The Corporation of the Township of Mattice – Val Côté

Meeting 26-08 (regular) July 7th, 2026

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on July 7th, 2026, 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 – Réginald Manning

Absent:
Councilor – Joyce Malenfant

Staff
CAO/Clerk – Guylaine Coulombe
Treasurer – Annie Plamondon

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1. Opening of meeting
   The Mayor opened the meeting at 7:00 pm

2. Approval of the Order of Business
   The following items were added:
   7.5 c) vii) insurance claim – private property basement
   7.5 d) ii) small roof – Food Bank; iii) building permit – containers; iv) complaint 020726
   7.8 Mattice cemetery – request for permission
   7.9 Invitation – Opasatika 50th anniversary
   7.10 Deeming by-law – Lot 134 on Plan M2C
   12.6 FONOM – a) Billy Bishop airport; b) Northern Shield Energy Corridor
   13.2 Information supplied in confidence by another level of government
   - Resolution 26-122

3. Pecuniary interest
   Nil

4. Delegation, Presentation, Meeting requested by Council
   Nil

5. Adoption of minutes of previous Council meeting
   - Resolution 26-123

6. Treasurer's report

Mentioned that transitioning to the new accounting system has proven to be difficult and time-consuming.

7. CAO's report

7.1 Rental agreements

a) SFX Parish – former curling area
- Resolution 26-124

b) Centre de formation – portion of the municipal building basement
- Resolution 26-125

c) Mattice Sno Devils Snowmobile Club – the current agreement expires in August 2028
- Filed

7.2 Medical Clinic floor covering – tenders received
- Resolution 26-126

7.3 Volunteer Firefighter Certification – an update was provided to Council. As of July 1st 2026, the MVC Fire Department has nine certified firefighthers (legacy program for some, recent training for others)

7.4 Policy PM10 – inspection of the assessment roll
- Resolution 26-127

7.5 Report on various items

a) Training/meetings attended
b) Complaints
c) Information provided to Council
- Filed

d) For Council's consideration

i) Request by an individual to leave plastic containers at the landfill site to collect cans and bottles – provided certain conditions are set (access, liability, etc.), will proceed with an agreement on a trial basis
- Agreed

ii) Small roof over Food Bank door – given the cost of engineering plans, this project will not proceed
- Agreed

iii) Garage built with 2 industrial containers – Council does not wish to review the plans beforehand
- Agreed

iv) Complaint 020726 – replace the sawhorses with a used municipal barricade
- Agreed

7.6 Outdoor rink project – location could be on the north side of the arena, size of 50 X 100 feet. Will obtain cost estimate for soil preparation and a possible concrete pad. Also look into the option of installing synthetic ice on the existing interior rink.
- Agreed

7.7 By-law no. 1050 – defining categories – a meeting to deal exclusively with this particular issue will be scheduled – changes, if any, will only apply in 2027
- Agreed

7.8 Mattice cemetery – request for permission – Council not prepared to create a precedent by allowing a concrete base to be wider than what is outlined in By-law no. 774
- Agreed

7.9 Invitation – Opasatika 50th anniversary – Municipality to purchase two weekend passes for members of Council wishing to attend the event. Letter to be sent congratulating our neighbors for reaching this milestone.
- Agreed

7.10 Deeming by-law – Lot 134 on Plan M2C – Council is prepared to adopt said by-law in the circumstances – CAO to verify the legal fees beforehand
- Agreed

8. Mayor's report
Mentioned having recently met Lee Fairclough, a candidate in the Ontario liberal party leadership race, and discussing with her the possibility of renovating vested properties.

9. Councilors' reports

A. Steve Brousseau
- Verbal report of the NEOMA meeting held in Hearst on June 26th last

B. Sophie Gagnon
- Nil

C. Réginald Manning
- Nil

10. By-laws
Nil

11. Resolutions/requests for support:
11.1 County of Prince Edward – sustainable funding for Public Health Units
- Resolution 26-128
11.2 Village of Merrickville Wolford – traffinc calming & speeding reduction mitigation techniques
- Resolution 26-129

The following requests were received and filed:
11.3 Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands – funding for hospitals
11.4 Town of Iroquois Falls – firefighter certification requirements
11.5 Municipality of Wawa – emergency room wait times
11.6 National Dental Care Day – seeking a proclamation

12. Minutes/Periodic reports/Correspondence

The following documents were received and filed:
12.1 Hours worked – May 2026
12.2 MMAH – administrative monetary penalties for zoning by-law contraventions
12.3 SGS – FSC certification on the Hearst Forest
12.4 FONOM & NOMA – Deep Geological Repository as a project of national interest
12.5 MNR – herbicide project on the Gordon Cosens Forest
12.6 FONOM - a) Billy Bishop airport; b) Northern Shield Energy Corridor

13. Caucus
a) Caucus – Resolution 26-130
b) Regular meeting – Resolution 26-131

14. Resolutions

Agenda

Resolution 26-122: Sophie Gagnon - Steve Brousseau
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda, as amended, be hereby accepted.

