

The Corporation of the Township of Mattice – Val Côté

Meeting 23-09 (regular)

June 28th, 2023

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on June 28th, 2023, at 7:00 pm, in the Municipal Council Chambers at the Town Hall, 500 Highway 11, Mattice, Ontario.

Present:

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

Absent:

Mayor – Marc Dupuis

Staff

CAO/Clerk – Guylaine Coulombe
Treasurer – Annie Plamondon

1. Opening of meeting

The Acting Mayor opened the meeting at 7:00 pm

2. Approval of the Order of Business

The following item was added:

7.8 Secure Energy – Station 92

- Resolution 23-145

3. Pecuniary interest

Councilor Manning declared an interest at item 6.2

Acting Mayor Gagnon declared an interest at item 7.7 d) iii).

4. Delegation and Presentation

Pauline Rodrigue and Emilie Sylvain explained to Council what the Citizens' Committee has planned for Halloween. In this regard, they brought forward a few requests for Council's consideration.

5. Adoption of minutes of previous Council meetings

- Resolutions 23-146 and 23-147

6. Treasurer's report

6.1 Financial report – to May 31st, 2023

- Resolution 23-148

6.2 Granular - bids

- Resolution 23-149

7. CAO's report

7.1 Resolutions/requests for support

b) FONOM – funding for the National Housing Strategy

- Resolution 23-150

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

a) Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury – right to repair

7.2 Columbarium for the SFX Cemetery

- Resolution 23-151

7.3 Annual license fees for cats and dogs – from 2024 onward, the registration fee for a pet will be set at \$50.00 for the life of the animal. By-law no. 767 will be revised to reflect this change and to include set fines.

- Agreed

7.4 Hearst 100th Anniversary Parade – the Municipality will not participate

- Agreed

7.5 Kayak rentals

- Resolution 23-152

7.6 Procedure by-law update – will allow a member of Council to participate electronically in meetings; however, his or her presence will not count for quorum purposes, nor will this person be allowed to vote or to take part in closed sessions. Proxy voting will not be permitted. Treasurer to verify costs of electronic equipment.

- Agreed

7.7 Report on various items

a) Training/meetings

b) Information provided

c) Complaints received

- Filed

d) For Council's consideration

i) limiting ATV access on road allowance – Council is not interested in attempting to control this area

- Agreed

ii) NOHFC funding – will wait for public consultations during the strategic plan exercise before submitting a funding application

- Agreed

iii) Citizens' Committee requests: cost set at 100\$ per day to rent 4 changerooms only; CAO to explain other set rental fees; will require liability insurance; will accompany Committee members on a site visit; will allow Committee to decorate the exterior of the area; will share the Committee's publicity; CAO will act as intermediary to set up discussions with the R.O.C.

- Agreed

7.8 Secure Energy – Station 92

- Resolution 23-153

8. Mayor's report

Nil

9. Councilors' reports

A. Councilor Brousseau

- Verbal report of the Public Library Board meeting held on June 6th, 2023

- Commented that the Health Professionals Recruiting Committee has yet to be reactivated

B. Councilor/Acting Mayor Gagnon

- Verbal report of the Long Term Care committee meeting held in Hearst on June 22nd, 2023

C. Councilor Malenfant

- Verbal report of the Public Library Board meeting held on June 6th, 2023

- Verbal report of the Foyer des Pionniers Board meeting held in Hearst on June 20th, 2023

D. Councilor Manning

- Inquired into the possibility of a 4 way stop at the corner of Parkview and 2nd Street – CAO explained that stops are not to be used to slow down traffic

- Inquired into the possibility of installing a speed bump in that area instead

- Differed

10. By-laws

10.1 By-law no. 962 – agreement with FedNor

- Resolution 23-154

11. Caucus

- a) Caucus – Resolution 23-155
- b) Regular meeting – Resolution 23-156

12. Minutes/Periodic reports/Correspondence

The following documents were received and filed:

- 12.1 Hours worked – May 2023
- 12.2 Office of the Prime Minister - acknowledgment
- 12.3 MNRF – floating accommodations

13. Resolutions

Agenda

Resolution 23-145: Steve Brousseau - Joyce Malenfant
THAT the agenda, as amended, be hereby accepted.

Carried

Minutes

Resolution 23-146: Réginald Manning – Steve Brousseau
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council’s regular meeting
23-07, held on June 5th, 2023 be hereby adopted.

