



## Municipality of Val Rita-Harty

### Minutes

April 20, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council of Val Rita-Harty – 7pm (By Videoconference)

#### Presences

<b>Members</b>	Johanne Baril - Mayor Alain Tremblay - Councillor Roger Lachance - Councillor Carole Lessard - Councillor Angèle Beauvais - Councillor
<b>Employees present</b>	Denis Bérubé – CAO by interim Eric Bizier – Clerk Stefan Landry – Working foreman
<b>Other presences</b>	Jimmy Côté - Participant
<b>Absences</b>	None

#### 1 Call to Order

At 7pm

The mayor wishes to express her recognition towards the Moose Cree first nation and their ancestral land on which we gather to contribute to our community.

#### 2 Amendment and Adoption of the Agenda

Res. # 21-72

**MOVED BY:** Roger Lachance

**SECONDED BY:** Alain Tremblay

*That the agenda be accepted as presented.*

**ADOPTED**

**3 Declaration of General and Pecuniary Conflict of Interest**

None.

**4 Adoption of Previous Minutes**

Res. # 21-73

**MOVED BY:** Carole Lessard

**SECONDED BY:** Angèle Beauvais

*That the previous minutes of March 9 and 26 2021 be accepted as presented.*

**ADOPTED**

**5 Deputation/Presentation/Petition**

None.

**6 Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

**6.1 OCWA – Chlorine Levels**

Email from OCWA explaining the chlorine levels in our water plant.

**6.2 Cemetery – Memorial Trees to be Planted**

Confirmation by the CAO by interim on the planification to plant memorial trees in the cemetery in Val Rita.

**6.3 CAO – Update on Computer System**

Update by the CAO by interim on the modernization of the computer system in the office.

**6.4 CAO – Update on Municipal Insurance**

Update from the CAO by interim on the municipal insurance.

**6.5 Accounts Payables February 2021**

Res. # 21-74

**MOVED BY:** Alain Tremblay

**SECONDED BY:** Angèle Beauvais

*That the accounts payables from February 2021 be accepted as presented.*

**ADOPTED**

**6.6 Clerk – Update on ATM**

Update by the clerk on the atm machine at the post office.

**7 Correspondence**

**7.1 EMNO – Thank You Letter**

Thank you letter from Ève Boissoneau, a student at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine, who received a grant from the Municipality of Val Rita-Harty.

**7.2 Kapuskasing LCC – Meeting April 14 2021**

**Res. # 21-75**

**MOVED BY:** Carole Lessard

**SECONDED BY:** Alain Tremblay

That Counsellor Lachance be appointed to represent the Municipality of Val Rita-Harty on the Kapuskasing Local Citizens Committee.

**ADOPTED**

**7.3 OGRA – Infrastructure Asset Management Planning**

Email from OGRA concerning changes made to the law 588/17 on the expiry date for the infrastructure asset management plan for municipalities.

**7.4 Tribunals Ontario – Appeal Resolution Strategy for Tax Year 2021**

Letter from the Tribunals Ontario concerning their strategy for appeals resolution on the property assessments for the tax year 2021.

**7.5 FONOM – Annual Conference May 18, 2021**

Information on the annual conference of FONOM May 18, 2021.

**7.6 Solicitor General – OPP Detachment Board**

Letter from the Solicitor General concerning the creation of a detachment board with the OPP for the municipalities.

**7.7 CAO of Kapuskasing - OPP Detachment Board Proposal Form**

Email from the CAO of Kapuskasing concerning the process for the creation of an OPP detachment board.

**7.8 AMO – Federal Gas Tax Funds**

Information from AMO concerning the federal gas tax fund and the amount received by each municipalities of Ontario.

**7.9 Ministry of Finance – Ontario Funds for the Legislation of Cannabis**

Letter from the ministry of Finance concerning the Ontario funds for the legislation of cannabis and the amount received by the municipality of Val Rita-Harty.

**7.10 Option Pay - Taxes for a Toonie**

Email from Option Pay offering the service “Taxes for a Toonie” for the municipality of Val Rita-Harty which would allow residents to pay by debit or credit cards.

**7.11 Ministry of Solicitor General – EMCPA Compliance**

Letter from the Solicitor General concerning the compliance of the emergency plan of the municipality of Val Rita-Harty.

**7.12 Opasatika – Extendicare Resolution**

Resolution from the municipality of Opasatika concerning the outbreak at the Extendicare in Kapuskasing.

**7.13 Kapuskasing - Modernizing Long-term Care**

**Res. # 21-76**

**MOVED BY:** Roger Lachance

**SECONDED BY:** Carole Lessard

*That the municipality of Val Rita-Harty is devastated by the recent loss of 17 residents in our region due to the outbreak of Covid-19 at Extendicare;*

*That the long-term care homes in our region cannot afford another outbreak in their communities and have to do everything to prevent it from happening again;*

*That the municipality of Val Rita-Harty understands the difficulties that our long-term care homes face in these difficult times and the urgent need to modernize our installations to better serve the residents currently living there and to welcome the new citizens on the waiting list;*

*Be it resolved that the municipality of Val Rita-Harty supports the letter sent by the town of Kapuskasing to the Premier Doug Ford concerning investing in the long-term care homes in our region.*

**ADOPTED**

**8 Report from Municipal Officers**

**8.1 Fire Department – February 2021**

Monthly report from the fire department for the month of February 2021.

