

The Corporation of the Township of Mattice – Val Côté

Meeting 26-11 (regular)

September 22nd, 2026

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on September 22nd, 2026, 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

Absent:

Councilor – Steve Brousseau

Staff

CAO/Clerk – Guylaine Coulombe
Treasurer – Annie Plamondon

Others

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 item was added:
13.2 Labour relations
- Resolution 26-167
3. Pecuniary interest
Nil
4. Delegation, Presentation, Meeting requested by Council
Nil
5. Adoption of minutes of previous Council meeting
- Resolution 26-168

6. Treasurer's report

Nil

7. CAO's report

7.1 Garbage collection – draft By-law – CAO to insert language allowing for more flexibility in some aspects of the draft By-law and to meet with employees to discuss further

- Agreed

7.2 Requests for support – will address those from northern Ontario (FONOM and NOMA regions); others to appear in the correspondence section only – CAO to amend the policy accordingly

- Agreed

7.3 Water and sewer rates – recommendations discussed and approved

- Resolution 26-169

7.4 Deeming By-law – Lots 228 and 229 on Plan M2C - Council is prepared to adopt said by-law in the circumstances

- Agreed

7.5 Report on various items

a) Training/meetings attended

b) Requests/Complaints

c) Information provided to Council

- Filed

d) For Council's consideration

- Old native burial site – CAO to contact the Chief of Brunswick House First Nation to discuss name, design and financial contribution for new signs

- Agreed

8. Mayor's report

8.1 Verbal report of the OPP James Bay Detachment Board meeting held in Hearst on September 16th, 2026

9. Councilors' reports

A. Sophie Gagnon

- Verbal report of the Long-term care committee meeting held in Hearst on September 10th last

B. Joyce Malenfant

Nil

10. By-laws

Nil

11. Resolutions/requests for support:

- 11.2 Township of Puslinch – importation of aggregate material from other licensed sites
- Resolution 26-170

The following request was received and filed:

- 11.1 Town of Parry Sound – regulatory framework for e-scooters

12. Minutes/Periodic reports/Correspondence

The following documents were received and filed:

- 12.1 Hours worked – August 2026
- 12.2 Thank you letter – high school bursary
- 12.3 MMAH – code of conduct and integrity commissioner regulation
- 12.4 FONOM – i) bail reform
 - ii) Prime Minister's commitment pertaining to northern highways
 - iii) new Ontario cabinet
 - iv) federal-provincial partnership to four-lane northern highways
- 12.5 MMAH – municipal procurement
- 12.6 MTO – commercial ridesharing (Northlander corridor phase)

13. Caucus

- a) Caucus – Resolution 26-171
- b) Regular meeting – Resolution 26-172

14. Resolutions

Agenda

Resolution 26-167: Sophie Gagnon – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda, as amended, be hereby
accepted.

Carried

Minutes

Resolution 26-168: Joyce Malenfant – Sophie Gagnon
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council's regular
meeting 26-10, held on September 1st, 2026, be hereby
adopted.

Carried

Water & sewer rates

Resolution 26-169: Joyce Malenfant – Sophie Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following recommendations be inserted into the 2027 By-law pertaining to water and sewer rates: i) the addition of a home-based business category, meeting the ZBL definition, at 50% of the residential rate; ii) the distinction between small and medium commercial users based on the notion of foot traffic ("achalandage"); iii) the removal of the residential bachelor category.

Carried

Importation of aggregate material

Resolution 26-170: Marc Dupuis – Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby support Resolution no. 2026-255 made by Council for the Township of Puslinch, requesting that the MNR reconsider its current interpretation respecting the importation, processing and blending of aggregate material under the *Aggregate Resources Act*, R.S.O. (ARA), particularly where such interpretation permits unlimited importation of aggregate material from other licensed sites, excludes imported and processed materials from annual licensed tonnage limits and allows processing and blending activities to continue for the duration of the license, without regard to the interim nature of aggregate extraction contemplated under provincial planning policy, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province clarify how the interpretation and administration of the ARA will be aligned with the *Planning Act* and with the Provincial Planning Statement, including the recognition of aggregate extraction as an interim land use with defined rehabilitation and transition objectives, and;

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

Carried

Caucus

Resolution 26-171: Sophie Gagnon – Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council go into a closed meeting at 8:02 pm to adopt the minutes of a closed meeting and to discuss labour relations.

Carried

Regular meeting

Resolution 26-172: Sophie Gagnon – Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting of Council resume at 8:06 pm.

Carried

Minutes

Resolution 26-173: Sophie Gagnon – Marc Dupuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council's closed meeting 26-10, held on September 1st, 2026, be hereby adopted.

Carried

Election workers

Resolution 26-174: Marc Dupuis – Sophie Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, aside from regular municipal employees, election workers in the positions of Deputy Returning Officer (DRO) and poll clerk be paid an hourly wage of TWENTY-FIVE (\$25.00) DOLLARS for their services during the 2026 municipal elections.

Carried

15. Next regular meeting: Tuesday, October 20th, 2026, at 7:00 pm

16. Confirmatory by-law

Resolution 26-175: Sophie Gagnon – Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 1059, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council on Tuesday, September 22nd, 2026, be hereby adopted.

Carried

17. Adjournment: 8:09 pm

Resolution 26-176: Joyce Malenfant – Sophie Gagnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting of Council held on September 22nd, 2026, be adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Carried

Read and confirmed on October 20th, 2026

Mayor

CAO/Clerk