

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MATACHEWAN

HELD ON JULY 21, 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 and April George, Administrative Assistant to the CAO-Clerk-Treasurer.

**Members of the Public:** Sandra Couture, Marylyn and Don Stickel, Jean and Ray Macklin, Ryan Dougan O.P.P. and Jim Comeau O.P.P.

08 - 127 Moved by: Albert Durand  
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 6:15 PM.

Carried

08 - 128 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.

Beverley reads aloud a memorandum:

Zero tolerance regarding aggressive behaviour and strict adherence to principles of Procedural By-law 2005-06. She goes on to say that anyone wishing to be heard must raise his or her hand.

08 - 129 Moved by: Joe Bisson  
Seconded by: Andrew George

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Matachewan hereby adopts Minutes of June 16, 2008 as presented.

Carried

**Delegations:**

**1) Sandra Couture -Minutes/By-laws**

Sandra - In the past the minutes were always available at the next Council meeting

Bev – Minutes from the last meeting are always past one month later in Council meeting and is not available until administration prepares the signed approved minutes for distribution.

Sandra – The Webmaster is far behind

Bev – The Webmaster needs time

Sandra – If it is becoming too much work for Marg Huesten shouldn't get her an assistant.

Bev – Her husband has been sick

Sandra – You didn't answer my question. Why can't we have them now? I am asking because they did before or last year.

Bev – Following procedural By-law.

Sandra – Who passed that By-law?

2) **Sandra Couture -Administrative Policy/Belligerent ratepayers**

Sandra – What gives the right to the office staff to call the O.P.P.?

Bev – The office staff does not have to take belligerent behaviour

Sandra – It is just that a lot of ratepayers are complaining about it.

Andrew G. – Are you complaining for everyone? Have them do their own complaining.

3) **Sandra Couture -Administrative Policy/Landfill**

Sandra - What if a senior does not have a vehicle?

Bev – They have always had their garbage to the dump before. The policy is intended to stop non-ratepayers from dumping illegally. Our landfill was supposed to last us 100 years and we might have 60 years left. Any valid photo ID is excepted.

Sandra – I talked to other Municipalities and government agencies.

Joe – It is for proper control of our Landfill. April came up with a Landfill Pass. The other option would be to contract out waste management. Then taxes would have to go up. A good majority of ratepayers are following suite. This Policy keeps the costs down.

Sandra – Ombudsman says to bring ideas to Council because it is causing problems.

Andrew G. – Other people are not here complaining. Do you have a dump pass?

Sandra – I have one.

Andrew G. – the next step is it will cost you to dump. Most municipalities contract it out. The “Landfill Access Pass” can be displayed anywhere, just display it.

Sandra – Having a sticker hanging in your mirror is an obstruction in the driver’s vision. Some people can’t read the signs to know what to do.

Andrew G. – Then they can ask the dump attendant.

Jim Comeau O.P.P. – If we send officers out here we will be tagging, towing and ticketing in the dump area. There are complaints of garbage on the road being scatters because of unsecured loads. Cover your loads.

Sandra – What are we aloud to burn at the dump?

Bev – This is straying from the agenda.

4) **Sandra Couture - Water Utility**

Sandra - When is the water capping going to be finished? We are supposed to be first in line.

Joe – When we have an available contractor in town.

Bev – Nobody has itemised who would get it done first. (Reads out the delegation)

Joe – Wilf addressed the ones that needed it the most.

Sandra – When they did it last year they left a hole. It concerns other people.

Andrew G. – Have them bring in concerns themselves.

Norm Mueller – You can pay \$5/bag like in Alberta. Recycling for motor oil etc. You can get money for recycled oil.

**Correspondence:**

1. Tenders

08 – 130

Moved by: Joe Bisson  
Seconded by: Albert Durand

That the unmarked tender for the public school be rejected as the tender is too low.

08 – 131

Moved by: Joe Bisson  
Seconded by: Albert Durand

That the tenders received from Marty Taman are hereby rejected, as the land has not been declared surplus.

Carried

2. ATV Concerns (Matheson & Calbeck)

Bev – Too many complaints about ATV's and we will rescind the by-law.

Sandra – O.P.P. tells me to come to the town office.

Bev – Explains ATV use.

Jim Comeau O.P.P. – It is the Highway Traffic Act – Patrols have tripled in Matachewan. No more hunks of junk on the road. Winter tires may become mandatory in the winter. This law may be passed. No more bald tires etc.

3. John Lobsinger's request for a streetlight

Bev - John has severe vision problems and would like to have an additional streetlight installed closer to the Matachewan Christian Fellowship Church. It is too expensive and there are already 2 streetlights within a block of one another.

**Committee Reports:**

Cemetery Committee – Nothing

Reunion Committee – Resignation of April George

Get Fit Committee – Resignation of April George

Fire Department – New Fire Chief (Roxanne Mueller)

08 – 132

Moved by: Joe Bisson  
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan hereby accepts with regret the resignation of April George from the Reunion and Get Fit Committees.

