The Corporation of the Township of Mattice – Val Côté

Meeting 26-12 (regular) October 20th, 2026

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on October 20th, 2026, at 7:00 pm, in the Municipal Complex basement, 500 Highway 11, Mattice, Ontario.

Present:
Mayor – Marc Dupuis
Councilor – Steve Brousseau
Councilor – Sophie Gagnon
Councilor – Joyce Malenfant

Staff
CAO/Clerk – Guylaine Coulombe
Treasurer – Annie Plamondon

Others
Claudine Brunelle & Lyne Malenfant, left prior to caucus

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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:
   7.9 d) Halloween
   13.3 Personal matters about an identifiable individual
   - Resolution 26-177

3. Pecuniary interest
   Nil

4. Delegation, Presentation, Meeting requested by Council
   Nil

5. Adoption of minutes of previous Council meeting
   - Resolution 26-178

6. Treasurer's report

6.1 Financial report - to September 30th, 2026
- Resolution 26-179

7. CAO's report

7.1 Requests for support - policy revision
- Resolution 26-180

7.2 Purchase of aggregates
- Resolution 26-181

7.3 Requests for financial contributions
i) Heidi Csernak – snowmobiling tour in March 2027
ii) Radiothon for Medias de l'épinette noire
- No contributions to be made
- Agreed

iii) The Corridor Voice – publicity rates
- Filed

7.4 Joint Election Compliance Audit Committee – member nomination
- Resolution 26-182

7.5 New Council orientation training – Ministry training, Standard of Care training (water), various options for Council Governance and Orientation Training (PMC, Clerks on Call, IC, etc.) Will try to schedule the same over a number of weeks, based on Council members availability.
- Agreed

7.6 MTO – speed limits and zones in Mattice and in Val Côté
- Filed

7.7 Shares in Sun Life Financial Inc. – offer to purchase – Council still prefers to keep them
- Agreed

7.8 Gym project update – will put up the old free weights, metal plaques and treadmills up for bid – will not repair the gym wall for the time being in order to monitor the situation – the elevated section will be closed off
- Agreed

Camera and key systems
- Resolution 26-183

7.9 Report on various items
a) Training/meetings attended
b) Requests/Complaints
c) Information provided to Council
- Filed

d) For Council's consideration
i) Halloween – on the municipal face book page, will recommend hours for trick or treating and highway crossing path
- Agreed

8. Mayor's report
Mentioned that new Shallow Lake resident took out the chain that had been placed at the end of Tanguay Road East, thereby allowing municipal equipment to turn around.

9. Councilors' reports

A. Steve Brousseau
- Nil

B. Sophie Gagnon
- Verbal report of the Hearst Forest Management Board meeting held in Hearst on October 14th last

C. Joyce Malenfant
- Verbal report of the Hearst Planning Board meeting held in Hearst on September 23rd last

10. By-laws
Nil

11. Resolutions/requests for support:
11.1 Town of Kapuskasing – increasing costs of public health
- Received and filed

11.2 Municipality of Wawa – increasing OPP costs
- Resolution 26-184

12. Minutes/Periodic reports/Correspondence

The following documents were received and filed:
12.1 Hours worked – September 2026
12.2 MNR – prescribed burn plan on the Gordon Cosens Forest

12.3 Township of Ramara – a) support for individuals with Lyme-related illness; b) governance framework for proposed Regional Conservation Authorities; c) public consultation requirements for water aerodromes
12.4 Town of Aurora – cannabis retail review task force
12.5 Ombudsman – responding to Council resolution 26-112 on school boards concerns
12.6 FONOM – investments in manufacturing
12.7 Northern Policy Institute – 2 + 1 roads preferable to twinning highways
12.8 Municipality of South Huron – increasing OPP costs
12.8 Quebec Government – collaborations with other French municipalities

