

The Corporation of the Township of Mattice – Val Côté

Meeting 24-09 (regular)

May 21st, 2024

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on May 21st, 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
Treasurer – Annie Plamondon

Absent:

Councilor – Steve Brousseau

Others

Jessy Richard, Josianne Couture & Marc Dufresne (left at 7:40 pm)
Renée-Pier Fontaine, Hearst Medias (from 7:50 pm onward)

1. Opening of meeting

The Mayor opened the meeting at 7:00 pm

2. Approval of the Order of Business

The following items were added to the agenda:

8.4 d) vii) decorations on municipal fences

12.2 Clean Air Alliance – natural gas

- Resolution 24-108

3. Pecuniary interest

Councilor Manning declared an interest at item 4.2 b)

4. Caucus

a) Caucus – Resolution 24-109

b) Regular meeting – Resolution 24-110

5. Delegation, Presentation, Meeting requested by Council

Nil

6. Adoption of minutes of previous Council meeting

- Resolution 24-114

7. Treasurer's report

7.1 2023 Financial Statements

- Resolution 24-113

8. CAO's report

8.1 Resolutions/requests for support

a) Township of Alnwick/Haldimand – funding for social services

- Resolution 24-115

b) Multi-municipal Energy Working Group – wind turbines

- Resolution 24-116

The following request for support was received and filed:

c) County of Prince Edward – national housing affordability crisis

8.2 Requests pertaining to a property on Mgr Proulx Avenue:

i) applicable regulations to land filling activities. CAO looking into this.

- Deferred

ii) Council unable to comment on the approval of minor variances until an application has been submitted.

- Agreed

8.3 Verbal report – follow-up on various matters

a) Municipality's 50th anniversary

- Envelope stickers have been ordered. Councilor Gagnon presented additional designs for fridge magnets.

- Filed

b) Future of the ice rink – CAO/Clerk shared comments received from Hornepayne P & R leadhand with respect to an ice pad without refrigeration

- Filed

8.4 Report – various items

- a) Training/meetings attended
- b) Information provided
- c) Complaints
 - Filed
- d) For Council’s consideration
 - i) Metal post for the sign to be installed in Brisson Park – cost-prohibitive
 - Agreed
 - ii) Registration of building code order against property title – for the time being, in this particular case, will not proceed
 - Agreed
 - iii) Transportation of school children to the splashpad recognition activity
 - Resolution 24-117
 - iv) Brush cutting behind Villa Missinaibi – if needed, Council authorizes the Parks & Recreation Supervisor to perform this work. A letter to be sent to CDSSAB advising that we will be doing it for the last time and giving them with authorization to do it in the future.
 - Agreed
 - v) Contest to rename the Community Park – waiting for the votes of a few Council members
 - Deferred
 - vi) Parking on the south portion of Highway 11 – since restrictions cannot apply solely to large transports trucks and since restricting parking in one section will likely move the problem to another location, Council will not pursue this matter any further with the MTO
 - Agreed
 - vii) Decorations on municipal fences
 - Resolution 24-118

9. Mayor’s report

8.1 Verbal report: attendance at the Rotary Club meeting on May 2nd last to accept the splashpad donation; email exchange with Minister Mulroney; discussions with MPP Bourgouin on a private member’s bill pertaining to transportation.

10. Councilors’ reports

A. Councilor Gagnon

- Nil

B. Councilor Malenfant

- Verbal report of the FONOM annual conference held in Sudbury from May 6th to May 8th last

C. Councilor Manning

- Verbal report of the Kapuskasing LCC meeting held in Kapuskasing on May 8th last

11. By-laws

11.1 By-law no. 986 – Construction, demolition and change of use permits

- Resolution 24-119

11.2 By-law no. 987 – Building permit fees

- Resolution 24-120

11.3 By-law no. 988 – 2024 tax ratios

- Resolution 24-121

11.4 By-law no. 989 – 2024 tax rates, penalty and default

- Resolution 24-122

11.5 By-law no. 990 – 2024 water rates

- Resolution 24-123

12. Minutes/Periodic reports/Correspondence

The following documents were received and filed:

12.1 Hours of work – April 2024

12.2 Clean Air Alliance – natural gas (Bill 165)

13. Resolutions

Agenda

Resolution 24-108: Réginald Manning – Sophie Gagnon
THAT the agenda, as amended, be hereby accepted.

