

The Corporation of the Township of Mattice – Val Côté

Meeting 22-06 (regular)

May 3rd, 2022

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on May 3rd, 2022, at 7:00 pm, in the Municipal Council Chambers at the Town Hall, 500 Highway 11, Mattice, Ontario.

Present:

Councilor/Acting Mayor – Daniel Grenier

Councilor – Richard Lemay

Councilor – Joyce Malenfant

Staff

CAO/Clerk – Guylaine Coulombe

Treasurer – Annie Plamondon

Absent

Mayor – Marc Dupuis

Councilor – Steve Brousseau

1. Opening of meeting

The Acting Mayor opened the meeting at 7:15 pm

2. Approval of the Order of Business

The following item was added:

7.8 Hearst Trappers' Council – 2022 agreement

- Resolution 22-80

3. Pecuniary interest

Nil

4. Delegation and Presentation

Nil

5. Adoption of minutes of previous Council meeting

- Resolution 22-81

6. Treasurer's report

- 6.1 Verbal report – NRN tower
- Deferred

7. CAO's report

7.1 Resolutions/requests for support

- b) Township of Mulmur – comments on Bill 109
- Resolution 22-82
c) Town of Moosonee – Northlander Passenger service route
- Resolution 22-83
d) Nature Canada – World Oceans Day
- Resolution 22-84
e) City of Vaughan – housing affordability
- Resolution 22-85

The following request for support was received and filed:

- a) Municipality of Grey Highlands – threshold value of homes for HST rebate

7.2 Springfest-like event at the arena

- Resolution 22-86

7.3 Recycling program

- Resolution 22-87

7.4 Garbage collection – garbage bags and covered garbage cans

- Resolution 22-88

7.5 The future of the Sports Complex

- i) short term - status quo for 2022

- Agreed

- ii) longer term

- Deferred

7.6 Provincial Action on Litter Day

- i) May 10th is too early for our area

- Agreed

- ii) Spring cleanup and embellishment

- Resolution 22-89

7.7 Report on various items

a) Meetings/training sessions attended

b) Information

c) Complaints

- Filed

d) For Council's consideration:

i) Opening and closing water & sewer valves

- Resolution 22-90

ii) Update – by-law enforcement services

-Deferred

iii) Donation requests – no contributions to Canadian Cancer Society or to Hearst High School in 2022

- Agreed

iv) St-François Xavier Parish financial hardship – Council to send letter to Diocese expressing its concerns

- Agreed

v) Upcoming visit of the CDSSAB CAO in the area – no issues to address at this time

- Agreed

7.8 Hearst Trappers' Council – 2022 agreement

- Resolution 22-91

8. Mayor's report

9. Councilors' reports

A. Councilor Grenier

- Verbal report of the CCEJ meeting held in Hearst on April 19th, 2022

B. Councilor Lemay

- Nil

C. Councilor Malenfant

- Verbal report of the Foyer des Pionniers meeting held in Hearst on April 14th, 2022

- Verbal report of the MVC Public Library meeting held on April 20th, 2022

- Verbal report of the Long-Term Care committee meeting held in Hearst on April 21st, 2022

- Verbal report of the Planning Board meetings held in Hearst on April 16th and 27th, 2022

10. By-laws

10.1 By-law no. 923 – NG9-1-1 Service

- Resolution 22-92

11. Caucus

a) Caucus – Resolution 22-93

b) Regular meeting – Resolution 22-94

12. Minutes/Periodic reports/Correspondence

The following documents were received and filed:

- 12.1 NDMNRF – insect pest management program
- 12.2 NeCN – funding for agricultural development
- 12.3 AMO policy update – April 19th 2022

13. Resolutions

Agenda

Resolution 22-80: Joyce Malenfant – Daniel Grenier
THAT the agenda, as amended, be hereby accepted.

Carried

Minutes

Resolution 22-81: Daniel Grenier - Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council’s regular meeting 22-05, held on April 12th, 2022, be hereby adopted.

Carried

Comments on Bill 109

Resolution 22-82: Daniel Grenier – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby supports the resolution made by the Township of Mulmur on April 6th, 2022, regarding the *More Homes for Everyone Act* and concurs with the comments made therein:

- 1) Final decision-making should rest with elected officials;
- 2) Planner’s recommendations should be subject to public input and local expertise;
- 3) Ratepayers should not be subsidizing development applications through refunds of application fees that are intended to cover the cost of processing said applications;
- 4) A definition of minor rezoning has not been established;
- 5) Planners should not be put in a position of having to be experts and decision makers over all other disciplines;
- 6) Delegating authority for site plans and creating penalties for site plan and minor rezonings will not solve the housing crisis, as the proposed legislation targets single lot developments as opposed to large scale residential development;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Township of Mulmur and to our federal and provincial government representatives, Carol Hughes and Guy Bourgouin.

Carried

Northlander Passenger service route

Resolution 22-83: Joyce Malenfant – Richard Lemay

WHEREAS The Northlander passenger rail service from Toronto to Cochrane was discontinued in 2012, and;

WHEREAS passenger rail service is now acknowledged as an environmentally and economically friendly means of transportation service, and;

WHEREAS The Northlander link to Cochrane and connection to the Polar Bear Express provided a seamless rail connection from Toronto to James Bay, thus providing residents of the James Bay region economical access to urban centres, and;

WHEREAS The Northlander link to Cochrane and connection to the Polar Bear Express provided a seamless connection for thousands of Ontarian, Canadian and international tourists to visit Cochrane and the James Bay communities, driving millions of dollars in economic activity and service development, and;

WHEREAS the rail passenger volume resulting from the seamless connection between The Northlander and the Polar Bear Express is a critical and sustainable customer base for the long term viability of The Northlander rail service;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice –Val Côté hereby supports the motion made by the Town of Moosonee on March 8th, 2022, requesting that the Government of Ontario direct Ontario Northland Railway to run the restarted Northlander passenger service from Toronto to Cochrane, with a coordinated connection to the Polar Bear Express passenger rail service from Cochrane to Moosonee, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Town of Moosonee, to the Ontario Northland Railway and to our federal and provincial government representatives, Carol Hughes and Guy Bourgoquin.

