

The Corporation of the Township of Mattice – Val Côté

Meeting 26-10 (regular)

September 1st, 2026

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on September 1st, 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 – Joyce Malenfant

Staff

CAO/Clerk – Guylaine Coulombe
Treasurer – Annie Plamondon

Others

Claudine Brunelle & Lyne Malenfant, left prior to caucus
Renée-Pier Fontaine, left at approximately 8:30 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:
7.8 d) First Street South – surface treatment
7.9 Hydro One – Community Partnership Grant
- Resolution 26-139
3. Pecuniary interest
Nil
4. Delegation, Presentation, Meeting requested by Council
Nil
5. Adoption of minutes of previous Council meetings
- Resolutions 26-140 and 26-141

6. Treasurer's report

Financial report – to July 31st, 2026

- Resolution 26-142

7. CAO's report

7.1 Snow removal for the CSCDGR

- Resolution 26-143

7.2 Food bank - new cabinets

- Resolution 26-144

7.3 Agreement with FNT for use of the landfill site

- Resolution 26-145

7.4 OTF funding – reopening of the gym

- Resolution 26-146

7.5 AMCTO Zone 8 Fall Meeting

- Resolution 26-147

7.6 Integrity Commissioner Report

- Resolution 26-148

7.7 Outdoor rink project – covering the existing interior ice pad with synthetic ice is not a viable option. Waiting for cost estimates on the outdoor rink. CAO will then be able to make recommendations on the appropriate funding sources to be sought.

- Agreed

7.8 Report on various items

a) Training/meetings attended

b) Complaints

c) Information provided to Council

- Filed

d) For Council's consideration

a – Water and sewer rates: Council members will meet on September 15th to discuss.

b – Community Hall rentals: the reduced rate of \$350 applies only to local (Mattice – Val Côté) non-profit organizations.

c – Signs at the Old Indian Cemetery: obtain cost estimates before considering their replacement in 2026.

d – Complaint made by employees on the state of garbage collected at a residence – CAO to advise the owner that, unless the situation is promptly addressed, collection will be suspended for health and safety reasons.

e – First Street South surface treatment: Public Works to remove what is left of the surface treatment in that area.

- Agreed

7.9 Hydro One - Community Partnership Grant

- Resolution 26-149

8. Mayor's report

8.1 Mentioned the possibility of turning the ice rink portion of the arena into a storage area

8.2 Suggested CAO contact school boards for them to ask the MTO to put up school bus signs on side of highway

9. Councilors' reports

A. Steve Brousseau

- Nil

B. Sophie Gagnon

- Verbal report of the HFM meeting held in Hearst on August 12th, 2026
- Mentioned that a double yellow line was painted on the highway in the village of Val Côté
- Mentioned that the "children at play" sign in the Val Côté park needs to be straightened
- Mentioned that the MVC Fire Department received a \$2,500 donation from the HOGs

C. Joyce Malenfant

- Verbal report of the Library Board meeting held on July 8th, 2026
- Verbal report of the Planning Board meeting held in Hearst on July 29th, 2026
- Verbal report of the Foyer des Pionniers Board meeting held in Hearst on August 26th, 2026

10. By-laws

10.1 By-law no. 1057 – deeming By-law

- Resolution 26-150

11. Resolutions/requests for support:

11.5 City of Mississauga – review of standards for emergency shelters

- Resolution 26-151

11.7 MFOA – funding for existing infrastructure

- Resolution 26-152

11.9 Town of Kapuskasing – recyclable materials from the industrial, commercial and institutional sectors

- Resolution 26-153

11.10 Town of Bruce Mines – physician recruitment in northern Ontario

- Resolution 26-154

11.11 Township of Clearview – public sector salary disclosure

- Resolution 26-155

11.12 Town of Whitby – overturn of municipal decisions by the Ontario Land Tribunal

- Resolution 26-156

11.18 Township of Armour – funding for public libraries

- Resolution 26-157

11.19 Town of Latchford – funding program for Official Plan and Zoning By-law reviews

- Resolution 26-158

The following requests were received and filed:

- 11.1 Peterborough County – accuracy of the municipal voters lists
- 11.2 Village of Burk's Falls – relocation of the Huntsville oncology clinic
- 11.3 Township of North Stormont – property tax reassessment
- 11.4 Town of Caledon – tick borne diseases
- 11.6 Town of Halton Hills – modernizing the invasive plan regulatory framework
- 11.8 County of Simcoe – intimate partner violence
- 11.13 Township of South-West Oxford – use of pesticides in playground areas
- 11.14 Tudor and Cashel Township – recycling of single-use propane cylinders
- 11.15 Township of Alnwick/Haldimand – British Home Children
- 11.16 Town of Penetanguishene – PILs for provincially owned facilities
- 11.17 Town of Kapuskasing – restricted towing zone for the Highway 11 Corridor
- 11.20 Addiction Medicine Canada – prescription diversion project
- 11.21 Town of Latchford – maintenance of ONR publicly visible infrastructure

