

The Corporation of the Township of Mattice – Val Côté

Meeting 26-06 (regular)

May 5th, 2026

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on May 5th, 2026, at 7:00 pm, in the Municipal Council Chambers at the Town Hall, 500 Highway 11, Mattice, Ontario.

Present:

Mayor – Marc Dupuis, virtually, via meeting owl, left prior to caucus
Councilor & Acting Mayor – Steve Brousseau
Councilor – Sophie Gagnon
Councilor – Joyce Malenfant
Councilor – Réginald Manning

Staff

CAO/Clerk – Guylaine Coulombe
Treasurer – Annie Plamondon

Others

Claudine Brunelle & Lyne Malenfant, left prior to caucus

1. Opening of meeting
The Acting Mayor opened the meeting at 7:01 pm
2. Approval of the Order of Business
The following items were added:
7.3 c) information pertaining to the FRT sleigh
7.4 Nuisance beavers
10.4 By-law no. 1052 – Municipal Election Compliance Audit Committee
12.7 Avenir Minerals – transaction/acquisition
13.3 Personal matters about an identifiable individual
- Resolution 26-80
3. Pecuniary interest
Nil
4. Delegation, Presentation, Meeting requested by Council
Nil
5. Adoption of minutes of previous Council meeting
- Resolution 26-81

6. Treasurer's report

6.1 2026 Budget – review and approval

- Resolution 26-82

6.2 2025 Financial Statements – review and approval

- Resolutions 26-83 and 26-84

6.3 Verbal report: tax certificates recently registered on five properties

- Filed

7. CAO's report

7.1 First Response Team – priorities to which they respond

- Resolutions 26-85

7.2 Empty containers at the arena – Not cost-effective. Council will not pursue further.

- Agreed

7.3 Report on various items

a) Training/meetings attended

b) Complaints

c) Information provided to Council

- Filed

- FRT Sleigh: donation towards the purchase of a new unit

- Resolution 26-86

d) For Council's consideration

i) MVC frisbees bought last year – will offer a box to Hearst for the Canada Day festivities

- Agreed

ii) EASE program – will resubmit last year's application to improve accessibility in the Community and Brisson Parks

- Agreed

iii) Senior of the year award – Mayor Dupuis will present the award. Councillors Malenfant or Manning will take pictures.

- Agreed

iv) Future of the ice rink – nothing to report.

7.4 Nuisance beavers

- Resolution 26-87

8. Mayor's report

8.1 Verbal report of the Northeastern Public Health Board meeting held virtually on April 30th 2026

9. Councillors' reports

A. Steve Brousseau

- Verbal report of the MVC Public Library Board held on April 21st last

B. Sophie Gagnon

- Mentioned that her recent face book post made her famous and explained her reasons for writing the same. Acting Mayor Brousseau and Councilor Malenfant congratulated her for doing so.

C. Joyce Malenfant

- Mentioned that she attended a Board meeting for the Foyer des Pionniers on April 15th last

D. Councilor Manning

- Verbal report of the Kap LCC meeting held on April 8th last
- Verbal report of the Hearst LCC meeting held on April 29th last

10. By-laws

10.1 By-law no. 1048 – Tax ratios

- Resolution 26-88

10.2 By-law no. 1049 – Tax rates, penalty and interest

- Resolution 26-89

10.3 By-law no. 1050 – water rates

- Resolution 26-90

10.4 By-law no. 1052 – Municipal Election Compliance Audit Committee

- Resolution 26-91

11. Resolutions/requests for support:

- a) Regional Municipality of Waterloo – Bill C-9 – noose to be prohibited as a symbol of hatred
 - Resolution 26-92
- b) Northeastern Public Health – Mental Health Week
 - Resolution 26-93
- c) Township of Opasatika – proposed rest area
 - Resolution 26-94
- d) Township of Emo – year-round rest areas on Highways 11 & 17
 - Resolution 26-95
- e) City of Greater Sudbury – Special Economic Zone designation
 - Resolution 26-96

The following requests were received and filed:

- f) United Counties of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry – Land Transfer Tax regime
- g) City of Peterborough – guaranteed basic income implementation

12. Minutes/Periodic reports/Correspondence

The following documents were received and filed:

- 12.1 Northwatch – update on the transportation of radioactive waste in northwestern Ontario
- 12.2 FONOM – i) letter from the Minister of Transportation to federal counterpart; ii) Nairn Centre mill curtailment
- 12.3 MECP – i) environmental assessment process; ii) waste disposal sites; iii) Day of Action on Litter; iv) changes in the drinking water systems inspection process
- 12.4 MMAH – i) Buy Ontario directive ; ii) stormwater fees
- 12.5 MRA – invitation to rural summit
- 12.6 MNR – geologic carbon storage regulations
- 12.7 Avenir Minerals – proposed acquisition

13. Caucus

- a) Caucus – Resolution 26-97
- b) Regular meeting – Resolution 26-98

14. Resolutions

Agenda Resolution 26-80: Réginald Manning – Sophie Gagnon
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda, as amended, be hereby accepted.
Carried

Minutes Resolution 26-81: Réginald Manning – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council’s regular meeting 26-05, held on April 14th, 2026, be hereby adopted.
Carried

2026 Budget Resolution 26-82: Réginald Manning – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED that the 2026 Budget, with revenues and expenditures totaling \$3,178,428, be hereby approved as circulated.
Carried

Reserve funds Resolution 26-83: Sophie Gagnon – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT a portion of the 2025 accumulated surplus, in the amount of \$18,226.00, be hereby directed to the “Economic Development” reserve fund, and;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a portion of the 2025 accumulated surplus, in the amount of \$75,000.00, be hereby directed to the “Facilities” reserve fund, and;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a portion of the 2025 accumulated surplus, in the amount of \$54, 391.00 be hereby directed to the “Landfill site” reserve fund, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a portion of the 2025 accumulated surplus, in the amount of \$250,000.00, be hereby directed to the "Mobile equipment" reserve fund, and;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a portion of the 2025 accumulated surplus, in the amount of \$50,000.00, be hereby directed to the "Streets, roads & bridges" reserve fund, and;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a portion of the 2025 accumulated surplus, in the amount of \$50,000.00, be hereby directed to the "Water & Sewer" reserve fund.

Carried

2025 Financial Statements

Resolution 26-84: Sophie Gagnon – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT, subject to the amounts transferred from the projected accumulated surplus to the various reserve funds, the Independent Auditor's report and Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ending December 31st, 2025 for the Corporation of the Township of Mattice – Val Côté be hereby approved as circulated.

Carried

First Response Team

Resolution 26-85: Réginald Manning – Sophie Gagnon
WHEREAS the Deployment Plan for Paramedic Services currently provides that the Mattice – Val Côté First Response Team will only be called for emergencies identified as purple or red priorities, consisting of emergent and life-threatening conditions, and;
WHEREAS the orange priority is defined as being an urgent and serious event but very unlikely to pose an immediate threat to life, with a waiting time of up to 60 minutes, and;
WHEREAS statistics show that, since July 2025, there have been nine orange priority calls for Mattice.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby agrees that, going forward, the Mattice – Val Côté First Response Team also be called upon to respond to orange priority calls occurring in Mattice.

Carried

FRT sleigh

Resolution 26-86: Steve Brousseau – Sophie Gagnon
WHEREAS the Municipality recently received confirmation that Agnico Eagle will make a donation covering all costs associated with the purchase of a new sleigh for the Mattice – Val Côté First Response Team.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby authorizes the expense associated with the purchase of an Equinox Snowbalance Deluxe.

Carried

- Nuisance beavers Resolution 26-87: Réginald Manning – Sophie Gagnon
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CAO/Clerk be hereby authorized to sign the 2026 Nuisance Beaver Removal Agreement with the Hearst Trapper’s Council.
Carried
- By-law no. 1048 Resolution 26-88: Joyce Malenfant – Réginald Manning
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 1048, being a by-law to establish tax ratios for 2026, be hereby adopted.
Carried
- By-law no. 1049 Resolution 26-89: Réginald Manning – Steve Brousseau
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 1049, being a by-law to provide for the adoption of tax rates and to further provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof for 2026, be hereby adopted.
Carried
- By-law no. 1050 Resolution 26-90: Steve Brousseau – Réginald Manning
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 1050, being a by-law to establish water rates for 2026, be hereby adopted.
Carried
- By-law no. 1052 Resolution 26-91: Sophie Gagnon – Réginald Manning
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 1052, being a by-law to establish the 2026 Municipal Election Compliance Audit Committee, be hereby adopted.
Carried
- Bill C-9 – noose Resolution 26-92: Sophie Gagnon – Réginald Manning
WHEREAS the display of a noose is widely recognized as a symbol of racial terror, violence and intimidation, particularly against Black communities, rooted in the history of anti-Black racism.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby support the motion made by Council for the Regional Municipality of Waterloo on March 25th, 2026, formally requesting that the Government of Canada amend Bill C-9 to explicitly include the noose as a prohibited hate symbol within the legislation, and;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, to the Regional Municipality of Waterloo and to our local parliament representatives, MP Gaetan Malette and MPP Guy Bourgouin.
Carried

