

# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MATACHEWAN

HELD ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2007

AT THE MATACHEWAN COMMUNITY RECREATION HALL

**Councillors Present:** Deputy Reeve Joe Bisson, Andrew George, Councillor (arrived late, 7:50pm), Carrie Gilbert, Councillor and Albert Durand, Councillor.

**Staff Present:** Andrew Van Oosten, CAO-Clerk-Treasurer, April George, Administrative Assistant and Gabrielle St-Cyr, Economic Development Officer Intern.

**Members of the Public:** Gemma Gilbert, Irene Bisson, Pauline Desrivieres, Jeannine Gauthier, Rosaire Gauthier, Claude Gilbert, Kimberly Gauthier, Ron Baker, Grace Larkman, Marilyn Stickel, Don Stickel, Francoise Gauthier, Margaret Gilmore, Carl Gilmore, Austin Arney, Bobbi Evans, Jim Evans, Marty Taman, Robin Ormerod, Raymond Letellier, Richard Roy, Suzanne Castonguay, J. Redner, Vince Tremblay (O.P.P.), James Marcotte (O.P.P.).

Moved by: Albert Durand  
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

Be it resolved that the regular Council meeting of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan is hereby called to order at 6:17 PM.

Carried

Joe Bisson declared an interest in item # 17 of the agenda

07-136 Moved by: Albert Durand  
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Matachewan hereby adopts the agenda as presented.

Carried

**Moved by:** Carrie Gilbert  
**Seconded by:** Albert Durand

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan hereby adopts the Minutes of August 20, 2007 as presented.

Carried

### Delegations:

a) **Robin Ormerod**  
(October 10<sup>th</sup> Plebiscite) MMP v. FPP and explanation. Q&A – Thanks

b) **Annabelle Commando-Dubé**  
Notice Re: Zoning by-law 2000.

**Annabelle** - Peoples properties rezoned without their knowledge. Rezoning was paid for by the township in some cases and by the owners in other cases.

**Joe** - Council is looking into any possible changes.

c) **Raymond Letellier**

**Raymond** - Would like Council to adopt his own minutes versus the approved minutes from July 2006.

**Joe** – asked if concerns are re: proper zoning of the lots and bringing water to lot line under R1. Currently in our zoning by-law.

**Raymond** - Property zoned development, therefore no requirement for water. Offered \$1000.00 from Mr. Wuerch for property one week after zoning change in 2000.

**Joe** - We have requested further information to try and get answers.

**Suzanne** – Raymond called it coercion, I call it criminal activity

d) **Richard Roy #1**

**Richard** – Problem with building inspector.

**Richard** – I'm calling, he's not responding.

**Suzanne** – My client hasn't had a response in 2 months. To my place and others. We don't have a single piece of paperwork, nothing, nothing, nothing, nothing. I have 2 videos and a recorder.

**Joe** – We don't have any complaints, if we don't have know we can't act upon it.

**Richard** – He came and took pictures, never sent f~\*~ all (sorry.)

**Annabelle** Building Inspector's incompetence is holding everyone back.

**Joe** – You say incompetence but we have no proof.

**Joe** – asks Richard, “Are you being harassed”?

**Richard** – No but he comes and doesn't meet with everyone.

**Suzanne** – I'd call it that.

**Joe** – He must respond within 10 days.

**Suzanne** – after we get out of court he's at our house and THU, lawyers take care of everything... let's not say there's no politics involved... that's bullshit.

**Joe** – If you have issues that need to be addressed with THU and building inspector, I suggest you contact them.

e) **Richard Roy #2**

**Richard** - Still waiting for MTO re: 2 lots.

**Joe** – Non-compliance issues have determined that Council will not agree to the sale of Crown land until rectified.

f) **Francoise Gauthier**

**Francoise** – Wanting a church bell update. “I assume Heritage Committee will deal with the bell from the Catholic Church?”

**Joe** – Yes, Matachewan First Nations has also expressed a heritage value, naturally we will determine what to do and where the bell will be.

## **Correspondence**

### **Letter from Mrs. Gemma Gilbert**

Re: Cemetery. Feeling that more work is needed to be done.

**Joe** - Striking committee to try and get funding and spruce up the Cemetery. Surveying etc. needed to be done to prepare and develop for future interment.

**Comment from the public** - having a work bee. Current width, further back.

**Francoise** - many people are worried about volunteering based on some people who are always criticising.

**Joe** - any issues would be addressed at Council.

**Francoise** – Council or the committee responsible? Council will take the rap?

**Joe** – Yes

**Francoise** - Many people want to help but are worried about the hassle.

**Joe** - all decisions must be passed through council.

**Francoise** - people are worried about problematic people.

**Joe** - Current committees = no issues. Cemetery committee is only one right now having close to amount of people. By-laws for each.

07-138

Moved by: Albert Durand  
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Matachewan hereby awards the former fire hall removal contract the Miller Paving Northern Ltd.