Carried

Resolution 23-147: Steve Brousseau - Sophie Gagnon
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council’s regular meeting
23-08, held on June 6th, 2023, be hereby adopted.

Carried

Financial report

Resolution 23-148: Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the financial report ending May 31st, 2023
be hereby approved as circulated.

Carried

Granular - bids

Resolution 23-149: Steve Brousseau – Sophie Gagnon
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council purchase 3,400 cubic yards of
granular A from Villeneuve Construction Co. Ltd, at a cost of
EIGHTY-SIX THOUSAND AND FORTY-FOUR DOLLARS
(\$86,044.00), plus taxes, to be delivered at the municipal garage,
on Reesor Road and on Val Côté roads, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council purchase 300 cubic yards of winter sand from Morin Construction Ltd, at a cost of SIX THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO DOLLARS (\$6,282.00), plus taxes, to be delivered at the municipal garage.

Carried

National Housing Strategy

Resolution 23-150: Sophie Gagnon – Steve Brousseau

WHEREAS the Federal and Provincial Governments need to support their most vulnerable households, the ones who are or are at risk of becoming homeless. Overall, housing and services for low-income, vulnerable, or marginalized people should be a primary consideration moving forward so we can help those who need it the most.

WHEREAS the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté understands every community across Ontario is impacted by a need for affordable housing and support for people at risk of homelessness. Municipal governments are working in collaboration with all orders of government to invest in permanent solutions to the housing and homelessness crisis in Ontario.

WHEREAS the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté understands that the Federal **National Housing Strategy** allocation formula to provinces and territories for jointly funded housing initiatives roughly follows their share of the national population. This approach leaves Ontario underfunded because, as per the 2021 Census figures, the number of Ontario households in **Community Housing Network** as a share of the national total is 44.1 percent, which is well above the provincial share of the national population at 38.5 percent. This is also by far the highest share of national **Community Housing Network** relative to every other province and territories.

WHEREAS receiving a by-population allocation from the federal government hampers Ontario's ability to reach more of those households in need that require assistance with housing.

WHEREAS the lack of ongoing federal operating funding for **National Housing Strategy** initiatives leads to significant underfunding for subsidized housing projects and can undermine the physical and financial viability of the community housing stock.

WHEREAS a similar situation occurs with federal homelessness funding to Ontario through **Reaching Home**, where the share allocated to Ontario is also below the provincial share of **Community Housing Network** nationally.

WHEREAS there is an inequitable distribution of **Reaching Home** funding in Ontario as only 25 of 47 Service Managers have designated communities receiving funding under the program, despite the prevalence of need across the entire Province.

WHEREAS the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté understands the federal government takes the position that its role is to provide capital funding while Provinces and Territories are to fund operating expenses, this approach does not create an equitable sharing of the burden of funding long-term operating costs, which continue for the life of a project.

WHEREAS taken altogether, the underfunding to Ontario for housing and homelessness relative to its share of national **Canadian Housing Network** amounts to approximately \$480 million over the term of the Federal **National Housing Strategy**.

WHEREAS the federal government previously provided leadership in ensuring the long-term financial and physical viability of the social housing stock under the **Social Housing Agreement** for several decades through federal social housing operating agreements that provided funding for both mortgages and operating costs.

WHEREAS without some flexibility on the part of the federal government, Ontario and its municipalities will be poorly positioned to take advantage of this funding, and this will turn into a significant missed opportunity, leading to a further deterioration in the long-term physical and financial sustainability of the community housing stock.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté also supports the provincial ask for federal operating funding for **National Housing Strategy** initiatives, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté would appreciate the federal effort to repurpose this funding quickly from the main **National Housing Co-Investment Fund** program line. Service Managers across the province have indicated their challenges with meeting the terms of the federal proposal, particularly as they relate to cost matching and meeting the requirements for greenhouse gas emissions, energy

