

The Corporation of the Township of Mattice – Val Côté

Meeting 22-14 (regular)

December 5th, 2022

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on December 5th, 2022, at 7:00 pm, in the Municipal Council Chambers at the Town Hall, 500 Highway 11, Mattice, Ontario.

Present:

- Mayor – Marc Dupuis
- Councilor – Steve Brousseau
- Councilor – Joyce Malenfant
- Councilor – Réginald Manning

Absent

- Councilor – Sophie Gagnon

Staff

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

1. Opening of meeting

The Mayor opened the meeting at 7:07 pm

2. Delegation and Presentation

Sarah Craig, from PSD Citywide, virtually presented an overview of the content of the recently completed Asset Management Plan and answered Council members' questions in this regard.

Note: Councilor Gagnon was in virtual attendance for this portion of the meeting.

3. Approval of the Order of Business

- Resolution 22-231

4. Pecuniary interest

Nil

5. Adoption of minutes of previous Council meeting

- Resolution 22-232

6. Treasurer's report

6.1 Verbal report

i) credit card fees

- Resolution 22-233

ii) Christmas gifts

-Resolution 22-234

6.2 The Mayor reiterated the request for a cost analysis on the use of solid vs liquid calcium.

- Agreed

7. CAO's report

7.1 Resolutions/requests for support

a) Township of Warwick – CN contribution to municipal drainage projects

- Resolution 22-235

c) City of Stratford – funding for rail services

- Resolution 22-236

The following requests for support were received and filed:

b) Township of Puslinch, Municipality of Lambton Shores and numerous others – opposition to Bill 23

- Filed

7.2 Nominations – update

a) NeCN

- Resolution 22-237

b) CDSSAB

- Resolution 22-238

c) CCEJ/Forma-Jeunes

- Resolution 22-239

7.3 Landfill site – holidays

- Resolution 22-240

7.4 ON Y VA request – community hall

- Resolution 22-241

7.5 Upcoming training sessions – offered to Council members by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, by MPAC and by the Walkerton Clean Water Center

- Filed

7.6 Grinder pump assemblies for Val Côté – CAO will attempt to find a supplier for the required pumps and parts

- Agreed

7.7 Strategic plan – CAO to apply for funding and to prepare an RfP in this regard

- Agreed

7.8 Report on various items

a) Training/meetings

b) Information provided

- Filed

8. Mayor's report

8.1 Verbal report – conversation with Paul Dupuis on the possibility of building small dinosaur replicas for Brisson Park.

9. Councilors' reports

A. Councilor Brousseau

- Nil

B. Councilor Malenfant

- Verbal report of the Foyer des Pionniers Board meeting held in Hearst on October 27th, 2022

- Verbal report of the MVC Public Library Board meeting held on November 23rd, 2022

C. Councilor Manning

- Verbal report of the Hearst Local Citizens Committee meeting held virtually on November 30th, 2022

10. By-laws

10.1 By-law no. 941 – Emergency Management Program

- Resolution 22-242

11. Caucus

a) Caucus – Resolution 22-243

b) Regular meeting – Resolution 22-244

12. Minutes/Periodic reports/Correspondence

The following documents were received and filed:

12.1 MMAH – a message from the Minister

12.2 FONOM – new northern Highway Safety Standard

13. Resolutions

Agenda Resolution 22-231: Joyce Malenfant - Steve Brousseau
THAT the agenda be hereby accepted.
Carried

Minutes Resolution 22-232: Steve Brousseau – Réginald Manning
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council’s regular meeting
22-13, held on November 16th, 2022, be hereby adopted.
Carried

Credit card fees Resolution 22-233: Joyce Malenfant – Steve Brousseau
BE IT RESOLVED THAT, in light of the recent limit imposed on
credit card fees that can be charged back to the user, the
Municipality cease to offer the option of credit card payment.
Carried

Christmas gifts Resolution 22-234: Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT a gift certificate in the amount of FIFTY
(\$50.00) DOLLARS be given to each of the eight regular/part-time
municipal employees, to be spent in a local business of their
choice.
Carried

Drainage projects Resolution 22-235: Marc Dupuis – Steve Brousseau
WHEREAS municipal drains are considered critical rural
infrastructure that support food production, food security, the
environment and economic sustainability in rural Ontario, and;
WHEREAS the creation, maintenance and contribution
requirements towards municipal drain infrastructure are
governed by the Drainage Act, and;
WHEREAS CN Rail has taken the position that it is not governed
by provincial regulation because it is a federally regulated entity,
and;
WHEREAS the implication that any public utility could become
exempt from the financial requirements invalidates the
underlying principle that all benefitting from municipal drains
projects are required to contribute financially, and;
WHEREAS there are currently at least fifty-five municipal
drainage projects in Ontario being impacted by CN’s actions and
refusal to contribute as per the Drainage Act;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby supports the resolution made by the Township of Warwick on October 17th, 2022, declaring that CN Rail be called upon to act as a partner to municipalities and agriculture in Ontario and reconsider its position that the Drainage Act does not apply to it as a public entity, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Township of Warwick and to our local federal and provincial parliament representatives, MP Carol Hugues and MPP Guy Bourgouin.