12. Minutes/Periodic reports/Correspondence

The following documents were received and filed:

- 12.1 Hours worked – June and July 2026
- 12.2 MNEDG – northern Ontario collaboration
- 12.3 MEM – Municipal Energy Plan Program
- 12.4 MCM – municipal heritage registers
- 12.5 MECP – modernization of the environmental assessment framework
- 12.6 Ombudsman Ontario – 2025-2026 Annual Report
- 12.7 FONOM – i) municipal workforce challenges
 - ii) priorities advanced at the AMO Conference
 - iii) celebrating municipal service
 - iv) U.S. tariffs and Canada – U.S. trade
 - v) Ryam Témiscaming shutdown
- 12.8 SG – OPP cost increases
- 12.9 MEPR – Community Emergency Preparedness Grant
- 12.10 IESO – north of Sudbury final electricity bulk plan

13. Caucus

- a) Caucus – Resolution 26-159
- b) Regular meeting – Resolution 26-160

14. Resolutions

Agenda

Resolution 26-139: Sophie Gagnon - Steve Brousseau
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda, as amended, be hereby
accepted.

Carried

Minutes

Resolution 26-140: Steve Brousseau – Sophie Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council's regular meeting 26-08, held on July 7th, 2026, be hereby adopted.

Carried

Resolution 26-141: Joyce Malenfant - Steve Brousseau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council's extraordinary meeting 26-09, held on August 18th, 2026, be hereby adopted.

Carried

Financial Report

Resolution 26-142: Joyce Malenfant - Steve Brousseau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the financial report ending July 31st 2026, be hereby approved as circulated.

Carried

Snow removal

Resolution 26-143: Joyce Malenfant – Sophie Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby authorizes the CAO/Clerk to renew the snow removal agreement with the Conseil Scolaire Catholique des Grandes Rivières at the rate of THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND THIRTY (\$3,330.00) DOLLARS per month for the 2026-2027 winter season.

Carried

Food bank

Resolution 26-144: Steve Brousseau – Sophie Gagnon

WHEREAS the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté has received a donation in the amount of NINE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE (\$9,875.00) DOLLARS for the installation of storage cabinets in the local Food Bank;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby approves the \$9,875.00 expense associated with the preparation and installation of storage cabinets in the Food Bank "La Joie du Partage" located at the arena, said amount to be paid for with the donated funds, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the costs of applicable taxes on the cabinets, along with the cost of removing the existing set-up and of either making room for, eliminating or moving an existing electrical outlet, be paid for by using general municipal reserves.

Carried

Agreement with FNT

Resolution 26-145: Marc Dupuis – Steve Brousseau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby confirms its decision to allow First Nation Timber to transport, in late July, excess or contaminated soil from a TC Energy site to the municipal landfill and to enter into an agreement with the latter with conditions similar to those that were agreed to in the past.

Carried

Reopening of the gym

Resolution 26-146: Sophie Gagnon – Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2026 expenses associated with the reopening and operation of the gym, including internet fees and housekeeping costs, be paid for with available municipal reserves.

Carried

AMCTO Zone 8 Fall meeting

Resolution 26-147: Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby authorizes the CAO/Clerk to attend the AMCTO Zone 8 Fall meeting which will be held in Timmins on September 24th and 25th next.

Carried

Integrity Commissioner Report

Resolution 26-148: Sophie Gagnon – Steve Brousseau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby receive the Integrity Commissioner Report dated August 17th 2026 and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council reaffirms the expectations for respectful Council-staff relations and the separation between Council's governance role and municipal administration, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT ongoing training be provided to Council on governance, Council-staff relations and the respective roles of Council and municipal administration, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council continue to address concerns involving municipal employees through the appropriate administrative processes and in accordance with applicable workplace legislation.

Carried

Community Partnership Grant

Resolution 26-149: Steve Brousseau – Sophie Gagnon

WHEREAS Council has been advised that the Municipality will receive funding in the amount of TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND (\$25,000.00) DOLLARS from Hydro One's Community Partnership Grant;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby authorized the purchase of emergency preparedness equipment, up to the maximum grant amount, including a cargo trailer to store said equipment.

Carried

By-law no. 1057

Resolution 26-150: Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 1057, being a By-law to designate certain lots on a Registered Plan of Subdivision that has been registered for eight years or more as deemed not to be lots on a Registered Plan of Subdivision – 228 and 230 King Street in Mattice, be hereby adopted.

