



THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MATACHEWAN

May 25, 2021

HELD IN TOWNSHIP OF MATACHEWAN BOARDROOM

Present	Deputy Mayor	Nelson Costello
	Councillor	Albert Durand
	Councillor	Guy Dube
	Clerk	Janet Gore
	Deputy-Clerk	Barbara Knauth
Conference Call	Mayor	Anne Commando-Dubé
Regrets:	Councillor	Samantha Ruck

Guest: Joe Bisson

2021-072

Moved by: A. Durand
Seconded by: G. Dubè

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we, the Council of the Corporation Township of Matachewan, call this meeting to order at 6:28 p.m.

“carried”

2021-073

Moved by: A. Durand
Seconded by: G. Dubè

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, accept the agenda as presented, subject to the following additions:
Letter of Complaint – Noise
New Business: By-law POA Agreement
Internet – Startlink
Reports: Public Works

“carried”

No Pecuniary interest declared.

2021-074

Moved by: A. Durand
Seconded by: G. Dubè

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, adopt the minutes of April 7, 2021 as circulated

“carried”

2021-075

Moved by: A. Durand
Seconded by: G. Dubè

BE IT HEREBY RESOVLED THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, approve payment of accounts from April 16, 2021 to May 31, 2021 in the amount of \$156,596.20

“carried”

Discussion with Joe Bisson, Matachewan Royal Canadian Legion, regarding Cenotaph property.

2021-076

Moved by: A. Durand
Seconded by: G. Dubè

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, amend Resolution #2021-65 by changing the fourth paragraph to Read “NOW THEREFORE be it resoloved that we, The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan support the action of the TMA in its appeal to the MCSCA to CSWAP current deadline date of July 1, 2021 to Spring 2022”.

“carried”

2021-077

Moved by: A. Durand
Seconded by: G. Dubè

WHEREAS we are in receipt of the following Resolution #27-04-2021 passed by Township of Zorra Council at a meeting held on Wednesday April 8th, 2021 “WHEREAS joint and several Liability has been identified by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, for more then a decade, a concern to Ontario municipalities as a contributing factor to increasing insurance premiums paid by those municipalities AND WHEREAS previous provincial governments have failed to address those concerns: THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Zorra supports the Municipality of Tweed in their call for reform and reconsideration of the negligence act R.S.O 1990c N 1; AND THAT this resolution and the letter from of Tweed be forwarded to: Steve Clark, Minister of Muncipal Affairs and Housing; Ernie Hardman, MPP for the riding of Oxford, The Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and All Ontario Municipalities.” **NOWTHEREFORE** we, Coucil of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, support Resolution #27-04-2021 of the Council of the Township of Zorra; and **FURTHER THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Hon. John Vanthof, MPP for Timiskaming-Cochrane; AMO and the Township of Zorro.

“carried”

2021-078

Moved by: A Durand
Seconded by: G. Dubè

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, support the following resolution #2021-049 passed on March 3rd, 2020 by council of the township of Hudson;

“Whereas the role of Ontario’s 441 fire departments and their approximate 30,000 full, part-time, and volunteer firefighters is to protect Ontarians and their property; and WHEREAS according to the Ontario Fire Marshal and Emergency Management’s latest data, in Ontario there was over 11,000 number of loss fires, 9,500 no loss fires, 784 injuries, 91 fatalities, and over \$820 million dollars of estimated loss in 2018; and WHEREAS fire emergencies only make up a portion of the total calls for help received by fire and emergency service departments as they respond to nearly every public emergency, disaster, or 9-1-1 call; and

WHEREAS Ontario’s fire department infrastructure deficit continues to grow annually and is almost entirely borne by the municipality and local taxpayers with the majority having populations under 25,000; and

WHEREAS due to antiquated structures and equipment that do not meet current industry standards the safety of the Ontario public and Ontario firefighters is being jeopardized;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Hudson resolves as follows:

THAT the Federal and Provincial Government includes apparatuses, training equipment and structures for fire departments as eligible categories to any further infrastructure programs which will not only provide immediate stimulus to the local, provincial and federal economies given current economic uncertainty but also ensure the safety of Canadians and dedicated firefighters; and

THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Laurie Scott, Minister of Infrastructure, local MPP, local MP, the Ontario Fire Marshal, Jon Pegg, the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs, and all Ontario Municipalities.”

