

The Corporation of the Township of Mattice – Val Côté

Meeting 24-13 (regular)

September 3rd, 2024

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on September 3rd, 2024, 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
Treasurer – Annie Plamondon (left at 8:50 pm)

1. Opening of meeting
The Mayor opened the meeting at 7:05 pm
2. Approval of the Order of Business
- Resolution 24-167
3. Pecuniary interest
Councilor Brousseau declared an interest at items 7.1 a) and k) and at 7.10 d) i)
4. Delegation, Presentation, Meeting requested by Council
Nil
5. Adoption of minutes of previous Council meeting
- Resolution 24-168
6. Treasurer's report
 - 6.1 Financial report – to July 31st 2024
- Resolution 24-169
 - 6.2 Verbal report – shared details of offer pertaining to digital notification services
- Filed

7. CAO's report

7.1 Resolutions/requests for support

- d) Municipality of Wawa – OFIA challenges
 - Resolution 24-170

- g) Municipality of Callender – property assessment cycle
 - Resolution 24-171

- h) City of Quinte West – CCBF allocation
 - Resolution 24-172

- i) Township of Stirling – Rawdon – Public Sector Salary Disclosure
 - Resolution 24-173

- k) CDSB – funding for training
 - Resolution 24-174

- l) Township of Russell - review of the Municipal Elections Act
 - Resolution 24-175

The following resolutions were received and filed:

- a) Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury – long-service medals for police and paramedics
- b) Township of Schreiber – wastewater dichlorination
- c) FONOM – Northern Ontario immigration requirements
- e) City of Toronto – support for family physicians
- f) Town of Plympton – Wyoming – cellular communication services
- j) Township of Nairn and Hyman – transport and deposit of NORM

7.2 Community Hall and WTP estimates

- CAO confirmed the arena lobby will be painted – Filed
- KM Renovation to visit WTP before a decision is made - Agreed
- Resolutions 24-176 and 24-177

7.3 St-François Xavier cemetery – update provided by CAO on the required tasks – municipal employees will not be called upon to solidify/apply glue to tombstones

- Agreed

7.4 OPP Detachment Board – James Bay no. 1

- Resolutions 24-178 and 24-179

7.5 Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund – CAO provided funding details

- Filed

7.6 MMAH – training to be offered in the region

- Filed

7.7 Municipal Food Cycler program update – remaining foodcyclers

- Resolution 24-180

7.8 Snow removal contract

- Resolution 24-181

7.9 Problems in the community – a letter will be sent to the OPP – Hearst Detachment identifying some of these issues and requesting an increased police presence

- Agreed

7.10 Report – various items

a) Training/meetings attended

b) Information provided

c) Complaints

- Filed

d) For Council's consideration

i) Rocks piled by the river – available for use by the Mattice Sno Devils for their trails

- Agreed

ii) Fence decorations – Council confirms that words, including the word "Mattice", will not be allowed on municipal fences

- Agreed

iii) Arena lobby – showcases will be torn down but their content will be stored

- Agreed

iv) Brisson Park sign - funds

- Resolution 24-182

v) Future of the ice rink – nothing to discuss at this time

- Agreed

8. Mayor's report

8.1 50th anniversary of the Municipality in 2025 – shared ideas with the group

8.2 Suggestion to attract medical personnel - repair the municipal property acquired via tax sale and use it as an incentive to attract a physician to work from the Missinaibi Clinic – CAO to verify funding opportunities with Nordaski.

9. Councilors' reports

A. Councilor Brousseau

- Nothing to report

- B. Councilor Gagnon
 - Provided status update on Hearst Connect initiatives in our area
 - Inquired on the status of the Val Côté bridge re: propane delivery
- C. Councilor Malenfant
 - Informed Council of the existence of a transition home in Moonbeam
- D. Councilor Manning
 - Nothing to report
- 10. By-laws
 - 10.1 By-law no. 998 – cemetery price list
 - Resolution 24-183
- 11. Caucus
 - Nil
- 12. Minutes/Periodic reports/Correspondence

The following documents were received and filed:

- 12.1 Hours of work – June and July 2024
- 12.2 Ombudsman – 2023-2024 annual report

13. Resolutions

Agenda	<u>Resolution 24-167</u> : Réginald Manning - Joyce Malenfant THAT the agenda be hereby accepted.	Carried
Minutes	<u>Resolution 24-168</u> : Sophie Gagnon - Marc Dupuis BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council's regular meeting 24-12, held on July 23 rd , 2024 be hereby adopted.	Carried
Financial report	<u>Resolution 24-169</u> : Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant BE IT RESOLVED THAT the financial report ending July 31 st 2024 be hereby approved as circulated.	Carried
OFIA challenges	<u>Resolution 24-170</u> : Marc Dupuis – Réginald Manning BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby support Resolution no. RC24-168 made by the Municipality of Wawa, urging the Ontario government to support all measures proposed by the Ontario Forest Industry	

Association (OFIA) to target the immediate challenges faced by the Ontario forest sector, and;

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

Carried

Property assessment cycle

Resolution 24-171: Sophie Gagnon – Steve Brousseau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby support Resolution no. 2024/05/184 made by the Municipality of Callander and calling upon the Premier to promptly resume the assessment cycle to ensure the stability and predictability of property taxes, while the Government conducts its review of the property assessment and taxation system, or respond with an alternative method for every municipality to achieve fair taxation, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Municipality of Callander, to Premier Doug Ford and to our local parliament representatives, MPP Guy Bourgouin and MP Carol Hughes.

