

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, May 11, 2022 with Reeve Ken McKinnon and Councillors Jim Belluz and Elaine Hughes in attendance. Councillor Dan Rea attended virtually. Councillor Glen Aveyard was absent.

Also present were Patti McDowall, Clerk/Treasurer; Neil MacDonald, Road Superintendent and Tyrell Griffith, Fire Chief.

Conflict of Interest: None

Tender Opening: Gravel Tender 1-2022

Dennis Robinson Ltd \$21.05 per cu. yard plus taxes for a total of \$166,505.50

Harold McQuaker Enterprises \$26.50 per cu. yard plus taxes for a total of \$209,615.00

Delegations: None

Road Department Report: The Daily Activity Report was reviewed. We need to budget for more road signs. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing official, Ellen Beaudry, toured the township to view the storm damage. The grader broke down and will need to be floated for repair. We still have the use of a rented grader. LAS Group Program was discussed. Road Superintendent was instructed to get a quote for surface treatment on Whiddon Road. Ditching in La Vallee village was discussed.

Fire Department Report: Fire Chief's report was reviewed. Two items were requested to be added. The appointment of a volunteer and discussion on Omers. Mandatory certification was discussed. The Fire Dept. responded to one incident since the last report.

Council Discussion: Ball Field was discussed.

Council Reports: None

Resolutions:

88. HUGHES/BELLUZ: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the Agenda and Agenda Addendum as presented. CARRIED

89. BELLUZ/HUGHES: WHEREAS Councillor Glen Aveyard is unable to carry out his regular Council duties during May, 2022 for personal reasons;

NOW THEREFORE Council for the Township of La Vallee hereby excuses the absence of Councillor Aveyard from this meeting. CARRIED

90. HUGHES/BELLUZ: BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the April 13, 2022 Council Meeting be accepted as presented. CARRIED

91. HUGHES/BELLUZ: BE IT RESOLVED that payroll items numbering from 171 to 227 in the amount of \$167,342.44 for May 11, 2022 be passed and paid. CARRIED

92. HUGHES/BELLUZ: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts the April 30, 2022 Financial Statements as presented. CARRIED

93. HUGHES/BELLUZ: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee approves the appointment of Jarid Sandelovich to the La Vallee Fire and Emergency Services. CARRIED

94. HUGHES/BELLUZ: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee approves amending our OMERS agreement to include a Normal Retirement Age (NRA) of 60 for the full-time Joint Fire Chief. CARRIED

95. BELLUZ/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts Gravel Tender No. 1-2022 from Dennis Robinson LTD. in the amount of \$166,505.50 including tax. CARRIED

96. BELLUZ/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee agrees to sign a letter of understanding with Local Authority Services (LAS) to take advantage of their Municipal Group Buying Program; AND The Township's Procurement Policy be amended in the near future to allow the Township to take advantage of these types of procurement solutions and that an authorizing by-law be prepared. CARRIED
97. HUGHES/BELLUZ: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township transfer \$58,844.75 from the Reserve Fund for Capital Equipment for the purchase of the 2022 Mulcher net of recoverable taxes. CARRIED
98. BELLUZ/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township set a Special Meeting date of May 26th at 9:00 a.m. to deal with the 2022 Budget. CARRIED
99. HUGHES/BELLUZ: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby appoints John Kuntze from K. Smart Associates as the Engineer for the Mowe Drain. CARRIED
100. HUGHES/BELLUZ: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee make application to the Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance Program for storm damage that occurred in conjunction with the Township's Declaration of an Emergency dated April 23, 2022. CARRIED
101. BELLUZ/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee appoint Elaine Hughes to replace Glen Aveyard as a member of Council on the Cemetery Committee. CARRIED
102. HUGHES/BELLUZ: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1327 being a By-law to authorize the execution of an Automatic Aid Agreement between RAINY RIVER FIRST NATIONS AND THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHAPPLE AND THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EMO AND 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
103. HUGHES/BELLUZ: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1328 being a By-law to establish the 2022 tax ratios 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
104. HUGHES/BELLUZ: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1329 being a By-law to adopt a Municipal Election Recount Policy 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
105. HUGHES/BELLUZ: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1330 being a By-law to accept the Use of Corporate Resources For Election Purposes Policy 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
106. HUGHES/BELLUZ: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts the proposal from Ron Ogier for grass cutting on the municipal roadways in the amount of \$35.00 a running mile for 2022. CARRIED
107. HUGHES/BELLUZ: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee agrees to a donation of \$200.00 to Brown's Clearwater West Lodge for "Atikokan Stands with Ukraine." CARRIED
108. HUGHES/BELLUZ: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Township of Mulmur's resolution relating to the More Homes for Everyone Act and also supports Mulmur's comments relating to Bill 109. CARRIED

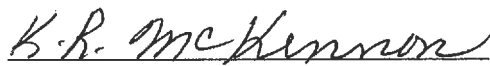
109. BELLUZ/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1331 being a By-law to appoint an Integrity Commissioner and alternates, to authorize execution of an agreement for Integrity Commissioner services, and to adopt an Integrity Commissioner Protocol for complaints and actions taken in respect thereof read 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


110. BELLUZ/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that we now go in-camera at 10:12 p.m. for the following reasons: (Employment Applications)

- Security of property;
- Personal matters regarding an identifiable individual, including employees;
- Proposed or pending acquisitions or disposition of real property;
- Labour relations and employee negotiations;
- Litigation or potential litigation, including matter before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board;
- Advice subject to a solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
- Any matter with respect to which a council, local board or committee or other body may hold a closed meeting under any other statute;
- Consideration of a request under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. CARRIED

111. BELLUZ/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that we now close our in-camera session at 10:25 p.m. and continue with the regular meeting of Council. CARRIED

112. HUGHES/BELLUZ: BE IT RESOLVED that we adjourn to the next regular meeting or the call of the clerk. CARRIED


Reeve


Clerk