



THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MATACHEWAN
NOVEMBER 28th, 2019
HELD AT THE TOWNSHIP OF MATACHEWAN BOARDROOM

Present

Mayor	Anne Commando Dubé
Deputy-Mayor	Nelson H. Costello
Councillor	Guy Dubé
Councillor	Albert Durand
Councillor	Samantha Ruck
Clerk	Janet Gore
Deputy-Clerk	Barbara Madigan

Public: Steven Monette, Kim Gauthier, Dave Baird, Deneige Baird, Joe Bisson, Liz Rowan

2019-300

Moved by: N. Costello **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** we, the Council of the Corporation Township of
Seconded by: S. Ruck Matachewan, call this meeting to order at 6:00pm.

“carried”

2019-301

Moved by: N. Costello **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of
Seconded by: G. Dubé Matachewan accept the agenda as presented, subject to the following
amendments and additions:

Amendments:

Delegation – by adding Dave Baird

Accounts – October 11 to November 15, 2019

Additions:

Phone & Internet – Public Works

Snow Clearing – Fire Department

Minimum Maintenance Standards for Municipal Highways

“carried”

There were no Pecuniary Interests Declared.

2019-302

Moved by: N. Costello **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of
Seconded by: S. Ruck Matachewan, adopt the minutes of October 24, 2019 as circulated.

“carried”

2019-303

Moved by: N. Costello **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of
Seconded by: G. Dubé Matachewan, do hereby approve payment of accounts October 11 to November
15, 2019 in the amount of \$431450.29.

“carried”

2019-304

Moved by: S. Ruck **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** we, the Council of the Township of Matachewan,
Seconded by: N. Costello allow DelShen Therapeutics to use our Waste Disposal Site for 4 dumpsters of
household waste for a tipping fee of \$500.00 per dumpster.

“carried”

2019-305

Moved by: A. Durand **WHEREAS** on October 1, 2019, AMO sent a letter to Attorney General of Ontario, the Hon.
Seconded by: S. Ruck Doug Downey;

NOW THEREFORE, we the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan also send a letter to the Hon. Doug Downey stating that:
Municipal governments accept the responsibility to pay their fair share of a loss. Always. Making it right and paying a fair share are the cornerstones of our legal system. Citizens expect nothing less of their local governments. But what is a challenge for municipalities and property taxpayers alike, is being asked to assume someone else’s responsibility for someone else’s mistake. Municipal governments should not be the insurer of last resort. For municipalities in Ontario, however, the principal of joint and several liability ensures that they are just that. Joint and several liability means higher insurance costs. It diverts property tax dollars from delivering public services. It has transformed municipalities into litigation targets while others escape responsibility. It forces municipal government to settle out-of-court for excessive amounts when responsibility is as low as 1%. There must be a better way. There must be a better way to help ensure those who suffer losses are made whole again without asking municipalities to bear that burden alone. There must be a better way to be fair, reasonable, and responsible. Township of Matachewan welcomes the government’s commitment to review joint and several liability. It is a complex issue that has

many dimensions. Issues of fairness, legal principles, “liability chill”, insurance failures and high insurance costs are all intertwined. Many other jurisdictions have offered additional protection for municipalities and Township of Matachewan call on the Ontario government to do the same.

Municipalities are in the business of delivering public services. Municipal governments exist to connect people and to advance the development of a community. It is time to find a reasonable balance to prevent the further scaling back of public services owing to joint and several liability, “liability chill”, or excessive insurance costs.

“carried”

2019-306

Moved by:
Seconded:

A. Durand
S. Ruck

THAT we, the Council of Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, support the following resolution #19-355 passed by the Council of the Township of McKellar:

WHEREAS there are 444 municipalities in Ontario that are very efficient and well-governed, and who respond quickly to ratepayer’s needs;

AND WHEREAS in the 1990’s the Conservative Government forced many municipalities to amalgamate on the guise they would become more efficient, effective, save money, lower taxes and ultimately reduce the provincial deficit;

AND WHEREAS there has never been a valid evidence-based study that supported these outcomes;

AND WHEREAS forced amalgamation actually accomplished just the opposite: ill feelings, increased animosity and mistrust, job losses, rise in local taxes and an increase in the provincial deficit;

AND WHEREAS there are many positive examples of small rural and northern municipalities working together in a collaborate and cooperative manner via shared agreements that responds to local needs without amalgamation and provincial interference;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government has a large deficit due to their own decision-making;

AND WHEREAS recently the same Conservative Government recently reduced one large regional municipal government by 50%, without “consultation”;

AND WHEREAS this same Conservative Government is presently reviewing other provincial regional governments through a purported “consultative” approach with a view to reduce or eliminate them;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government should investigate all other internal ways of reducing their deficit and becoming more fiscally responsible over time rather than downloading to the one level of government that is the most efficient, has the lowest cost and is closest to the electorate which will not put a dent in the provincial deficit;

AND WHEREAS the Province could look at what other provinces have done to reduce the debt with one singular education system, organizing unorganized municipalities, controlling OPP costs, substantially increase fines, and find a way to collect millions and millions of dollars in unpaid fines and instead, invest in the north to create jobs and stimulate and enhance economic development;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that before the Provincial Government forces amalgamation in any of the 444 municipalities in Ontario, our AMO organization go beyond requesting “consultation” and “demand” that the Provincial Government do the following:

- 1) Hold a local referendum letting the citizens decide to amalgamate or not
- 2) Conduct an evidence-based study to show that amalgamation actually saves costs, jobs, lowers taxes and reduce the provincial deficit
- 3) Allow those municipalities to work out their own local collaborative agreement that best suit their local needs and to be permitted to do so on their own time line and volition
- 4) To ensure that there is absolutely no conflict of interest in this consultative process
- 5) To emphasize the political reality of forcing amalgamation on the many rural and northern municipalities across Ontario

AND FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be sent to Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier; Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs; Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party; and all MPPs in the Province of Ontario;

AND FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA), and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM).

