

## 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, July 14, 2021 with Reeve Ken McKinnon and Councillors Glen Aveyard, Jim Belluz, Elaine Hughes and Danny Rea in attendance.

Also present were Patti McDowall, Clerk/Treasurer; Dale Jerry, Road Superintendent and Tyrell Griffith, Joint Fire Chief.

\*\*Dale Jerry and Elaine Hughes attended virtually to allow for social distancing in Council Chambers.

**Conflict of Interest:** None

**Delegations:** Allison Cox and Meghan Cox attended to present information on Riverside's Foundation for HealthCare "Picture This" campaign. Three pieces of equipment need replacement or upgrades. The equipment purchases and upgrades will come with improved technology that will allow for greater diagnostic capabilities. A commitment of support over a three year period was requested.

**Road Department Report:** Daily Activity report was reviewed and discussed. Rink boards at the crossroads rink are in the process of being repaired. Gravel haul is complete and calcium being put on the roads. Council advised that no grading should be done when it is extremely dry. Beaver control was discussed.

**Fire Department Report:** The Fire Chief's report was reviewed. The appointment of a volunteer fire fighter was approved. Tanker and truck replacements were discussed.

**Council Discussion:** The steel gates at the Cemeteries are heavy and difficult for Seniors to open. Different options for access were discussed.

**Council Reports:** None

### **Resolutions:**

129. **BELLUZ/AVEYARD:** BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the Agenda and Agenda Addendum as presented. CARRIED

130. **BELLUZ/REA:** BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Council Meeting be accepted as presented. CARRIED

131. **AVEYARD/REA:** BE IT RESOLVED that payroll items numbering from 245 to 287 in the amount of \$286,060.44 for July 14, 2021 be passed and paid. CARRIED

132. **BELLUZ/AVEYARD:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts the June 30, 2021 Financial Statements as presented. CARRIED

133. **BELLUZ/AVEYARD:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby agrees to donate a total of \$15,000 over a three year period to the newly formed "Picture This" capital campaign through Riverside Foundation for Healthcare. CARRIED

134. **BELLUZ/AVEYARD:** WHEREAS, conditions currently in the Rainy River District include drought, late hard frosts, unusually increased amount of grasshoppers, and grass eating insects;

WHEREAS, with current conditions, animal fodder is drying up or being eaten up with quantities being down to 25% of a normal year;

WHEREAS, farmers are faced with having to sell 50% or more of their breeding livestock;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of La Vallee is requesting the Province of Ontario and the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs to provide a disaster relief plan to farmers who are experiencing these hardships and that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, MPP and MP for our area and all municipalities within the Rainy River District. CARRIED

135. BELLUZ/AVEYARD: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee approves the appointment of Jordan Witzke to the La Vallee Fire and Emergency Services. CARRIED

136. BELLUZ/REA: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby appoints Fire Chief, Tyrell Griffith as an alternate CEMC on the Township of La Vallee's Emergency Control Group. CARRIED

137. REA/AVEYARD: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts the Integrated Accessibility Standards Policy which takes the place of the Accessibility Policy and the revisions to the Accessible Customer Service Police. CARRIED

138. AVEYARD/BELLUZ: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Town of Fort Frances in their initiative to request financial support from the Government to fund a Women's Shelter to be built in Fort Frances, for both capital and operational funding. CARRIED

139. REA/AVEYARD: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the City of Mississauga's resolution calling upon the Government of Canada to terminate its appeal of the 2019 Human Rights Tribunal Ruling, ordering Ottawa to pay compensation to First Nations Children and their families, separated in a chronically underfunded child welfare system that sees Indigenous children making up more than half the children in foster care even though they comprise only 7% of all the children under the age of 15 in Canada. DEFEATED

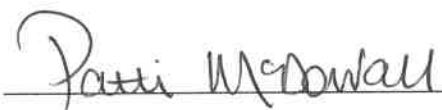
140. BELLUZ/AVEYARD: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Town of Cochrane's resolution calling on both the Federal and Provincial Governments to move to have the Prostrate Blood Test (PSA) for Men included in the national health care system and that it be made available for all Canadian men at no charge and further, that the Government make every effort to have this become a reality sooner than later as every day that goes by another 11 men will die of this avoidable disease. CARRIED

141. BELLUZ/REA: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Municipality of St. Charles' resolution calling on the Government to allow Municipalities to have a charge applied to all land transfers within their boundaries and that this amount go directly to the Municipality. CARRIED

142. BELLUZ/AVEYARD: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hire Ron Ogier to fill the position of Landfill Attendant conditional upon the receipt of a criminal reference check. CARRIED

143. AVEYARD/REA: BE IT RESOLVED that we adjourn to the next regular meeting or the call of the clerk. CARRIED

  
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Reeve

  
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Clerk