Mental Health Week

Resolution 26-93: Joyce Malenfant – Steve Brousseau

WHEREAS Mental Health Week provides a unique opportunity to affirm our shared commitment to building public awareness of the importance of mental well-being;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby authorizes Mayor Marc Dupuis to proclaim the Week of May 4th to May 10th 2026 as "MENTAL HEALTH WEEK" in our community.

Carried

Rest area – Opatatika

Resolution 26-94: Joyce Malenfant – Réginald Manning

WHEREAS the Township of Opatatika has requested support for the appointment of Site A as a rest area project, and;

WHEREAS said rest area will provide a public four seasons washroom and public safety in emergencies, such as road closures or deteriorating winter road conditions, for all travellers, and;

WHEREAS said rest area will provide transports with a parking lot to rest during road closures, deteriorating winter road conditions or other situations requiring them to stop and rest, and;

WHEREAS a scale will be built at the Site A rest area to inspect transports, enhancing public safety on our highways and contributing to job creation in the community of Opatatika, and;

WHEREAS the rest area will provide extra infrastructure that will meet the needs of travellers on the way to their next destination.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby support the Site A rest area project for the Township of Opatatika, and;

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

Carried

Year-round rest areas

Resolution 26-95: Sophie Gagnon – Réginald Manning

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby support Motion 15 made by Council for the Township of Emo on December 10th 2025, urging the Province of Ontario and the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario to provide safe, clean and year-round accessible roadside rest area washrooms to the residents of Northern Ontario, at least every 100 km, on Highways 11, 17 and 71, and;

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

Carried

Special Economic Zone designation

Resolution 26-96: Réginald Manning – Sophie Gagnon
WHEREAS a Special Economic Zone designation would ensure that more of the wealth generated in Greater Sudbury is reinvested locally in infrastructure, housing, workforce development and social services, with significant returns on investment for their communities and government partners.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby support the resolution made by Council for the City of Greater Sudbury on March 31st, 2026, requesting that the Government of Ontario designate Greater Sudbury as a Special Economic Zone, and requesting that the Government of Canada recognize Greater Sudbury as a region of national strategic importance and work with the province of Ontario to implement complementary federal measures, and;

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

Carried

Caucus

Resolution 26-97: Réginald Manning – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council go into a closed meeting at 8:14 pm to adopt the minutes of a closed meeting, to discuss the hiring of a supervisor, to discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual and to review a legal opinion.

Carried

Regular meeting

Resolution 26-98: Joyce Malenfant – Sophie Gagnon
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting of Council resume at 8:21 pm.

Carried

Minutes

Resolution 26-99: Steve Brousseau – Réginald Manning
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council's closed meeting 26-05, held on April 14th, 2026, be hereby adopted.

Carried

New hire

Resolution 26-100: Joyce Malenfant – Réginald Manning
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby confirm its approval of the decision to offer the temporary full-time position of Parks and Recreation Supervisor for the summer of 2026 to Robert Rodrigue.

Carried

15. Next regular meeting: Tuesday, June 2nd, 2026, at 7:00 pm

16. Confirmatory by-law

Resolution 26-101: Steve Brousseau - Sophie Gagnon
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 1051, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council on Tuesday, May 5th, 2026, be hereby adopted.

Carried

17. Adjournment: 8 :25 pm

Resolution 26-102: Sophie Gagnon – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting of Council held on May 5th, 2026, be adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Carried

Read and confirmed on June 2nd, 2026

Acting Mayor

CAO/Clerk