

The Corporation of the Township of Mattice – Val Côté

Meeting 23-01 (regular)

January 11th, 2023

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on January 11th, 2023, 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 7:00 pm

2. Approval of the Order of Business

The following items were added:

6.4 Adjustment request – 2022 water and sewer charges

6.5 Applications for adjustments – 2022 & 2023 taxes

6.6 2023 Memberships

7. d) Verbal - FONOM Conference, Fire Education Conference, Groundwater monitoring report,

Badminton & Pickleball

- Resolution 23-01

3. Pecuniary interest

Nil

4. Delegation and Presentation

Nil

Note: At this stage of the meeting, Council proceeded with the closed session – per item no. 11 below

5. Adoption of minutes of previous Council meeting

- Resolution 23-06

6. Treasurer's report

6.1 Financial report – to November 30th, 2022

- Resolution 23-07

6.2 Budget policy – the example provided was reviewed by Council

- Differed

6.3 Statutory Statement – remuneration and expenses

- Resolution 23-08

6.4 Adjustment request – 2022 water and sewer charges

- Resolution 23-09

6.5 Application for adjustments – 2022 & 2023 taxes

- Resolutions 23-10 and 23-11

6.6 2023 Memberships

- Resolution 23-12

7. CAO's report

7.1 Resolutions/requests for support

a) MP Guy Bourgouin – Bill 43

- Resolution 23-13

b) Town of Hearst – CDSSAB representative

- Resolution 23-14

d) Lanark County – epidemic declaration

- Resolution 23-15

e) Municipality of Tweed – regulating the costs of natural gas

- Resolution 23-16

The following request for support was received and filed:

b) Township of Malahide – federal review of the *Cannabis Act*

7.2 Upcoming training – WCWC, OFM and MPAC

- Deferred

7.3 Municipal insurance coverage for 2023

- Resolution 23-17 and 23-18

7.4 MTO response to our request for a turning lane

- Filed

7.5 Service Delivery Action Plan – the plan was updated, it will be brought back before Council every 3 months

- Agreed

7.6 Report on various items

a) Training/meetings

b) Information provided

c) Complaints received

- Filed

d) For Council's consideration

i) Chain of Office

- Resolution 23-19

ii) FONOM Conference

- Resolution 23-20

iii) Fire Education Conference

- Resolution 23-21

iv) Groundwater monitoring report

- Resolution 23-22

v) Badminton & pickleball

- Resolution 23-24

8. Mayor's report

8.1 Northern Ontario Fish Derby

- Resolution 23-25

8.2 Verbal report – virtual meeting with MTO representatives earlier today with respect to the highway drainage

9. Councilors' reports

A. Councilor Brousseau

- Verbal report of the Library Board recruiting committee meeting held on December 14th 2022 and of the interviews held on December 19th 2022

- Verbal report of the Health professionals recruiting committee meeting held virtually on December 20th, 2022

B. Councilor Gagnon

- Verbal report of the Long Term Care committee meeting held in Hearst on December 8th, 2022
- Proposed the organization of a snowman building contest in the community – Council members were in favor of hosting such an activity

C. Councilor Malenfant

- Verbal report of the Foyer des Pionniers Board meeting held in Hearst on December 12th, 2022
- Verbal report of the Hearst and Area Planning Board meeting held on December 14th, 2022

D. Councilor Manning

- Invited Council members to attend the Legion Hall Open House on Friday

➤ Prolongation of Council meeting

- Resolution 23-26

10. By-laws

10.1 By-law no. 943 – 2023 Interim Tax Billing

- Resolution 23-27

10.2 By-law no. 944 – remuneration and allowances for members of Council

- Deferred

10.3 By-law no. 945 – compensation and allowances for municipal employees

- Deferred

10.4 By-law no. 946 – agreement with the Ontario Trillium Foundation

- Resolution 23-28

11. Caucus

- a) Caucus – Resolution 23-02
- b) Regular meeting – Resolution 23-03

12. Minutes/Periodic reports/Correspondence

The following documents were received and filed:

12.1 Hours of work – November 2022

12.2 OMAFRA – RED program

12.3 MND – congratulations and NOHFC programs

12.4 MMAH – update on housing efforts; changes to the building code inspection requirements

12.5 MP Hughes – response obtained – Mohawk Institute

13. Resolutions

Agenda

Resolution 23-01: Sophie Gagnon - Steve Brousseau
THAT the agenda, as amended, be hereby accepted.

