

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, May 10, 2017 with Reeve Ken McKinnon and Councillors Dennis Allen and Lucille MacDonald in attendance. Irwin Hughes and Murray Witherspoon were absent.

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

Conflict of Interest: None

Delegations: OPP Officer, Scott Gobeil attended to give a report on the 2016 OPP Activities. Costs continue to go up each year. More residents equals more calls. A sheet was provided with all incidents occurring in La Vallee over the last year. We are billed for 911 hang-ups. More education is needed so people realize this.

Fire Department Report: Fire Chief was away. Fire Chief Agreement between the municipalities was discussed.

Road Department Report: Daily activity report was reviewed. Mike reported that the course him and Ken took in Thunder Bay was good. It was well delivered. Culvert replacements were discussed. The idea of using plastic culverts in some places was discussed. Handi-cap parking signs for hall should be put up and a sign to direct people to park in back of hall. Only one summer student application was received. Ideas were discussed as to how we will fill this position plus find someone to cover the landfill in the attendant's absence. The work to be done at the Cemetery Road Bridge was discussed. We need to spruce up our Township signs for Canada's 150th this summer.

Council Discussion: Discussion took place regarding the success of the youth baseball registration.

Council Reports: None.

Resolutions:

75. ALLEN/MACDONALD: That we accept the Agenda and Agenda Addendum as presented. CARRIED

76. MACDONALD/ALLEN: BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the April 12, 2017 Council Meeting be accepted as presented. CARRIED

77. ALLEN/MACDONALD: BE IT RESOLVED that payroll items numbering from 169 to 213 in the amount of \$93,721.80 for May 10, 2017 be passed and paid. CARRIED

78. MACDONALD/ALLEN: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1250 being a by-law to end the application of Part IX of the Municipal Act, 2001; "Limitation on Taxes for Certain Property Classes" 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

79. ALLEN/MACDONALD: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee approve an amendment to the joint agreement with the Township of Emo and Township of Chapple for Fire Chief Services to include the Township of Alberton. CARRIED

80. MACDONALD/ALLEN: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts the April 30, 2017 Financial Statements as presented. CARRIED

81. ALLEN/MACDONALD: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby approves the Critical Incident Stress (PTSD) policy for members of the Fire Department. CARRIED

82. MACDONALD/ALLEN: BE IT RESOLVED that Council call a Special Meeting for May 30th, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the budget and Roads Projects. CARRIED

83. MACDONALD/ALLEN: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Rainy River Vet Services Committee and that the .35 cents per capita fees in the amount of \$330.05 be paid. CARRIED

84. ALLEN/MACDONALD: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee express their disapproval of the provincial proposal that would require septic fields to be pumped out every 5 years. A letter to be sent to Hon. Bill Maura and our local MPP. CARRIED

85. ALLEN/MACDONALD: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Corporation of the County of Lanark's resolution respectfully requesting the provincial government to enhance our local response to the opioid problem in our community, by enacting the following: ensure all first responders, including police and fire, have access to provincially funded naloxone that can reverse an opioid overdose, and training in its use, due to the fact that in our rural region volunteer firefighters are often the first ones on the scene of an opioid overdose, and it is critical that the individual(s) who has overdosed receive naloxone as soon as possible to prevent death; and ensure all places that support vulnerable people in the community, have access to publicly funded naloxone, and training in its use; and provide a provincially funded public opioid education campaign, including social media to complement the efforts of individual communities; and provide additional provincial funding for addiction and mental health services that would assist in treating people with mental illness to reduce and/or eliminate self-medication with opioids, and would provide addiction services to help people overcome their opioid addiction. CARRIED


86. MACDONALD/ALLEN: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio's resolution that in recognition of Canada's 150th Birthday, the federal and provincial governments be requested to waive the taxes payable on the purchase of a Canadian Flag or Canada 150 Anniversary flag for the year 2017. CARRIED

87. MACDONALD/ALLEN: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Township of Frontenac's resolution requesting that being Hydro Rates including the 25% reduction not being applicable to seasonal residents, delivery charges, etc.; and that the government has reduced Hydro One consumers' delivery charges by 17% with an additional 8% HST to Ontario Residents; and due to unreasonable requirements for reduction most seasonal residents do not qualify for the reduction; and all consumers residing within a native reserve are exempt from the delivery charges; that these charges be removed from all Hydro One customers billing. CARRIED

88. MACDONALD/ALLEN: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee contribute to the Devlin Youth Baseball should there be a shortfall. CARRIED

89. ALLEN/MACDONALD: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee in in opposition to the removal of the tax-exempt portion of remuneration paid to local elected officials that was passed in the Federal Deficit Budget and proposed in Bill 68. CARRIED

90. MACDONALD/ALLEN: BE IT RESOLVED that we adjourn to the next meeting or the call of the clerk. CARRIED


Reeve


Clerk