

The Corporation of the Township of Mattice – Val Côté

Meeting 21-03 (regular)

February 8th, 2021

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on February 8th, 2021, at 7:00 pm, via the zoom conferencing platform.

Present:

- Mayor – Marc Dupuis
- Councilor – Steve Brousseau
- Councilor – Daniel Grenier
- Councilor – Richard Lemay
- Councilor – Joyce Malenfant

Staff

- CAO/Clerk – Guylaine Coulombe
- Treasurer – Annie Plamondon

1. Opening of meeting
The Mayor opened the meeting at 7:07 pm
2. Approval of the Order of Business
- Resolution 21-25
3. Pecuniary interest
Nil
4. Delegation and Presentation
Nil
5. Adoption of minutes of previous Council meetings
- Resolutions 21-26 and 21-27
6. Treasurer's report
Nil

7. CAO's report

7.1 Resolutions/requests for support

- a) Township of South-west Oxford – use of Automatic Speed Enforcement
 - Resolution 21-28
- c) Township of Asphodel-Norwood – deadline for the CSWB plan
 - Resolution 21-29
- d) KDCC – northern Ontario lockdowns
 - Resolution 21-30
- e) Statistics Canada – 2021 Census
 - Resolution 21-31
- f) Township of Lake of Bays; Town of Bracebridge – Infrastructure Funding
 - Resolution 21-32

The following resolutions/requests for support were received and filed:

- b) Township of Augusta; OPSEU Local 317; Township of Baldwin - Ontario Fire College closure

7.2 Policies

- a) Virtual Council meetings
 - Resolution 21-33
- b) Complaint process
 - Resolution 21-34

7.3 Report on various items

- a) Meetings/training sessions attended
- b) Information
- c) Complaints received since last meeting
 - Filed
- d) For Council's consideration
 - i) Use of the Public Works garage by the snowmobile club
 - Resolution 21-35
 - ii) Reception area – obtain cost estimates for its redesign
 - Agreed
 - iii) Donation from TC Energy pertaining to recyclable metal – confirmation of amount
 - Filed

8. Mayor's report

8.1 Verbal report pertaining to the pandemic, including virtual meetings held in this regard (weekly update with Town of Hearst, vaccine distribution updates provided by General Hillier, etc.)

8.2 Verbal report: shared information received about the intended use of a property by its prospective purchaser.

9. Councilors' reports

A. Councilor Brousseau

- Verbal report of the Hearst LCC virtual meeting held on January 27th, 2021

B. Councilor Grenier

- Verbal report of the CCEJ-Forma Jeunes virtual meeting held on January 19th, 2021
- Verbal report of the Hearst FMA virtual meeting held on January 27th, 2021

C. Councilor Lemay

- Nil

D. Councilor Malenfant

- Verbal report of the Foyer des Pionniers virtual meetings held on January 25th and on February 4th, 2021

10. By-laws

Nil

11. Caucus

- a) Caucus – Resolution 21-36
- b) Regular meeting – Resolution 21-37

12. Minutes/Periodic reports/Correspondence

The following documents were received and filed:

- 12.1 AMO Policy update – January 14th, 2021
- 12.2 Invitation – virtual Ontario Volunteer Service Award ceremony
- 12.3 MMAH – Municipal Modernization Program

13. Resolutions

Agenda

Resolution 21-25: Joyce Malenfant – Steve Brousseau
THAT the agenda be hereby accepted.

Carried

Minutes

Resolution 21-26: Richard Lemay – Daniel Grenier
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council's regular meeting
21-01 held on January 18th, 2021, be hereby adopted.

Carried

Resolution 21-27: Steve Brousseau – Richard Lemay

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council's extraordinary meeting 21-02 held on January 28th, 2021, be hereby adopted.

Carried

Automatic Speed Enforcement

Resolution 21-28: Marc Dupuis – Steve Brousseau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby supports the resolution made by the Township of South-West Oxford on January 5th, 2021, supporting the use of Automatic Speed Enforcement (photo radar) by municipalities if they so choose, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Township of South-West Oxford and to our federal and provincial government representatives, Carol Hughes and Guy Bourgouin.

Carried

CSWB Plan

Resolution 21-29: Joyce Malenfant – Daniel Grenier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby supports the resolution recently made by the Township of Asphodel-Norwood calling upon the Solicitor General to review, in consultation with local governments, the imposed deadline for municipalities to complete and adopt a Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) Plan in order to address the unique challenges facing individual regions, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Township of Asphodel-Norwood and to our federal and provincial government representatives, Carol Hughes and Guy Bourgouin.

