

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MATACHEWAN

HELD ON MAY 27, 2008

AT THE MATACHEWAN COMMUNITY RECREATION HALL

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

**Staff Present:** Andrew Van Oosten, CAO-Clerk-Treasurer, April George, Administrative Assistant to the CAO-Clerk-Treasurer and Amanda MacLeod, Economic Development Youth Intern.

**Members of the Public:** Sandra Couture, Gaetan Rivest, Doug Rocheleau, Marlene Beatty, Richard Couture, Jeannine Gauthier, John -----, Bob -----, Derk Richie, Steve Mercer, Jeannette Gilbert, Ron Baker, Ray & Monique Landry.

08 - 097 Moved by: Joe Bisson  
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

08 - 098 Moved by: Joe Bisson  
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

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

Carried

08 - 099 Moved by: Joe Bisson  
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Matachewan hereby adopts the MTO Minutes of April 9, 2008 as presented.

Carried

08 - 100 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 April 21, 2008 as presented.

Carried

**Delegations:**

1) Don Hueston -Mistinikon Lake Road and new road.

Not present.

2) Douglas Rocheleau -Landfill Access Pass.

Doug asks if he can pay \$200.00 per season for a flat rate to use the landfill. He claims that his tourist resort only runs from May to October (seasonally). Doug says that he usually uses the landfill every 2-3 weeks and arrives with a pick-up load. He would like the convenience of a pass.

Bev quoted the landfill rates from the user fee by-law. \$1.00 per bag of regular household garbage or \$25.00 per ½ ton.

Doug presents document showing that he pays taxes provincially and claims that a percentage or portion of it comes to our Municipality.

Andrew makes the statement that the tipping fees come out to approximately the same as the tipping fees. Not a good idea to make special considerations for one resort and open a can of worms. Provincial land taxes collected outside of our municipality are not paid to us.

3) Sandra Couture -Request to clean out the recreation hall cupboards.

Sandra claims that the minutes are not being recorded properly so she will be taping with and audio recorder for her delegations.

The Pioneer Club wants more room for storing equipment in the recreation hall. She would like the old Recreation Committee cupboard cleaned out so that the Pioneer Club can use it. Sandra claims that the town office is not responding to her needs and her calls regarding the cupboards.

Sandra is only interested in using the cupboards temporarily as she says that they still intend to build their own cupboards. She says that she needs the temporary cupboards for the end of June or the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2008 as she may be expecting new equipment.

Andrew George - what the club needs more space for, as they already have cupboard space.

Sandra - For pancake breakfasts. We are still waiting for a response regarding the grant that we applied for.

Bev- Garbage will be thrown away.

Joe- Everything that does not expire will be kept. There is no reason to throw it away.

4) Sandra Couture -Hole left in her lawn during water line maintenance.

Sandra-When will the water valves be done?

Joe-Contractors working with Wilf King for the next 2 weeks with a backhoe.

Andrew G- Do you need it buried right away?

Sandra- No.

5) Sandra Couture -Adopt a highway, too late already past.

Sandra- We need volunteers for the adopt a highway. The Pioneer club is having a pancake breakfast and would like it and other things in the Monthly Newsletter. Taxpayers pay for the newsletter why can't we use it? Gabrielle St. Cyr asked asked if we would be interested in a monthly newsletter.

April- That was for a Community Calendar which is not going to happen, this is a Municipal Monthly Newsletter.

Jeanette Gilbert- The Get Fit Committee used to do a bulletin, it would be nice if they did this again so that everyone can take advantage of it.

Joe- It is Municipal Newsletter only. It is intended for the use of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, its' Committees of Council and the Matachewan Fire Department. If you want something placed give Council a letter of request and Council will deliberate? Staff cannot make these decisions.

6) Sandra Couture -Letter regarding signs taken from property.

Bev-We have a lawyer involved and it is now a legal matter. It will not be discussed here today.

Sandra-The Ombudsman will be requesting correspondence.

\*Sandra is no longer taping.

08 - 101

Moved by: Joe Bisson  
Seconded by: Andrew George

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Matachewan hereby authorizes the Public Works Department to proceed with the maintenance and replacement of identified municipal water distribution system water valves. Carried

**Correspondence:**

1) Steve Mercer -Query regarding water valve at 313 Pinner Avenue.

Steve- The line is partially fixed but is still leaking.

Bev- The lines will be fixed once we get a backhoe.

James Bisson- Potholes in town should be a priority. The town foreman should do it when there are no other things to do. Potholes should be fixed sooner.

**Committee Reports:**

Cemetery Committee -Update.

\*See letters addressed to Council and the Matachewan First Nations.

Whenever a Committee of Council sends any Correspondence (under the umbrella of the township) they must submit a copy to the township at the same time. These letters and a meeting requested by the Matachewan First Nations Chief Eleanor Hendrix caught Council off guard.

The Cemetery Committee and the Matachewan First Nations are to come together with a proposal to erect the Bell and the Cemetery. Any proposals and site plans that the Cemetery Committee may have can be submitted in writing to Council for deliberation and approval before moving forward.

All expenditures (checks) must be authorised by the Council. Must have 2 of 3 signatures. The Cemetery Committee can't open their own act. Only Bev Hine, Joe Bisson and Andrew Van Oosten can sign the checks. All funds are put in a Cemetery account as per the Municipal Act. The Registrar out of Thunder Bay requires an accounting of all funds.

Jeannette- Wants to hire someone to fix the Cemetery map because she says it is not correct. She has checked with the Elders.

Andrew Van Oosten-The map is as correct as it can be from all office records. The map and Book is at the office. The map is incomplete and the book is correct.

Bev-Discussed GPR, subsurface inspections of the old section of the Cemetery. The old Cemetery must be closed to honour people who are buried. No new sales will be permitted in the old Cemetery. Closed off. Locating one body can cost \$2000.00-\$2500.00 + \$400.00 per day when looking. This is not a practical solution. When we do find a body that does not necessarily determine who it is.

James Bisson-The old trees at the Cemetery are hazardous and should be removed.

Jeannette- "I am not good at writing proposals". But the Committee is currently looking for grants or funds. There may be funding for erecting the bell at the Cemetery due to the heritage value.

Joe-The students will continue to cut the grass at the Cemetery. They can also replace the wooden crosses but will first need quotes.

Jeannette – Would like the grass to be picked up aswell.

Reunion Committee

There is a cookbook that we are working on. Contact Irene Bisson if you have recipes. The next Reunion Committee Meeting is on June 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM.

08 - 102 Moved by: Joe Bisson  
Seconded by: Andrew George

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Matachewan directs the CAO to send a copy of standard committee procedure to the cemetery committee. (Roberts Rules of Order)

Carried

Get Fit Committee -Update.



08 - 110

Moved by: Albert Durand  
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Matachewan hereby approves the pay vouchers as circulated for April, numbered 4168 to 4215, to pay expenditures in the amount of \$201 469.11.

Carried

08 - 111

Moved by: Andrew George  
Seconded by: Joe Bisson

Be it resolved that the regular council meeting is adjourned at 9:00 PM and that the next regular meeting of council is to be held on June 16, 2008 or at the call of the Reeve.

Carried

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Beverley Hine  
Reeve

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Andrew Van Oosten  
CAO-Clerk-Treasurer