

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MATACHEWAN

ON

DECEMBER 5, 2006

Councillors Present: Reeve Beverly Hine,
Joe Bisson, Albert Durand and Carrie Ann Gilbert

Councillor Absent: Andrew George

Staff Present: Andrew Van Oosten, CAO-Clerk-Treasurer and Melanie Verrier, Director of Strategic Planning

Members of the public: Janet Genovy, Sandra Couture & Stanley Secord

Affirmation of Confidentiality and Declaration of Office for the New Council:

Reeve: Beverley Hine
Councillors: Joe Bisson, Albert Durand, Carrie Gilbert and Andrew George

Motions:

Moved by: Joe Bisson
Seconded by: Albert Durand

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

06-146 Moved by: Joe Bisson
Seconded by: Albert Durand

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

Moved by: Albert Durand
Seconded by: Joe Bisson

Be it resolved that the Regular Council meeting of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan hereby adopts the Minutes of September 18, 2006 as presented. Carried

Moved by: Carrie Gilbert
Seconded by: Joe Bisson

Be it resolved that the Regular Council meeting of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan hereby adopts the Minutes of November 14, 2006 as presented. Carried

06-149 Moved by: Carrie Gilbert
Seconded by: Joe Bisson

Be it resolved that Council hereby directs the Municipal Treasurer to transfer any surplus / deficit monies into working funds and / or reserves. Carried

Moved by: Carrie Gilbert
Seconded by: Joe Bisson

Be it resolved that the Regular Council meeting of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan hereby approves the purchase of an ad for the KLDCS Yearbook in the amount of \$100.00. Carried

06-151 Moved by: Albert Durand
Seconded by: Joe Bisson

Be it resolved that the Regular Council meeting of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan hereby approves the suggestion by Golden Eagle Camp to add a “Kilometres ahead” sign to our highway signs.

Carried

Moved by: Albert Durand
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

Be it resolved that in the opinion of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan the Provincial Government's currently proposed Provincial – Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review is needless drawn out and that a full review to balance the delivery of service with the ability to pay should be completed much more expediently, in order to avoid hitting tax payers with unsustainable property tax hikes or significant reductions in service.

Carried

Moved by: Joe Bisson
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

Be it resolved that the Regular Council meeting of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan hereby approves the upgrade of the two defunct computer hard drives by Northern Lights Computing at a cost of \$625.00 and \$799.00 + tax respectively.

Moved by: Joe Bisson
Seconded by: Albert Durand

Be it resolved that the Regular Council meeting of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan hereby approves the Strategic Plan as presented.

Moved by: Albert Durand
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

Be it resolved that the Regular Council meeting of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan hereby approves the pay vouchers for the September #3338 to 3384 in the amount of \$30,243.11 be circulated and approved.

Carried

06-156 Moved by: Joe Bisson
Seconded by: Albert Durand

Be it resolved that the Regular Council meeting of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan hereby approves the pay vouchers for the October #3386 to 3428 in the amount of \$46,148.66 be circulated and approved. Carried

06-156 Moved by: Albert Durand
Seconded by: Joe Bisson

Be it resolved that the Regular Council meeting of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan hereby approves the pay vouchers for the November #3470 to 3517 in the amount of \$70,852.54 be circulated and approved. Carried

06-158 Moved by: Joe Bisson
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

That By-law 2006-20, being a By-law to permit businesses in the Township of Matachewan to be open on weekends and holidays. Read for the First and second time this 5th day of December 2006. Carried

06-159 Moved by: Carrie Gilbert
Seconded by: Joe Bisson

That By-law 2006-20, being a By-law to permit businesses in the Township of Matachewan to be open on weekends and holidays. Read for the third and final time this 5th day of December 2006. Signed, sealed and numbered 2006-20. Carried

06-160 Moved by: Albert Durand
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

That By-law 2006-21 Being a By-law to enable the municipality to Collect User Fees from users of its municipal facilities and services. Read for the First and Second time this 5th day of December 2006. Carried

06-161 Moved by: Carrie Gilbert
Seconded by: Joe Bisson

That By-law 2006-21 Being a By-law to enable the municipality to Collect User Fees from users of its municipal facilities and services. Read for the Third and final time this 5th day of December 2006. Signed, sealed and numbered 2006-21.