Carried

Caucus

Resolution 23-02: Joyce Malenfant – Réginald Manning
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council go into closed meeting at 7:05 pm to discuss the acquisition or disposition of land, to adopt the minutes of a closed meeting and to discuss personal matters about identifiable individuals.

Carried

Regular meeting

Resolution 23-03: Réginald Manning – Marc Dupuis
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting of Council resume at 8:10 pm.

Carried

Minutes

Resolution 23-04: Steve Brousseau - Réginald Manning
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council's closed meeting 22-14, held on December 5th, 2022, be hereby adopted.

Carried

No tax sale

Resolution 23-05: Joyce Malenfant – Réginald Manning
WHEREAS Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté received an offer from the current registered owners of the property known as roll no. 567700700413200.000 and;
WHEREAS Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté considered and agreed with the explanation provided pursuant to article 354 (4) b) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as to why conducting a tax sale on this property would be ineffective or inappropriate;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté is prepared, upon the sale of this property on or before January 31st, 2023, to accept the sum of FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000.00) on behalf of the current registered owners of the property, and;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, following the sale of this property and upon receipt of the sum of \$15,000.00 on or before January 31st, 2023, the Municipality will write off the balance of the tax arrears owing on said property as of December 31st, 2022, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT said write off will only occur if the sale of this property occurs, from the current registered owners to another third party, on or before January 31st, 2023, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council Resolution 22-200 is hereby rescinded.

Carried

Minutes

Resolution 23-06: Réginald Manning - Steve Brousseau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council's regular meeting 22-14, held on December 5th, 2022, be hereby adopted.

Carried

Financial report

Resolution 23-07: Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the financial report ending November 30th, 2022 be hereby approved as circulated.

Carried

Statutory Statement

Resolution 23-08: Joyce Malenfant – Steve Brousseau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Treasurer's Statutory Statement of Council remuneration and expenses for 2022 be hereby approved as circulated.

Carried

Adjustment request

Resolution 23-09: Joyce Malenfant – Steve Brousseau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, as a result of the business closure, an adjustment be made on the 2022 commercial water and sewer charges for roll no. 5677-007-004-14200-000.

Carried

Applications for adjustment

Resolution 23-10: Steve Brousseau – Marc Dupuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the application made for an adjustment of the 2022 taxes under section 357 of *The Municipal Act* with respect to roll no. 5677-007-004-14200-0000 be hereby approved.

Carried

Resolution 23-11: Réginald Manning – Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the application made for an adjustment of the 2023 taxes under section 357 of *The Municipal Act* with respect to roll no. 5677-007-004-14200-0000 be hereby approved.

Carried

2023 Memberships

Resolution 23-12: Steve Brousseau – Marc Dupuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2023 membership fees be paid with respect to the following associations/organizations: AMO, FCM, FONOM, MEPCO, MFOA, NEOMA, NEOnet and NeCN, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the 2023 membership fees not be paid with respect to the following associations/organizations: AFMO, AMCTO, AMCTO – Zone 8, NEOPWO, OGRA and ORFA.

Carried

Bill 43

Resolution 23-13: Marc Dupuis – Steve Brousseau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby supports the introduction by MPP Guy Bourgouin of Private Member’s Bill 43, which would classify Highways 11 and 17 at par with all 400 series highway and the QEW highway, thereby increasing snow removal requirements, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to MPP Guy Bourgouin.

Carried

CDSSAB representative

Resolution 23-14: Joyce Malenfant – Réginald Manning

WHEREAS by Resolution no. 407-22, Council for the Town of Hearst reiterated its position to appoint Mayor Roger Sigouin to the Cochrane District Social Services Administration Board (CDSSAB) as representative of the municipalities of Hearst and of Mattice – Val Côté, and;

WHEREAS amongst the current members of the municipal Councils of both communities, Mayor Sigouin and Mayor Dupuis are the only two individuals with prior experience with the CDSSAB, and;

WHEREAS both Councils wish for a representative to be nominated on this Board without further delay;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté is prepared to support the nomination of Mayor Sigouin as representative of both municipalities for the duration of the current term (2022-2026) and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, should Mayor Sigouin not be willing or able to complete the current term on the CDSSAB, then both municipalities will support the nomination of Mayor Dupuis as his replacement on said Board.

