

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MATACHEWAN

HELD ON NOVEMBER 19, 2007

AT THE MATACHEWAN COMMUNITY RECREATION HALL

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**Councillors Present:** Reeve Beverley Hine, Councillors Andrew George, Carrie Gilbert, Joe Bisson and Albert Durand.

**Staff Present:** Andrew Van Oosten, CAO-Clerk-Treasurer, April George, Administrative Assistant and Gabrielle St-Cyr, Economic Development Officer Intern.

**Members of the Public:** Marty Taman, Marilyn and Don Stickle.

**In Cameral Discussion:** M.T.O. representatives that were present were Paul Lecaure, Jeremy Landry and Richard Mongeon.

07-193 Moved by: Andrew George  
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

Be it resolved that the regular Council meeting of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan is hereby called to order at 6:20 PM.

Carried

**Declarations of Pecuniary Interest:** Andrew George

07- 194 Moved by: Andrew George  
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

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

Carried

07- 195 Moved by: Joe Bisson  
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan hereby adopts the Minutes of October 15, 2007 as presented.

Carried

**Delegations:** Raymond Letellier – Raymond is awaiting information regarding Rockcliff Drive.

**Correspondence/Reports:**

Reunion Committee - Beverley Hine is awaiting more info, volunteers are coming forward.

Cemetery Committee - Albert not present at the time of discussion. There is no update tonight.

07- 196 Moved by: Joe Bisson  
Seconded by: Andrew George

That the Christmas Mass may be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December at the Community Hall at no charge.

Carried



07- 201

Moved by: Joe Bisson  
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

That the Council hereby accepts the bid from H.M. Dignam Co. Ltd. for PCL 3578 SST, in the amount of \$ 7158.00. 2<sup>nd</sup> highest bid from 1749021 Ont. Inc. held for 30 days.

Carried

07- 202

Moved by: Andrew George  
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

That the Council hereby accepts the bid from H. M. Dignam Corp. Ltd. for PCL 3577SST, in the amount of \$6626.00. 2<sup>nd</sup> highest bid from 1749021 Ont. Inc. held for 30 days.

Carried

07- 203

Moved by: Andrew George  
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

That the Council hereby accepts the bid from H.M. Dignam Corp. Ltd. for PCL 5178SST, in the amount of \$ 7666.00. 2<sup>nd</sup> highest bid from 1749021 Ont. Inc. held for 30 days.

Carried

07- 204

Moved by: Andrew George  
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

That the Council hereby accepts the bid from 1749021 Ontario Inc. for PCL 7098SST, in the amount of \$41 124.00. 2<sup>nd</sup> highest bid from Leahan Parrott and Darrell Gilbert held for 30 days.

Carried

07- 205

Moved by: Andrew George  
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

That the Council hereby accepts the bid from April George for Part Lot 314-315 Pinner Ave, in the amount of \$12 000.00. 2<sup>nd</sup> highest bid from N/A held for 30 days.

Carried

07- 206

Moved by: Joe Bisson  
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan hereby approves the pay vouchers for October, numbered 3870 to 3926 in the amount of \$85 503.38 as circulated.

Carried

07- 207

Moved by: Andrew George  
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan hereby appoints OCWA to complete the new sampling requirements for lead at a cost of \$3086.00 for 2008.

Carried

07 -208

Moved by: Carrie Gilbert  
Seconded by: Andrew George

That By-law 2007-20, being a By-law to authorize the submission of an application to JEPP is hereby read for the first and second time this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November 2007.

Carried

07- 209

Moved by: Andrew George  
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

That By-law 2007-20, being a By-law to authorize the submission of an application to JEPP is hereby read for the third and final time this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November 2007. Signed, sealed and numbered 2007-20.

Carried

07- 210

Moved by: Carrie Gilbert  
Seconded by: Andrew George

That By-Law 2007-21, a By-law to authorize the submission of an application to the Source Water Protection Program is hereby read for the first and second time this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November.

Carried

07- 211

Moved by: Andrew George  
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

That By-law 2007-21, a By-law to authorize the submission of an application to the Source Water Protection Program is hereby read for the third and final time this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November 2007. Signed, sealed and numbered 2007-21.

