

The Corporation of the Township of Mattice – Val Côté

Meeting 23-17 (regular)

December 13th, 2023

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on December 13th, 2023, at 7:30 pm, in the Municipal Council Chambers at the Town Hall, 500 Highway 11, Mattice, Ontario.

Present:

Councilor – Steve Brousseau
Councilor – Joyce Malenfant
Acting Mayor – Réginald Manning

Absent:

Mayor – Marc Dupuis
Councilor – Sophie Gagnon

Staff

CAO/Clerk – Guylaine Coulombe
Treasurer – Annie Plamondon

Other

Renée-Pier Fontaine – Hearst Medias

1. Opening of meeting
The Acting Mayor opened the meeting at 7:30 pm

2. Approval of the Order of Business
The following item was added:
6.1 Financial report – to November 30th 2023
- Resolution 23-248

3. Pecuniary interest
Councilor Brousseau declared an interest at item 7.1 a)

4. Delegation, Presentation, Meeting requested by Council
Nil

5. Adoption of minutes of previous Council meeting
- Resolution 23-249

6. Treasurer’s report
6.1 Financial report – to November 30th 2023
- Resolution 23-250

7. CAO's report

7.1 Resolutions/requests for support

a) Town of Orangeville – increasing financial assistance rates for Ontario Works

- Deferred

b) Municipality of Grey Highlands – natural gas connections

- Resolution 23-251

7.2 Parking along Highway 11 – all Council members to be involved in a “google earth exercise” to formulate recommendations to the MTO

- Deferred

7.3 FONOM 2024 Conference – Councilors Malenfant and Brousseau expressed an interest

- Deferred

7.4 Commercial toilets for the community hall

- Resolution 23-252

7.5 Report on various items

a) Training/meetings

b) Information provided

c) Complaints received

- Filed

d) For Council's consideration

i) An extraordinary meeting will be held using the zoom platform on December 22nd, 2023, at 11:00 am, for Council to make a decision on the proposals received re: community hall ceiling tiles replacement

- Agreed

ii) Council members have no comments pertaining to the document forwarded by Espace Stratégies following the recent project prioritization exercise

- Filed

iii) NOHFC funding – CAO to explore possibilities pertaining to LED lights for municipal buildings

- Agreed

8. Mayor's report

Nil

9. Councillors' reports

A. Councillor Brousseau

- Nothing to report

B. Councillor Gagnon

- Nil

C. Councillor Malenfant

- Nothing to report

D. Councillor/Acting Mayor Manning

- Nothing to report

10. By-laws

10.1 By-law no. 971 – to adopt Emergency Management Program

- Resolution 23-253

11. Caucus

a) Caucus – Resolution 23-254

b) Regular meeting – Resolution 23-255

12. Minutes/Periodic reports/Correspondence

The following documents were received and filed:

12.1 Ombudsman Ontario – 2022-2023 Annual Report

12.2 FONOM – news release

12.3 IESO – community engagement - future needs

12.4 Hours worked – November 2023

13. Resolutions

Agenda

Resolution 23-248: Steve Brousseau - Joyce Malenfant
THAT the agenda, as amended, be hereby accepted.

Carried

Minutes

Resolution 23-249: Joyce Malenfant – Steve Brousseau
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council’s regular meeting 23-16, held on November 29th, 2023 be hereby adopted.

Carried

Financial report

Resolution 23-250: Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the financial report ending November 30th, 2023 be hereby approved as circulated.

Carried

Natural gas connections

Resolution 23-251: Réginald Manning – Joyce Malenfant
WHEREAS Enbridge Gas has put forward recommendations to expedite the installation of natural gas to rural, remote or underserved communities, and;
WHEREAS Council for the Municipality of Grey Highlands endorsed those recommendations;
NOW BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby support Resolution #2023-964 made by Council for the Municipality of Grey Highlands, petitioning the Ontario Government to expedite the implementation of the following recommendations: i) move to modernize the Ontario Energy Board’s Leave to Construct (LTC) process for smaller pipeline projects in order to bring reliable, affordable energy options to communities, homes and businesses in a more cost-effective and timely manner, and ii) update the LTC cost threshold from \$2M to \$10M for hydrocarbon lines (by amending Ontario Regulation O.Reg. 328/03), while maintaining current requirements and expectations for Indigenous consultation and environment review for projects greater than \$2M and less than \$10M, and;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Municipality of Grey Highlands and to our local parliament representatives, MPP Guy Bourgouin and MP Carol Hughes.

Carried

Community hall toilets

Resolution 23-252: Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant
WHEREAS two of the toilets in the community hall men’s washroom were recently replaced;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT all the other community hall residential toilets be replaced, at an approximate cost of THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN (\$387.17) DOLLARS and SEVENTEEN CENTS each, plus taxes.

Carried

Emergency Management Program

Resolution 23-253: Réginald Manning – Steve Brousseau
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 971, being a By-law to adopt an Emergency Management Program and Emergency Response Plan and to meet other requirement under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, be hereby adopted.

Carried

Caucus

Resolution 23-254: Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council go into closed meeting at 8:10 pm to adopt the minutes of a closed meeting.

Carried

Regular meeting

Resolution 23-255: Joyce Malenfant – Steve Brousseau
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting of Council resume at 8:15 pm.

Carried

Minutes

Resolution 23-256: Joyce Malenfant – Steve Brousseau
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the closed meeting 23-16 held on November 29th, 2023, be hereby adopted.

Carried

14. Next regular meeting: Tuesday, January 16th, 2024 at 7:00 pm

15. Confirmatory by-law

Resolution 23-257: Steve Brousseau – Réginald Manning
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 972, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council on Wednesday, December 13th, 2023, be hereby adopted.

Carried

16. Adjournment: 8:19 pm

Resolution 23-258: Joyce Malenfant – Steve Brousseau
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting of Council held on
December 13th, 2023, be adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Carried

Read and confirmed on January 16th, 2024

Acting Mayor

CAO/Clerk