Carried

Minutes

Resolution 26-123: Steve Brousseau – Sophie Gagnon
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council's regular meeting 26-07, held on June 2nd, 2026, be hereby adopted.

Carried

Rental agreements

Resolution 26-124: Steve Brousseau – Sophie Gagnon
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the rental agreement with the St-François Xavier Parish, for the use of the former curling rink area, be renewed for 2026 on the same terms and conditions as last year's.

Carried

Resolution 26-125: Réginald Manning – Sophie Gagnon
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the rental agreement with Le Centre de formation, for the use of a portion of the municipal building basement, be renewed for 2026-2027 on the same terms and conditions as last year's.

Carried

Medical Clinic floor covering

Resolution 26-126: Sophie Gagnon – Réginald Manning
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the services of KM Renovations be retained to replace a portion of the floor covering in the Missinaibi Medical Clinic, for the amount tendered of FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED ($4,900.00) DOLLARS, plus applicable taxes.

Carried

Assessment roll

Resolution 26-127: Steve Brousseau – Réginald Manning
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Policy no. PM10, being a policy describing how the Municipality will address requests to inspect the assessment roll, is hereby adopted.

Carried

Funding for Public Health Units

Resolution 26-128: Steve Brousseau – Sophie Gagnon
WHEREAS according to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), municipalities across Ontario spend close to $4 billion on health despite receiving less than $2 billion in provincial grants and Canada's Constitution Act 1867 clearly asserts provincial responsibility for health, and;
WHEREAS municipalities are being asked to shoulder an escalating percentage of public health unit costs while also asked to solve complex social determinants of health such as rural homelessness and food insecurity, but with limited revenue tools;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby support resolution no. 2026-244 made by the County of Prince Edward requesting 1) that the Provincial Government redistribute a portion of the Land Transfer Tax to municipalities to address public health funding gaps and the rising % share of municipal contributions to public health units and 2) that when the province announces its new Ontario Public Health Standards, it also commits to minimum annual funding increases tied to Ontario's consumer price inflation, currently holding at 2.4%; and:
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, to Minister of Health Sylvia Jones, to the County of Prince Edward and to our local parliament representatives, MPP Guy Bourgouin and MP Gaetan Malette.

Carried

Traffic calming & speeding reduction mitigation techniques

Resolution 26-129: Sophie Gagnon – Réginald Manning
WHEREAS history demonstrates that speeding and public safety concerns are increasing in Ontario, and;

WHEREAS the Provincial government has shown interest and allocated financial resources to certain municipalities to implement alternative measures to photo radar, reaffirming its ongoing commitment to addressing public safety issues, and;
WHEREAS this commitment currently applies only to municipalities utilizing photo radar as a deterrent, and;
WHEREAS such funding support would assist municipalities with limited financial resources in protecting their citizens – especially seniors and school-aged children.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby support the resolution made on May 7th 2026 by the North Grenville, Merrickville – Wolford Village OPP Detachment Board and request that the province expand its stated interest and financial commitment to include all municipalities in Ontario, adopting a province-wide approach to public safety and thereby insuring the well-being of all Ontarians, and;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Village of Merrickville Wolford, to Premier Doug Ford, to the Minister of Transportation and to our local parliament representatives, MPP Guy Bourgouin and MP Gaetan Malette.

Carried

Caucus

Resolution 26-130: Steve Brousseau – Sophie Gagnon
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council go into a closed meeting at 9:04 pm to adopt the minutes of a closed meeting and to discuss Information supplied in confidence by another level of government.

Carried

Regular meeting

Resolution 26-131: Réginald Manning - Steve Brousseau
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting of Council resume at 9:06 pm. Carried

Minutes

Resolution 26-132: Sophie Gagnon - Steve Brousseau
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council's closed meeting 26-07, held on June 2nd, 2026, be hereby adopted.
Carried

15. Next regular meeting: Tuesday, August 18th, 2026, at 7:00 pm

16. Confirmatory by-law

Resolution 26-133: Réginald Manning - Steve Brousseau
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 1054, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council on Tuesday, July 7th, 2026, be hereby adopted.

Carried

17. Adjournment: 9:10 pm

Resolution 26-134: Sophie Gagnon – Steve Brousseau
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting of Council held on July 7th, 2026, be adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Carried

Read and confirmed on August 18th, 2026

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Mayor

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CAO/Clerk