“carried”

2019-307

Moved by:
Seconded by:

A. Durand
S. Ruck

WHEREAS, the Province of Ontario has legislated in the *Building Code Act* that “the council of each municipality is responsible for the enforcement of this Act in the municipality” and “the council of each municipality shall appoint a chief building official and such inspector as are necessary for the enforcement of this Act in the areas in which the municipality has jurisdiction”;

AND WHEREAS, “the council of a municipality may pass by-laws applicable to the matters for which and in the area in which the municipality has jurisdiction for the enforcement of this Act”;

AND WHEREAS, the Province has asked local governments to find efficient and cost-effective ways to deliver municipal services is now asking these same municipalities to collect a tax on their behalf to create a new Delegated Administrative Authority to deliver services that have historically been the responsibility of the Ontario Government,

AND WHEREAS, Premier Ford stated in his keynote address at the Association of Ontario Municipalities 2019 Conference that “we can’t continue throwing money at the problem (broken systems) as our predecessors did, into top-down, big government schemes. That is neither compassionate nor sustainable”;

AND WHEREAS, alternative methods of building administration and enforcement have been proposed in this consultation that remove municipal authority but not associated liability,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan requests that, the Province of Ontario research their own efficient and cost effective means to deliver their services, or work with other building sector groups that, for the past fifteen years, have been filling the voids as the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has severely reduced its service delivery role, or provide evidence based justification to municipalities that the creation of a new Delegated Administrative Authority is necessary prior to any legislative changes to the *Building Code Act*, with regard to building service delivery, are introduced in the Legislature.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this motion be sent to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and The Honourable Jim McDonnell, Parliamentary Assistant for Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this motion be sent to the Associations of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and all Ontario Municipalities for their consideration.

“carried”

2019-308

Moved by: N. Costello
Seconded by: G. Dubé

THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, give By-Law #2019-25, being a By-Law to appoint an Integrity Commissioner, a first, second, third and final reading this 28th day of November, 2019.

“carried”

2019-309

Moved by: S. Ruck
Seconded by: A. Durand

THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, give By-Law #2019-26, being a By-Law to authorize a lease agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, on behalf of the Improvement District of Matachewan, and Energie Matachewan Energy Inc., a first, second, third and final reading this 28th day of November, 2019.

“carried”

2019-310

Moved by: N. Costello
Seconded by: G. Dubé

THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, give By-Law to authorize an amending lease agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan and Energie Matachewan Energy Inc., a first, second, third and final reading this 28th day of November, 2019.

“carried”

2019-311

Moved by: S. Ruck
Seconded by: N. Costello

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, acknowledge receipt of Provincial Offences 3rd quarter income statement.

“carried”

2019-312

Moved by: N. Costello
Seconded by: G. Dubé

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we, the Council of the Township of Matachewan, acknowledge receipt of the TeMag minutes of their meeting held on October 26, 2019.

“carried”

2019-313

Moved by: S. Ruck
Seconded by: N. Costello

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, acknowledge receipt of the Timiskaming Board of Health minutes of September 11, 2019, the 3rd quarter Report to the Board of Health and the 2018 Annual Report.

“carried”

2019-314

Moved by: S. Ruck
Seconded by: N. Costello

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, acknowledge the Matachewan Drinking Water System Quarterly Operations Report as prepared by the Ontario Clean Water Agency.

“carried”

2019-315

Moved by: N. Costello
Seconded by: A. Durand

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we, the council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, acknowledge receipt of the TMSA minutes of September 19, 2019 and the Building Department Summary of Services.

“carried”

2019-316

Moved by: G. Dubé
Seconded by: N. Costello

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we, the council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, authorize the CAO to submit an expression of interest under the Municipal Modernization Program Intake 1.

“carried”

2019-317

Moved by: S. Ruck
Seconded by: N. Costello

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, authorize the CAO to sign the Work Authorization with EXP for the waterline extension to 430 Riverside Street.

“carried”

2019-318

Moved by: G. Dubé
Seconded by: N. Costello

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, authorize, Samantha Ruck, to attend the Rural Ontario Municipal Association Meeting in Toronto on Jan 19-21, 2020.

“carried”

2019-319

Moved by: N. Costello
Seconded by: A. Durand

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, enters the in-camera portion at 8:20pm of the meeting to discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

“carried”

The following resolution was passed in closed session.

2019-320

Moved by: A. Durand
Seconded by: S. Ruck

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, go past the 9 p.m. curfew.

“carried”

2019-321

Moved by: N. Costello
Seconded by: A. Durand

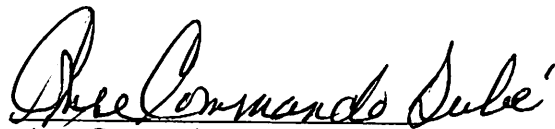
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, hereby come out of closed session and re-open the regular meeting at 9:50pm.

“carried”

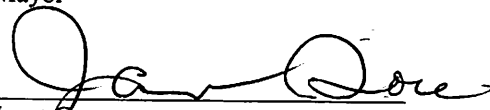
2019-322

Moved by: N. Costello
Seconded by: Guy Dubé

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, do now adjourn until next regular meeting on December 9, 2019, or at the call of the mayor.



Anne Commando-Dubé
Mayor



Janet Gore
Clerk