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Laurie Scott, Minister of Infrastructure, local MPP, local MP, the Ontario Fire Marshal, Jon Pegg, the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs, and the Township of Hudson.

“carried”

2021-079

Moved by: A. Durand
Seconded by: G. Dubè

WHEREAS the Federal government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline; and

WHEREAS the ongoing COVID- 19 Pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200 percent; and

WHEREAS existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold; and

WHEREAS in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 988 crisis hotline; and

WHEREAS the Township of Matachewan recognizes that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan endorses the 988 crisis line initiative; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Hon. Charlie Angus, M.P.; the Hon. John Vanthof, M.P.P.; the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Federal Minister of Health, the Canadian Radio -television and Telecommunications (CRTC) and the Town of Caledon.

“carried”

2021-080

Moved by: A. Durand
Seconded by: G. Dubè

WHEREAS substance abuse/addiction has become an evergrowing concern in the District of Timiskaming (the District) affecting individuals and their families ; and

WHEREAS there are no facilities in the District to assist individuals from the area requiring assistance to recover from substance abuse/addiction;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HERBY RESOLVED THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, in principle, to support the K.L. Opioid Poisoning Prevention Task Force in its efforts to convert the former Pinegar Detention Center into an Addiction Residential Community which would contain nonmedical withdrawal management beds; recovery residential housing and a recovery and community reintegration program to address the needs of individuals recovering from substance abuse/addiction; and

FURTHER THAT the resolution of support be forwarded to OPP Detachments – Kirkland Lake and Temiskaming Shores; Timiskaming Health Unit; Temiskaming Municipal Association; the Hon. John Vanthof- MPP Timiskaming-Cochrane and the K.L. Opioid Poisoning Prevention Task Force.

“carried”

2021-081

Moved by: A. Durand
Seconded by: G. Dubè

WHEREAS the Stronger, Fairer Ontario Act, 2017 was passed by legislative assembly Ontario on December 14, 2017; and
WHEREAS the *Stronger, Fairer Ontario Act, 2017* enabled the Attorney General to enter into agreements with municipalities to transfer responsibility for certain prosecutions currently prosecuted by the Ministry's Criminal Law Division under Part III of the *Provincial Offences Act (POA)*; and
WHEREAS the Ministry's effort to modernize POA prosecutions has been ongoing for over three years; and
WHEREAS the delay in implementing the transfer of responsibility of certain Part III POA prosecutions to municipalities has resulted in inefficiencies and additional costs; and
WHEREAS on November 19, 2019 the Director of Crown Operations North Region advised the City of Temiskaming Shores it was continuing its plan for a phased approach to transfer the responsibility of certain Part III prosecutions based on local site readiness and capacity to assume the responsibility; and
WHEREAS the City of Temiskaming Shores is responsible for the administration of POA matters in the District of Timiskaming with the exception of prosecutions under Part III of the *Provincial Offences Act*; and
WHEREAS the Timiskaming District POA Intermunicipal Advisory Committee met on March 22, 2021 and passed a resolution to indicate its readiness and capacity to assume certain Part III prosecutions under the *Provincial Offences Act* as enabled by the *Stronger, Fairer Ontario Act, 2017*.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores hereby petitions the Ministry of the Attorney General to honour its commitment to modernize the prosecution of *Provincial Offences Act (POA)* matters and transfer responsibility of permitted Part III POA prosecutions to the City of Temiskaming Shores as soon possible; and
FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to AMO, FONOM, the City of Temiskaming Shores and the P.O.A. Committee.

"carried"

2021-082

Moved by: A. Durand
Seconded by: G. Dubè

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, give By-law #2021-09, being a by-law authorize the Township of Matachewan to enter into an Ontario transfer Payment agreement with her majesty the Queen in right of Canada as represented by the Minister of Employment and Social Development, a first and second reading third 25th day of May, 2021.

