

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, February 14, 2018 with Reeve Ken McKinnon and Councillors Dennis Allen, Irwin Hughes and Murray Witherspoon in attendance. Lucille MacDonald was absent.

Also present were Patti McDowall, Clerk/Treasurer and Josh Colling, Fire Chief. Darren Hughes, Deputy Fire Chief also attended with Josh.

Conflict of Interest: None

Delegations: Luc Romaniuk from Gillons' Insurance Company attended to discuss the renewal of our municipal insurance. Luc pointed out that Gillons has been in business for 100 years and is locally owned and operated. They give back to the communities and mentioned the \$5,000 we recently received from both Gillons and Frank Cowan for our pavilion at the ball diamond. 75% of their business is with municipalities. They also offer seminars like risk management etc. He went on to explain our policy and answer any questions.

Fire Department Report: The quotes on the fire department equipment were discussed. The Fire Chief's monthly report and recommendations were reviewed and discussed.

Road Department Report: The Daily Activity Report was reviewed. No roads personnel were present. Grader maintenance and hours on the grader were discussed.

Council Discussion: Discussion took place on the Township's Official Plan. Crossroads School water and sewer were discussed.

Council Reports: None.

Resolutions:

21. HUGHES/ALLEN: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the Agenda as presented. CARRIED

22. ALLEN/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the January 10, 2018 Council Meeting be accepted as presented. CARRIED

23. WITHERSPOON/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that payroll items numbering from 11 to 66 in the amount of \$142,623.59 for February 14, 2018 be passed and paid. CARRIED

24. HUGHES/WITHERSPOON: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts the January 31, 2018 Financial Statements as presented. CARRIED

25. HUGHES/WITHERSPOON: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accept RFP from A.J. Stone Company Ltd. for Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for La Vallee Fire & Emergency Service as follows: 12 SCBA MSA with Easier Decontamination Strapping option, 30 x 60 Minute Cylinders, 1 RIT Pack, 19 Face pieces and 19 Storage Bags in the amount of \$116,969.00, plus HST;

And further, agree to purchase 6 Rechargeable Batteries at a cost of \$340.00 each plus HST, with the understanding that A.J. Stone Company Ltd. will include 1 bank charger at no cost.

And further, agree to purchase 2 Integrated Thermal Imaging Cameras at a cost of \$2,389.00 each plus HST. CARRIED

26. ALLEN/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accept Proposed Regulation Changes report, submitted by Joshua Colling, Fire Chief, regarding Ministry of Community Safety & Correctional Services' Public Consultation, Draft Certification Regulation and Draft Community Risk Assessment Regulation; and further, that Council will submit their comments before March 11, 2018 through the Ontario Regulatory Registry. CARRIED

27. ALLEN/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby approves the registration of roll #59-16-000-005-03600-0000 and roll #59-16-000-005-02800-0000 with Realtax Inc. to commence the tax sale process. CARRIED

28. WITHERSPOON/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1263 being a by-law for the purpose of appointing certain officers of the Corporation and for setting the remuneration of such officers of the Corporation of the Township of La Vallee for the year 2018 read a first, second and third time by finally passed, signed by the Reeve and Clerk, sealed with the Corporate Seal and become law forthwith. CARRIED
29. WITHERSPOON/ALLEN: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1264 being a by-law to repeal and replace the schedule of fees in By-Law No. 1232 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
30. ALLEN/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that Patti McDowall and/or Mike Hyatt is/are hereby approved to attend the Emergency Management Sector Meeting on March 6th, 2018 in Fort Frances and that all costs be paid. CARRIED
31. WITHERSPOON/ALLEN: BE IT RESOLVED that Patti McDowall is hereby approved to attend the Zone 9 Spring Meeting Workshop on April 24th and 25th, 2018 in Thunder Bay and that all costs be paid. CARRIED
32. ALLEN/WITHERSPOON: BE IT RESOLVED that Patti McDowall is/are hereby approved to attend the Ministry of Municipal Affairs Annual Planning Workshop on March 21st and 22nd, 2018 in Thunder Bay and that all costs be paid. CARRIED
33. HUGHES/WITHERSPOON: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Safe Communities Rainy River District and that the .50 cents per capita fees in the amount of \$471.50 be paid. CARRIED
34. ALLEN/WITHERSPOON: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Town of Lakeshore's resolution urging the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario to allocate a proportionate share of the new tax revenues generated from the sale of marijuana, to municipalities directly; further, that the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario be urged to create a fund, similar to the Gas Tax Fund and the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund, from the new tax revenues generated by the sale of marijuana, to provide funding to municipalities for infrastructure projects. CARRIED
35. WITHERSPOON/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Town of Lakeshore's resolution urging the Government of Ontario to grant more autonomy to lower-tier municipalities, to adopt and rely upon their own growth projections and estimates, especially for financial planning purposes; further, that the Government of Ontario to create a mechanism, whereby lower-tier municipalities can more easily dispute growth projections and estimates of upper-tier municipalities; and finally, urging the Government of Ontario to require upper-tier municipalities to update growth projections and estimates, when reality indicates that the previous projections and estimates are inaccurate and unreliable. CARRIED
36. HUGHES/ALLEN: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Town of Lakeshore's resolution urging the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario to immediately allocate infrastructure funding dedicated to municipalities for storm water management and drainage improvements; further, that the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario prioritize funding allocations according to the recent propensity of specific regions to flood, with a specific focus on regions that have flooded multiple times within a 1 year period. CARRIED
37. HUGHES/ALLEN: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Township of Norwich's resolution requesting that the Province ensure that the intent of the legislation and regulations relative to the Ontario Building Code continues to be principally for the protection of the public, and occupant health and safety in relation to the built environment, and examine other avenues for implementation of other initiatives. CARRIED


38. ALLEN/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Ontario Good Roads Association's resolution requesting that the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change take immediate steps to expedite the response process for Part II Orders or Bump-Up requests, as part of the s.61 review to improve MCEA process times and reduce study costs; further, that the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change support changes to better integrate and harmonize the MCEA process with processes defined under the Planning Act; and further that the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change amend the scope of MCEA reports and studies to reduce duplication with existing public processes and decisions made under municipal Official Plans and provincial legislation. CARRIED

39. HUGHES/ALLEN: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby agrees to contribute \$7.00 per capita for a yearly total of \$6,601.00 to the Rainy River Future Development Corporation. CARRIED

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



Reeve



Clerk