Carried

Moved by: Albert Durand
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

That By-law 2006-22 Being a By-law to authorize the Reeve and CAO-Clerk-Treasurer to Execute the amended funding agreement from Ontario Small Town and Rural Development Infrastructure Initiative (OSTAR) for the Water Works Upgrades. Read for the First and Second time this 5th day of December 2006. Carried

Moved by: Joe Bisson
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

That By-law 2006-22 Being a By-law to authorize the Reeve and CAO-Clerk-Treasurer to Execute the amended funding agreement from Ontario Small Town and Rural Development Infrastructure Initiative (OSTAR) for the Water Works Upgrades. Read for the Third and Final time this 5th day of December 2006. Signed, sealed and numbered 2006-22. Carried

Moved by: Joe Bisson
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

Be it resolved that the Regular Council meeting of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan hereby moves into an in-camera discussion. Carried

Moved by: Joe Bisson
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

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

06-166 Moved by: Joe Bisson
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

That the regular meeting be adjourned at 7:55 PM and that the next regular meeting be held on January 15, 2007 or at the call of the Reeve.

Carried

Correspondence:

1. Frank Cowan Company – News & Views
2. Timiskaming Forest Alliance – Paul Fantin, R.P.F.
3. Frog's Breath Foundation – Thank you letter
4. Timiskaming Health Unit – Breast Cancer Awareness
5. Timiskaming Health Unit – 2005 Annual Report
6. Timiskaming Health Unit – Minutes of September 6, 2006
7. Canadian Red Cross – Lottery License
8. Kirkland Lake District Composite School – Advertising in Yearbook Offer
9. Golden Eagle Camp – Moving Welcome to Matachewan sign
10. Ernie Hardeman, M.P.P. – Sample Resolution
11. John Potts – Kirkland Lake OPP
12. Letter from Andrew Van Oosten to Lance Loach at Loach Asphalt
13. Emergency Air Ambulance invite letter from Andrew Van Oosten
14. Letter from Raymond Lettelier
15. Ministry of the Environment – CD on Municipal Water Program
16. The Hospital Activity Book Certificate and Activity Book
17. Ministry of Transportation- Discussion on bridge safety
18. Regional Planning Meetings for the Far Northeast Training Board
19. Ministry of Natural Resources – To Melanie Verrier re: Fish Hatchery
20. Timiskaming Health Unit – Minutes of October 4, 2006
21. Volunteer Fire Service CD Resource
22. Northern Ontario Firefighters Curling Association – Invitation
23. Federation of Canadian Municipalities CD 2000-2006
24. Franco Temiskaming Nord – Utilization Guide
25. Ontario Power Generation
26. Lois Perry – TMA
27. P.A. Blackburn Ltd.
28. Biomass – Mark Stevens
29. Minister of the Environment
30. TBA – Meeting Minutes
31. MNR – John Reinhardt – Bridge inspection
32. Invoice from P.A. Blackburn
33. Permit Activity 2006 – CBO

Discussions:

1. Sandra Couture asked if it would be possible to either have microphones for people in the audience at the council meetings to speak into, or if council could use a microphone so everyone would be able to hear what they have to say. Beverley Hine answered her by suggesting that the tables be placed in a 'V' shape in order for everyone present to hear what is being said and that way no one's back is facing anyone in the public. She also suggested that if those present were respectful of others speaking, the noise level would be more tolerable. Sandra Couture was fine with that answer. Sandra then asked if there was any new projects planned for the future. Beverley Hine answered her by saying that the council is new and they need to feel out what it is like to be sitting on a Town Council before jumping into anything new. Sandra Couture asked if there was an Emergency Plan in place for Matachewan. Beverley Hine stated that Matachewan has a fully functioning plan and that in the near future there will be a mock emergency and every residence will be included in the evacuation or planned emergency.
2. The Ministry of Transportation has to be contacted and asked if they can put a sign at Highway 11 stating that Timmins is to the right and not straight through.
3. Discussion of Government freezing Assessment rates until 2008. This is being looked into.