

## 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 11, 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 were absent.

**Conflict of Interest:** None

**Delegations:** Peter Fuhrer attended to talk about snowplowing on north end of Norris Road.

**Fire Department Report:** no report.

**Road Department Report:** no report.

**Council Discussion:** Snowplowing over the holidays was discussed. We have one person interested in the casual operator position. Council agreed one more person would be great to have on the list. Bull Dozer maintenance was discussed. It should be maintained on a regular schedule. Hall renovations were discussed. There are a few more things left to do and all agreed to get someone in and finish it. Projects for the new year were discussed.

**Council Reports:** Irwin and Lucille discussed the Arena. Ice rentals are down. They have been having trouble with the furnace. They reported that one new employee has been hired.

### **Resolutions:**

1. HUGHES/WITHERSPOON: That we accept the Agenda and Agenda Addendum as presented. CARRIED
2. ALLEN/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the December 14, 2016 Council Meeting be accepted as presented. CARRIED
3. HUGHES/WITHERSPOON: BE IT RESOLVED that payroll items numbering from 627 to 665 in the amount of \$90,342.61 for December 31, 2016 be passed and paid. Councillor Lucille MacDonald abstained from voting. CARRIED
4. ALLEN/WITHERSPOON: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts the December 31, 2016 Financial Statements as presented. CARRIED
5. HUGHES/ALLEN: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hire Dale Jerry as a casual equipment operator. CARRIED
6. MACDONALD/WITHERSPOON: BE IT RESOLVED that we now go in-camera at 9:15 p.m. for labour relations and employment negotiations. CARRIED
7. ALLEN/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that we now close our in-camera session at 10:30 p.m. and continue with the regular meeting of council. CARRIED
8. ALLEN/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that employees' wages and salaries be adjusted as discussed. Salary scale will be adjusted to reflect changes and By-Law will be updated. CARRIED
9. ALLEN/WITHERSPOON: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1243 being a By-law to authorize a Communications (call taking and alerting or dispatching) Services Agreement between the Corporation of the Township of La Vallee and the Kenora Central Ambulance Communications Centre (hereinafter referred to as the "CACC") and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario, as represented by the Minister of Health 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. MACDONALD/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1244 being a By-law to provide for an Interim Tax Levy and the Payment of Interim Taxes 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 become law forthwith. CARRIED

11. MACDONALD/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1245 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

12. WITHERSPOON/MACDONALD: BE IT RESOLVED that Patti McDowall be approved to attend the Ministry of Municipal Affairs Planning Workshop on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 in Thunder Bay and that all costs be paid. CARRIED

13. MACDONALD/WITHERSPOON: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Town of Fort Frances' resolution to call upon the Minister of Finance for the Province of Ontario to implement a new system of municipal property taxation for railroad right-of-way properties based on utilizing a per ton-mile concept; and that the new tax system when implemented, be reviewed on a regular basis, similar to the MPAC four-year assessment cycle. CARRIED

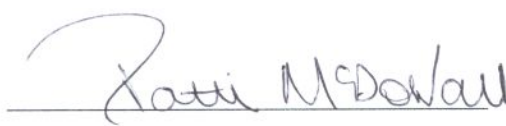
14. MACDONALD/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Town of Richmond Hill's resolution encouraging the Federal Government to review the Banking Act to allow postal banking at Canada Post; to amend the Canada Post Act of 1981 to allow postal banking at Canada Post; to instruct Canada Post to add postal banking as a service, with a mandate for financial inclusion either as a stand-alone bank or in cooperation with other financial organizations which may include the Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC); and call on the federal government to instruct Canada Post to add postal banking, with a mandate for financial inclusion. CARRIED

15. WITHERSPOON/HUGHES: 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 28, 2017 in Rainy River and that all costs be paid. CARRIED

16. ALLEN/WITHERSPOON: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee transfer \$27,500 to the Reserve Fund for Capital Equipment and \$5,000 to the Reserve Fund for Fire Dept. for Dec. 31, 2016 as per the 2016 budget. CARRIED

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

  
Reeve

  
Clerk