

The Corporation of the Township of Mattice – Val Côté

Meeting 24-11 (regular)

July 2nd, 2024

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on July 2nd, 2024, at 7:00 pm, in the Municipal Council Chambers at the Town Hall, 500 Highway 11, Mattice, Ontario.

Present:

Mayor – Marc Dupuis
Councilor – Sophie Gagnon
Councilor – Joyce Malenfant
Councilor – Réginald Manning

Staff

CAO/Clerk – Guylaine Coulombe

Absent:

Councilor – Steve Brousseau
Treasurer – Annie Plamondon

Others

Renée-Pier Fontaine, Hearst Medias (left at 8:00 pm)

1. Opening of meeting
The Mayor opened the meeting at 7:00 pm
2. Approval of the Order of Business
- Resolution 24-140
3. Pecuniary interest
Nil
4. Delegation, Presentation, Meeting requested by Council
Nil
5. Adoption of minutes of previous Council meeting
- Resolution 24-141
6. Treasurer's report
Nil

7. CAO's report

7.1 Resolutions/requests for support

a) Town of Saugeen Shores – funding for the upkeep of cemeteries

- Resolution 24-142

b) Township of Larder Lake – financial assistance to complete the ARO

- Resolution 24-143

The following request was received and filed:

c) City of St. Catharines – alternatives to traditional road surfacing materials

7.2 Prolonged absence of a member of Council

- Resolution 24-144

7.3 Hearst Connect - communication tower in Val Côté

- Resolution 24-145

7.4 Sale of vested properties

- Resolution 24-146

7.5 Val Côté bridge – instead of proceeding with further repairs to the bridge, obtain engineering plans and costing to replace the same with large culverts. Pursue discussions with engineer with respect to the load capacity issues.

- Agreed

7.6 Cemetery maintenance – CAO to obtain an estimate of the average time requirements to repair foundations and markers – Council to set aside funds for maintenance purposes in the 2025 budget

- Agreed

7.7 Report – various items

a) Training/meetings attended

b) Information provided

c) Complaints

-Filed

d) For Council's consideration

i) Club Bienvenue – temporary road closure

-Resolution 24-147

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

-Agreed

8. Mayor's report

- Nil

9. Councilors' reports

A. Councilor Gagnon

- Verbal report of the virtual LTC committee meeting held on June 27th last

B. Councilor Malenfant

- Verbal report of the Foyer des Pionniers Board meeting held on June 17th last

- Verbal report of the MVC Library Board meeting held on June 26th last

C. Councilor Manning

- Nil

10. By-laws

10.1 By-law no. 994 – agreement with AMO for CCBF funding

- Resolution 24-148

11. Caucus

a) Caucus – Resolution 24-149

b) Regular meeting – Resolution 24-150

12. Minutes/Periodic reports/Correspondence

The following documents were received and filed:

12.1 Hours of work – May 2024

12.2 Public Health merger – governance model of the new Board

12.3 Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan – safety issues with lithium-ion batteries

13. Resolutions

Agenda

Resolution 24-140: Réginald Manning – Sophie Gagnon
THAT the agenda be hereby accepted.

Carried

Minutes

Resolution 24-141: Joyce Malenfant - Réginald Manning
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council's regular meeting
24-10, held on June 10th, 2024 be hereby adopted.

Carried

Funding for the upkeep of cemeteries

Resolution 24-142: Sophie Gagnon – Réginald Manning

WHEREAS cemeteries are not only symbols of respect, they also serve as the preservation of family memories, prominent citizens and local history, in addition to some being local landmarks themselves and hold great historical and cultural value nationally, and;

WHEREAS remediation and preservation repairs to older cemeteries are very costly and may require specialized services like archaeologists or anthropologists, and;

WHEREAS the ongoing care and remediation costs of cemeteries continue to rise while maintenance funds are generally non-existent, and;

WHEREAS cemeteries are important infrastructure but the reasonable fees/charges for interment rights, burials, monument foundations, corner stones and administration do not sufficiently support their general operation, and;