13. Caucus
a) Caucus – Resolution 26-185
b) Regular meeting – Resolution 26-186

14. Resolutions

Agenda	Resolution 26-177: Steve Brousseau - Sophie Gagnon BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda, as amended, be hereby accepted. Carried
Minutes	Resolution 26-178: Joyce Malenfant – Sophie Gagnon BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council's regular meeting 26-11, held on September 22nd, 2026, be hereby adopted. Carried
Financial Report	Resolution 26-179: Sophie Gagnon - Steve Brousseau BE IT RESOLVED THAT the financial report ending September 30th, 2026, be hereby approved as circulated. Carried
Requests for support policy	Resolution 26-180: Joyce Malenfant – Steve Brousseau BE IT RESOLVED THAT version 2 of the Request for support policy (PM9) be hereby approved as circulated. Carried
Purchase of aggregates	Resolution 26-181: Steve Brousseau – Sophie Gagnon BE IT RESOLVED THAT the bid submitted by Villeneuve Construction for 1000 yards of Gravel A, at a cost of $32.43 per yard, for a total of THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED AND THIRTY ($32,430.00) DOLLARS, be hereby accepted. Carried

Joint Election Compliance

Resolution 26-182 : Joyce Malenfant – Sophie Gagnon
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby appoint the following three individuals to the Joint Election Compliance Audit Committee for the term established in By-law 1052 and its associated Terms of Reference: Chantal Chabot, Stéphane Lapointe and Linda Semczyszyn.

Carried

Camera and key systems

Resolution 26-183: Sophie Gagnon – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté proceed with the estimate provided by Tecnor Business Solutions for the purchase of the gym camera and key systems in the amount of ELEVEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO ($11,382.20) DOLLARS, plus taxes.

Carried

OPP costs

Resolution 26-184 : Marc Dupuis – Steve Brousseau
WHEREAS an increase of up to 11% in municipal policing costs represents a significant financial pressure for small and rural municipalities and ultimately places additional pressure on the municipal tax levy;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby support Resolution # RC26178 made by Council for the Municipality of Wawa, acknowledging the Province of Ontario's action to limit the 2027 OPP municipal policing cost increase to no more than 11%, expressing concern that an increase of up to 11% in a single year remains significant for small, rural and northern municipalities and is not a sustainable long-term solution and requesting that the Province of Ontario establish a permanent, transparent and sustainable multi-year framework for OPP municipal policing costs that: a) includes a reasonable and predictable maximum annual increase in municipal OPP policing costs, taking into consideration municipal revenue growth, inflation, assessment growth, population growth, fiscal capacity and affordability impacts on local property taxpayers, including cost-of-living pressures; b) provides municipalities with a clear and itemized annual explanation of changes to their OPP policing costs, including, where applicable, changes attributable to staffing levels, salaries, benefits, calls for service, time standards, fleet, accommodation, support services, detachment administration and other provincial cost allocations; c) recognizes the limited fiscal capacity of small, rural, northern and OPP-policed municipalities and ensures that municipal policing cost

increases do not disproportionately affect property taxpayers or compromise municipalities' ability to deliver other essential services and infrastructures, and; d) recognizes that municipalities have limited ability to control policing costs arising from provincial legislation, regulation, staffing, compensation, collective bargaining, operational or policy decisions and provides appropriate provincial funding or cost-sharing where significant policing cost pressures arise primarily from such provincial decisions, and;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Municipality of Wawa and to our local Parliament representatives, MPP Guy Bourgouin and MP Gaetan Malette.

Carried

Caucus

Resolution 26-185: Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council go into a closed meeting at 8:13 pm to adopt the minutes of a closed meeting and to discuss labour relations and personal matters about an identifiable individual.

Carried

Regular meeting

Resolution 26-186 Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting of Council resume at 8:34 pm.

Carried

Minutes

Resolution 26-187: Sophie Gagnon – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council's closed meeting 26-11, held on September 22nd, 2026, be hereby adopted.

Carried

15. Next regular meeting: Tuesday, November 17th, 2026, at 7:00 pm

16. Confirmatory by-law

Resolution 26-188: Sophie Gagnon – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 1060, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council on Tuesday, October 20th, 2026, be hereby adopted.

Carried

17. Adjournment: 8:38 pm

Resolution 26-189: Steve Brousseau – Marc Dupuis
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting of Council held on October 20th, 2026, be adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Carried

Read and confirmed on November 17th, 2026

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Mayor

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CAO/Clerk