Carried

CCBF allocation

Resolution 24-172: Steve Brousseau – Réginald Manning

WHEREAS municipalities are facing soaring costs for infrastructure projects without a corresponding growth in revenue;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby support Motion no. 24-366 made by the City of Quinte West and calling upon the Federal Government to provide a supplement to the allocations provided to municipalities under the AMO CCBF agreement for 2024 -2028 for the same amount that was allocated, effectively doubling the allocation for those years, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the City of Quinte West, to Chrystia Freeland, the Federal Finance Minister, to AMO and to our local parliament representatives, MPP Guy Bourgouin and MP Carol Hughes.

Carried

Public Sector Salary Disclosure

Resolution 24-173: Sophie Gagnon – Steve Brousseau
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby support the motion made by the Standing Committee of Stirling – Rawdon on August 6th 2024 recommending that the Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act be updated to reflect the inflation rates since 1996 and that said inflation rate be applied each year to the requirement to report public salaries, and;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Township of Stirling - Rawdon, to Premier Doug Ford, to AMO and to our local parliament representatives, MPP Guy Bourgouin and MP Carol Hughes.
Carried

CDSB – funding for training

Resolution 24-174: Sophie Gagnon – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT a letter of support be provided to the Cochrane District Services Board pertaining to a funding request for its proposed ADVANCE training program.
Carried

Municipal Elections Act

Resolution 24-175: Marc Dupuis – Réginald Manning
WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (MEA) will be 30 years old by the next municipal and school board elections in 2026 and;
WHEREAS the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) reviewed the Act and provided several recommendations to modernize the legislation, to harmonize rules and to streamline and simplify its administration;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby support the resolution made by the Township of Russell on August 26th 2024 calling for the Province to update the MEA with priority amendments, as outlined by AMCTO, before the summer of 2025 and to commence work to review and rewrite the MEA with longer-term recommendations ahead of the 2030 elections, and;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Township of Russell, to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to the Minister of Education and to our local parliament representatives, MPP Guy Bourgouin and MP Carol Hughes.
Carried

Community hall estimates

Resolution 24-176: Joyce Malenfant – Sophie Gagnon
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the services of Cristobond Electrical Ltd. be retained to change the lighting fixtures to LED in the community hall and in the lobby area for the sum of TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY (\$26,750) DOLLARS, plus taxes.

Carried

Resolution 24-177: Marc Dupuis – Steve Brousseau
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the services of KM Renovations be retained to remove the carpet in specific areas of the community hall, to repair the stage and to install new floor covering therein for the sum of SIX THOUSAND AND FIFTY-FOUR (\$6,054) DOLLARS, plus taxes.

Carried

OPP Detachment Board

Resolution 24-178: Sophie Gagnon – Steve Brousseau
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mayor Marc Dupuis represent the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté on the newly-formed OPP Detachment Board – James Bay No. 1 for the remainder of the term of this Council, ending on November 14th 2026.

Carried

Resolution 24-179: Marc Dupuis – Steve Brousseau
WHEREAS paragraph 3. (3) of Ontario Regulation 135/24 provides that municipalities may agree to allocate the costs of the OPP Detachment Board estimates on a basis other than equal shares;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT a request be presented to the Town of Hearst for the OPP Detachment Board estimates to be shared between our communities in accordance with the established percentages (Hearst 88% and Mattice – Val Côté 12%) currently used in other cost-sharing arrangements.

Carried

Foodcyclers program

Resolution 24-180: Marc Dupuis – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the two (2) remaining Éco 5 foodcyclers each be sold for the sum of FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY-TWO (\$452.00) DOLLARS amongst the five (5) individuals that, while not Mattice – Val Côté residents, demonstrated an interest in purchasing said unit.

Carried

Snow removal contract

Resolution 24-181 : Réginald Manning – Steve Brousseau
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the snow removal contract with the CSCDGR be renewed for the 2024-2025 season subject to a 10% increase (from \$2,750 to \$3,025 per month) and provided that public works employees are still willing and able to perform this work on overtime.

Carried

Brisson Park sign

Resolution 24-182: Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT monies from the municipal Economic Development Fund account be used to pay for the costs associated with the fabrication and installation of a directional sign in Brisson Park.

Carried

By-law no. 998

Resolution 24-183: Joyce Malenfant – Steve Brousseau
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 998, being a By-law to adopt a new price list for the cemeteries, be hereby adopted.

Carried

14. Next regular meeting: Tuesday, September 24th 2024

15. Confirmatory by-law

Resolution 24-184: Steve Brousseau – Réginald Manning
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 999, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council on Tuesday, September 3rd, 2024, be hereby adopted.

Carried

16. Adjournment: 9:10 pm

Resolution 24-185: Joyce Malenfant - Sophie Gagnon
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting of Council held on September 3rd, 2024, be adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Carried

Read and confirmed on September 24th, 2024

Mayor

CAO/Clerk