



Matachewan Meeting Minutes

August 16, 2023 - Regular Council Meeting - 06:00 PM

Council:

Mike Young
Dianne Gilbert
Emily Stewart

Regrets:

Mark Stickel
Cheryl Drummond

Staff:

Cheryl Swanson
Lynn Aubé

Public:

Ken Swanson

Resolution No:
2023-247

1. **Call to order**

Moved By: Dianne Gilbert
Seconded By: Emily Stewart

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, call this meeting to order at 5:58 p.m.

Carried

2. **Land Acknowledgement**

We acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the lands of the Anishnawbe people of Matachewan First Nation who have been stewards of this land from the time immemorial.

3. **Vision Statement**

Matachewan strives to preserve its friendliness and to create a progressive community that will have economic growth and bring wealth to all through strong leadership and community involvement.

Resolution No:
2023-248

4. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved By: Dianne Gilbert
Seconded By: Emily Stewart

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, accept the agenda as circulated, subject to the following additions:
By-law #2023-45 Asset Management
Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement

Carried

5. **No Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

Resolution No:
2023-249

6. **Approval Minutes**

Moved By: Emily Stewart
Seconded By: Dianne Gilbert

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of The Township of Matachewan, adopt the Minutes of August 2nd, 2023 as circulated.

Carried

Resolution No:
2023-250

7. **Approval of Accounts**

Moved By: Emily Stewart
Seconded By: Dianne Gilbert

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, approve the payment of accounts from July 31, 2023 to August 14, 2023 in the amount of \$61,930.34.

Carried

Resolution No:
2023-251

8. Correspondence

Moved By: Dianne Gilbert
Seconded By: Emily Stewart

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT all correspondence be received and filed.

Carried

8.1 AMO

Resolution No:
2023-252

8.2 Legislative Amendments to improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement

Moved By: Emily Stewart
Seconded By: Dianne Gilbert

WHEREAS, all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace;

WHEREAS, municipal governments, as the democratic institutions most directly engaged with Ontarians need respectful discourse;

WHEREAS, several incidents in recent years of disrespectful behaviour and workplace harassment have occurred amongst members of municipal councils;

WHEREAS, these incidents seriously and negatively affect the people involved and lower public perceptions of local governments;

WHEREAS, municipal Codes of Conduct are helpful tools to set expectations of council member behaviour;

WHEREAS, municipal governments do not have the necessary tools to adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct;

NOW, therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan supports the call of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them in consultation with municipal governments;

ALSO BE IT RESOLVED that the legislation encompass the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's recommendations for:

- Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment
- Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario
- Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province
- Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner
- Prohibit a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office.

WHEREAS, this legislation be prioritized for the fall of 2023 given the urgency of this issue; and

FURTHERMORE, this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, MPP Fedeli, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, AMO and all municipalities.

Carried

9. By-Laws

Resolution No:
2023-253

9.1 By-Law 2023-45 PSD Citywide Agreement - Asset Management

Moved By: Dianne Gilbert
Seconded By: Emily Stewart

THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, give By-Law #2023-45, being a by-law to authorize the Township of Matachewan to enter into an agreement with PSD Citywide Inc. for the provision of an Asset Management Plan, a first, second, third and final reading this August 16, 2023.

Carried

10. Reports

Resolution No:
2023-254

11. Confirmation By-Law

Moved By: Dianne Gilbert
Seconded By: Emily Stewart

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, give By-Law 2023-46, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its regular meeting held August 16th, 2023.

Carried

Resolution No:
2023-255

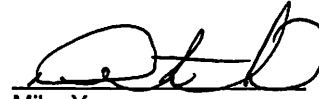
12. Adjournment

Moved By: Emily Stewart

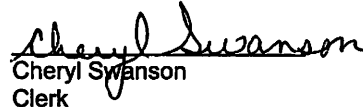
Seconded By: Dianne Gilbert

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, do now adjourn at 6:46 p.m., until next regular meeting on September 6th, 2023 or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried



Mike Young
Deputy Mayor



Cheryl Swanson
Clerk