WHEREAS the revenue earned from the care and maintenance fund of a cemetery does not provide adequate funding to maintain the cemetery, with the rising costs of lawn and turf maintenance contracts and monument restoration;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby supports the resolution made by Council for the Town of Saugeen Shores on March 11th, 2024, requesting that the Province of Ontario immediately provide a funding stream to municipalities for the preservation, repair and ongoing maintenance of active and inactive cemeteries, and;

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

Carried

Financial assistance to complete the ARO

Resolution 24-143: Joyce Malenfant – Sophie Gagnon

WHEREAS the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) establishes accounting standards for the public sector which must be followed by all Ontario municipalities, and;

WHEREAS PS 3280 is a relatively new accounting standard covering asset retirement obligations (ARO) that was approved by PSAB in March 2018, and;

WHEREAS the standard must be applied by all public sector entities who prepare their financial statements under PSAB, including all Canadian municipalities, and;

WHEREAS many small municipalities do not have accountants or engineers on staff to complete the ARO obligations and this major accounting change will force small municipalities to hire consultants to complete this work and cause a significant financial burden to municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby supports the resolution made by the Township of Larder Lake on June 11th 2024, calling upon the Province of Ontario to provide financial assistance to municipalities to complete the ARO, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to the Township of Larder Lake and to our local parliament representatives, MPP Guy Bourgouin and MP Carol Hughes. Carried

Prolonged absence of a member of Council

Resolution 24-144: Marc Dupuis – Joyce Malenfant

WHEREAS Councilor Brousseau has been absent from Council meetings since the month of May and;

WHEREAS Councilor Brousseau may very well be absent from Council meetings for a period of at least 3 consecutive months and;

WHEREAS Council considers the absence of Councilor Brousseau to be justified in light of his current personal circumstances;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby authorizes Councilor Brousseau to be absent from council meetings for a period of three or more consecutive months. Carried

Communication tower in Val Côté

Resolution 24-145: Sophie Gagnon – Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby grants permission to Hearst Connect to erect a communication tower, including a 36 feet cement base, on the Val Côté Fire Hall property, in exchange for free telephone and internet services for the Fire Hall, and in accordance with the other conditions (location, interference, etc.) discussed herein. Carried

Sale of vested properties

Resolution 24-146: Sophie Gagnon – Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT once the recently vested properties, located at 207 Balmoral Street and at 156, 3rd Street, are registered in the Municipality's name, a letter of opinion be obtained from real estate agent Dany Couture with respect to their market value and that his services be retained for their sale.

Carried

Temporary road closure

Resolution 24-147: Marc Dupuis – Sophie Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, at the Club Bienvenue's request, Council hereby authorizes the temporary closure of a section of Mgr Proulx Avenue, from the STOP sign on 2nd Street to the corner of the Club's property, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, on Saturday, July 6th, 2024.

Carried

By-law no. 994

Resolution 24-148: Réginald Manning – Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 994, being a By-law to authorize the execution of an agreement with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for funding under the Canada Community-Building Fund, be hereby adopted.

Carried

Caucus

Resolution 24-149: Réginald Manning – Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council go into a closed meeting at 8:00 pm to adopt the minutes of a closed meeting and to discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual.

Carried

Regular meeting

Resolution 24-150: Sophie Gagnon – Réginald Manning

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting of Council resume at 8:10 pm.

Carried

Minutes

Resolution 24-151: Joyce Malenfant - Réginald Manning

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council's closed meeting 24-10, held on June 10th, 2024 be hereby adopted.

Carried

Revised invoice

Resolution 24-152: Marc Dupuis – Réginald Manning

BE IT RESOLVED THAT invoice no. 2024-01 be revised as discussed and sent back to the individual, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT paragraph 12 of By-law no. 953 be modified to include the cost of the materials, supplies and equipment used, broken or lost during the intervention of our Fire Department.

Carried

14. Next regular meeting: Tuesday, July 23rd, 2024 at 7:00 pm

15. Confirmatory by-law

Resolution 24-153: Joyce Malenfant – Sophie Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 995, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council on Tuesday, July 2nd, 2024, be hereby adopted.

Carried

16. Adjournment: 8:24 pm

Resolution 24-154: Joyce Malenfant – Sophie Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting of Council held on July 2nd, 2024, be adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Carried

Read and confirmed on July 23rd, 2024

Mayor

CAO/Clerk