



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MATACHEWAN
MARCH 2, 2010
AT THE MATACHEWAN TOWN HALL

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

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

Members of the Public: Lilianne Jobson, Samantha Ruck and Julie Parrott

10-031 Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: Albert Durand

Be it resolved that the special council meeting of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan is hereby called to order at 5:15 PM.

Carried

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest: Andrew George declares pecuniary interest in item #4.

10-032 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 agenda as presented.

Carried

Dimestore Fishermen Project - deferred to item # 10:

Water:

Elizabeth Peddie had a frozen water line on Saturday February 27th. Wilf remitted hours and picked up a bleeder on Saturday. We still need a report from Wilf about wages. It is unknown if he is expecting overtime wages. April has requested a report from him. Wilf is not to install bleeders on Municipal time. If he chooses to, he must do it on his own time; the township must not assume liability for bleeders or their function.

Water looping is to be discussed at a later date.

By-Law Enforcement:

Carrie – Wants to know if we follow up with every complaint that we receive. Wants to know who wrote the complaint regarding Marty Taman’s turkeys. She has received a complaint from Linda Taman who requested that Carrie speak on her behalf. Linda claims that Malcolm made a big scene at Linda’s place of work. Carrie says that the turkeys that Marty has preceded the By-Law anyway, he has had them for 4 years. Do we accept anonymous letters?

Beverly Hine – Anyone who has a valid complaint and wishes their complaint to remain anonymous, we will respect that.

Andrew Van Oosten – We look into things and respect privacy if requested to.

Carrie Gilbert- I asked when the By-Law was passed, April told me 2008-25.

Beverly Hine – Malcolm is to be told not to go to a person's place of work and feels that it does not apply as they preceded the By-Law.

Carrie Gilbert – What will we do with the turkeys?

Andrew Van Oosten – How long to turkeys live? Need to find out because if the original turkeys are reproducing then they could potentially all be new turkeys since then. Clarifies, that turkeys are not prohibited in Matachewan, just within town limits.

Carrie Gilbert- Is there a stipulation in the By-Law regarding new turkeys?

Andrew Van Oosten – Explains the By-Law is a law and laws can be open to interpretation. A judge would have to interpret the By-law.

Andrew George – A By-law is a law.

Council addresses several complaints and incidences alleged by Mr. Marty Taman at the Matachewan Town Office. All of which have been investigated and were found to be untrue.

Beverly Hine – The Landfill Attendant was questioned regarding scrap metal being stolen from the landfill. The Attendant claims this never happened. Regarding tipping fees when Miller Paving was working on the new Montreal River Bridge, the Municipality traded some tipping fees for back fill and rip rap.

Demolition:

April George – Describes suggestions made by The Chief Building Official pertaining to derelict buildings in Matachewan. Clayton Seymour suggested condemning them using our Fire Department or the CBO.

Andrew Van Oosten – Suggests that the By-Law Control Officer must enforce the Clean and Clear By-Law.

Beverly Hine – Asks that the CBO be invited to the next regular council meeting to discuss his suggestions.

Snow:

Andrew George – When Larkman's Mechanical cleared the snow from around the fire hydrants that some were missed and most were not dug out by hand. He noted that Public Works Superintendent, Wilf King had taken it upon himself to shovel hydrants by hand. The quote that we received from Larkman's Mechanical is for all of this work and they will be invoicing for all of the work. The township will be paying for this work twice if we are to pay Wilf for his hours of snow removal.

Additionally, Wilf removed the snow for all of the intersections and the entire parking lot at the Post Office from the Montreal River Bridge to the corner of Roche Street.

Albert Durand – I think it is a good thing to prevent accidents because of backing up and not being able to see due to snow, we should cut back all of the corners.

Beverly Hine – Get them all done.

The Recreation Committee:

Letters of resignation have been handed in from the Recreation Committee members.

Lilianne Jobson – Volunteering is not fun, it should be more enjoyable. There is too much anxiety and conflict with our Council Representative, Carrie Gilbert.

Julie Parrott - Resigning

Albert Durand – Let' not have you resign just yet.