07-212

Moved by: Andrew George  
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

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

Carried

07-213

Moved by: Andrew George  
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

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

Carried

07- 214

Moved by: Joe Bisson  
Seconded by: Andrew George

That we extend debate for an additional 180 minutes.

Carried

07- 215

Moved by: Joe Bisson  
Seconded by: Albert Durand

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan hereby authorises a raise in pay of \$5000.00 for the CAO.

Carried

07- 216

Moved by: Joe Bisson  
Seconded by: Andrew George

That we block off Helen Street to accommodate the survey of the corner adjacent to Robert Battice's lot 32.

Carried

07- 217

Moved by: Andrew George  
Seconded by: Albert Durand

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan hereby appoints Pederson Construction to install the new water utility for Gary Larkman at a cost to the property owner of \$4880.00 plus GST subject to his approval.

Carried

07- 218

Moved by: Andrew George  
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

That the regular meeting be adjourned at 11:30pm and that the next regular meeting be held on December 17, 2007 or at the call of the Reeve.

Carried

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Joe Bisson  
Deputy Reeve

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Andrew Van Oosten  
CAO-Clerk-Treasurer

November 19, 2007

MTO – In Camera Discussions

**1<sup>st</sup> discussion**

**MTO discussions regarding the Georgina Street closure and Hwy 66:**

Joe – Want to discuss outstanding issues that needed to be resolved spanning from the beginning of the bridge project & LEA Consulting – Michele Bailey. There were e-mails regarding outstanding concerns that we had and we were told that someone would get back to us about those concerns. In April I received an e-mail from Michele re: October letter we never received asking us to approve the closure of the street.

- Follow up meetings with the MTO (which included Richard Mongeon)
- Another meeting scheduled with Richard and Mickey.
- MTO said that the closure was imminent but they were willing to discuss mitigations.

Paul – What were the safety concerns?

Joe – Provided map outlining issues. There is a traffic flow impact. (50% of residential traffic is affected and having to use the other access streets as a result). We also have development areas with the potential for 60 more homes. New 14 lot development.

- 5km of through traffic streets now having to use other streets. There is a loss of 60% of the road/hwy. access as a result of the closure.
- Winter maintenance is a real issue especially on streets with significant grade.
- Currently use a local contractor (MFN- Matachewan First Nations) but he is also contracted to IMOS. He must do those roads first, has 2 pieces of equipment but only one operator. We met with them and they are trying to accommodate.

Andrew G. – 566 must be opened by the MFN grader, formerly IMOS and other priorities come first. There is a 24 hour rule.

Joe – We can go out of town for maintenance but the cost is at least double.

Carrie – John Paul Boucher is no longer employed my MFN but has just been hired back until January.

Joe – LEA Consulting thought Council accepted the closure and said the impact assessments will be done, etc. Joe asked LEA and they did not really study the geography of the town and impact.

- We feel that we were misrepresented by LEA.
- Kept being told safety issues prevent one way street, etc.
- Already seeing an impact.
- Also requested monetary payment for increased winter maintenance. Only a percentage over 100 years.
- Council not given proper representation.
- Have since found out other issues were also taken off the table without giving the township notice, e.g.) Pedestrian walkway (3 weeks ago from last update meeting.)

Richard – We did indicate that something would be done.

Joe – We were listened to but no remediation.

- No meetings with Michele Bailey, as she claimed to be threatened but law should deal with this.
- Originally the plan was for a retaining wall but the home was eventually purchased by MTO and demolished.
- Later this winter we were under the impression that Michele was no longer a part of the project, yet we finally see her at the last update meeting.

Paul – Stop slagging Michele and deal with the issues.

Andrew G. – Is the MTO still going to maintain the sidewalk and the hill past the bridge?

Richard – Yes. We are sometimes not aware when an operator does extra work that he feels is better. It should be to the Asbestos Mine road.

Andrew G. – 2 km from town for employees at Northgate. What about the street signs?

Richard – Last meeting in Bev's office, traffic flow, etc. is still on the table.

Paul – You should have input first.

Joe – Why didn't we receive a letter.

Paul – All other cc's received the letter. We're not sure why you didn't get it.

Joe – Letters, still have issues to be addressed.

- E-mails stated that you would meet to follow up but never got a response until Richard and Mickey.

Paul – Preliminary design report in 1990.