efficiency and accessibility, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté would like need-driven indicators incorporated into the funding allocation formulas for all federal programs, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté appreciates the federal government’s commitment to end chronic homelessness and wishes this to be inclusive across all areas of our province by expanding **Reaching Home** funding to all Service Managers, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté also supports the provincial position in relation to the provinces and territories **Repair Fund** under the **National Housing Co-Investment Fund**, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté supports the Province of Ontario position on the application-based \$4 billion federal **Housing Accelerator Fund**. We wish to emphasize the importance of providing municipalities with maximum support in preparing applications to the HAF, understanding that some rural and northern municipalities may face capacity challenges in applying to this program on the anticipated tight timelines, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté wishes to request that **Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation** consider actions taken by municipalities under the province’s **Housing Supply Action Plans** into account when assessing municipal applications, recognizing that these initiatives have the potential to significantly increase the supply of housing in our communities, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté believes the lack of ongoing federal operating funding for **National Housing Strategy** initiatives leads to significant underfunding for subsidized housing projects and can undermine the physical and financial viability of the community housing stock, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté believes the federal government should heed the precedent of the **Social Housing Agreement** and recommit itself to funding operating costs that often stretch out over decades for the lifetime of a housing project. As an example, the **Rapid Housing Initiative’s** 20-year affordability requirement and lack of federal

operating dollars will very likely result in housing providers asking Service Managers and the provincial government to fund operating expenses to ensure the long-term affordability of units given housing providers' limited revenue-raising capacity, and;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this lack of ongoing federal operating funding for **National Housing Strategy** initiatives leads to significant underfunding for subsidized housing projects and can undermine the physical and financial viability of the community housing stock, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté urges the Federal Government to provide additional funding for Ontario so that we can deal with our shortages of safe and affordable housing and at the same time build safer and healthier communities for all our residents, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be forward to the individuals listed below for consideration and support, Prime Minister Trudeau, Minister Ahmed Hussen, MP Carol Hughes, Premier Ford, Minister Clark, MPP Guy Bourgoquin, Leaders of the Federal and Provincial Opposition Parties, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities.

Carried

Columbarium – SFX Cemetery

Resolution 23-151: Steve Brousseau – Sophie Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby authorizes the purchase of a 20 doors columbarium for the St-François Xavier Cemetery from Monuments Gibson, at a cost of EIGHTEEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$18,950.00), plus taxes.

Carried

Kayak rentals

Resolution 23-152: Steve Brousseau – Sophie Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the fees for kayak rentals be modified as follows: TWENTY DOLLARS (\$20.00) on a daily basis and ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) on a weekly basis, plus taxes, and;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the term "non-residents" be defined as those who do not live within the Constance Lake to Kapuskasing catchment area, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT some of the municipal kayaks and equipment be installed at Boudrias Camping for rental purposes. It is understood that the campground owner will keep 50% of the rental fees as compensation for the work this involves, and;

BE IT FURHTER RESOLVED THAT the Municipality will provide Boudrias Camping with a small shed for the equipment and a small rack to keep the kayaks elevated, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a maximum amount of TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,500.00) be set aside for that purpose (shed and rack).

Carried

Secure Energy - Station 92

Resolution 23-153: Steve Brousseau – Sophie Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby authorizes the CAO/Clerk to enter into an agreement with Secure Energy for the receipt of non-hazardous contaminated soil at the landfill site, originating from the Station 92 property, during the summer of 2023, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT said agreement shall be on the same terms as those of the 2022 agreement with adjustments pertaining to the tonnage and the landfill attendant rate, and with the fee set at SIXTY DOLLARS (\$60.00) per ton.

Carried

By-law no. 962

Resolution 23-154: Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 962, being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement with the Federal Economic Development Agency for Northern Ontario ("FedNor") for funding under the Economic Development Initiative, be hereby adopted.

Carried

Caucus

Resolution 23-155: Réginald Manning – Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council go into closed meeting at 9:00 pm to adopt the minutes of a closed meeting and to discuss labour relations.

Carried

Regular meeting

Resolution 23-156: Steve Brousseau – Sophie Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting of Council resume at 9:12 pm.

Carried

Minutes

Resolution 23-157: Joyce Malenfant – Steve Brousseau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council's closed meeting 23-07, held on June 5th, 2023, be hereby adopted.

Carried

By-law enforcement

Resolution 23-158: Sophie Gagnon – Réginald Manning

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Paul Sherring be hired for the position of municipal By-law Officer, on an on-call basis, as per discussion.

Carried

14. Next meeting: Wednesday, July 19th, 2023, at 7:00 pm

15. Confirmatory by-law

Resolution 23-159: Steve Brousseau – Réginald Manning

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 961, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council on Wednesday, June 28th, 2023, be hereby adopted.

Carried

16. Adjournment: 9:15 pm

Resolution 23-160: Steve Brousseau - Sophie Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting of Council held on June 28th, 2023, be adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Carried

Read and confirmed on July 19th, 2023

Acting Mayor

CAO/Clerk