

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LA VALLEE

The Special Meeting of the Township of La Vallee was held at 1:00 p.m., Friday, February 20, 2009 with Reeve Emily Watson and Councillors Jim Belluz, Freeda Carmody, Ross Donaldson and Lucille MacDonald in attendance.

Also present were Sylvia Smeeth, Clerk-Treasurer.

Conflict of Interest: None

Delegations: Jon Evans and Jeff Savage attended on behalf of BDO Dunwoody and gave a report on the yearly audit. There was a brief discussion – giving a snapshot of where the municipality stands at the end of the year. Jeff indicated that we had a good year. Everything was status quo. They reported that the audit was clean and finances are in good shape. Jon confirmed that the clerks are working together to create common policies regarding the PSAB requirements that are being implemented. They will be back this summer to test PSAB. There will be an additional fee for the PSAB audit which is estimated to be around \$5,500.00.

Resolutions:

33. MACDONALD/BELLUZ: That we accept the Special Meeting Agenda as presented. CARRIED
34. CARMODY/MACDONALD: BE IT RESOLVED that we rescind resolution #181 and #182 for 2008. CARRIED
35. DONALDSON/CARMODY: BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer not transfer \$1,210,000.00 and \$92,996.00 to the Reserve Fund for Infrastructure as budgeted for the year of 2008. CARRIED
36. DONALDSON/BELLUZ: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee transfers interest in the amount of \$41,575.65 from the general funds to the Capital Equipment Reserve Fund. CARRIED
37. DONALDSON/CARMODY: BE IT RESOLVED that the Clerk/Treasurer is authorized to transfer \$1,324,990.81 from the Bond Fund to the unrestricted Money Market Fund. CARRIED
38. MACDONALD/BELLUZ: That we adjourn to the next regular meeting or the call of the clerk. CARRIED

Reeve

Clerk

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The Regular Meeting of the Township of La Vallee was held at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 11, 2009 with Reeve Emily Watson and Councillors Jim Belluz, Freeda Carmody, Ross Donaldson and Lucille MacDonald in attendance.

Also present were Sylvia Smeeth, Clerk-Treasurer and Terry Beadle, Road Superintendent.

Conflict of Interest: None

Delegations: None

Fire Department Report: Jim Belluz reported that the department was called out to a house fire on Cemetery Road. He also reported that they have some new recruits for the fire department. Training with the new recruits will happen once the paperwork with Fort Frances is signed.

Road Department Report:

The daily activity report was reviewed. Terry Beadle advised that the furnace at the landfill has been fixed. Terry indicated that he needs more "Loose Gravel" signs. Terry will make arrangements with Baker Graphics to obtain more signs. The cell phone for the Roads Department no longer works due to digital upgrades. A new cell phone will be acquired.

Council Discussion:

Ross Donaldson, the DSSAB representative gave a brief report. Ross advised the Mike Lewis is the Chair and Sharon Tibbs is the Vice Chair for this year. Jim Belluz indicated that he would like to know the schedule for painting apartments. Ross indicated that it used to be every five years, however he is not aware of the current policy.

Resolutions:

14. MACDONALD/CARMODY: That we accept the Agenda and Agenda Addendum as presented. CARRIED
15. DONALDSON/BELLUZ: BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the January 14, 2009 Council Meeting be accepted as presented. CARRIED
16. DONALDSON/MACDONALD: BE IT RESOLVED that payroll items numbering from 13 to 67 in the amount of \$105,214.11 for February 11, 2009 be passed and paid. CARRIED
17. CARMODY/BELLUZ: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts the January 31, 2009 Financial Statements as presented. CARRIED
18. MACDONALD/CARMODY: BE IT RESOLVED that we now go in-camera for labour relations. CARRIED
19. BELLUZ/DONALDSON: BE IT RESOLVED that we now close our in-camera session and continue with the regular meeting of council. CARRIED
20. MACDONALD/BELLUZ: BE IT RESOLVED that the salary increases for 2009 will be 2.5%. CARRIED
21. CARMODY/DONALDSON: That By-Law No. 1150 being a By-law to authorize a Fire Chief's Services Agreement between The Corporation of the Township of La Vallee and The Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances read a first, second and third time be finally passed, signed by the Reeve and Clerk, sealed with the Corporate Seal and become law forthwith. CARRIED
22. CARMODY/MACDONALD: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee has no objections to the replacing of TDL poles along Hall Road in Devlin by Bell Order S05793. CARRIED
23. BELLUZ/DONALDSON: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee approves the Drain Maintenance/Superintendent Grant Allocation Request for the fiscal year 2009/2010. CARRIED

24. MACDONALD/BELLUZ: BE IT RESOLVED that Sylvia Smeeth and Jim Belluz be approved to attend the Emergency Management Spring Sector Meeting on May 27, 2009 in Thunder Bay and that all costs be paid. CARRIED
25. MACDONALD/DONALDSON: BE IT RESOLVED that Sylvia Smeeth be approved to attend the Planning Conference on March 26, 2009 in Thunder Bay and that all costs be paid. BE IT RESOLVED that Sylvia Smeeth be approved to attend the MNR Data Sensitivity Training Session on March 27, 2009 and that all costs be paid. CARRIED
26. DONALDSON/BELLUZ: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee supports the Town of Fort Frances' resolution (as attached) regarding the Ontario Tourist Information Centre. CARRIED
27. BELLUZ/DONALDSON: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports Tay Valley Township's resolution asking the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to seek confirmation from the Province of Ontario, Waste Diversion Ontario and Stewardship Ontario that the tenets and covenants of Ontario's Waste Diversion Act 2002, particularly the 50% cost-sharing of recycling costs, will not be jeopardized by the current state of affairs in the recycling industry AND FURTHERMORE that the Minister of Environment be commended for initiating a review of Ontario's Waste Diversion Act and that municipalities be encouraged to participate fully in the review, particularly regarding the concepts of zero waste and extended producer responsibility whereby producers of products and packaging bear responsibility for ensuring those products and packages are properly managed until and at the end of their life-cycle. CARRIED
28. BELLUZ/MACDONALD: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee supports the Township of South Algonquin's resolution to investigate and promote the possibility of pursuing the use of low grade wood waste to create electric power as an alternative to wind-generated power. CARRIED
29. CARMODY/DONALDSON: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee supports the County of Prince Edward's resolution requesting the Federal and Provincial government agencies responsible for public health, energy creation and energy management to dedicate resources to the necessary scientific research to consider the impact of low frequency noise and electrical and electromagnetic disturbances in areas of industrial wind turbines with the intent to confirm/deny public health implication; and create and provide authoritative regulations and guidelines for the locating of wind turbines to municipalities and wind energy developers. CARRIED
30. MACDONALD/CARMODY: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee supports the Township of Madawaska Valley's resolution requesting the County of Renfrew to lobby the Provincial government on behalf of all rural municipalities to ensure an increase in Homecare Access Programs including increased funding, support and assistance. CARRIED
31. DONALDSON/BELLUZ: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee agrees to pay \$7.00 per capita to the Rainy River Future Development Corporation in the amount of \$6,783.00 for the 2009-2010 year. CARRIED
32. BELLUZ/DONALDSON: That we adjourn to the next regular meeting or the call of the clerk. CARRIED

Reeve

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