



THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MATACHEWAN
JUNE 29, 2020

HELD AT THE RECREATION HALL

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

2020-130
Moved by: N. Costello **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** we, the Council of the Corporation Township of
Seconded by: G. Dube Matachewan, call this meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

“carried”

2020-131
Moved by: N. Costello **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** we, the Council of the Corporation of the
Seconded by: G. Dube of Matachewan, accept the agenda as presented, subject to the following additions:
NEOnet – Memorandum of understanding
Closed session
Canada Day – Fire Truck Driver Parade – DZ
Intergovernmental Committee

“carried”

2020-132
Moved by: N. Costello **BE IT RESOLVED THAT THAT** we, the Council of the Corporation of the
Seconded by: G. Dube Township of Matachewan, enters the in-camera portion of the meeting 6:14 pm to discuss
personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board
employees.

“carried”

2020-133
Moved by: N. Costello **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township
Seconded by: G. Dube of Matachewan, do hereby come out of closed session and re-open the regular
Meeting at 7:27 p.m., with report.

“carried”

2020-134
Moved by: G. Dube **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township
Seconded by: N. Costello of Matachewan, direct the Clerk Treasurer to write an employee policy that Hard Hats
and Steel Toed Boots to be worn at all times when not in a vehicle or equipment.

“carried”

2020-135
Moved by: N. Costello **HE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT** we, Council of Corporation of the Township of
Seconded by: G. Dube Matachewan, adopt the minutes of June 23, 2020 with amendment as followed.
1) Remove Resolution 2020 – 128
2) Remove resolution 2020 - 129

“carried”

2020-136
Moved by: G. Dube **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township Of
Seconded by: N. Costello Matachewan, agree that the antique fire display be installed on 3 individual cement pads
with roof over.

“carried”

2020-137
Moved by: N. Costello
Seconded by: G. Dube

WHEREAS we are in receipt of a letter from the Town of Fort Erie requesting that March 17th be declared to be Essential Workers Day;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, do hereby join with the Town of Fort Erie and other municipalities to petition the Federal and Ontario Governments to proclaim March 17 to be Essential Workers Day; and
FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Premier of Ontario, the MP for Timiskaming, the MPP for Timiskaming AMO, FONOM, FCM, the City of Brantford and the Town of Fort Erie.

“carried”

2020-138
Moved by: N. Costello
Seconded by: G. Dube

WHEREAS we are in receipt of a letter from Mayor Darrin Canniff, of the Municipality Chatham-Kent; and
WHEREAS we are also concerned about the psychosocial and emotional wellbeing of LTCH residents;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, do hereby join the Municipality of Chatham-Kent and request the Provincial Government to provide immediate attention and allocated resources LTC homes to support the psychosocial and emotional wellbeing of residents; and
FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to premier of Ontario, the Minister of health; the minster of Long- Term Care, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions; Minister of Seniors and Accessibility, the MMP for Temiskaming and the Municipality of Chatham-Kent.

“carried”

2020-139
Moved by: N. Costello
Seconded by: G. Dube

THAT we, the council of the Township of Matachewan, authorize the hiring of 3 students for the summer.

“carried”

2020-140
Moved by: G. Dube
by: N. Costello

Whereas: access to affordable and reliable broadband networks is an important Seconded part of everyday life and key to economic, education, social and health development and;
Whereas: communities outside urban centres face challenges in accessing internet service levels comparable to those in cities due to factors such as low population, distance and challenging terrain and;
Whereas: we believe future ICT infrastructure investment in our community would benefit from a holistic model that takes into account the connectivity needs of regional community partnerships rather than just one community and;
Whereas: this regional partnership should begin with a comprehensive needs analysis conducted by NEOnet, a publicly funded non-profit development corporation using their expertise and Blue Sky Net expertise with the Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping tool BAIMAP (Broadband and Associated Infrastructure Mapping Analysis Project) and;
Whereas: from the analysis and public consultation NEOnet will conduct, it will be determined where internet gaps remain while also acknowledging what may be the best technology to fill these gaps based on access to the closest ICT infrastructure like fibre or other existing network infrastructure and;
Whereas: once we determine priority areas we propose establishing three classes of gaps; 1) gaps in fibre/backbone infrastructure, 2) gaps in last mile/local access to business and residents and 3) gaps in access in remote/very isolated area, and;
Whereas: the Federal and Provincial governments are proposing funding programs that will support the implementation of Broadband projects and will require this in-depth information, we would propose;
Therefore: be it resolved that, the Municipality of Matachewan supports NEOnet leading a steering committee to which a representative from Matachewan will be appointed and that NEOnet work with this committee during the period of analysis, funding application and any subsequent RFP engagement

“carried”

2020-141
Moved by: G. Dube
Seconded by: N. Costello

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, do now adjourn until next meeting on July 8, 2020 or at the call of the Mayor.

“carried”

Anne Commando-Dubé
Mayor

Janet Gore
Clerk