

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MATACHEWAN

HELD ON APRIL 21, 2008

AT THE MATACHEWAN COMMUNITY RECREATION HALL

Councillors Present: Reeve Beverley Hine, Deputy Reeve Joe Bisson, Councillor Andrew George and Councillor Albert Durand.

Staff Present: Andrew Van Oosten, CAO-Clerk-Treasurer and Amanda MacLeod, Economic Development Youth Intern.

Members of the Public: Kimberly Gauthier, Mike Gauthier, Garfield Pinkerton, Leahan Parrot and Wilf King.

Members from Pacific Comox: Donald Empey & David Empey.

Members from MTO: Brian Scott, Blain Laroque, Jeremy Landry & Richard Mongeon.

08 - 072 Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: Joe Bisson

Be it resolved that the regular Council meeting of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan is hereby called to order at 6:15 PM. Carried

Councillor Andrew George has declared a pecuniary interest. Re: item # 11 - Staff Wages.

08 - 073 Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: Joe Bisson

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

08 - 074 Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: Joe Bisson

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Matachewan hereby adopts the Minutes of March 28, 2008 as presented. Carried

08 - 075 Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: Joe Bisson

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Matachewan hereby adopts the Minutes of March 17, 2008 as presented. Carried

Delegations:

1) MTO

Mitigation – Paving re: impact

- 4 km (3.3km impacted + 0.7km damaged)
- \$39 941.00 + tax for equipment to maintain ourselves.
- Approximately \$5192.33 + tax = \$45 133.33. (\$9000.00 X 5 years = 45 000.00.)

Previously Asked For	Offer	Counter Offer
\$150 000.00	\$9 000.00	\$45 000.00
5km of paving	3km of paving	4km of paving

MTO was present to discuss a possible solution for pedestrians in regards to the Georgina St. closure after the completion of the Montreal River Bridge. The MTO have proposed to design a walking path that will connect Georgina to Moynour Ave. The Walk way will be 2m wide. The walkway will be gradual enough that it will not require guardrails. Fill will be brought in to make the slope more gradual. Poles and trees may have to be relocated.

Joe - Can we restrict ATV's from accessing the walkway?

MTO - Yes.

Council - Have a guard rail placed six feet wide and 50 mm thick at a minimum alignment #1 and trees to be planted on both sides.

Andrew G. - This is where we have been dumping snow. Can your winter road crews dump their snow at the west end of the bridge, in the parking lot?

MTO - Yes.

Council expressed concerns about the salting and sanding of Highways 66 & 65. As well as the general maintenance concerns of these highways. MTO explained that Highway 66 West is on the contingency list for 2008, and definitely on the list for 2009.

Joe - How will the work be done?

MTO - Similar to the 65 resurface done a few years ago.
MTO continued to explain that these are considered secondary highways and are designed to be driven at 80 km/hr. Over the summer Moose Crossing signs will be added to the highway to alert travelers to the danger of wildlife on the highway.
Hwy 66 is a class 4 highway and 65 is a class 5. This means that in the winter the 65 is a snow packed highway. It is treated with sand. 66 is clear and treated with salt. Over the past few years, the maintenance of snow packed roads is getting harder to maintain, because of the rain that happens in the middle of the winter. Traffic counts are done in the summer to determine how much use the highways get.

Joe - Is traffic flow a factor in classifying the class of a highway?

MTO - No, not a major factor.

Joe - Can both classes of highway receive the same type of service?

MTO - No

Andrew G. - How do we change the class of a highway.

MTO - It is a factor of both the regular and commercial traffic on the road, as well as other factors.

Council expressed concerns that parts of highway 66 should be straightened out to make traveling them safer, especially in winter months. MTO said that they have no plans at this time to make any changes to the highway route itself. MTO said that they had no reports of accidents on the highway for the past year. MTO receive their highway reports from the OPP.

Joe - Does the OPP report location to MTO?

MTO - Yes

Council counted 6 accidents on a particular stretch of highway that includes a sharp bend and a hill combined. MTO had no record of these accidents. MTO will look into getting these police reports for their records.

IMOS representative Blain Larocque spoke about the winter road maintenance for the highways. There are three local garages, Matachewan, Elk Lake, and Kenogami. There is one plow that patrols the highway 66 and 566 and usually starts its run at 6:00 am. This is done to get the road clear for school buses. The Elk Lake garage has a machine that plows only, and does the Charlton Rd, as well as highway 65.

Concerns of road maintenance in town were addressed. The increase of traffic on town roads after the Georgina St. closure, resulted in more traffic and trucks with heavy loads travelling through town. The total road resurface needing to be paved is 4km (3.3 km impacted, and 0.7 km damaged), and also asking for \$9000 every year for 5 years for winter road maintenance in town. The MTO has requested that the decision be sent in writing.

Delegations continued:

2) Pacific Comox

Don Empey, President of Pacific Comox spoke to council about the work being done at the former Extender Minerals Mine. The results of the test drills so far have been promising. They are currently preparing the closure plan for the Extender Minerals site and will have more details on their work in the fall of 2008.

Pacific Comox is currently testing for molybdenum, an alloy that is used to make steel, specifically pipeline steel. The molybdenum keeps the steel from turning brittle in cold temperatures.

Correspondence/ Committee Reports:

Cemetery Committee

- Nothing to report.

Reunion Committee

- Update given by Reeve Beverley Hine. The Committee had their first meeting on the 7th of April, another one is planned for the 6th of May. This time we are planning for a weeklong event, including a kid's day, and a Canada Day Celebration.

