

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 12, 2017 with Reeve Ken McKinnon and Councillors Dennis Allen, Irwin Hughes, Lucille MacDonald and Murray Witherspoon in attendance.

Also present was Patti McDowall, Clerk/Treasurer and Ken McCormick, Equipment Operator. Mike Hyatt, Road Superintendent was absent.

Conflict of Interest: None

Delegations: Geoff Gillon attended on behalf of Rainy River Future Development Corporation. Also present were Jim Belluz and Deb Cornell. Geoff handed out an informational sheet on what Rainy River Future Development Corporation is all about and all of the work they have done in the district. Besides doing business loans they also coordinate projects like land clearing and tile drainage, much of which has been done in our municipality. They are also involved in broadband projects and helped get the tower so cell service can be reached on highway 602 area.

Merv Ahrens attended and talked about a project he is involved in for Canada's 150th birthday. The project involves creating a book with pictures in it from William H. Tener, who was a resident of our municipality. The committee is working out of the Fort Frances Museum. He wondered if the Township would be interested in any kind of sponsorship for the project.

Fire Department Report: Fire Chief was away.

Road Department Report: Daily activity report was reviewed. Spot grading was discussed. The changing of hours during the spring was talked about. Road tour was set for Wednesday, April 19th at 7:30 a.m. The La Vallee railroad crossing was discussed and it was decided to write a letter to Canada Transport Agency requesting a site review. It was decided to advertise for summer students.

Council Discussion: Councillor, MacDonald filled council in on the progress of the Devlin T-ball/baseball sign up. It is filling up fast.

Council Reports: None.

Resolutions:

55. MACDONALD/WITHERSPOON: That we accept the Agenda and Agenda Addendum as presented. CARRIED
56. WITHERSPOON/MACDONALD: BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the March 8, 2017 Council Meeting be accepted as presented. CARRIED
57. MACDONALD/WITHERSPOON: BE IT RESOLVED that payroll items numbering from 112 to 168 in the amount of \$218,929.33 for April 12, 2017 be passed and paid.
58. MACDONALD/ALLEN: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee agrees to support Rainy River Future Development Corporation at \$7.00 per capita in the amount of \$6,601.00. CARRIED
59. HUGHES/MACDONALD: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee agrees to pre-buy 50 books of the William H. Tener collection at cost of \$15 per book and donate \$500.00 to the Committee. CARRIED
60. ALLEN/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts the March 31, 2017 Financial Statements as presented. CARRIED
61. MACDONALD/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1249 being a By-law to regulate Open Air Burning within 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

62. ALLEN/MACDONALD: BE IT RESOLVED that we now go in-camera at 8:45 p.m. for Personnel Matters regarding an identifiable individual and matters relating to a Committee of Council. CARRIED

63. ALLEN/WITHERSPOON: BE IT RESOLVED that we now close our in-camera session at 9:15 p.m. and continue with the regular meeting of council. CARRIED

64. MACDONALD/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that Ken McKinnon, as a member of the AMBIS Committee, be approved to participate in negotiating employment terms for a Chief Building Official. Council acknowledges that the agreement reached by the negotiating committee will be binding on the Township. CARRIED

65. WITHERSPOON/MACDONALD: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby approves the AMBIS Chief Building Official – Job Description and Offer of Employment in drafts as presented. CARRIED

66. HUGHES/ALLEN: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1248 being a By-law to authorize an Agreement for Interim CBO/Building Inspection Services between the Township of La Vallee, Township of Alberton, Town of Rainy River and Hallam Construction Consulting Services Inc. 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 the Township of La Vallee nominate [REDACTED] for Senior of the Year for 2017. CARRIED

68. WITHERSPOON/MACDONALD: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1246 being a By-law for the purpose of appointing certain officers of the Corporation and for setting remuneration of such officers of the Corporation of the Township of La Vallee for the year 2017 read a first, second and third time be finally passed, signed by the Reeve and Clerk, sealed with the Corporate Seal and come law forthwith. CARRIED

69. HUGHES/ALLEN: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1247 being a By-law to establish the 2017 tax ratios be 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 approves the new schedule of fees for tax sale registrations from Realtax Inc. and the schedule of fees in By-Law No. 1239 will be amended. CARRIED

71. WITHERSPOON/MACDONALD: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the “We Own It” Campaign’s resolution recognizing that the public delivery of public services ensures more transparency and accountability to the public, democratic oversight and control of public service delivery by our community’s elected representatives, and avoids the diversion of public funds into profits for private corporations; call a moratorium on privatizing or outsourcing any of its public services without first undertaking a rigorous, credible and fully public and transparent review of the privatization or outsourcing proposal; and review current privatized and outsourced services with a view to in sourcing them in order to lower costs and/or improve services. CARRIED

72. MACDONALD/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Corporation of the Municipality of Thames Centre’s resolution requesting that the Premier, and Minister of Education, develop a policy that enables all schools and school boards in Ontario, including the Thames Valley District School Board, that allows individual elementary and secondary schools to have an AED installed in this schools; and that the Thames Valley District School Board and all other schools in Ontario develop a policy to install AEDs in all schools as soon as possible for the safety of our children. CARRIED

73. HUGHES/ALLEN: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports Francois Choquette, Member of Parliament from Drummond, in support of Bill C-203 to require Judges appointed to the Supreme Court to understand both French and English without the assistance of an interpreter. CARRIED

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



Reeve



Clerk