Carried

Northern Ontario lockdowns

Resolution 21-30: Steve Brousseau - Richard Lemay

WHEREAS in a letter addressed to the Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Doug Ford, the Kapuskasing & District Chamber of Commerce (KDCC) is calling upon the province to revise its lockdown regulation to address the inequity between small and large businesses and to allow small businesses to remain open to in-store sales, with limited capacity and increased safety measures for their employees as well as their clients, and;

WHEREAS public health measures and restrictions on business are not one size fits all and what works for the larger cities does not necessarily work for us and;

WHEREAS public health measures need to be based on local public health conditions, geography and demographics, and;

WHEREAS a healthy population and vibrant economy are not mutually exclusive but rather go hand-in-hand;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby supports the request made by the KDCC for the provincial government to reconsider the Northern Ontario lockdown and to give our business community the opportunity to work with the Province in this fight against COVID, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the KDCC and to our federal and provincial government representatives, Carol Hughes and Guy Bourgoûin.

Carried

2021 Census

Resolution 21-31: Richard Lemay – Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby supports the 2021 Census, and encourages all residents to complete their census questionnaire online at www.census.gc.ca. Accurate and complete census data support programs and services that benefit our community.

Carried

Infrastructure Funding

Resolution 21-32: Steve Brousseau – Daniel Grenier

WHEREAS targeted funding for critical infrastructure is inconsistent with the principle foundation of an asset management strategy that prioritizes needs over wants and has resulted in underfunding of the wide range of infrastructure that municipalities are responsible for maintaining, such as arenas and libraries, and;

WHEREAS broad eligibility for funding is more appropriate as municipalities best understand their infrastructure needs, together with the needs of their community;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby supports motion no. 21-GC-024 made by the Town of Bracebridge requesting that the Federal and Provincial Governments provide immediate broad and substantial municipal funding opportunities for well-planned, shovel-ready projects already prioritized under

municipal asset management plans, to provide immediate stimulus to the local, provincial and federal economies in order to rebound from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, and;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Town of Bracebridge and to our federal and provincial government representatives, Carol Hughes and Guy Bourgouin.

Carried

Virtual Council meetings

Resolution 21-33: Richard Lemay – Steve Brousseau
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby adopt municipal policy PM3, as circulated, pertaining to the virtual meetings of Council.

Carried

Complaint process

Resolution 21-34: Joyce Malenfant – Daniel Grenier
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby adopt municipal policy PM4, as circulated, pertaining to the management of complaints.

Carried

Use of the Public Works garage
by the snowmobile club

Resolution 21-35: Joyce Malenfant – Daniel Grenier
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby allows the local snowmobile club, the Mattice Sno Devils, to use the Public Works garage, in the presence of a municipal employee, to occasionally perform maintenance and repairs on the groomer and drag, and;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT an hourly fee of FORTY-FIVE (\$45.00) DOLLARS be charged to the Northern Corridor du Nord Snowmobile Association for the hours of work so performed in the Public Works garage, said fee to include the occasional use of tools and of basic shop supplies, and;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, should a municipal employee be called upon to assist club volunteers to perform maintenance or mechanical work during his normal working hours, an additional fee of FIFTY-FOUR (\$54.00) DOLLARS per hour will be charged to the Corridor.

Carried

Caucus

Resolution 21-36: Richard Lemay – Steve Brousseau
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council go into closed meeting at 8:23 pm to discuss i) and ii) the adoption of the minutes of closed meetings; iii) confidential information about identifiable individuals; iv) labour relations and v) the disposition of land.

Carried

Regular meeting

Resolution 21-37: Richard Lemay – Steve Brousseau
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting of Council resume at 8:49 pm.

Carried

Minutes (closed meetings)

Resolution 21-38: Joyce Malenfant – Daniel Grenier
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council’s closed meeting 13-01 held on January 18th, 2021, be hereby adopted.

Carried

Resolution 21-39: Joyce Malenfant – Daniel Grenier
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council’s closed meeting 13-02 held on January 28th, 2021, be hereby adopted.

Carried

14. Next meeting: Monday, March 1st, 2021 at 7:00 pm

15. Confirmatory by-law

Resolution 21-40: Richard Lemay – Steve Brousseau
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 884, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council on Monday, February 8th, 2021, be hereby adopted.

Carried

16. Adjournment: 8:54 pm

Resolution 21-41: Joyce Malenfant – Richard Lemay
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting of Council held on February 8th, 2021, be adjourned at 8:54 pm.

Carried

Read and confirmed on March 1st, 2021

Mayor

CAO/Clerk