

The Corporation of the Township of Mattice – Val Côté

Meeting 25-13 (regular)

November 18th, 2025

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on November 18th, 2025, at 7:00 pm, in the Municipal Council Chambers at the Town Hall, 500 Highway 11, Mattice, Ontario.

Present:

Councilor – Steve Brousseau
Councilor & Acting Mayor – Sophie Gagnon
Councilor – Joyce Malenfant
Councilor – Réginald Manning

Absent:

Mayor, Marc Dupuis

Staff

CAO/Clerk – Guylaine Coulombe
Treasurer – Annie Plamondon

1. Opening of meeting

The Acting Mayor opened the meeting at 7:05 pm

2. Approval of the Order of Business

The following item was added:

- 7.7 d) iii) Recycling in 2026
- Resolution 25-177

3. Pecuniary interest

Nil

4. Delegation, Presentation, Meeting requested by Council

Nil

5. Adoption of minutes of previous Council meeting

- Resolution 25-178

6. Treasurer's report

- 6.1 Vesting of property
- Resolution 25-179

7. CAO's report

7.1 Resolutions/requests for support:

- a) Township of Bradford West Gwillimbury – HST/GST on new homes
- Resolution 25-180

- d) City of Dryden – water safety in school curriculum
 - Resolution 25-181
- e) MPP Bourgouin – Chad's Law 2025
 - Resolution 25-182

The following requests were received and filed:

- b) City of Cambridge – rent control on new residential housing units
- c) City of Brantford – funding for small & regional airports
- f) Peterborough County – recycling for non-profit organizations

The following request for support was deferred:

- g) NOW – impact of Bill 5 on women, on fundamental rights and on the environment

7.2 Northern Corridor Chamber of Commerce – Shop local campaign

- Resolution 25-183

7.3 Val Côté Firetruck - exchange

- Resolution 25-184

7.4 OFM – Municipal Reimbursement Program for emergency responses – explanations provided

- Filed

7.5 Revision of rates – municipal equipment and services

- Resolution 25-185

7.6 NeCN – forms to terminate NDA to be sent. 2025 membership fee to be paid. CAO to find information re: municipal commitment to provide financial contribution towards the EDO position.

- Agreed

Request for municipal contribution towards the Agricultural Development Project Business Plan

- Resolution 25-186

7.7 Report on various items

- a) Training/meetings attended
- b) Complaints
- c) Information provided to Council
 - Filed
- d) For Council's consideration
 - i) First Response Team sleigh – repairs recently estimated at \$4,000. CAO to request financial assistance from various sources.
 - Agreed
 - ii) Future of the ice rink – no discussions
 - iii) Recycling in 2026 – waiting for more information on the curbside recycling before signing the depot agreement (for those that won't have curbside)
 - Agreed

8. Mayor's report
Nil
9. Councilors' reports
 - A. Steve Brousseau
- Nil
 - B. Sophie Gagnon
 - Verbal report of the Hearst FMA Board meeting held in Hearst on October 8th, 2025
 - Verbal report of the CDSB strategic planning exercise held in Hearst on October 27th, 2025
 - C. Joyce Malenfant
 - Verbal report of the NEOMA meeting held in Smooth Rock Falls on November 7th, 2025
 - Verbal report of the MVC Public Library Board meeting held on November 13th, 2025
 - D. Councilor Manning
 - Verbal report of the Kap LCC meeting held on November 10th, 2025
10. By-laws
 - 10.1 By-law no. 1030 – Emergency Management Program
 - Resolution 25-187
 - 10.2 By-law no. 1031 – OFM Municipal Reimbursement Program
 - Resolution 25-188
11. Caucus
 - a) Caucus – Resolution 25-189
 - b) Regular meeting – Resolution 25-190
12. Minutes/Periodic reports/Correspondence

The following documents were received and filed:

 - 12.1 Hours of work – October 2025
 - 12.2 & 12.2 i) MMAH – development charges
 - 12.3 MF – OMPF 2026
 - 12.4 NEOMA – minutes of the October 3rd 2025 meeting
 - 12.5 Diocese – thank you letter (promotional items)
 - 12.6 FONOM – press release – recent fall economic statement
 - 12.7 AgriEsprit – funding application rejected
13. Resolutions

Agenda

Resolution 25-177: Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant
THAT the agenda, as amended, be hereby accepted.

Carried

Minutes

Resolution 25-178: Réginald Manning – Steve Brousseau
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council's regular meeting 25-12, held on October 28th, 2025, be hereby adopted.

Carried

Vesting of property

Resolution 25- 179: Steve Brousseau - Joyce Malenfant
WHEREAS no offers were received for the property that was recently up for sale to recover tax arrears.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT a notice of vesting be prepared and registered in the name of the municipality with respect to that property, being Roll no. 5677 007 00413700 0000, in accordance with paragraph 379 (5) b) of the *Municipal Act*, and;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the property be put up for sale for the sum of EIGHT THOUSAND (\$8,000.00) DOLLARS, with the condition that the building be demolished by May 31st, 2026.

