

The Corporation of the Township of Mattice – Val Côté

Meeting 26-07 (regular)

June 2nd, 2026

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on June 2nd, 2026, 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 – Sophie Gagnon
Councilor – Joyce Malenfant

Absent:

Councilor – Réginald Manning

Staff

CAO/Clerk – Guylaine Coulombe
Treasurer – Annie Plamondon

Others

Kevin Anderson & Joëlle Éthier, left following the delegation
Claudine Brunelle & Lyne Malenfant, left prior to caucus

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:

6.1 iv) old FRT sleigh

6.2 Financial report – May 2026

7.7 La Voix du Corridor – request for support

9. b) i) firefighter certification training ii) cigarette butts

- Resolution 26-103

3. Pecuniary interest

Nil

4. Delegation, Presentation, Meeting requested by Council

Kevin Anderson presented his project for an online bilingual newspaper called "The Corridor Voice", he explained the proposed structure, content and revenue sources for the same and requested Council's support.

5. Adoption of minutes of previous Council meeting

- Resolution 26-104

6. Treasurer's report

6.1 Verbal report

- i) insurance coverage for the old salt shed: to be removed in 2027
 - Agreed
- ii) culvert installation
 - Resolution 26-105
- iii) community hall stairlift: need to start thinking about replacing it. Be on the lookout for accessibility funding.
 - Filed
- iv) old FRT sleigh
 - Resolution 26-106

6.2 Financial Report – May 2026

- Resolution 26-107

7. CAO's report

7.1 NEOMA – Councillors Brousseau and Malenfant will attend the meeting scheduled for June 26th in Hearst

- Agreed

7.2 Road Management Study – proposals received

- Resolution 26-108

7.3 2026 NORDS program

- Resolution 26-109

7.4 Snow removal at SFX – request for proposals

- Resolution 26-110

7.5 Report on various items

- a) Training/meetings attended
- b) Complaints
- c) Information provided to Council
 - Filed
- d) For Council's consideration
 - i) Damages caused by a load of wood on May 16th last: in the spring, put up "reduced load" signs and insert a notice on our website
 - Agreed
 - ii) Future of the ice rink – FedNor may be able to finance a commercial opportunity study – CAO to proceed
 - Agreed

iii) Outdoor rink – could receive 90% of the required funds through FedNor's "Build Communities Strong Fund" (50%) and the NOHFC (40%) - CAO to look at possible outdoor rink options and report to Council

- Agreed

7.6 Franchise agreement with Enbridge Gas – CAO reminded Council of the process

- Filed

7.7 The Corridor Voice – request for support – a letter will be drafted and signed by the Mayor in this regard

- Agreed

8. Mayor's report

8.1 Verbal report of the NECN AGM held virtually on May 20th, 2026

8.2 Verbal report of the Northeastern Board of Health meeting held virtually on May 28th, 2026

8.3 Verbal report of the meeting held virtually with Enbridge Gas representatives (re: funding opportunities) on June 1st, 2026

9. Councilors' reports

A. Steve Brousseau

- Nil

B. Sophie Gagnon

- i) Firefighter certification training: reported on the intense physical component of the recent training and explained why so few members were able to attend the same. A letter will be sent to the Fire Marshall to voice our complaints/concerns with respect to the latter.
- Agreed
- ii) Cigarette butts around the playground in Val Côté: a public ashtray to be installed nearby and possibly signs. CAO to obtain Public Health requirements in this regard.
- Agreed

C. Joyce Malenfant

- Verbal report of the Foyer des Pionniers Board meetings held in Hearst on April 15th and on May 21st last
- Verbal report of the FONOM Conference and AGM held in Timmins, from May 11-13, 2026

10. By-laws

10.1 By-law no. 1033 – Franchise agreement with Enbridge Gas Inc.

- Resolution 26-111

11. Resolutions/requests for support:

- 11.6 Municipality of Wawa – elimination of school board trustees
 - Resolution 26-112
- 11.7 Township of Armour – new and upgraded highway rest stops
 - Resolution 26-113
- 11.8 Town of Plympton-Wyoming – grant funding for fire services
 - Resolution 26-114

The following requests were received and filed:

- 11.1 Township of Springwater – Bill 100 on regional governance
- 11.2 City of Richmond Hill – integrated living for adults with developmental disabilities
- 11.3 Township of Stone Mills – proposed changes to FIPPA
- 11.4 County of Prince Edward – implementation of a vacant commercial storefront tax
- 11.5 Town of Halton Hills – review of the provincial-municipal fiscal framework
- 11.9 Township of Larder Lake – northern Ontario policing grant
- 11.10 Town of Orangeville – notices of intention to designate listed heritage properties

12. Minutes/Periodic reports/Correspondence

The following documents were received and filed:

- 12.1 Hours worked – April 2026
- 12.2 MEPR – 2025 compliance
- 12.3 FONOM, NOMA & OTA – coordinated investments in Highways 11 and 17
- 12.4 FONOM & NOMA – Auditor General report on Large Commercial Truck Driver licensing
- 12.5 MNEDG – NORDS Fund
- 12.6 DDSB – school board governance consultation
- 12.7 Ombudsman – end-of-term report

13. Caucus

- a) Caucus – Resolution 26-115
- b) Regular meeting – Resolution 26-116

14. Resolutions

Agenda

Resolution 26-103: Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda, as amended, be hereby accepted.

