

## 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, 2021 with Reeve Ken McKinnon and Councillors Glen Aveyard, Jim Belluz, Elaine Hughes and Danny Rea in attendance. This was a virtual meeting.

Also present were Patti McDowall, Clerk/Treasurer, Dale Jerry, Road Superintendent and Darren Hughes, Fire Chief.

**Conflict of Interest:** None

**Delegations:** None

**Road Department Report:** Daily Activity report was reviewed and discussed. The new equipment operator is doing some training. Brushing is on-going. The rink is in good shape and being used a lot. The Road Superintendent did a good job over the holidays keeping the roads in good shape.

**Fire Department Report:** The Fire Chief's report was reviewed. Discussion took place on replacing equipment. Some quotes were reviewed. In-person training has been suspended due to lockdown.

**Council Discussion:** There was discussion regarding user fees. It was decided to schedule a special meeting to deal with Employee Salary/Wages.

**Council Reports:** None

### **Resolutions:**

1. BELLUZ/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the Agenda as presented. CARRIED
2. AVEYARD/BELLUZ: BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Council Meeting be accepted as presented. CARRIED
3. REA/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that payroll items numbering from 575 to 630 in the amount of \$128,048.08 for December 31, 2020 and the payroll items numbering from 1 to 7 in the amount of \$17,242.25 for January 13, 2021 be passed and paid. CARRIED
4. HUGHES/AVEYARD: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts the December 31, 2020 Financial Statements as presented (before year-end adjustments). CARRIED
5. HUGHES/AVEYARD: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee amend the Miscellaneous User Fees to include a fee of \$10.00 for Commissioner of Oath signatures for non-residents. CARRIED
6. BELLUZ/AVEYARD: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee schedule an in-camera session to discuss Employee Salary & Wages on Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. CARRIED
7. BELLUZ/AVEYARD: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1310 being a By-law to provide for an Interim Tax Levy and the Payment of Interim Taxes for the Year 2021 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
8. REA/BELLUZ: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1311 being a By-law authorizing the borrowing of money to meet current expenditures of the council of La Vallee (the "Municipality") 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
9. REA/BELLUZ: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee agree to write a Letter of Support for the implementation phase of Grand Council Treaty #3-Territorial Internet Connectivity Project as requested from Rainy River Future Development Corporation. CARRIED

10. BELLUZ/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 \$5,600.00 for the 2021/2022 year. CARRIED
11. REA/AVEYARD: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee approves making application to the Canada Summer Jobs Program for 2 Summer Students. CARRIED
12. AVEYARD/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Town of Kingsville's resolution calling upon the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford, as well as the Ontario cabinet and Health officials, to protect the health of Ontarians and our small businesses by allowing them to remain open to in-store sales and service with limited capacity and increased safety measures during the current pandemic. CARRIED
13. BELLUZ/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Township of Matachewan's resolution requesting that the application deadline for announcements of available grants have a longer turnaround time. CARRIED
14. BELLUZ/AVEYARD: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Municipality of Charlton and Dack's resolution calling on the Province of Ontario to immediately review the recommendations and to investigate the unethical practice of preferred vendors who are paid substantial amounts over industry standards, despite COVID-19 delays, as insurance premiums will soon be out of reach for many communities. CARRIED
15. AVEYARD/REA: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby hire David Jewett for the position of Grader/Equipment Operator effective January 4, 2021 with a probationary period of six months and at the hourly wage as discussed pending the receipt of a criminal record check. CARRIED
16. BELLUZ/AVEYARD: BE IT RESOLVED that we adjourn to the next regular meeting or the call of the clerk. CARRIED



Reeve



Clerk