Carried

HST/GST on new homes

Resolution 25-180: Réginald Manning – Steve Brousseau
WHEREAS housing affordability is one of the most pressing issues facing Ontario families, and;
WHEREAS the federal government recently announced GST relief for first-time homebuyers on new homes and the Province of Ontario removed the provincial share of HST on new purpose-built rental units, and;
WHEREAS the current HST rate on new homes in Ontario is 13%, which adds tens of thousands of dollars to the cost of a typical home;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby support Resolution 2025-343 made by Council for the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, calling on the Government of Canada to remove GST/HST from all new homes purchased as primary residences, and to work in partnership with the Government of Ontario to ensure full elimination of the provincial portion as well, and;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury and to our local parliament representatives, MPP Guy Bourgouin and MP Gaetan Malette.

Carried

Water safety in school curriculum

Resolution 25-181: Sophie Gagnon – Steve Brousseau

WHEREAS drowning is one of the leading causes of preventable deaths among children in Ontario and research by the Lifesaving Society of Ontario shows that most children who drown never intended to be in the water, and;

WHEREAS evidence demonstrates that even basic swimming and water survival skills significantly reduce the risk of drowning, and;

WHEREAS many children in Ontario do not have equitable access to swimming lessons outside of school due to financial, cultural or geographic barriers, and;

WHEREAS the Ministry of Education has the authority to incorporate water safety and survival training into the regular elementary school curriculum as a universal, life-saving skill comparable to fire safety and road safety instruction;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby support Resolution no. 14 made by Council for the City of Dryden and urges the Government of Ontario, through the Ministry of Education, to incorporate mandatory water safety and Swim-to-Survive training into the elementary school curriculum for all Ontario students, and;

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

Carried

Chad's Law 2025

Resolution 25-182: Réginald Manning – Sophie Gagnon

WHEREAS MPP Bourgouin will be bringing back the legislation known as *Chad's Law* before the Legislative Assembly;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté fully support *Chad's Law (Enforcing Safer Passing), 2025* which would amend the Highway Traffic Act to prohibit passing on double solid yellow lines, in order to prevent dangerous collisions and save lives.

Carried

Shop local campaign

Resolution 25-183: Steve Brousseau – Réginald Manning

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté will not contribute towards the 2025 Shop local campaign organized by the Northern Corridor Chamber of Commerce.

Carried

Val Côté Firetruck

Resolution 25-184: Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the old (1974) Val Côté firetruck be transferred to Hearst Central Garage as a trade-in for the new (1993) Val Côté firetruck. The value of said trade-in is hereby established at TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (\$2,500.00) DOLLARS and will therefore need to be reimbursed.

Carried

Revision of rates

Resolution 25-185: Réginald Manning – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT all the municipal equipment and services rates be increased by TEN (\$10.00) DOLLARS in 2026, save and except for the rate to open/close water which will remain the same, and;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the cost of a 5 gallons bucket of sand be increased to TEN (\$10.00) DOLLARS in 2026 and that there be no set maximum, and;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council hereby revokes Resolution 24-54 and replaces it with the following:

1. Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté 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;
2. An hourly fee of SIXTY (\$60.00) DOLLARS will be charged to the Northern Corridor du Nord Snowmobile Association for every hour that the equipment spends in the garage, and;
3. The use of tools and of basic shop supplies will also be charged to the Corridor, and;
4. Should a municipal employee be called upon to assist the club volunteers to perform maintenance or mechanical work during his normal working hours, an additional labour fee per hour will be charged to the Corridor, in accordance with Resolution 22-124.

Carried

Agriculture Development Project

Resolution 25-186: Sophie Gagnon – Réginald Manning
WHEREAS Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté clearly indicated from the outset that it would not provide any financial support towards the Agriculture Development Project Business Plan, and;
WHEREAS NeCN recently provided Council with a municipal contributions table indicating that the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté is expected to pay the outstanding amount of TWELVE THOUSAND AND FIVE HUNDRED (\$12,500.00) DOLLARS towards Phase I and Phase II of said project;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté confirm its position on the matter – no financial contribution will be made towards this initiative.

Carried

By-law no. 1030

Resolution 25-187: Joyce Malenfant – Réginald Manning
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 1030, being a By-law to adopt an Emergency Management Program and Emergency Response Plan and to meet other requirements under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, be hereby adopted.

Carried

By-law no. 1031

Resolution 25-188: Steve Brousseau – Réginald Manning
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 1031, being a By-law to authorize the execution on a Fire Protection Services Reimbursement Transfer Payment Agreement with the Office of the Fire Marshal, be hereby adopted.

Carried

Caucus

Resolution 25-189: Steve Brousseau - Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council go into a closed meeting at 8:21 pm to adopt the minutes of a closed meeting and to discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual, labour relations and actual or potential litigation.

Carried

Regular meeting

Resolution 25-190: Sophie Gagnon – Réginald Manning
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting of Council resume at 8:44 pm.

Carried

Minutes

Resolution 25-191: Joyce Malenfant – Réginald Manning
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council's closed meeting 25-12, held on October 28th, 2025, be hereby adopted.

Carried

14. Next regular meeting: Tuesday, December 16th, 2025, at 7:00 pm

15. Confirmatory by-law

Resolution 25-192: Steve Brousseau – Réginald Manning
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 1032, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council on Tuesday, November 18th, 2025, be hereby adopted.

Carried

16. Adjournment: 8:49 pm

Resolution 25-193: Sophie Gagnon - Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting of Council held on November 18th, 2025, be adjourned at 8:49 pm.

Carried

Read and confirmed on December 16th, 2025

Acting Mayor

CAO/Clerk