Carried

Land Sale – One sealed tender – already sold – late, not accepted.

07-139

Moved by: Albert Durand  
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Matachewan hereby accepts the bid from Theodore Harding for the Lawn Tractor in the amount of \$30.00.

Carried

07-140

Moved by: Albert Durand  
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Matachewan hereby accepts the bid from Jim Hodgins for the chainsaw in the amount of \$11.00.

Carried

07-141

Moved by: Albert Durand  
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Matachewan hereby accepts the bid from Lorraine Davies for 2 computer towers in the amount of \$100.00.

Carried

07-142

Moved by: Albert Durand  
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Matachewan hereby approves the pay vouchers for August, numbered 3817 to 3847 in the amount of \$22 399.56 as circulated.

Carried

07-143

Moved by: Albert Durand  
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

That the By-law 2007-12, being a By-law to amend Zoning-by-law 00-09 is hereby read for the first and second time this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 2007.

Carried

07-144

Moved by: Albert Durand  
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

That By-law 2007-12, being a By-law to amend Zoning-by-law 00-09 is hereby read for the third and final time this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 2007. Signed, sealed and numbered 2007-12.

Carried

07-145

Moved by: Albert Durand  
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

That By-law 2007-13, being a By-law to amend Zoning-by-law 00-09 is hereby read for the first and second time this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 2007.

Carried

- 07-146

Moved by: Albert Durand  
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

That By-law 2007-13, being a By-law to amend Zoning-by-law 00-09 is hereby read for the third and final time this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 2007. Signed, sealed and numbered 2007-13.

Carried
- 07-147

Moved by: Albert Durand  
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

That By-law 2007-14, being a By-law replacing by-law 97-04, property standards is read for the first and second time this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 2007.

Carried
- 07-148

Moved by: Albert Durand  
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

That By-law 2007-14, being a By-law replacing by-law 97-04, property standards is read for the third and final time this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 2007. Signed, sealed and numbered 2007-14.

Carried
- 07-149

Moved by: Albert Durand  
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

That By-law 2007-15, being a By-law to regulate signs is hereby read for the first and second time this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 2007.

Carried
- 07-150

Moved by: Albert Durand  
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

That By-law 2007-15, being a By-law to regulate signs is hereby read for the third and final time this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 2007. Signed, sealed and numbered 2007-15.

Carried
- 07-151

Moved by: Albert Durand  
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

That By-law 2007-16, being a By-law to authorize an application to COMRIF is hereby read for the first and second time this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 2007.

Carried
- 07-152

Moved by: Albert Durand  
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

That By-law 2007-16, being a By-law to authorize an application to COMRIF is hereby read for the third and final time this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 2007. Signed, sealed and numbered 2007-16.

Carried
- 07-153

Moved by: Albert Durand  
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

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

Carried

07-154

Moved by: Albert Durand  
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

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

Carried

07-155

Moved by: Albert Durand  
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

That debate be extended for 30 minutes

Carried

07-156

Moved by: Albert Durand  
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

That the regular meeting be adjourned at 9:25 pm and that the next regular meeting be held on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007 or at the call of the Reeve.

Carried

**Discussions:**

ATV's

*Joe* – Read public notice, problem is getting better.  
*Public* – limit is 20 km in town  
*Joe* – Provincial legislation – licence, helmets, speed.  
*Mrs. Arney* – OPP have seen problems but haven't enforced. What can we do if OPP won't enforce?  
*Joe* – we have had people come in to complain, but witnesses were not willing to prosecute/witness.  
*OPP* – need description – statement in writing, court will decide. Need Bike info, description of person to investigate and charge.  
*Mrs. Arney* – please think very clearly before you repeal by-law  
*Joe* – not our intent to revoke, but our hope is that we can solve problem – OPP need more information.  
*Mrs. Stickel* – If people are underage they are breaking the law, and will continue to break.  
*Mrs. Evans* – tourism will be impacted if parents can't control their kids why should council or the OPP have to.  
*Joe* – not necessarily solution  
*Andrew Van Oosten* – OPP have had extra patrols here but we got complaints that they were here too much.  
*Francoise* - a town is a town and the same rules apply  
*Mrs. Arney* - what about putting up signage?  
*Joe* - I've thought of the same thing.  
*Mrs. Arney* - Signs, or radar controlled, etc.  
*Citizen* – not just people from out of town  
*Mr. Gilmore* – Council refuses to do something themselves.  
*Joe* – Council is looking at long term effects of the problem  
*Jeanette and Carrie Anne* – putting info on the website.  
*Mrs. Arney* – Brochure at businesses in town  
*Joe* - New intern will make it a point. Thank you.  
*Andrew George* - We are one of only a few towns that allow ATV's to ride on the streets.

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Joe Bisson Deputy Reeve	Andrew Van Oosten CAO-Clerk-Treasurer
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