 2025, be adjourned at 9:46 pm.
Carried

Read and confirmed on May 15th, 2025

Mayor

CAO/Clerk