Carried

Epidemic declaration

Resolution 23-15: Steve Brousseau – Réginald Manning

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby supports motion no. CC-2022-235 made by Lanark County Council declaring intimate partner violence and violence against women an epidemic in Lanark County and in many other rural communities, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Lanark County and to our local parliament representatives, MP Carol Hugues and MPP Guy Bourgouin.

Carried

Costs of natural gas

Resolution 23-16: Réginald Manning – Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby supports Resolution no. 723 made by Council for the Municipality of Tweed on December 14th, 2022, petitioning the Ontario Energy Board to regulate the costs of natural gas and to bring those to levels that are affordable and profitable, as in other lower costs jurisdictions within Ontario, and;

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

Carried

Municipal insurance coverage 2023

Resolution 23-17: Joyce Malenfant – Sophie Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté acknowledges the substantial increase in municipal insurance coverage for 2023 and hereby authorizes payment of the same in the amount of ONE HUNDRED AND ONE THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY DOLLARS (\$101,860.68) plus 68 cents.

Carried

Resolution 23-18: Steve Brousseau – Réginald Manning

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby declines cyber liability coverage for 2023.

Carried

Chain of Office

Resolution 23-19: Réginald Manning – Steve Brousseau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby agrees to purchase the municipal Chain of Office, given to Mr. Paul Zorzetto many years ago, for the sum of FIFTEEN HUNDRED (\$1,500.00) DOLLARS, payable to his heirs.

Carried

FONOM Conference

Resolution 23-20: Marc Dupuis – Réginald Manning

WHEREAS the annual FONOM Conference will be held in Parry Sound, Ontario, from May 8th - 10th 2023;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby agrees that the Municipality will cover the costs for a maximum of two Council members to attend said conference; it is understood that the Municipality will pay for the use of only one vehicle.

Carried

Fire Education Conference

Resolution 23-21: Marc Dupuis – Steve Brousseau

WHEREAS the Northeastern Fire Education Conference will be held in Huntsville, Ontario, from March 23rd-25th 2023;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby agrees that the Municipality will cover the costs for a maximum of two Fire Department members, including the Fire Chief, to attend said conference; it is understood, that the Municipality will pay for the use of only one vehicle.

Carried

Groundwater monitoring report

Resolution 23-22: Steve Brousseau – Réginald Manning

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the services of Pinchin Ltd. be retained to prepare the landfill groundwater monitoring report for the 2020-2022 period, which report must be delivered to the Ministry of the Environment on or before March 31st, 2023, at a cost of FOUR THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED AND TWENTY (\$4,420.00) DOLLARS, plus taxes.

Carried

Badminton & pickleball

Resolution 23-24: Joyce Malenfant – Marc Dupuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the arena be available two evenings per week during the months of April and May 2023 for badminton and pickleball purposes, and;

BE IT RESOLVED that pickleball equipment be purchased as required.

Carried

Northern Ontario Fish Derby

Resolution 23-25: Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant

WHEREAS a Northern Ontario Fish Derby for Mental Health is being held in Hornepayne for which the Mayor received a request for contribution;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT no contribution be made by the Municipality towards this event.

Carried

Prolongation of Council meeting

Resolution 23-26: Steve Brousseau – Réginald Manning

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting of Council be prolonged beyond ten o'clock pm in order to address the remaining agenda items.

By-law no. 943

Resolution 23-27: Sophie Gagnon – Steve Brousseau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 943, being a By-law to authorize a tax levy before the adoption of the estimates for the year 2023, be hereby adopted.

Carried

By-law no. 946

Resolution 23-28: Steve Brousseau – Réginald Manning

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 946, being a By-law to authorize the execution of an Agreement with the Ontario Trillium Foundation under the Capital Grant for Community Investments, be hereby adopted.

Carried

14. Next meetings: Tuesday, January 24th, 2023 at 8:00, via zoom (extraordinary meeting, if needed)
Tuesday, January 31st, 2023 at 7:00 pm (regular meeting)

15. Confirmatory by-law

Resolution 23-29: Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 947, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council on Wednesday, January 11th, 2023, be hereby adopted.

Carried

16. Adjournment: 10:24 pm

Resolution 23-30: Steve Brousseau – Sophie Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting of Council held on January 11th, 2023, be adjourned at 10:24 pm.

Carried

Read and confirmed on January 31st, 2023

Mayor

CAO/Clerk