Carried

08 – 133

Moved by: Joe Bisson  
Seconded by: Andrew George

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan hereby accepts with regret the resignation of Albert Durand as Fire Chief.

Carried

08 – 134

Moved by: Albert Durand  
Seconded by: Andrew George

That By-law 2008-20, being a By-law to appoint a new Fire Chief is hereby read for the first and second time this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July 2008.

Carried

08 – 135

Moved by: Albert Durand  
Seconded by: Andrew George

That By-law 2008-20, being a By-law to appoint a new Fire Chief is hereby read for the third and final time this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July 2008. Signed, sealed and numbered 2008-20.

Carried

08 – 136

Moved by: Joe Bisson  
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan hereby authorizes the CAO to purchase new Fire Extinguishers as per the quote from Superior Safety.

Carried

08 – 137

Moved by: Albert Durand  
Seconded by: Andrew George

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan hereby authorizes the Reeve & CAO to enter into a contract with Northern 911 for PSAP services related to 911 and fire dispatch.

Carried

08 – 138

Moved by: Albert Durand  
Seconded by: Andrew George

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan hereby authorizes the Reeve & CAO to enter into a contract with Northern Telephone for 911.

Carried

08 – 139

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 CAO to enter into an agreement with ReederBuilt Signs for the provisions of 911 numbering signs on an as needed basis.

Carried

08 – 140

Moved by: Albert Durand  
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan hereby agrees to purchase space at the International Plowing Match, \$500.00 this year and \$500.00 next year.

Carried

08 – 141

Moved by: Albert Durand  
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan hereby accepts with regret the resignation of Amanda MacLeod.

Carried

08 – 142

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 CAO to update the computer systems as per the quote from Northern Lights Computing.

Carried

08 – 143

Moved by: Joe Bisson  
Seconded by: Andrew George

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan hereby unanimously supports the City of North Bay resolution endorsing the report of the City of Greater Sudbury Advisory Panel on Resource Revenues, entitled “A Refined Argument” and calls on the Province to address our similar needs.

Carried

**Landfill Site Discussions:**

Norm Mueller – There is a market for recycled oil, would like to see recycling in Matachewan.

Joe – It is costly for the containers but we would be interested in looking at any ideas or contacts that you may have.

Sandra – I collect pop cans for charity or a good cause.

Bev – Fund could go toward something that everyone enjoys like fireworks. There is also another reunion next year in July 2009.

Sandra – Where can we dump old couches and chairs?

Andrew G. – If it is stripped of upholstery it can do in wood. (No chemicals or upholstery)

Sandra – Upholstered furniture. Household garbage? There are toxins in other stuff. Cause sometimes they are not in the right pile. What kind of penalties are there if they don't dump properly.

Bev – Don't follow the By-law and there is a fine/ reported and they can loose their pass to the dump.

Sandra – It is private property? Why is that? If it belongs to the township and ratepayers how can you charge for it? What services do we get for our taxes?

Andrew and Joe – Streets, Landfill, snow removal, fire protection, medical Centre, Helipad etc.

Bev – I don't have children and I still pay school taxes. If there is too much nit-picking we will close the dump. The office, Recreation Hall and Dump are all private property.

**Asbestos Mine Road:**

It will again be graded when John Paul gets a chance to do it.

08 – 144

Moved by: Albert Durand  
Seconded by: Andrew George

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan hereby approves the pay vouchers as circulated for June, numbered 4263 to 4299; pay expenditures in the amount of \$33 694.28.

Carried

08 – 145

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 regarding Labour relations and the proposed disposition of land.

Carried

08 – 146

Moved by: Albert Durand  
Seconded by: Andrew George

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

Carried

08 – 147

Moved by: Joe Bisson  
Seconded by: Albert Durand

That we hereby extend debate for an additional 30 minutes.

Carried

08 – 148

Moved by: Joe Bisson  
Seconded by: Albert Durand

That Council hereby declares all tax sale properties (except the 11 sliver lots and municipal development lots) remaining unsold as surplus and authorizes the CAO to advertise them for sale.

Carried

08 – 149

Moved by: Albert Durand  
Seconded by: Andrew George

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan hereby recognises the exemplary performance of the CAO-Clerk-Treasurer in 2008 and awards him a salary increase to pay grade 11, step 4 with a guarantee for next year of a minimum raise to pay grad 12, step 3 subject to two conditions.

Carried

08 – 150

Moved by: Albert Durand  
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

Be it resolved that the regular council meeting is adjourned at 9:15 p.m. and that the next regular meeting is to be held on August 26, 2008 or at the call of the Reeve.

Carried

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Beverly Hine  
Reeve

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Andrew Van Oosten  
CAO-Clerk-Treasurer