Carried

Caucus

Resolution 24-109: Joyce Malenfant – Réginald Manning
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council go into a closed meeting at 7:00 pm to discuss a) information supplied in confidence by a third party and b) labour relations.

Carried

Regular meeting

Resolution 24-110: Sophie Gagnon – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting of Council resume at 7:50 pm.

Carried

Summer employment

Resolution 24-111: Réginald Manning – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 3 available summer positions of Parks & Recreation Attendants be offered to Jasmine Grenier, Billy Gosselin and Samuel Carrier.

Carried

Truck driver

Resolution 24-112: Joyce Malenfant – Marc Dupuis
BE IT RESOLVED THAT, upon meeting all other requirements, Richard Tanguay be hired as an occasional truck driver for garbage collection purposes.

Carried

2023 Financial Statements

Resolution 24-113: Réginald Manning – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the independent Auditor's report and Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ending December 31st, 2023 for the Corporation of the Township of Mattice – Val Côté be hereby approved as circulated.

Carried

Minutes

Resolution 24-114: Réginald Manning - Sophie Gagnon
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council's regular meeting 24-08, held on May 1st, 2024 be hereby adopted.

Carried

Funding for social services

Resolution 24-115: Marc Dupuis – Réginald Manning
WHEREAS the Province of Ontario dictates the requirement for social services, including emergency shelters, but limits their operation through insufficient funding;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté support the resolution made by Council for the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand, calling upon the Province of Ontario to significantly increase funding for housing, shelters and other necessary social services to ensure adequate levels of service to meet the needs of our residents, and;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand and to our local parliament representatives, MPP Guy Bourgouin and MP Carol Hughes.

Carried

Wind turbines

Resolution 24-116: Sophie Gagnon – Réginald Manning

WHEREAS the Independent Electrical System Operator (IESO) has proposed to move forward with three RFPs where new wind turbine projects can receive a contract from the IESO, and;

WHEREAS people living near existing wind turbines report considerable impact on their lives due to noise and other emissions from the wind turbines, and;

WHEREAS there are gaps in the enforcement of key terms of the Renewable Energy Approvals governing existing projects relative to noise standards and resolution of complaints, and;

WHEREAS municipal approval is required to locate one of these projects in the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté does not support the establishment of any new wind turbine projects within the municipality, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the IESO be directed to advise potential applicants of this resolution, and;

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Todd Smith, Minister of Energy, to IESO, to the Multi-Municipal Energy Working Group and to our local parliament representatives, MPP Guy Bourgouin and MP Carol Hughes.

Carried

Transportation of school children

Resolution 24-117: Marc Dupuis – Réginald Manning

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté pay a school bus transportation fee, up to a maximum of TWO HUNDRED (\$200.00) DOLLARS, to bring the school children back from Hearst for the upcoming splashpad recognition activity.

Carried

Decorations on fences

Resolution 24-118: Sophie Gagnon - Joyce Malenfant

WHEREAS Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté previously authorized the installation of images/designs to decorate the municipal fences found at the ballpark and along the sidewalk over Five Mile Creek;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté does not authorize the installation of letters or words on said municipal fences.

Carried

By-law no. 986

Resolution 24-119: Joyce Malenfant – Réginald Manning
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 986, being a By-law regulating building construction, demolition and change of use permits and inspections within the Township of Mattice – Val Côté, be hereby adopted.

Carried

By-law no. 987

Resolution 24-120: Marc Dupuis – Sophie Gagnon
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 987, being a By-law to establish fees for Building Permits, be hereby adopted.

Carried

By-law no. 988

Resolution 24-121: Réginald Manning – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 988, being a By-law to establish tax ratios for 2024, be hereby adopted.

Carried

By-law no. 989

Resolution 24-122: Réginald Manning – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 989, 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 2024, be hereby adopted.

Carried

By-law no. 990

Resolution 24-123: Marc Dupuis – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 990, being a By-law to establish water rates for 2024, be hereby adopted.

Carried

14. Next regular meeting: Monday, June 10th, 2024 at 7:30 pm (time to be confirmed)

15. Confirmatory by-law

Resolution 24-124: Réginald Manning – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 991, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council on Tuesday, May 21st, 2024, be hereby adopted.

Carried

16. Adjournment: 9:26 pm

Resolution 24-125: Sophie Gagnon – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting of Council held on
May 21st, 2024, be adjourned at 9:26 pm.

Carried

Read and confirmed on June 10th, 2024

Mayor

CAO/Clerk