

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF COUNCIL OF VAL RITA-HARTY
HELD THE 16TH OF MARCH, 2021 AT 7PM
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN VAL RITA**

PRESENT : Johanne Baril – Mayor
 Alain Tremblay – Councillor
 Roger Lachance – Councillor
 Carole Lessard – Councillor
 Angèle Beauvais – Councillor

EMPLOYEES PRESENT : Denis Bérubé – Acting Chief Administrative Officer (by phone)
 Eric Bizier – Clerk
 Stefan Landry – Working Foreman

ABSENT : None

A. CALL TO ORDER at 7:00pm

The mayor wishes to recognize the Moose Cree first nation and their territory on which we come together to contribute to our community.

B. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOVED BY : Alain Tremblay

RES. #051-21

SECONDED BY : Roger Lachance

That the agenda be accepted as presented with the following additions :

- G.9. Report from the mayor – COVID-19

CARRIED

C. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL INTEREST THEREOF

None declared.

D. DEPUTATION/ PRESENTATION/ PETITION

Braedan King's presentation could not proceed due to technical problems.

E. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOVED BY : Angèle Beauvais
SECONDED BY : Alain Tremblay

RES. #052-21

That the meeting minutes from the 15th of December 2020 and from the 16th & 25th of February 2021 be accepted as presented; and

That the meeting minutes from the 17th of February 2021 be accepted with the following changes:

- *E. Strike the first line*
- *D. Strike section 239 (2.d)*
- *D. Change the subject for the in-camera session to : Vacant position for Chief Administrative Officer*

CARRIED

F. CORRESPONDENCE

- 18.** Niagara Region Resolution on Homelessness, Mental Health and Addiction in Niagara. For information only.
- 19.** Niagara Region Resolution calling on the Government of Ontario to amend Bill 197, the 2020 Act to promote economic recovery from Covid-19 to eliminate the development approval of the adjacent municipalities for the development of a landfill site. For information only.
- 20.** Letter from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing announcing that the Municipality will receive a grant under the Covid-19 Recovery Funding for the Municipalities program from \$23,523. This amount will be divided into two installments, May 1st, 2021 and November 1st, 2021. For information only.
- 21.** Lake of Bays Township Resolution calling on the Province to review restrictions on maximum customer limits in restaurants. For information only.
- 22.** Perry Township resolution against the closure of the Ontario Fire College Campus.
City of Bracebridge resolution against the closure of the Ontario Fire College Campus.
Limerick Township resolution against the closure of the Ontario Fire College Campus.
Howick Township resolution against the closure of the Ontario Fire College Campus.
Archipelago Township resolution against the closure of the Ontario Fire College Campus.
City of Gravenhurst resolution against the closure of the Ontario Fire College Campus
Brock Township resolution against the closure of the Ontario Fire College Campus.
For information only.
- 23.** Archipelago Township resolution calling for Minister Clark to review and make changes to the

Municipal Elections Act to develop on the definition of “non-resident voters.” For information only.

24. Letter from Mushkegowuk MPP Guy Bourgoïn supporting the Exolink Corridor of the North Broadband Project. For information only.
25. Information from the District School Board Ontario North East on the revision of community planning and Partnerships Policy and Procedure. For information only.
26. Differed to item H.2.
27. Halton Municipality resolution supporting the recommendations made by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) regarding long-term care homes to provide better financial and human support in the face of the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic. For information only.
28. Letter from the Norfolk County regarding the financial impact of the carbon tax on primary agriculture producers and their request to remove this tax on gases used in agricultural production. For information only.
29. Differed to item G.10.
30. Resolution of the West grey Municipality Corporation supporting the seven recommendations of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) regarding insurance premiums for municipalities that continue to rise. For information only.
31. Garbage collection

MOVED BY : Roger Lachance
SECONDED BY : Carole Lessard

RES. #053-21

That the Municipality of Val Rita-Harty accepts the 2021 garbage collection contract with a 1% increase from the Municipality of Moonbeam.

CARRIED

32. The council directs the clerk to advise the postmaster that an ATM may be installed in the Canada Post office, that any costs associated with the installation must be paid by Canada Post, and that any changes to the building (electric or cosmetic) must be approved by the working foreman before work is started.
33. Map of the roads that RYAM will use for their harvest. Its right of way is located on Avery Road, Dagenais Road and Concession 15. For information only.
34. Letter from the Ministry of the Solicitor General with information on a grant to be paid to the Municipality of Val Rita-Harty in the amount of \$4,700. This grant is designed to either adapt the training of volunteer firefighters to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic (technological update, administrative program) or to implement a virtual inspection program. The Fire Chief will

prepare the application with the acting Chief Administrative Officer to meet with the March 19, 2021 deadline.

