

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MATACHEWAN

HELD ON JUNE 18, 2007

AT THE MATACHEWAN COMMUNITY RECREATION HALL

Councillors Present: Deputy Reeve Joe Bisson, Andrew George, Carrie Gilbert, and Albert Durand

Staff Present: Andrew Van Oosten, CAO-Clerk-Treasurer

Members of the Public: Ron Baker, Sandra Couture, Steven Stanwick, Marty Taman, Don Stickle, Marilyn Stickle, Suzanne Castonguay, Claude Gilbert, Jeanette Gilbert, Annabelle Commando-Dube, Bob McCollum, Grace Larkman, Leanne Parrot, Lillian Jobson & Jennifer Landry

Motions:

07-84 Moved by: Carrie Gilbert
Seconded by: Albert Durand

Be it resolved that the regular Council meeting of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan is hereby called to order at 6:11 pm.

Carried

Councillor Gilbert declared interest in item # 21.

07-85 Moved by: Albert Durand
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Matachewan hereby adopts the agenda as presented.

Carried

07-86 Moved by: Carrie Gilbert
Seconded by: Albert Durand

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan hereby adopts the Minutes of May 22, 2007 as presented.

Carried

Delegations:

Sandra Couture was upset, as the Clerk had not written down everything she had discussed at the previous Council meeting. She declared, "Andrew is not doing his job." She had several questions regarding a new grant for the ice rink, By-law 97-04, By-law 6-79 and regarding the tearing down of buildings. She indicated that she has been in contact with a structural engineer and wants the township to maintain and pay for the old wood structure bridge. She wanted the cupboards at the Community Hall emptied so that the Pioneer Club could use them and also wanted permission from Council to adopt-the-highway from the Reserve road to the Legion. They have already applied to the MTO and June 9th is the first of three days this year for a period of two years. There was also some concern expressed regarding Barney Batisse's basement.

Joe addressed her indicating that most things Council speaks to are recorded in the minutes. He also explained that the township has ongoing meetings with the MTO and that the potential liabilities and costs associated with maintaining the old bridge are a concern. He also indicated that the township was waiting to hear back from Gerry Bernatchez regarding the cupboards. Joe indicated that the basement issue has been referred to Gaetan. He also requested a copy of the terms between the Pioneer Club and the MTO re: the Adopt-a-highway program.

Motions:

07-87 Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: Albert Durand

That the Council expresses an interest in striking a Heritage Committee in the interests of preserving town heritage and seeks community members to sit on such.

Carried

07-88 Moved by: Carrie Gilbert
Seconded by: Albert Durand

That the Council hereby authorizes the Get Fit Committee to install a basketball court next to the gazebo subject to the provision of a site plan prior to construction.

Carried

07-89 Moved by: Carrie Gilbert
Seconded by: Albert Durand

The Council hereby authorizes the Get Fit Committee to use the old Contact North Office subject to the Fire Department having use/access to the room.

Carried

07-90 Moved by: Albert Durand
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan declares the old riding lawnmower, 2 computer towers & the old chainsaw as surplus and authorizes the CAO to advertise surplus equipment for sale.

Carried

Correspondence:

Sandra Couture wanted to know why Council has requested a key to the left side cupboards loaned to the Pioneer Club at the Community Hall. Councillor Bisson explained that for liability reasons Council wants a key. This is order to ensure the safety and sanitization of the hall and it's contents. The Pioneer Club is responsible for the contents of the cupboards but Council is responsible for the hall, keys and access.

Councillor Bisson responded to the letter from Argyle Lake Lodge after the Clerk read the letter aloud. Joe said that no one would be permitted to get keys to access the landfill, as some in the community did not respect the trust placed in them. Duties and responsibilities were not adhered to (disallowed items, etc. were disposed of), tipping fees were instituted last fall and conflict arose as some with keys were not paying the appropriate fees. Council decided to make sure that only the proper refuse was disposed of and the fees would help cover the cost of properly managing the landfill rather than see taxes go up. Newly expanded landfill site hours were instituted to help accommodate the new regulations.

Motions:

07-91 Moved by: Albert Durand
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan hereby approves the pay vouchers for May, numbered 3708 to 3732 in the amount of \$24 733.86 as circulated.

Carried

07-92 Moved by: Albert Durand
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan hereby moves into an in-camera discussion.

Carried

07-93 Moved by: Albert Durand
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan hereby moves out of the in-camera discussion.

Carried

07-94 Moved by: Albert Durand
Seconded by: Andrew George

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan declares lots 206 & 207 Amabilis and the former public school & grounds on Dales St. as surplus and authorizes the CAO to advertise surplus land for sale.

Carried

07-95

Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

That the regular meeting be adjourned at 9:35 p.m. and that the next meeting be held on July 25, 2007 or at the call of the Reeve.

Carried

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Moved by: Albert Durand
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

That the Council hereby accepts the bid from _____ for lot 3 Dales St. in the amount of \$ _____. Motion defeated, as the proper 20% deposit was not included with the bid.

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Moved by: Albert Durand
Seconded by: Andrew George

That Council hereby directs the CAO to write a letter to Ray Hong at the MNR stating that the municipality has no objections to the sale of lot 321 on Amabilis Avenue (Crown Land) to Richard Roy. Motion tabled as Suzanne Castonguay (significant other to Mr. Roy) declared that she wants all three lots (345, 346 & 321) and not the one.

Discussions:

1. Council supports having another reunion next year but needs at least 10 community volunteers for the committee ASAP.
2. A discussion was held regarding the passage of the tax ratio, claw backs and rates By-laws to be passed at a Special meeting on the 25th.
3. The demolition of the former fire hall will be re-tendered as the quote that came in was too high.
4. Sandra Couture asked where the cost of the Administrative Assistant was coming from. Joe explained that this was coming out of general operating revenues, as the office is significantly busier now than it has ever been. The intern position is also still available, as FedNor has agreed to give us the money.
5. Various discussions and complaints by Mr. Gilbert, Mrs. Couture and Ms. Castonguay were listened to regarding the sale of laneways. Joe explained that we have a de-accessioning policy in place and that jagged edges to lots were to be avoided. We require very specific information and more info was requested of Mr. Baker.
6. Council commended the Get Fit Committee for the detailed information they have provided to Council for 2007.
7. The possibility of getting a payphone for the community hall was discussed given the high cost of the current set-up.
8. The Planner was to be contacted for his written opinion regarding tax sale procedures.

Joe Bisson
Deputy Reeve

Andrew Van Oosten
CAO-Clerk-Treasurer