

## 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, March 10, 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:** Dave Ogilvie attended on behalf of the Emo Lions. There is one more piece of equipment left to put in at the playground. Council is to decide whether sod should go in around the equipment.

**Road Department Report:** Daily Activity report was reviewed and discussed. Brushing will resume. Some material from the pit has been hauled to the landfill and stockpile.

**Fire Department Report:** The Fire Chief's report was reviewed. The tanker is due for yearly safety. Some training has resumed. Fire department tote bags were discussed. There was discussion on the replacement of Fire Department trucks.

**Council Discussion:** Grant applications were discussed.

**Council Reports:** None

### **Resolutions:**

40. AVEYARD/BELLUZ: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the Agenda as presented. CARRIED

41. HUGHES/AVEYARD: BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Council Meeting and the minutes of the February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 Special Meeting be accepted as presented. CARRIED

42. BELLUZ/AVEYARD: BE IT RESOLVED that payroll items numbering from 59 to 114 in the amount of \$157,790.19 for March 10, 2021 be passed and paid. CARRIED

43. AVEYARD/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts the February 28, 2021 Financial Statements as presented. CARRIED

44. BELLUZ/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that the Clerk and all of Council are hereby approved to attend the 2021 NOMA Annual General Meeting and Conference to be held virtually on April 28<sup>th</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and that the fee of \$125 per participate be paid. CARRIED

45. REA/AVEYARD: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby agrees to write a letter to Hon. Marcus Powlowski, M.P. expressing concerns regarding the Cross Border Fishing issue. CARRIED

46. REA/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee agrees to write a letter to Minister Yakabuski in support of the Town of Fort Frances in regards to the GreenFirst Forest Products Inc. and the Boundary Waters Forest. CARRIED

Yays: K. McKinnon, E. Hughes, D. Rea      Nays: G. Aveyard, J. Belluz

47. BELLUZ/REA: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts the proposed fee of \$5,550.00 plus HST from K. Smart Associates Limited for the 2021 bridge inspections. CARRIED

48. HUGHES/BELLUZ: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the City of St. Catharine's resolution to call upon the Government of Ontario to permanently legislate universal paid sick days for all workers in Ontario during the pandemic and beyond, regardless of workplace size, type of work or immigration status.

DEFEATED

Yays: G. Aveyard, D. Rea

Nays: K. McKinnon, J. Belluz, E. Hughes

49. REA/AVEYARD: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Township of Georgian Bay's resolution calling on the Province of Ontario to immediately review the recommendations 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

50. BELLUZ/AVEYARD: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Township of Conmee's resolution to lobby the Provincial Government to amend The Municipal Act and Municipal Elections Act, as may be, so that people with criminal records who have not had their record cleared from the RCMP Data Base by order of the Governor General of Canada, be prohibited from becoming a candidate in municipal elections.

AND that an elected local government official be disqualified from office upon conviction of a serious criminal offence and be forced to resign.

CARRIED

51. BELLUZ/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Township of The Archipelago's resolution requesting that the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Steve Clark, initiate a review of the Municipal Elections Act and make amendments to provide such clearer, stronger wording, to assist Municipal Clerks in addressing issues related to non-resident electors, and to allow for a more definitive decision to be made when adding names to the voters' list.

AND that the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Steve Clark, ensure that there is a clear and accessible way to enforce the rules described in the Municipal Elections Act.

CARRIED

52. REA/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Municipality of Halton's resolution strongly urging the Provincial Government to move forward with implementation of AMO's recommendations contained in its submission to the Long-Term Care COVID-19 Commission, including instituting higher standards with increased funding to homes to implement those standards;  
AND that the Federal Government enhance federal health care funding to the Provinces and Territories, specifically dedicating funding to long-term care, and to undertake further efforts to protect, promote and restore the physical and mental well-being of long-term care residents in Canada;

AND requesting that FCM develop a policy and advocacy position on enhanced federal support for long-term care.

CARRIED

53. BELLUZ/REA: BE IT RESOLVED that we adjourn to the next regular meeting or the call of the clerk.

CARRIED



Reeve



Clerk