

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 8, 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, Mike Hyatt, Road Superintendent and Josh Colling, Fire Chief.

Conflict of Interest: None

Delegations: Both delegations failed to attend.

Fire Department Report: Fire report was reviewed and discussed. The Open Air Burning draft By-law and fees were reviewed. It was decided to table the information and look at again at a future date. Furnace at fire hall was discussed. Repairs have been completed. One complete fire suit will be purchased for a new member as no other available suits fit. One multi-gas detector was approved for purchase. A letter to support the Fire Chief becoming the Rainy River District Fire Coordinator will be written.

Road Department Report: Daily Activity report was reviewed. New daily inspection log books will be used to track equipment maintenance etc. Half-ton quotes were reviewed. We will keep looking for a good deal. Dozer maintenance was discussed. It is still out of operation and in the garage. Recycling at landfill should be an on-going thing. Overtime hours were reviewed and it was agreed that the majority of those should be taken off in the winter months. GPS units for the equipment will be purchased and Clerk was instructed to bring back numbers for the costing of the units for the next meeting.

Council Discussion: Senior of the year was discussed. We will advertise for nominations in our next newsletter. Hall renovations have been completed except for roof repairs that will have to be finished in the spring. A bit of electrical work is left. Painting at the hall was discussed.

Council Reports: Lucille and Irwin discussed the Arena. Hydro bill last month was really high. They are looking at some very costly repairs in the near future.

Resolutions:

18. MACDONALD/ALLEN: That we accept the Agenda and Agenda Addendum as presented. CARRIED
19. HUGHES/ALLEN: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee agrees to contribute \$0.50 per capita in the amount of \$471.50 to Safe Communities Rainy River District for 2016/17 endeavors. CARRIED
20. ALLEN/WITHERSPOON: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the insurance proposal from Frank Cowan Co. in the amount of \$33,115 plus PST for 2017-2018. CARRIED
21. HUGHES/MACDONALD: BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the January 11, 2017 Council Meeting be accepted as presented. CARRIED
22. ALLEN/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that payroll items numbering from 1 to 66 in the amount of \$133,823.17 for February 8, 2017 be passed and paid. CARRIED
23. MACDONALD/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts the January 31, 2017 Financial Statements as presented. CARRIED
24. MACDONALD/WITHERSPOON: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hire Larry Bragg and Brian Allan as casual equipment operators. CARRIED
25. MACDONALD/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that Township of La Vallee hereby authorizes and supports Joshua Colling being the Rainy River District Fire Coordinator. CARRIED
26. HUGHES/MACDONALD: BE IT RESOLVED that we now go in-camera at 10:00 p.m. for Personnel Matters regarding an identifiable individual. CARRIED

27. MACDONALD/WITHERSPOON: BE IT RESOLVED that we now close our in-camera session at 10:55 p.m. and continue with the regular meeting of council. CARRIED
28. HUGHES/MACDONALD: BE IT RESOLVED that Patti McDowall is hereby approved to attend the AMCTO Workshop of April 24th, 2017 and the Zone 9 Spring Meeting Workshop on April 25th and 26th, 2017 in Thunder Bay and that all costs be paid. CARRIED
29. MACDONALD/HUGHES: 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. DEFEATED
Yays: McKinnon and MacDonald Nays: Allen, Witherspoon, and Hughes
30. MACDONALD/ALLEN: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Prince Edward County's resolution as it relates to urging the Minister of Education to rewrite the Pupil Accommodation Review Guideline (PARG), to take into consideration community and economic value consideration of rural communities and provide for a more democratic process; and that until such time as PARG is rewritten, that the Province place a moratorium on any more rural school closures. CARRIED
31. HUGHES/ALLEN: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee supports New Gold Inc.'s letter to The Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, in regards to an amendment to Schedule 2 of the Metal Mining Effluent Regulation. CARRIED
32. WITHERSPOON/MACDONALD: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Township of Montague requesting the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport and the Southern Ontario Library Service maintain funding for libraries for internet connectivity. CARRIED
33. ALLEN/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the City of Owen Sound's resolution to forward a letter to the Ministry of Transportation encouraging the provincial governments to review the gas tax funding formula recognizing that there has been no increase since 2006 and that with the implementation of Cap and Trade January 1, 2017 it is more expensive for municipalities consuming the fuel. CARRIED
34. WITHERSPOON/ALLEN: BE IT RESOLVED that roll number 59-16-000-001-03701-0000's assessment be reduced from 187,000 to 53,000 for part of 2016 and from 190,750 to 46,500 for 2017 due to being razed by fire. CARRIED
35. ALLEN/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that roll number 59-16-000-003-00800-0000's assessment be reduced from 295,000 to 89,000 for part of 2016 and from 300,500 to 89,500 for 2017 due to being razed by fire. CARRIED
36. ALLEN/HUGHES: That we adjourn to the next regular meeting or the call of the clerk. CARRIED


Reeve


Clerk