

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 10, 2016 with Reeve Ken McKinnon and Councillors Dennis Allen, Irwin Hughes, Murray Witherspoon and Lucille MacDonald in attendance.

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

Conflict of Interest: None

Delegations: None

Fire Department Report: Fire Chief's report was reviewed. Josh reported that things are going well. There could be an opportunity for some training for the department to be done in Emo at the end of May. Public education was discussed. They will be dropping some educational material off at the school. There was a discussion with Fire Chief about keeping the department members number to around 20. By-Laws 1233 and 1234 were reviewed and discussed before passing.

Road Department Report: Daily Activity report was reviewed. Road Superintendent reported that everything is going well. Gravel tender was discussed. The hall work has been completed. Screen on line to furnace has been installed and hot water tank was re-lit. Lights on the outside of the municipal building need to be fixed and two heaters in upstairs meeting room are not working. An electrician will be contacted. Roadside grass cutting tender was discussed and it was decided to advertise the tender in both local papers.

Council Discussion: There was a discussion in regards to the Healthy Kids Community Challenge Proposal that we submitted. We were awarded \$200 to be put toward activity equipment/supplies for our Annual Community Picnic.

Council Reports: None

Resolutions:

23. HUGHES/MACDONALD: That we accept the Agenda and Agenda Addendum as presented. CARRIED
24. ALLEN/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the January 13, 2016 Council Meeting be accepted as presented. CARRIED
25. HUGHES/MACDONALD: BE IT RESOLVED that payroll items numbering from 1 to 63 in the amount of \$110,420.68 for February 10, 2016 be passed and paid. CARRIED
26. WITHERSPOON/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts the January 31, 2016 Financial Statements as presented. CARRIED
27. MACDONALD/WITHERSPOON: BE IT RESOLVED that Patti McDowall be approved to participate in Fred Dean's 8 week webinar series for Municipal Clerks and that the fee of \$299 plus applicable taxes be paid. CARRIED
28. MACDONALD/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that the Fire Chief is hereby approved to attend the O AFC 2016 Conference in Toronto on April 30 to May 4, 2016 and that all costs be split with the Townships of Emo and Chapple. CARRIED
29. MACDONALD/WITHERSPOON: BE IT RESOLVED that we now go in-camera at 8:45 p.m. for Personnel Matters regarding an identifiable individual. CARRIED
30. WITHERSPOON/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that we now close our in-camera session at 9:50 p.m. and continue with the regular meeting of council. CARRIED

31. MACDONALD/WITHERSPOON: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1231 being a By-Law for the purpose of appointing certain officers of the Corporation and for setting the remuneration of such officers for 2016 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
32. ALLEN/WITHERSPOON: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1232 being a By-Law to repeal and replace the schedule of fees in By-Law No. 1197 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
33. HUGHES/MACDONALD: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1233 being a By-Law to provide for the participation of the La Vallee Fire Department in the District of Rainy River Mutual Aid Plan 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
34. HUGHES/MACDONALD: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1234 being a By-Law to repeal and replace By-Law No. 1033-Establishing and Regulating Volunteer Fire Department 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
35. HUGHES/WITHERSPOON: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee approves payment of Insurance premiums to Gillon's Insurance in the amount of \$39,282 plus taxes. CARRIED
36. MACDONALD/HUGHES: 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 \$6,601.00 for the year 2016-2017.
Yeas: McKinnon, Hughes, MacDonald Nays: Allen, Witherspoon CARRIED
37. MACDONALD/WITHERSPOON: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee agrees to contribute \$0.50 per capita to Safe Communities Rainy River District for 2015/2016 endeavors. CARRIED
38. HUGHES/MACDONALD: BE IT RESOLVED that the Clerk and all of Council are hereby approved to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association in Thunder Bay on April 27th to 29th, 2016 and that all costs be paid. CARRIED
39. WITHERSPOON/MACDONALD: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Township of Wainfleet in requesting that Ontario cancel RFP for Added Wind Power Generation. CARRIED
40. HUGHES/ALLEN: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Town of Aurora in requesting that the Government of Ontario limit the jurisdiction of the OMB (Ontario Municipal Board) to question of law or process; and that the Government of Ontario be requested to require the OMB to uphold any planning decisions of Municipal Councils unless they are contrary to the processes and rules set out in legislation. CARRIED
41. MACDONALD/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee write off the balance of taxes on roll number 59-16-000-001-05102-0000 in the amount of \$3,185.83 being the remainder on the account after tax sale proceeds for the year 2015. CARRIED

42. HUGHES/ALLEN: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee agree to pay the Deputy Fire Chief \$200 a month and the Fire Department Trainer \$80 a month.

CARRIED

43. WITHERSPOON/MACDONALD: That we adjourn to the next regular meeting or the call of the clerk.

CARRIED



Reeve

Clerk