Carried

Minutes

Resolution 26-104: Steve Brousseau – Sophie Gagnon
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council’s regular meeting 26-06, held on May 5th, 2026, be hereby adopted.

Carried

School board trustees

Resolution 26-112: Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant
WHEREAS the Board of Trustees of the Durham District School Board has requested that a province-wide consultation process be undertaken prior to any governance changes or decisions that would result in the elimination of school board trustees;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby support Resolution no. RC26104 made by the Municipality of Wawa, supporting the Durham District School Board request and the call for an independent review by the Ombudsman’s Office regarding the potential impacts of removing school board trustees, particularly with respect to fairness, openness, transparency and accountability, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté also urges the Province of Ontario to ensure that any future governance model maintains strong local representation and reflects the diverse needs of communities across the province, including Northern and rural municipalities, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Education, the Ontario Ombudsman, the Durham District School Board, the Municipality of Wawa and to our local parliament representatives, MPP Guy Bourgouin and MP Gaetan Malette.

Carried

Highway rest stops

Resolution 26-113: Sophie Gagnon – Marc Dupuis
WHEREAS Highways 11 and 17 are critical transportation corridors connecting Northern Ontario communities and supporting national trade, tourism, emergency response and economic development, and;

WHEREAS Northern Ontario residents, travellers, commercial drivers and emergency services rely on safe and accessible year-round highway infrastructure, and;

WHEREAS many stretches of Highways 11 and 17 lack sufficient rest areas, washroom facilities, truck parking, warming centres, fuel access and safe pull-off locations, particularly in remote areas of Northern Ontario, and;

WHEREAS inadequate rest stop infrastructure contributes to driver fatigue, safety concerns, limited accessibility and challenges for tourism and commercial transportation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby support Motion no. 2026-158 made by the Township of Armour, calling upon the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada to prioritize the development of new and upgraded highway rest

stops and traveller infrastructure along Highways 11 and 17 across Northern Ontario, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT such infrastructure include year-round washrooms, safe parking areas, commercial truck parking, warming shelters, electric vehicle charging stations, fuel access, tourism information and improved emergency communication services where feasible, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario work collaboratively with Northern municipalities, FONOM, NOMA, Indigenous communities and industry stakeholders to identify priority locations for investment, and;

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

Carried

Funding for Fire Services

Resolution 26-114: Steve Brousseau – Sophie Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby support the resolution made on May 13th 2026 by Council for the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, calling upon the Province of Ontario to transition the current practice of competitive provincial fire service grant programs into a permanent, stable and predictable non-competitive funding program that supports municipalities in meeting provincially legislated fire protection requirements, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this funding be structured to provide equitable and predictable annual support for operational readiness and training costs associated with volunteer, composite and full-time fire departments across Ontario, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the annual value of this funding be reviewed and adjusted to more appropriately reflect the level of provincial funding support provided to other provincially regulated emergency services, including policing and paramedic services, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Solicitor General and to our local Parliament representatives, MPP Guy Bourgouin and MP Gaetan Malette.

Carried

Caucus Resolution 26-115: Joyce Malenfant – Steve Brousseau
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council go into a closed meeting at 9:02 pm to adopt the minutes of a closed meeting, to discuss labour relations and to review a legal opinion.
Carried

Regular meeting Resolution 26-116: Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting of Council resume at 9:35 pm.
Carried

Minutes Resolution 26-117: Sophie Gagnon - Steve Brousseau
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council's closed meeting 26-06, held on May 5th, 2026, be hereby adopted.
Carried

Summer employment Resolution 26-118: Joyce Malenfant – Steve Brousseau
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2 available summer positions of Parks & Recreation Attendant be offered to Jayden Lachance Lemieux and Max Dorval.
Carried

Salary adjustment Resolution 26-119: Steve Brousseau – Sophie Gagnon
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the request submitted by CUPE members for a salary adjustment in 2026 be denied, and;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the request submitted by CUPE members for a salary adjustment in 2027 be granted.
Carried

15. Next regular meeting: Tuesday, July 7th, 2026, at 7:00 pm

16. Confirmatory by-law Resolution 26-120: Steve Brousseau - Sophie Gagnon
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 1053, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council on Tuesday, June 2nd, 2026, be hereby adopted.
Carried

17. Adjournment: 9:38 pm

Resolution 26-121: Joyce Malenfant – Sophie Gagnon
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting of Council held
on June 2nd, 2026, be adjourned at 9:38 pm.

Carried

Read and confirmed on July 7th, 2026

Mayor

CAO/Clerk