Get Fit Committee

- Update given by Leahan Parrott. The Get Fit Committee should have their budget in for the next council meeting.
- They are looking or any areas that the town has available for the committee to use for activities and sports?
- The Committee would like to sell the basketball net in the garage and use the money to buy some toys for use at the beach.
- The committee is purchasing 2 signs for the gym, making it easier to find.
- Janitor works for a free membership, the arrangement is working out well.
- Memberships will only be available at the gym.
- The committee is planning activities for Canada Day.
- The Get Fit committee wants to remove the partition wall on the smaller office over the fire hall. The space will be used for fitness classes and a television will be installed for yoga, Pilates, etc. Tenders for the work will be posted, if council approves of the renovations.
- The Committee would also like funding from Council to send out quarterly newsletters. Andrew Van Oosten suggested a monthly newsletter, created by the township, with all the committees providing updates, and mailed out, this will decrease the costs of mail outs for all groups.

08 - 076

Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: Joe Bisson

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan hereby accepts, with regret, the resignations of Jamie Frank and Leon Genovy from the Get Fit Committee.

Carried

08 - 077

Moved by: Joe Bisson
Seconded by: Andrew George

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan hereby approves the renovation of the office space by the Get Fit Committee at their own cost as per the presentation to council. Carried

08 - 078

Moved by: Joe Bisson
Seconded by: Andrew George

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan hereby appoints Kimberley Gauthier to the Get Fit Committee. Carried

08 - 079

Moved by: Joe Bisson
Seconded by: Andrew George

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan hereby authorizes the Get Fit Committee to put together a community newsletter monthly in conjunction with the municipal office and other committees and mailed out by the office. Carried

08 - 080

Moved by: Joe Bisson
Seconded by: Andrew George

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan hereby appoints Leahan Parrott, Mike Gauthier and Emile Romain to the Matachewan Volunteer Fire Department. Carried

08 -081

Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: Joe Bisson

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan hereby approves public works capital expenditures of approximately \$3000.00. Carried

08 -082

Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: Joe Bisson

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan hereby authorizes the ditch/culvert work at Georgina Street and Calbeck to be rectified prior to this coming fall. Carried

08 - 083

Moved by: Joe Bisson
Seconded by: Andrew George

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan hereby extends debate for an additional 45 minutes. Carried

08 - 084

Moved by: Joe Bisson
Seconded by: Andrew George

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan hereby agrees to accept the Northern Telephone proposed price increase of approximately \$4.00 per month per household in the Township of Matachewan and surrounding communities. (Local calling between Kirkland Lake, Elk Lake and Englehart). Carried

08 - 085

Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: Joe Bisson

WHEREAS it is very encouraging for municipalities to see that the federal and provincial governments have, for several years now, finally given formal recognition, through their various short and long-term budget announcements, that they have certain responsibilities to help fund new and replacement municipal infrastructure;
AND WHEREAS the funding contributions from the senior levels of government result in, among other things, cleaner air and water, safer roads and bridges, etc.;

AND WHEREAS the funding has resulted from programs such as the Canada-Ontario Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund, Rural Infrastructure Investment Initiative, Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative, Move-Ontario and the Municipal Roads and Bridges Fund;

AND WHEREAS the stated objectives of the various programs such as "... to ensure that Ontarians in small urban and rural communities enjoy a quality of life that is second to none ..."; "... support economic development, prosperity and quality of life in small and rural municipalities"; "... to direct new infrastructure funding to support the construction or renewal of municipally owned infrastructure assets" are admirable and very desirable;

AND WHEREAS, with the exception of the Move Ontario and the Municipal Roads and Bridges Funds, detailed, costly, onerous and in some cases, very complicated applications had to be submitted to try and access funds from the various programs;

AND WHEREAS those applications were submitted as a municipality's highest priority;

AND WHEREAS those municipal priorities were then subjected to the province's own set of criteria which have been proven to be, less than transparent;

AND WHEREAS a perception has evolved that the selection process is politically driven rather than being based on an open and accountable analysis of project eligibility and community needs;

AND WHEREAS the senior levels of government now recognize that ALL municipalities are in urgent need of new and replacement infrastructure and that municipalities have very limited resources from which to fund these many and varied projects;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the province make infrastructure funding available to ALL municipalities based upon formulae similar to those developed for the Move Ontario and the Municipal Roads and Bridges Fund so that municipal politicians and staff do not have to waste valuable time, effort and money in applying for the various programs' funds that would enable the construction of necessary projects;

AND FURTHERMORE THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Leader of the Official Opposition of Ontario, David Ramsay MPP, and to Tay Valley Township.

Carried

08 - 086

Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: Joe Bisson

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan hereby directs the CAO-Clerk-Treasurer to write a letter to Mr. Bruno Dube regarding his previous request for a zoning change.

Carried

08 - 087

Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: Joe Bisson

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation for the Township of Matachewan hereby declares 10th and 11th of May as clean up weekend in Matachewan and will tender for the necessary equipment and operators.

Carried

08 - 088

Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: Joe Bisson

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation for the Township of Matachewan hereby appoints Mrs. Kelly Foley from the Township of Hudson as our representative to the Temiskaming Health Unit Board of Health.

Carried

08 - 089

Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: Joe Bisson

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation for the Township of Matachewan hereby approves the pay vouchers as circulated for March, numbered 4122 to 4167, to pay expenditures in the amount of \$110,460.82.