- 4 different possible alignments, option 3 is what we built, we probably could have done option #4.
- We received a resolution from Council accepting (Sept. 18/1990) alignment. Whole basis of design was based on this.

Andrew G.- We weren't aware this existed until now.

Paul – We regret that your issues were not satisfied and for that we apologise. We can't reopen Georgina Street.

Joe – Can MTO?

Paul – Can't do because of site lines from the bridge. Safety concerns.

- No question that traffic patterns will have to change.
- Town is growing and changes will have to be made.
- 100 years of maintenance is not on the table.
- We are here at the director's request and spoken to "our friends at Queen's Park."
- Am confused as to why the town wouldn't accept Richards offer, no it is going to cost the tax payers of Ontario more \$ as the contractors are no longer in Matachewan.
- Have spoken to consultants and engineers re: realignment. Is there other opportunity? I.e.: Knott Street.

Richard – Pinner probably will be used.

Joe – Problems will be primarily in the winter.

Carrie – 1.5km of repaving and \$9000.00 for maintenance is the offer?

Richard - \$1500.00 per original

- Mickey \$3000.00 enhanced from \$ 1500.00.

Andrew G.- How come this previous info was not brought to us at the PIC stage?

Joe – **LEA Consulting (Peter Ojala) said "in faith" just accept the project and we can readdress our concerns at a later date.**

- We may have not passed motion had we known.
- Project put off three times in the past.

Bev – Elk Lake got done 1<sup>st</sup>.

Paul – This bridge was not in good shape either.

Joe – We were never given a chance to resolve issues that we were promised until much later...too late.

Bert – What offer is on the table?

Paul – Richard what streets were identified to pave? Bernard, Pinner & Calbeck. Repaving and intersection improvements.

Andrew G. – Dale Street too?

Richard – Interim agreement while contractor is here.

- Joe called back and said that basically we don't trust you guys.

Paul – Who accepts an open ended deal? Can understand the trust issue.

Joe – So we shouldn't have accepted Peter Ojala's statement!

Paul – Can't keep going back.

- We came here to ensure the public and council was addressed.

Andrew G. – Why weren't we informed on the 1990 schedule?

Paul – We are sitting here now so obviously it matters.

- I would like council to go back and discuss issues and give us a plan.
- The other reason we came to see you are that things change and we need to work with you to address smaller issues.
- I know what you're up against and we are willing to honour the agreement made by Dick and other reasonable plans, but not a 100-year agreement.

Andrew G.-Snow plowing issue in front of the Mountainview Hotel.

Paul – We will discuss.

Joe – Plans do show walkway but this was omitted.

Paul – We will put fill in but we can't do it until next year.

Joe –MTO will be cleaning the sidewalk, this may help solve the problem.

Richard – Little loose ends, it can't be finished here, more to address.

Bert – Grade in front of the Post Office.

Joe – Cross section plans – Hwy. So MTO responsibility, dip could cause hydroplaning just past Roche Street intersection.

- This was brought up at the final meeting.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> discussion**

### **Highway 66:**

Paul – Fix and replace bridges.

- No plans to fix the "S" curves, we think signage, etc. is reasonable. We may or may not do something else later on.
- If you drive the hwy. as signed, there is not a problem.

Joe – Logging trucks, etc. They have quotas putting other drivers at risk on those corners.

Bev – Ongoing concern.

Paul – We share the concern.

Andrew G. – "S" curves caused the project to be put off for 5 years.

Bev – Northern Ontario is always last.

Paul – Latchford bridge was done first

- We all have budgets that we have to live within.
- We have spent approximately \$30 000 000.00 in the Matachewan area.

Andrew V. – What are the chances of a satisfactory resolution.

Paul – Give me something we can work with.

- Matachewan may want to consider doing the work and submitting the bill to the MTO.
- Not sure if we can get away with one lift. Will get Geotechnical experts to come in to determine what is needed.

Joe – We understand how your costs are higher.

Paul – Contractors will deal with municipalities better than MTO. Cat and mouse game.

- We are interested in doing things right.
- When we do agree, the Geotech people will have to make determinations.

Andrew G. – We are already seeing a significant impact on our streets.

Paul – Designate truck route through town with a By-law.

**Bart Ruck:**

Council suggests that we send a letter to Mr. Bart Ruck, concerning the illegal water turn on at his property. Reminding him that this is subject to penalty.