

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, January 13, 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, Mike Caul, Landfill Attendant and Josh Colling, Fire Chief.

Conflict of Interest: None

Delegations: None

Fire Department Report: The Fire Chief's report was reviewed and discussed. Training is coming along and they are working their way through the new curriculum. The Fire Department had one call-out in December. The owner had a fire permit. The Department would like to recruit two new members but recruitment for new members will be an ongoing thing.

Road Department Report: The Daily Activity Report was reviewed. No plowing needed to be done over the holidays however, some of the Roads needed sanding. A couple of issues at the Landfill were discussed with the attendant.

Council Discussion: A change table for the hall was discussed. Measurements will be taken to see if one will fit in the woman's washroom. There was also discussion regarding a piece of property in the township that was put up for tax sale in December/15. Council agreed to extend the deadline for payment.

Council Reports: None

Resolutions:

1. MACDONALD/WITHERSPOON: That we accept the Agenda and Agenda Addendum as presented. CARRIED
2. HUGHES/ALLEN: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee concurs with Bell Mobility's Proposal to install a cell tower on the Southeast one-quarter of Section 22 in Devlin (Richard Cunningham's property). CARRIED
3. HUGHES/MACDONALD: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee approves Clerk's recommendations in the memo of Dec. 9, 2015 appointing Leeann Galusha to full time permanent employment with the Township and changing her title to Administrative Assistant. CARRIED
4. HUGHES/ALLEN: BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the December 9, 2015 Council Meeting be accepted as presented. CARRIED
5. MACDONALD/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that payroll items numbering from 551 to 619 in the amount of \$112,798.39 for December 31, 2015 be passed and paid. CARRIED
6. MACDONALD/WITHERSPOON: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts the December 31, 2015 Financial Statements as presented. CARRIED
7. HUGHES/MACDONALD: BE IT RESOLVED that we now go in-camera at 8:55 p.m. for Labour Relations. CARRIED
8. HUGHES/MACDONALD: 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

All of Council, the Clerk and Road Superintendent were in attendance.


The Clerk was instructed to make changes to the Employee Salary and Wages by-law which will be presented at the next regular meeting of council.

9. WITHERSPOON/MACDONALD: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1228 being a By-law to establish the 2015 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
10. ALLEN/WITHERSPOON: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1229 being a By-Law to authorize the borrowing of money to meet current expenditures of the council of The Corporation of the Township of La Vallee 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
11. MACDONALD/WITHERSPOON: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1230 being a By-Law to provide for an interim tax levy and the payment of interim taxes for the year 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
12. HUGHES/MACDONALD: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports The Corporation of the City of Kingston's resolution in encouraging the provincial and federal governments to work together to consider, investigate and develop a Basic Income Guarantee for all Canadians. NOT CARRIED
13. MACDONALD/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports The Corporation of the Municipality of West Nipissing's resolution requesting that the Minister of Energy to expand natural gas services in all of Northern Ontario. CARRIED
14. HUGHES/ALLEN: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports The Corporation of the Municipality of West Nipissing's resolution requesting the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to consider amending the qualifying criteria for the Northern Health Travel Grant; wherein all roundtrips exceeding 100km be eligible for reimbursement. CARRIED
15. WITHERSPOON/ALLEN: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports The Corporation of the Municipality of West Nipissing's resolution requesting the Minister of Transportation to expedite its re-classification of all Northern Ontario highways as per the Winter Highway Maintenance Action Plan. CARRIED
16. HUGHES/MACDONALD: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports The Township of Oro-Medonte's resolution that a review and update of the fee provisions in MFIPPA and in Ontario Regulation 823 to ensure that they are more reflective of current and actual costs. CARRIED
17. WITHERSPOON/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports The Municipality of Port Hope's resolution requesting that the Ontario Minister of Environment and Climate Change and the Ontario Minister of Energy prohibit incineration and related means of waste disposal, including "Energy from Waste" facilities, as these facilities result in significant release of toxic substances and greenhouse gases, and thus their use is in conflict with the Province's goal of reducing greenhouse gases. CARRIED
18. MACDONALD/WITHERSPOON: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports The Corporation of the Township of Madawaska Valley's resolution to retain and attract family physicians to our rural Ontario municipality, requests that the Minister of Health and Long Term Care reinstate incentives for physicians to practice in rural areas of Ontario. CARRIED
19. MACDONALD/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that Patti McDowall be approved to take the Municipal Administration Program and that Leeann Galusha be approved to take the Municipal Accounting and Finance Program and that all costs be paid. CARRIED


20. HUGHES/MACDONALD: BE IT RESOLVED that Patti McDowall is hereby approved to attend the annual Planning Workshop on March 30th and 31st, 2016 in Thunder Bay and that all costs be paid. CARRIED

21. ALLEN/WITHERSPOON: BE IT RESOLVED that all of Council and the Clerk are hereby approved to attend the Rainy River District Municipal Association's Annual General Meeting and Conference on January 30, 2016 in Bergland and that all costs be paid. CARRIED

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



Reeve



Clerk