Carried

Emergency shelters

Resolution 26-151: Sophie Gagnon – Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby support Motion no. 0147-2026 adopted by Council for the City of Mississauga and requesting a provincial review of benchmarking, funding formulas and length-of-stay standards for emergency shelters serving women and children experiencing intimate partner violence, with a view to ensuring adequate shelter stays and preventing reductions in funding that could negatively impact service delivery and client outcomes, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the City of Mississauga and to our local parliament representatives, MPP Guy Bourgouin and MP Gaetan Malette.

Carried

Funding for existing
Infrastructure

Resolution 26-152: Marc Dupuis – Steve Brousseau

WHEREAS recent municipal infrastructure funding programs by the Government of Canada and Province of Ontario have tended to prioritize growth-related or housing-enabling infrastructure projects over infrastructure renewal needs;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has regulated municipal infrastructure asset management through O. Reg 588/17 (Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure) under the *Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act*, 2015;

AND WHEREAS municipal asset management plans and the Financial Accountability Office of Ontario have identified that municipalities have significant state-of-good-repair backlogs and renewal needs for infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario doubled the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) from \$200M/year to \$400M/year for 2021-2026 but has not publicly committed to maintaining this level of funding beyond 2026;

AND WHEREAS the OCIF has become a vital and indispensable resource for municipalities, assisting them with improving their asset management programs and meeting community-preserving infrastructure renewal needs;

AND WHEREAS increased geopolitical uncertainty is threatening the economic prosperity of Canada, Ontario and every municipality;

AND WHEREAS municipal infrastructure is a key enabler and preserver of economic prosperity;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario (MFOA) has heard from its members and their municipalities concerns regarding the potential erosion of existing municipal infrastructure and thus service levels in light of the ongoing focus on housing-enabling infrastructure by grant funding programs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté supports MFOA's letter to the Ministry of Infrastructure requesting that the doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund be made permanent in advance of the allocations for the 2027 calendar year, helping municipalities to continue building housing-enabling infrastructure while preserving the economic value provided by existing infrastructure.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to MFOA and to our local parliament representatives, MPP Guy Bourgouin and MP Gaetan Malette.

Carried

Recyclable materials

Resolution 26-153: Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant

WHEREAS implementing a northern Ontario Industrial, Commercial and Institutional depot model would reduce pressure on northern Ontario landfill capacity, provide accessible recycling options for businesses and institutions, improve recycling diversion rates across northern communities, ensure fairness by aligning responsibility with the product rather than the location of consumption and reduce the financial burden on municipalities and taxpayers;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby support Resolution no. 2026-110 made by Council for the Town of Kapuskasing, calling on the Government of Ontario to amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box, to extend producer responsibility to recyclable materials generated by the Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (ICI) sector, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province work with municipalities to support the creation of ICI recycling depots in northern Ontario communities, where businesses, institutions and organizations could deliver recyclable materials that fall within the same basket of goods currently accepted through residential Blue Box programs and that the costs associated with the collection, transportation and recycling of materials delivered to these depots be borne by the producers and stewardship organizations responsible for those materials, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Town of Kapuskasing and to our local parliament representatives, MPP Guy Bourgouin and MP Gaetan Malette.

Carried

Physician recruitment

Resolution 26-154: Marc Dupuis – Steve Brousseau

WHEREAS municipalities have stepped in where they can but cannot continue to fund physician recruitment packages, housing incentives, locum coverage or clinic operations without dedicated provincial support.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby support the letter dated July 6th 2026 sent to Premier Ford by the Mayor of the Town of Bruce Mines and requesting that the Province of Ontario establish a dedicated Northern Ontario Physician Recruitment and Retention Fund, accessible to small and rural municipalities, ensuring communities are not forced to subsidize provincial healthcare responsibilities, and that the Province work directly with northern municipalities to develop a coordinated strategy that reflects the unique demographic, geographic and fiscal realities of the North, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Town of Bruce Mines and to our local parliament representatives, MPP Guy Bourgouin and MP Gaetan Malette.

Carried

Salary disclosure

Resolution 26-155: Steve Brousseau – Marc Dupuis

WHEREAS the *Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act* passed in 1996, requires that every public employer make available for inspection by the public, without charge, a written record of the amount of salary and benefits paid in the previous year by the employer to an employee to whom at least \$100,000 in salary was paid, and;

WHEREAS this \$100,000 salary threshold has not been updated since 1996 to reflect inflation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby support the resolution made on May 11, 2026 by Council for the Township of Clearview, requestion that the *Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act* be amended to reflect the impact of inflation on the \$100,000 salary threshold for reporting, by either adding wording to reflect annual adjustments related to the consumer price index (CPI) or providing an adjusted salary of \$200,000, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Township of Clearview and to our local parliament representatives, MPP Guy Bourgouin and MP Gaetan Malette.