Carried

Funding for rail services

Resolution 22-236: Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant

WHEREAS there is a need for balanced transportation, with more using transit and less using automobiles, and;

WHEREAS there are 10 million more vehicles on the road today than there were in 2000;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby supports the resolution made by Council for the City of Stratford on November 14th, 2022, recommending to the Government of Canada to adequately fund and fully support VIA Rail Canada in increasing the frequency, reliability and speed of VIA rail service in 2022 and successive years, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the City of Stratford and to our local federal and provincial parliament representatives, MP Carol Hugues and MPP Guy Bourgouin.

Carried

Northeast Community Network
(NeCN)

Resolution 22-237: Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT previous Council resolution no. 22-212 be rescinded, and;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mayor Marc Dupuis represent the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté on the Northeast Community Network (NeCN) Board of Directors for the duration of the term of this Council ending on November 14th, 2026, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CAO/Clerk be appointed as the alternate Mattice – Val Côté representative on said Board.

Carried

CDSSAB

Resolution 22-238: Réginald Manning – Joyce Malenfant

WHEREAS the Town of Hearst and the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté are required to jointly appoint one representative by way of resolution to represent Area 2 on the Cochrane District Social Services Administration Board (CDSSAB), and;

WHEREAS since the creation of the CDSSAB, the joint representative has always been a member of Council for the Town of Hearst, and;

WHEREAS Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté wishes that one of its members be permitted to jointly represent both communities during this term;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mayor Marc Dupuis be appointed director on the CDSSAB for the duration of the term of this Council, ending on November 14th, 2026, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council for the Town of Hearst be requested to concur with said appointment.

Carried

CCEJ/Forma-Jeunes

Resolution 22-239 : Joyce Malenfant – Steve Brousseau

WHEREAS municipal representatives are not longer appointed on the Centre de consultation pour l'embauche des jeunes (CCEJ) and Forma-Jeunes Board of Directors;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council resolution 22-213 be rescinded.

Carried

Landfill site – holidays

Resolution 22-240: Réginald Manning – Marc Dupuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the landfill site be closed on Saturday, December 24th and on Saturday, December 31st 2022.

Carried

ON Y VA request – community hall

Resolution 22-241: Steve Brousseau – Réginald Manning

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, while the set fee must be charged for the rental of the community hall, Council hereby directs the CAO to offer to the Child and Family Centre ON Y VA the free use of the municipal building basement for the purpose of holding their upcoming Christmas party.

Carried

By-law no. 941

Resolution 22-242: Joyce Malenfant – Steve Brousseau
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 941, 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*, is hereby adopted.

Carried

Caucus

Resolution 22-243: Steve Brousseau – Réginald Manning
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council go into closed meeting at 9:25 pm to adopt the minutes of a closed meeting and to discuss labour relations.

Carried

Regular meeting

Resolution 22-244: Steve Brousseau – Réginald Manning
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting of Council resume at 9:52 pm.

Carried

Minutes

Resolution 22-245: Joyce Malenfant - Réginald Manning
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council's closed meeting 22-13, held on November 16th, 2022, be hereby adopted.

Carried

DZ licence

Resolution 22-246: Marc Dupuis – Réginald Manning
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby authorizes the reimbursement to Nicolas Rice of the cost of his medical examination and for the one-time costs of taking the required DZ licence exams, upon successful completion of the exams and presentation of receipts.

Carried

Recognition

Resolution 22-247: Réginald Manning – Marc Dupuis
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté offer Michelle Salonen a gold watch in recognition of her more than twenty-five years of service with the Mattice – Val Côté Public Library.

Carried

14. Next meeting: Wednesday, January 11th, 2023 at 7:00 pm

15. Confirmatory by-law

Resolution 22-248: Joyce Malenfant – Steve Brousseau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 942, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council on Wednesday, December 5th, 2022, be hereby adopted.

Carried

16. Adjournment: 10:03 pm

Resolution 22-249: Réginald Manning – Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting of Council held on December 5th, 2022, be adjourned at 10:03 pm.

Carried

Read and confirmed on January 11th, 2023

Mayor

CAO/Clerk