

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MATACHEWAN

HELD ON FEBRUARY 25, 2008

AT THE MATACHEWAN COMMUNITY RECREATION HALL

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

Staff Present: Andrew Van Oosten, CAO-Clerk-Treasurer, and April George, Administrative Assistant.

Members of the Public: Eric Publicover

08 - 034 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 6:13 PM.

Carried

Deputy Reeve Joe Bisson has declared pecuniary interest re: 2008-10.

08 - 035 Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: Albert Durand

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

Carried

08 – 036 Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: Albert Durand

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan hereby adopts the Minutes of January 21, 2008 as amended.

Carried

08-037 Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: Albert Durand

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan hereby adopts the Minutes of the February 4, 2008 Emergency Meeting as presented.

Carried

Delegations:

Pioneer Club representative Eric Publicover has presented a cheque in the amount of \$40.00 for the use of the Matachewan Recreation Hall for cards and meetings.

Mr. Publicover has mentioned that the Club has applied for a Government grant to assist in upgrading the blue room of the Recreation Hall.

Joe Bisson has asked that we send a letter of thanks to the Club for the cheque.

Committee Reports:

1) Cemetery Committee: Report given by Albert Durand regarding 2 letters.

08 - 038 Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

That the council hereby approves the request by the cemetery committee to provide \$4000.00 in funding for upgrades and repairs as per their correspondence.

Carried

2) Reunion Committee: Reunion has been deferred until 2009. The reunion was discussed and it has been decided that preparation must begin soon. It could be a year or so of planning and preparation.

3) Get Fit Committee: Report given by April George. The committee is in the process of getting new members familiar with the Committee. We are planning to hold elections at our next meeting. We have been discussing new ideas for recreation and fitness.

Correspondence:

Stephen Wuerch proposes a zoning change from DE to R1-4 for properties Block A and Parcel 11776 SST.

Unfinished Business:

- Winter maintenance costs were outlined and discussed.
- The Coastal Steel Building was discussed. To purchase and keep, to purchase and sell, or not to purchase at all. The decision was made to purchase the building and sell if there is an opportunity for it.

08 - 039 Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: Albert Durand

That the Council hereby agrees to sell the Coastal Steel Building should a buyer become available to purchase at our costs.

Carried

- Discussed the current lease for the former public school property. It has been decided that a letter is to be sent to Miller Paving to make them aware of the Townships intentions to sell the property.
- Raymond Letellier and Rockcliff Drive update. Andrew Van Oosten means to go to Haileybury to research the property.

Curling Rink Project:

- Crema is to provide a warranty on the basement before issuing more money to the project.
- Andrew Van Oosten is to speak to Eugene Longstreet and Kevin Crema.
- Minutes of meeting Re: Curling Club
- Copy of blueprints for Andrew.

Skating Rink: - The skating rink is closed for the season.

Fire Department:

- Andrew is to call Claude Bisson and Lorraine Davies into the office to discuss their positions in the department.
- A new policy and volunteers were discussed.

08 - 048

Moved by: Carrie Gilbert
Seconded by: Andrew George

That By-law 2008-09, being a By-law to authorize the submission of an application to the Frog's Breath Foundation is hereby read for the third and final time this 25th day of February 2008. Signed, sealed and numbered 2008-09.

Carried

08 - 049

Moved by: Carrie Gilbert
Seconded by: Albert Durand

That the Council hereby enacts the new "Matachewan Volunteer Fire Department Policies and Procedures" immediately.

Withdrawn & rescinded

08 - 050

Moved by: Albert Durand
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

That By-law 2008-10, being a By-law to appoint a new Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief is hereby read for the first and second time this 25th day of February 2008. 2008-10.

Withdrawn & rescinded

08 - 051

Moved by: Albert Durand
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

That By-law 2008-10, being a By-law to appoint a new Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief is hereby read for the third and final time this 25th day of February 2008. Signed, sealed and numbered 2008-10.

Withdrawn & rescinded

08 - 052

Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

That Council hereby enacts the new Matachewan Fire Department policies and procedures as amended, enacted immediately.

Carried

08 - 053

Moved by: Carrie Gilbert
Seconded by: Albert Durand

That by-law 2008-10, being a by-law to appoint a new Fire Chief is hereby read for the first and second time this 25th day of February 2008.

Carried

08 - 054

Moved by: Carrie Gilbert
Seconded by: Albert Durand

That by-law 2008-10, being a by-law to appoint a new Fire Chief is hereby read for third and final time this 25th day of February 2008. Signed, Sealed and numbered 2008-10.

Carried

08 - 055

Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: Albert Durand

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan hereby approves the pay vouchers for January, numbered 4034 to 4081 in the amount of \$128 437.81 as circulated.

Carried

08 - 056

Moved by: Albert Durand
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

That debate be extended for an additional 45 minutes.

Carried

08 - 057

Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: Albert Durand

That the regular meeting be adjourned at 9:31pm and that the next regular meeting be held on March 17, 2008 or at the call of the Reeve.

Carried

Joe Bisson
Deputy Reeve

Andrew Van Oosten
CAO-Clerk-Treasurer