**8.2 Fire Department – March 2021**

Monthly report from the fire department for the month of March 2021.

**8.3 Travaux Publics - Rapport d'équipement Mars 2021**

The working foreman wishes to specify to the council members of the persisting problem with the farmers who clear their lands. This process causes snow drift on the concessions which is problematic and demands lots of maintenance from the public works team. The working foreman suggests putting in place a by-law or try to come to an agreement with the farmers to leave some brushes or vegetation on the border of their property adjacent to the concession.

**8.4 Public Works – Water Break Repair**

Update on the water break repair done by the public works team.

**8.5 CAO - Community Safety and Well Being Plan**

**Res. # 21-77**

**MOVED BY:** Carole Lessard

**SECONDED BY:** Angèle Beauvais

*That the municipal council approves the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan as presented.*

**ADOPTED**

**8.6 OCWA – Operations Report March 2021**

Operations report from OCWA for the month of March 2021.

**8.6.1 PROCEDURAL**

The working foreman leaves the meeting at 8:16pm.

**8.7 Clerk – Meeting Software Report**

Res. # 21-78

**MOVED BY:** Angèle Beauvais

**SECONDED BY:** Roger Lachance

*That the meeting software All-Net Meeting be used as our meeting software at the cost of \$5,495.00 for the first year and for the yearly cost of \$3,995.00.*

**ADOPTED**

**8.8 Treasurer – Tax Receivable March 2021**

Summary of tax receivable dated for March 31, 2021.

**8.9 Treasurer – Financial Statements March 2021**

Financial statements for the month of March 2021

**8.10 Treasurer – Yearly Audit 2020**

Update on the yearly audit for the year 2020.

**8.11 Mayor – National Doctors Day**

Message prepared by the mayor for the National Doctors Day on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

**8.12 CAO – Update Covid-19**

Update by the CAO on the Covid-19 pandemic.

**8.13 Economic Development Officer – RFP for Strategic Plan**

Request for proposal made by the Economic Development Agent for the creation of a strategic plan for the municipality of Val Rita-Harty.

**8.14 Economic Development Officer - McSweeny and Associates**

Response from the consultant McSweeny and Associates for the request for proposal to create a strategic plan. This consultant refused to submit their proposal.

**8.15 Economic Development Officer - CRIDECC**

Response from the consultant CRIDECC for the request for proposal to create a strategic plan. This consultant refused to submit their proposal.

**8.16 Economic Development Officer - CMG**

Response from the consultant CMG for the request for proposal to create a strategic plan.

**8.17 Economic Development Officer - The People Person**

Response from the consultant The People Person for the request for proposal to create a strategic plan.

**8.18 Resolution for Reports of Municipal Officers**

**Res. # 21-79**

**MOVED BY:** Alain Tremblay

**SECONDED BY:** Carole Lessard

*That the reports of municipal officers be accepted as presented.*

**ADOPTED**

**9 Reports of Committees and Associations**

**Res. # 21-80**

**MOVED BY:** Roger Lachance

**SECONDED BY:** Carole Lessard

*That the reports of committees and associations be accepted as presented.*

**ADOPTED**

**9.1 MPAC - Province-Wide Assessment**

Email from MPAC concerning the province-wide assessment for the year 2022. The assessment for the year 2022 will be based on the data from the assessment of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

**9.2 Municipal Library – Minutes March 15, 2021**

Minutes of a meeting by teleconference of the council of the municipal library of Val Rita-Harty dated March 15, 2021.

**9.3 Municipal Library – Minutes March 26, 2021**

Minutes of a regular meeting of council of the municipal library of Val Rita-Harty dated March 26, 2021.

**9.4 Porcupine Health Unit – Minutes February 25, 2021**

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Porcupine Health Unit dated February 25, 2021.

**10 Accounts Payables**

**10.1 Accounts Payables March 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Res. # 21-81**

**MOVED BY:** Alain Tremblay

**SECONDED BY:** Angèle Beauvais

*That the accounts payables from March 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 be accepted as presented.*

**ADOPTED**

**11 Unfinished Business**

**11.1 Summer Student Grant**

Information on the summer student grant.

**12 In-Camera Session**

**Res. # 21-82**

**MOVED BY:** Alain Tremblay

**SECONDED BY:** Carole Lessard

*That the meeting continues in-camera at 9pm as per section 239 (b), (d) and (h) for subject being considered personal information about an identifiable individual including municipal employees or local board members, labour relations or employee negotiations and information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them for the following subjects:*

- *Employee resignation*

**ADOPTED**

**13 Report from In-Camera Session**

Council exits the in-camera session with the following resolutions:

RES.#C21-42 : That the agenda be accepted as presented with the following additions:

- 1- Job description
- 2- Grant received
- 3- Personal item for a local board member
- 4- Letter for a previous employee
- 5- Discussion on previous meeting
- 6- Summer students

RES.#C21-43 : That the in-camera session be adjourned at 9:39pm.

**14 Adjournment**

**Res. # 21-83**

**MOVED BY:** Alain Tremblay

**SECONDED BY:** Carole Lessard

That the regular meeting be adjourned at 9 :40pm.

**ADOPTED**



**Johanne Baril - Mayor**



**Eric Bizier - Clerk**