Carried

World Oceans Day

Resolution 22-84: Daniel Grenier – Joyce Malenfant

WHEREAS it is important for municipal leaders to demonstrate support for actions to safeguard the ocean, as they have for action on climate change and other environmental matters of national importance, and;

WHEREAS in celebrating the ocean and protecting its habitats and ecosystems, we can together raise the profile of ocean conservation's critical role in improving planetary health and slowing the crisis of species collapse and ecosystem decline;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté recognizes the 30th anniversary of World Oceans Day on June 8th, 2022 and supports national and international efforts to protect 30% of the ocean by 2030, and;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Nature Canada and to our federal and provincial government representatives, Carol Hughes and Guy Bourgouin.

Carried

Housing affordability

Resolution 22-85: Richard Lemay - Daniel Grenier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice-Val Côté hereby supports the resolution made by the City of Vaughan on March 22nd, 2022, pertaining to the recommendations of the Housing Affordability Task Force and concurs with the comments made therein:

1. As a first step in the process of developing a policy on housing affordability, a fulsome and comprehensive definition of “affordable housing” should be developed in consultation with municipalities and other interested parties;
2. Supporting all efforts, at all levels of government, to increase housing supply that is fair to both existing and future residents;
3. Be fully committed to working with all levels of government to develop an effective strategy to provide affordable housing;
4. Expressing its grave concern to the local MPPs and to the Province of Ontario about the Housing Affordability Task Force report for lack of municipal involvement and consultation;
5. Requesting that the Province of Ontario conduct, with all due haste, a thorough consultation with municipalities and appropriate interested parties prior to developing and releasing any policy based on the Housing Affordability Task Force recommendations;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the City of Vaughan and to our federal and provincial government representatives, Carol Hughes and Guy Bourgouin.

Carried

Springfest-like event at the arena

Resolution 22-86: Daniel Grenier – Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council is prepared to rent the ice rink surface to Mila Lemay for the purpose of holding a Springfest-like event at a cost of TEN (\$10.00) DOLLARS per vendor table and a minimum of TWO HUNDRED (\$200.00) DOLLARS.

Carried

Recycling program

Resolution 22-87: Joyce Malenfant – Richard Lemay

WHEREAS the pandemic forced the Municipality to put its recycling program on hold in the spring of 2020, and;

WHEREAS most public health measures have since been lifted, and;

WHEREAS Council wants to promote sound recycling practices while extending the life expectancy of the municipal landfill site in the process;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mattice – Val Côté recycling program resume in 2022, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Treasurer present Council with options, if any, in terms of the costs associated with said program.

Carried

Garbage collection

Resolution 22-88: Joyce Malenfant – Richard Lemay

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an awareness campaign be started to explain the need to abide by the requirements of By-law no. 619 to use plastic bags and to place those in covered garbage containers, and;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT by the dates outlined in said campaign, municipal employees stop collecting garbage that has not been placed in plastic garbage bags and stop collecting garbage bags that are not placed in covered garbage containers.

Carried

Spring cleanup and embellishment

Resolution 22-89: Daniel Grenier – Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a meeting of the embellishment committee will not be required in 2022 as once again school children and staff will be asked to participate in the pinch-in activity in the village of Mattice while the Parks and Recreation Supervisor will be called upon to prepare, plant and maintain the flower pots.

Carried

Opening and closing
water & sewer valves

Resolution 22-90: Daniel Grenier – Richard Lemay
WHEREAS there is currently a set fee for this service only when it is performed outside of regular working hours;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT a fee of FIFTY (\$50.00) DOLLARS be charged when municipal staff is called upon to open and close water and sewer valves during regular work hours.

Carried

Hearst Trappers' Council
2022 agreement

Resolution 22-91: Daniel Grenier – Richard Lemay
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby authorizes the Public Works Supervisor to sign the 2022 agreement with the Hearst Trappers' Council with respect to nuisance beaver removal.

Carried

By-law no. 923

Resolution 22-92: Joyce Malenfant – Richard Lemay
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 923, being a By-law to authorize the execution of an agreement with Bell Canada to provide the NG9-1-1 Service, be hereby adopted.

Carried

Caucus

Resolution 22-93: Richard Lemay – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council go into closed meeting at 8:54 pm to discuss labour relations.

Carried

Regular meeting

Resolution 22-94: Joyce Malenfant - Richard Lemay
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting of Council resume at 9:04 pm.

Carried

14. Next meeting: Tuesday, May 24th, 2022

15. Confirmatory by-law

Resolution 22-95: Daniel Grenier – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 924, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council on Tuesday, May 3rd, 2022, be hereby adopted.

Carried

16. Adjournment: 9:08 pm

Resolution 22-96: Joyce Malenfant - Richard Lemay
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting of Council held on
May 3rd, 2022, be adjourned at 9:08 pm.

Carried

Read and confirmed on May 24th, 2022

Acting Mayor

CAO/Clerk