"carried"

2021-083

Moved by: A. Durand
Seconded by: G. Dubè

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, give By-law #2021-09, being a by-law to authorize the Township of Matachewan enter into an Ontario Transfer payment agreement with her majesty the Queen in right of Canada as represented by the Minister of Employment and Social Development, third and final reading this 25th day of May, 2021.

"carried"

2021-084

Moved by: A. Durand
Seconded by: G. Dubè

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, give By-law #2021-10, being a by-law to authorize the Township of Matachewan to enter into Fire Safety Grant transfer payment agreement with her Majesty Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Office of Fire Marshal, a first and second reading this 25th day of May, 2021.

"carried"

2021-085

Moved by: A. Durand
Seconded by: G. Dubè

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, give By-law #2021-10, being a by-law to authorize the Township of Matachewan to enter into Fire Safety Grant transfer payment agreement with her Majesty Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Office of Fire Marshal, a third and final reading this 25th day of May, 2021.

"carried"

2021-086

Moved by: A. Durand
Seconded by: G. Dubè

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, give By-law #2021-11, being a by-law to authorize execution of an intermunicipal agreement with Municipal Area Partners in respect to the *Provincial Offences Act*, a first and second reading this 25th day of May, 2021.

"carried"

2021-087

Moved by: A. Durand
Seconded by: G. Dubè

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, give By-law #2021-11, being a by-law to authorize execution of an intermunicipal agreement with Municipal Area Partners in respect to the Provincial Offences Act, a third and final reading this 25th day of May, 2021.

“carried”

2021-088

Moved by: A. Durand
Seconded by: G. Dubè

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, acknowledge receipt of the following reports from the POA Committee: 2020 Audited Financial Statement Committee Minutes of March 22, 2021

“carried”

2021-089

Moved by: A. Durand
Seconded by: G. Dubè

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, acknowledge receipt of the 2021 1st Quarter Operations Report of the Matachewan Drinking Water System as prepared by the Ontario Clean Water Agency.

“carried”

2021-090

Moved by: A. Durand
Seconded by: G. Dubè

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, acknowledge receipt of the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation 2020 Annual Report.

“carried”

2021-091

Moved by: A. Durand
Seconded by: G. Dubè

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, order fire works at a cost of \$12,000.00 for Canada Day.

“carried”

2021-092

Moved by: A. Durand
Seconded by: G. Dubè

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, authorize the Public Works Department to continue to cut the grass and brush at the cenotaph as per verbal agreement with previous Council.

“carried”

2021-093

Moved by: A. Durand
Seconded by: G. Dubè

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, go past curfew.

“carried”

2021-094

Moved by: A. Durand
Seconded by: G. Dubè

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, authorize switching the Internet Provider at the Municipal Office from Northern Telephone to Starlink.

“carried”

2021-095

Moved by: A. Durand
Seconded by: G. Dubè

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, do hereby declare that we recognize Jamie Genovy, Holley Frank and Chloey Frank from the Recreation Committee as Citizen of the Year 2020.

“carried”

2021-096

Moved by: A. Durand
Seconded by: G. Dubè

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, enters the in-camera portion of the meeting at 9:07 p.m. to discuss legal and personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

“carried”

2021-097

Moved by: A. Durand
Seconded by: G. Dubè

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, do hereby come out of closed session and re-open the regular meeting at 9:30 p.m. with report.

“carried”

2021-098

Moved by: A. Durand
Seconded by: G. Dubé

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, have the Clerk prepare a By-Law, for next meeting, to appoint Michael Schoenwald as Fire Chief.

“carried”

2021-099

Moved by: A. Durand
Seconded by: G. Dubé

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, purchase a gift of appreciation for the former Fire Chief for years of service.

“carried”

2021-100

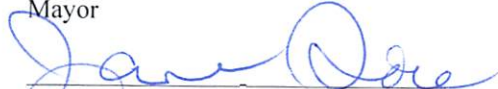
Moved by: A. Durand
Seconded by: G. Dubé

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, do now adjourn until next regular meeting June 22, 2021 or at the call of the Mayor.

“carried”



Anne Commando-Dubé
Mayor



Janet Gore
Clerk-Treasurer