G. REPORTS FROM THE MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

1. Public Works Report for February 2021. Discussion on the garbage found in the steel bin. The council leads the administrative team to find a solution to discourage repeat offenders. Follow up
2. 2020 Annual Compliance and Summary Report by OCWA. Located on page 9, it is noted that a technical error occurred due to unknown cause. This report must be available to the public as stipulated on page 2 of the report. The council directs the clerk to publish the report on the municipality's web page. Follow up
3. OCWA report for February 2021. The report shows that the pumps in the trailer parks were still clogged. This situation continues to recur. The council directs the administration to send a letter of notice to the citizens served by this pump. Follow up

The spreadsheet found on page 7 appears to be inaccurate. The council directs the clerk to verify the accuracy of the calculation with OCWA. Follow up

5. Letter from the mayor to the City of Kapuskasing requesting reconsidering their decision and approving the amount requested by the NeCN for the Canadian Agriculture Partnership (CAP) program. For information only.

11. NeCN Regional Tile Drainage Program

MOVED BY : Roger Lachance
SECONDED BY : Angèle Beauvais

RES. #054-21

WHEREAS the Municipality of Val Rita-Harty supports agricultural growth and development;

AND WHEREAS the Northeast Community Network (NeCN) focuses on building a strong rural economy by revitalizing agriculture within the Cochrane District;

AND WHEREAS investment in tile drainage by our agricultural producers increases the long-term growth of our local economy and supports agricultural job creation in our region;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of Val Rita-Harty supports the NeCN's in rebuilding the agricultural base within our Municipality;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Municipality of Val Rita-Harty supports the NeCN's proposal to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation for the NeCN Regional Tile Drainage Project – 8; and

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the NeCN.

CARRIED

12. The Chief Administrative Officer informs the council that the new ordered computer system will be installed within weeks. A computer for the public library ends up on the order and will be refunded by the library.

The Chief Administrative Officer informs the council that the electronic file backup system is installed and functional.

13. Report of the tax collector's receivable taxes dated February 28th, 2021. The report shows that some residents do not comply with the agreement. Follow up

14. Financial Statements Reports dated December 31st, 2020 and February 28th, 2021.

15. The mayor provides information on vaccination clinics and procedures in place to ensure the safe and effective distribution of vaccines. The mayor informs that we are still in the orange zone and that compliance with the safety measures is greatly encouraged.

16. The clerk informs the council that he is currently looking for a computer software for meetings. According to the procurement policy, the clerk must receive a quotation from three different suppliers and submit a report at the next meeting. Follow up

MOVED BY : Alain Tremblay
SECONDED BY : Carole Lessard

RES. #055-21

That the reports from the municipal officers be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

H. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES & ASSOCIATIONS

MOVED BY : Roger Lachance
SECONDED BY : Angèle Beauvais

RES. #056-21

That the reports from the committees and associations be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

I. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The report for the accounts payable is reported for the next meeting. Follow up

PROCEDURE : The working foreman exits the session at 8:52pm.

J. IN-CAMERA SESSION

MOVED BY : Alain Tremblay
SECONDED BY : Angèle Beauvais

RES. #057-21

That the meeting continues in-camera at 8:54pm as per Section 239 (2) (h) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25 for information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of one of them for the following topic :

Invest in Canada Infrastructure Program

CARRIED

K. REPORT OF IN-CAMERA SESSION

The council exits the in-camera session at 8:58pm with the following recommendations :

RES. #C029-21 Adoption of the agenda
RES. #C030-21 Adoption of the minutes
RES. #C031-21 Exit of the in-camera session

No recommendation for the discussed subject according to Section 239 (2) (h).

L. CALENDAR

The next special meeting will be held on the 18th of March, 2021 at 7:00pm.
The next regular meeting will be held on the 20th of April, 2021 at 7:00pm.

M. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY : Alain Tremblay
SECONDED BY : Carole Lessard

RES. #058-21

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:05pm.

CARRIED



Johanne Baril
Mayor



Eric Bizier
Clerk