



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MATACHEWAN
MARCH 25, 2010
AT THE MATACHEWAN COMMUNITY HALL

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.

Members of the Public: Diane Gilbert, Derrick Gilbert, Danielle Gilbert, Janet Gilbert and Clayton Seymour, CBO.

10-042 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 6:06 PM.

Carried

Beverley Hine – Reads allowed the zero tolerance memorandum.

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest: Andrew George declares pecuniary interest in item #28.

10-043 Moved by: Carrie Gilbert
Seconded by: Joe Bisson

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

Carried

10-044 Moved by: Albert Durand
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan hereby adopts the Minutes of February 8, 2010 as presented.

Carried

Delegations:

Dianne Gilbert
Request more for kids

Dianne Gilbert & Derrick Gilbert would like council to see more for kids in Matachewan. Various items of interest are discussed including playground equipment and the outdoor skating rink to be functional for hockey.

Janet Gilbert – If there isn't anything for kids they will get into trouble.

Council - Council's position is to seek out funding to be able to renovate the outdoor skating rink, to purchase playground equipment for the beachfront and potentially a baseball/soccer field as these projects are very expensive. The public is encouraged to come forward to volunteer for these items and to fundraise. The Multifunctional Complex was a big expensive project for people of all ages.

Joseph Bisson – I will touch base with Leahan Parrot of the Get Fit Committee to look for any grants known to her for playground equipment or to renovate the skating rink.

Correspondence

Items 15 (The Gas Tax Agreement) & 25 (Telecommunications Alliance) of the agenda are addressed.

Fire Department

Beverly Hine – I attended the last Fire Department meeting and there aren't too many members showing up to meetings or training. Some members have not picked up their calendars since January 2010. Very few members know how to operate the fire trucks or equipment; they need to show up for training.

Derelict Buildings

Clayton Seymour, CBO – If a building is vacant or derelict the Municipality must take steps to ensure public safety. It is generally up to the property owner to secure their property, however liability can come back on not only the property owner but the Municipality as well. By taxing the property and not advising safe measures or just not doing anything the Municipality is not only recognizing the property as is but allowing for it to remain unsafe. Buildings that are a fire hazard, vacant, leaning or could potentially collapse or fall over, or has been abandoned for a lengthy period could pose a public hazard. The following steps need to be taken;

1. The building must be properly secured and boarded up, with no visible glass. The property owner must be notified of their responsibilities to properly secure their building. At this point a verbal warning is acceptable.
2. If compliance does not follow, a written warning to comply must be given.
3. If compliance does not follow, an "Order to Remedy an Unsafe Building" must be given along with specific timeline to comply (e.g. 30 days).
4. If still not in compliance, a "No Occupancy Order", is then given. This building is now essentially condemned and occupancy is not to be permitted.
5. This property should now be torn down at the property owners cost. If they do not pay for the demolition, it can be added to their taxes. The pile of demolished materials and their proper disposal and ensuring that the property is safe, clean and clear of hazardous materials is still the owner's responsibility.
6. If the property is not cleared of the rubble and debris, steps 1-5 must be followed all over again to ensure that the property owner complies.

Joseph Bisson – If we do not have a Property Standards Committee are our hands tied?

Andrew Van Oosten – No, we have a Clean Yards By-Law that is completely enforceable as well.

Clayton Seymour – The Chief Building Official, the By-Law Control Officer and the Fire Chief can work together to accomplish ensure public safety. I have the authority to enter on to a premises or to enter a building for the purpose of inspection if there is probable cause.

Beverly Hine – Andrew or April is to arrange a meeting with the CBO, By-Law Enforcement Officer and the Fire Chief to discuss derelict buildings.

BCF Project

Andrew Van Oosten – I feel that we may have some issues with the gas tanks that are still in the ground at Norman Dubé's property. We could potentially have issues with our funding because when we remit they go through every detail with a fine tooth comb. The township could become liable for things that OCWA may be advising to do or not to do.

Chamber of Commerce

Council commits to support the Chamber's KL Welcomes you initiative with a contribution of 25 township pens & pins and literature about Matachewan. The voucher will be valid for 1 year.

10-049 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 February, numbered 5122 to 5147, to pay expenditures in the amount of \$23,496.76.

Carried

10-050 Moved by: Joe Bisson
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan hereby agrees to extend debate by 45 minutes.

Carried

10-051 Moved by: Albert Durand
Seconded by: Joe Bisson

That By-Law 2010-03, being a by-law authorizing KDCDC \$5000.00 of funding for the Dimestore Fishermen project is hereby read for a first and second time this 25th day of March 2010.

Carried

10-052 Moved by: Albert Durand
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

That By-law 2010-03, being a by-law authorizing KDCDC funding for the Dimestore Fishermen project is hereby read for the third and final time this 25th day of March 2010. Signed, sealed and numbered 2010-03.

Carried

10-053 Moved by: Albert Durand
Seconded by: Andrew George

That By-law 2010-06, being a By-law adopting a Code of Conduct for Municipal Council and Committees is hereby read for a first and second time this 25th day of March 2010.

Carried

10-054 Moved by: Albert Durand
Seconded by: Andrew George

That By-law 2010-06, being a By-law adopting a Code of Conduct for Municipal Council and Committees is hereby read for the third and final time this 25th day of March 2010. Signed, sealed and numbered 2010-06.

Carried

10-055

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 in-camera discussions regarding: security of the property of the municipality specific to the landfill site and steel recycling contractors.

Carried

10-056

Moved by: Carrie Gilbert
Seconded by: Albert Durand

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

Carried

10-057

Moved by: Carrie Gilbert
Seconded by: Albert Durand

Be it resolved that the regular council meeting is adjourned at 9:22 PM and that the next regular meeting is to be held on April 26th, 2010 or at the call of the Reeve.

Carried

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Beverley Hine
Reeve

X

Andrew Van Oosten
CAO-Clerk-Treasurer