Carried

Ontario Land Tribunal

Resolution 26-156: Marc Dupuis – Joyce Malenfant

WHEREAS the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) has the authority to overturn municipal planning decisions, often requiring municipalities to spend significant taxpayer dollars defending decisions that have already undergone a thorough local review process, and;

WHEREAS local governments should have greater certainty and authority when decisions are consistent with approved Official Plans, provincial policies and sound planning principles.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby support Resolution no. 166-26 made by Council for the Town of Whitby, requesting that the Government of Ontario review the role and mandate of the OLT, to ensure greater respect for municipal planning decisions that are supported by evidence, public consultation and approved planning policies, and;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province consider amendments to the *Planning Act* and the *Ontario Land Tribunal Act* to provide stronger deference to municipal decisions that align with provincial planning frameworks and Official Plans, and;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province improve transparency and accountability withing the OLT by requiring clear and detailed reasoning when municipal decisions are overturned, and;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province explore measures to reduce the financial burden on municipalities defending planning decisions before the OLT, helping to protect taxpayer dollars and improve the efficiency of the planning process, and;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Town of Whitby and to our local parliament representatives, MPP Guy Bourgouin and MP Gaetan Malette.

Carried

Funding public libraries

Resolution 26-157: Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant

WHEREAS public libraries provide essential services, including literacy, education, technology access, employment resources and community programming, and;

WHEREAS the Ontario Library Association and Federation of Ontario Public Libraries have called for increased and sustainable provincial funding for public libraries.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby support Motion no. 2026-236 made by Council for the Township of Armour, petitioning the Government of Ontario, through the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming, to substantially increase and provide sustainable, predictable operating funding for Ontario's public libraries, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Township of Armour and to our local parliament representatives, MPP Guy Bourgouin and MP Gaetan Malette.

Carried

Funding of OP and ZBL reviews

Resolution 26-158: Steve Brousseau – Sophie Gagnon

WHEREAS municipalities are required to plan for responsible growth, housing, economic development, infrastructure, environmental protection and the long-term needs of their communities, through comprehensive land-use planning documents, including Official Plans and Zoning By-laws, and;

WHEREAS Official Plans and Zoning By-laws must be periodically reviewed and updated to ensure they remain consistent with current provincial legislation, policies, community needs, development pressures and opportunities for economic growth, and;

WHEREAS the cost of undertaking comprehensive Official Plans and Zoning By-law reviews can represent a significant financial burden, particularly for small, rural and northern municipalities with limited tax bases, staffing capacity and financial resources.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby support Resolution no. 26/150 made by Council for the Town of Latchford, calling upon the Government of Ontario to establish a dedicated and sustainable funding program to assist municipalities with the costs associated with reviewing, updating and modernizing Official Plans and Comprehensive Zoning By-laws, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT such funding program recognize the differing financial and administrative capacities of municipalities and provide enhanced funding opportunities for small, rural, northern and lower-tier municipalities, where the cost of comprehensive planning reviews can represent a disproportionate burden on the municipal tax base, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Town of Latchford and to our local parliament representatives, MPP Guy Bourgouin and MP Gaetan Malette.

Carried

Caucus

Resolution 26-159: Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council go into a closed meeting at 8:42 pm to adopt the minutes of a closed meeting and to discuss labour relations.

Carried

Regular meeting

Resolution 26-160: Sophie Gagnon – Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting of Council resume at 9:15 pm.

Carried

Minutes

Resolution 26-161: Sophie Gagnon - Steve Brousseau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council's closed meeting 26-08, held on July 7th, 2026, be hereby adopted.

Carried

Adjustment

Resolution 26-162: Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT non-union employees be entitled to the same 2027 wage adjustment as the one granted earlier to CUPE members.

Carried

Security

Resolution 26-163: Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT security services be retained for Election Day in both Mattice and Val Côté and that the same be paid for through budgeted Council expenditures or general municipal reserves.

Carried

Employment

Resolution 26-164: Marc Dupuis – Steve Brousseau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Robert Rodrigue remain a part-time occasional employee once his hours as Parks & Recreation Supervisor are completed.

Carried

15. Next regular meeting: Tuesday, September 22nd, 2026, at 7:00 pm

16. Confirmatory by-law

Resolution 26-165: Steve Brousseau – Sophie Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 1058, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council on Tuesday, September 1st, 2026, be hereby adopted.

Carried

17. Adjournment: 9:20 pm

Resolution 26-166: Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting of Council held on September 1st, 2026, be adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Carried

Read and confirmed on September 22nd, 2026

Mayor

CAO/Clerk