

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LA VALLEE

The Regular Meeting of the Township of La Vallee was held at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 11, 2018 with Reeve Ken McKinnon and Councillors Dennis Allen, Lucille MacDonald and Murray Witherspoon in attendance. Councillor Hughes arrived at 8:10 p.m.

Also present were Patti McDowall, Clerk/Treasurer, Mike Hyatt, Road Superintendent and Josh Colling, Fire Chief.

Conflict of Interest: Councillor MacDonald declared a conflict of interest on item 4.2.

Delegations: The first delegation failed to attend.

Neil MacDonald attended to discuss the purchase of his river front property. Clerk was instructed to take all the required information to a lawyer for the transfer of title.

Jon Evans and Jeff Savage attended on behalf of BDO Canada regarding the 2017 audit. Audit went well.

Road Department Report: Daily Activity Report was reviewed. Dozer at landfill was discussed. It was decided to take it to Ray Jewell and see if he can fix it. A culvert on Hastie Road was discussed. GPS printout on a piece of equipment was discussed. Councillor Allen had a brief discussion with the Road Superintendent as to why the printout didn't match what was reported on the daily activity sheet.

Tender Opening:

Harold McQuaker Enterprises Ltd. \$15.90/unit plus taxes for a total of \$89,835.00

Heikki Lampi Sand & Gravel Ltd. \$15.95/unit plus taxes for a total of \$90,117.50

Dennis Robinson Ltd. \$16.90/unit plus taxes for a total of \$95,485.00

Bids on Equipment were opened. There was only one bid on the Dodge Half-ton. It was not accepted.

Fire Department Report: Fire Chief, Josh Colling reported that 6 training sessions have taken place since the last report. Upcoming training in Alberton was discussed. The department is having its spaghetti supper on April 21st at the Devlin hall. Information on the fire department's green light will be put in our next newsletter to make residents aware. The new SCBA is scheduled to arrive at the end of May.

Council Discussion: Road tour date has been set for May 7th. The Community Picnic date has been set for July 15th to coincide with the annual baseball tournament.

Council Reports: None.

Resolutions:

58. MACDONALD/WITHERSPOON: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the Agenda as presented. CARRIED

59. MACDONALD/ALLEN: BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the March 14, 2018 Council Meeting be accepted as presented. CARRIED

60. WITHERSPOON/ALLEN: BE IT RESOLVED that payroll items numbering from 116 to 159 in the amount of \$114,702.52 for April 11, 2018 be passed and paid. CARRIED

61. WITHERSPOON/MACDONALD: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts the March 31, 2018 Financial Statements as presented. CARRIED

62. MACDONALD/WITHERSPOON: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee accepts the bid for Tender No. 2018-1 Gravel Tender from Harold McQuaker Ent. Ltd. in the amount of \$89,835.00 (including taxes). CARRIED

63. WITHERSPOON/MACDONALD: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby approves the Audited Financial Statements from BDO Canada, LLP for the year 2017. CARRIED

64. MACDONALD/ALLEN: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee nominate _____ for Senior of the Year for 2018. CARRIED

65. HUGHES/MACDONALD: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1265 being a by-law to authorize the execution of a Municipal Forest Fire Management Agreement pursuant to Section 19 of the Forest Fires Prevention Act with the respect to the prevention, control and extinguishment of Fires within the limits of the Municipality between The Corporation of the Township of La Vallee and HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN in right of Ontario, as represented by the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) for the Province of Ontario 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

66. ALLEN/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1266 being a by-law to establish the 2018 tax ratios 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

67. MACDONALD/WITHERSPOON: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1267 being a by-law to accept the Use of Corporate Resources For Election Purposes Policy 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

68. HUGHES/MACDONALD: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1268 being a by-law to accept the Municipal Election Recount Policy 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

69. WITHERSPOON/MACDONALD: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1269 being a by-law to authorize an Agreement for CBO/Building Inspection Services between The Corporation of the Township of Alberton, The Corporation of the Township of Chapple, The Corporation of the Township of La Vallee and The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River and Henry Van Ael 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

70. ALLEN/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby appoints Henry Van Ael as Chief Building Official effective May 1, 2018. CARRIED

71. WITHERSPOON/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that Patti McDowall be approved to attend the Annual Northern Municipal Treasurers' Forum in Thunder Bay on November 21st and 22nd, 2018 and that all costs be paid. CARRIED

72. WITHERSPOON/MACDONALD: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee agrees to contribute \$100.00 to the Fort Frances High School Chem Free Grad. CARRIED

73. HUGHES/ALLEN: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Rainy River District School Board in its efforts to gain approval to place a speed message board on Highway 613N in front of Crossroads School. CARRIED
Yays: K. McKinnon, D. Allen and L. MacDonald Nays: I. Hughes and M. Witherspoon

74. ALLEN/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby approves the Application for Rebate of Property Taxes for vacancies in commercial and industrial buildings on Roll # 59-16-000-003-06802-0000 for the year 2017. CARRIED

75. MACDONALD/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts the Asset Management Plan prepared by Saulteaux Consulting and Engineering. CARRIED

76. HUGHES/ALLEN: BE IT RESOLVED that 2 council members are hereby approved to attend the Asset Management Training in Kenora on May 3rd and that all costs be paid. CARRIED

77. MACDONALD/WITHERSPOON: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Township of South Stormont's resolution to call upon the Government of Ontario and all political parties, to formally grant municipalities the authority to approve landfill projects in or adjacent to their communities prior to June, 2018; and that in the case of a two-tier municipality, the approval be required at both the upper tier and affected lower tier municipalities. CARRIED

78. MACDONALD/HUGHES: That we adjourn to the next regular meeting or the call of the clerk. CARRIED



Reeve



Clerk