Carrie Gilbert – Asks for clarification about the letter describing conflict.

Lilianne Jobson - You miss meetings and you are constantly picking on Julie. We are asking for a new council representative. You told me to come and get the money (from the New Years Eve dance); you said you were washing your hands of it. It is not about the money that Carrie never reported to the Committee or brought it in after the New Years Eve Dance, we've never even seen that money.

Carrie Gilbert – Brings up issues in her defence and questions Lilianne, Julie and Samantha. I've never been informed of meetings. Why did Julie not work at the dance? I have participated in a lot of events and am not recognized. Addresses, several items and rumours that she was upset to have heard.

Julie Parrott – Why is it that when you have a problem with me you don't tell me. If you had shared information with us we could have moved forward in your absence.

Carrie Gilbert – I brought in that pink book with the financial information in it to meetings.

Beverly Hine – You should have never taken the money home. It has been a long time since we have had a recreation committee. I had fun when I was on it. There is a lot of pressure on these committees, it is a thankless job but it can be a lot of fun and I think that you all have been doing a great job. We are thankful that you have stepping forward and are doing the work.

Lilianne Jobson – The \$40.75 from the movie night is constantly being brought up and we have never seen the money from the dance.

Beverly Hine – Carrie you are wrong in that Council representatives are not to be executive/treasurers/president etc.

Carrie Gilbert – I never wanted to have an executive position.

Andrew George – Carrie, do you agree that you're not getting along? Would you consider stepping down to preserve the committee?

Carrie Gilbert – Absolutely not!

Andrew George – If you can't get along, why would you want to remain on the committee?

Carrie Gilbert – I'm staying.

Andrew George – I wish we could resolve this without resignations.

Albert Durand – How can we resolve this?

Lilianne Jobson – It's too late

Andrew George – It is never too late

Carrie Gilbert – People won't join the committee because Julie never finishes what she starts.

Sam Ruck – If Carrie stays then I will resign. She is too bitchy, you see how she is.

Andrew George – Would you stay on the committee if Carrie resigns?

Lilianne Jobson – No. Would be a member but hold not executive position.

Julie Parrott – No, my husband doesn't want me too.

Samantha Ruck - Yes

-Various heated discussions...

Lilianne Jobson – You said that you have 5 members to replace us if Julie is not on the committee.

Carrie Gilbert- You said that 3 people will join if I am not on the committee

Beverly Hine – Clarifies the responsibilities of a committee and a council representative and financial reporting. Let's try to keep this going.

Julie Parrott – Carrie has it all. We never knew what was in it. She never brought any reports to the committee you only brought it once council requested it.

Carrie Gilbert– I told you before that I washed my hands of it and come and get the money.

Samantha Ruck – Says that is how confrontational Carrie is.

Andrew George – I want to keep it going. The committee has some say as to who joins a committee, then council authorizes. Joe is council representative on the Get Fit Committee with Lilianne without conflict. But, you guys don't get along.

Julie Parrott – I feel like it is personal. Carrie you have a personal problem with me and you have for a long time.

Albert Durand – Julie, are you quitting because of negativity?

Julie Parrott – Yes.

Albert Durand – Lulu, will you stay?

Lilianne – No, but I will help out

Samantha – Yes, as long as Carrie is gone

- Various heated discussions...

Carrie Gilbert – What's the issue with me, why are you attacking me? Fine, I'll resign! But I want it recorded if the Recreation Committee does not succeed then I can rejoin the committee. I hope you're happy, you girls got what you wanted, "claps at the committee".

Carrie Gilbert - I enjoy being on the committee. Would you like it in writing Andrew?

Andrew Van Oosten – That might be the best thing.

Carrie Gilbert – Stephan will resign as well.

Beverly Hine – Jeanette Gilbert wants to know how to become a member.

Andrew Van Oosten – She can submit a letter in writing to the committee, and then it goes to council, who ultimately has the last say.

Beverly Hine – Council appoints council representatives.

Carrie Gilbert – I have handed in everything for the committee. Samantha, Lilianne and Darryl are still on the committee and Beverly will go on as council representative.

Beverly Hine – Suggests that they reconsider, keep their letters for now and get back to us tomorrow.

- Lilianne Jobson, Julie Parrott and Samantha Ruck, leave as discussions are lead to the next topic of the Dimestore Fishermen, item #4.

The Dimestore Fishermen Project:

April gives an update on the project. The original cost for the project was \$9,900 + \$ 495.00 GST = \$10,395.00. However, The Dimestore fishermen has absorbed \$2,500.00 of the cost leaving an outstanding balance of \$7,400.00 + 370.00 GST = \$7,770.00. Northgate Minerals Young Davidson Project is partnering to provide \$2,500.00 and KDCDC (Funding Agreement is signed) is partnering to provide \$5,000.00. This leaves an outstanding balance of \$270.00, which is all GST and the Township will get it all back.

The show also requires other amenities such as; 2 boats and motors, 1 camera boat operator, gas, bait, a fishing guide, accommodations for 2-3 people and a complete food package for the week of June 28th-July 2nd, 2010.

The following tourist resorts have promised to provide the amenities listed above for the duration of the week described above in return for a marketing opportunity;

- Horseshoe Island Camp has promised to provide 2 boats and motors
- Golden Eagle Camp has promised to provide accommodations for 2-3 people
- Camp Matachewan has promised to provide a complete food package for 2-3 people
- AG Guiding Services has promised to provide gas, bait, a camera boat operator and guiding services

Bert – I have no problem with the \$270.00 as we will get it all back.

Bev – Agrees

Carrie – Agrees as long as we get the \$270.00 back. Suggests that we should have something in writing from the participating contributors.

10-033

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 proceed with the Dimstore Fishermen project and will pass a by-law re: KDCDC funding on the 22nd of March.

Carried

Cleaning Fees:

Andrew Van Oosten – Asks that we waive the cleaning fees for Northgate Minerals for their use of the Recreation Hall. We must have a meeting to amend User Fee By-law.

Andrew Van Oosten – Joe asked for clarification regarding banked sick days, which I have here.

Andrew George – Asks when performance evaluations will be.

Andrew Van Oosten – Andrew Van Oosten is January and April George is in July.

Albert Durand – Agree to retroactive for both.

*Recreation Committee Discussions continue

Carrie Gilbert – If they don't have to resign, then I don't have to either. Can I stay on the Recreation Committee as long as the current committee has no objections?

Andrew Van Oosten – It is ultimately council's decision.

Beverly Hine – A quorum of council appointed the council representative and can remove them too.

Carrie Gilbert – You didn't answer my question.

Beverly Hine – You can reconsider your resignation if you want too. We will appeal for new members in the next municipal newsletter.

Carrie Gilbert – Why is everyone against me?

Andrew George – We're not; everyone is just not getting along.

Carrie Gilbert - The Recreation Committee has final say, it looks that way to me. It feels like a personal issue with me and Julie obviously. I am now thinking that I might not resign. I have to think about it. I am not resigning; it is up to council to decide if I will be council representative.

Andrew George – We need to make a decision, because Carrie has changed her mind.

Albert Durand & Beverly Hine – Perhaps we need to wait until we find out what everyone else on the committee is doing/

Andrew George – I want it recorded that I don't want the committee to fold.

Carrie has changed her mind and the committee now stands as;

- Carrie Gilbert
- Stephan Bouchard
- Beverly Hine

Carrie Gilbert – Accuses April George of not recognizing her in the Reunion booklet.

April George – Requests permission to be excused from the meeting.

Council – Grants permission.

Beverly Hine – Wants Andrew Van Oosten to draw up a letter and a code of conduct and to purchase a gavel.

10-034

Moved by: Andrew George

Seconded by: Albert Durand

Be it resolved that the special council meeting is adjourned at 7:45 pm and that the next regular meeting is to be held on March 22, 2010 or at the call of the Reeve.

Carried

X

Beverley Hine
Reeve

X

Andrew Van Oosten
CAO-Clerk-Treasurer