

Township of La Vallee Newsletter

Landfill Hours:

Tuesday & Thursday 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

CLOSED ON ALL PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Website: lavallee.ca

Telephone: (807)486-3452

July 12, 2022

Final Taxes

Final taxes for 2022 have been mailed. Due date is Friday, July 29, 2022 by 3:00 p.m. Payments can be made by cheque, cash or e-transfer. The Township's bank will not let us accept an e-transfer payment without a password. Please see note on tax bill for suggested password or call the municipal office and let us know a head of time what your password will be.

Thank you

The Township would like to "Thank" Freeda Carmody and Angele Robichaud for planting and maintaining the flowers at the cenotaph again this year. It is greatly appreciated.

Election

2022 is an Election year for Municipal Councils. Nomination forms must be submitted by August 19, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. More information can be found on our website at lavallee.ca and on the back of this newsletter.

Driveways

New guidelines are being implemented for the 2022/2023 Driveway plowing guidelines. If you want your driveway plowed you will be put on our list. The day or two after a heavy snow and once all the roads are cleared, the equipment will be out plowing driveways. If your driveway looks plowed they will not go in otherwise they will use their discretion and plow your driveway.

We will no longer have an on-call list. Only one list and your driveway will be plowed when they are out doing driveways. When we plow it will be one swipe up and one swipe down your driveway. If you want custom snow removal done a different rate will apply. Snowplow waivers are required to be signed yearly.

Landfill

The landfill site access cards are for residents of the Township of La Vallee **ONLY** and anyone caught giving their card to a non-resident will have their landfill site privileges revoked. This is our landfill and if not properly maintained the end result will be a tax burden on our residents. ****Contractors** who are residents of La Vallee will be charged the appropriate fee when bringing in materials from outside the municipality. You will be required to sign a form to verify where the materials have come from.

****Residents** can bring shingles/wood products to the landfill free of charge. The material must be separated and dumped in the designated area. If you are bringing in **trailer loads** of material then the appropriate fees will be imposed. *** All materials must be separated!** Paint cans can be brought to the landfill but only if they are empty or if the contents are solidified.

****Do not** confront the landfill attendant with complaints or arguments. Direct all your inquiries to the municipal office.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

Responsibilities of Elected Officials

Serving as an elected official requires commitment and dedication. You will be part of a team that will represent your community and chart a course for the future. Before deciding to run, you might want to attend a council meeting or talk to a municipal council member about their experience. There are a few things to expect if elected:

Term of Office

As a member of council, you will serve a four-year term. The term for newly elected council resulting from the 2022 Municipal Election will officially begin on November 15, 2022. You must take an oath of office before you can undertake any duties as a member of council.

Time Commitment

The Township of La Vallee holds regular council meetings once a month, however, you will also be required to attend special meetings, committee and board meetings, and various public meetings and functions.

Duties

As a council member you will be part of a team that will develop and evaluate policies and procedures for the municipality. You will ensure that services are delivered to residents and property owners in the most efficient way possible.

Remuneration

Members of council are generally paid a small amount in recognition of the time and energy they devote to their communities. The amount, and how/when it is paid varies among municipalities.

Conflict of Interest

All elected officials are subject to long-standing conflict of interest legislation. These rules are to ensure that decisions made by council are free of any outside influence. The legislation requires an elected official to make a statement disclosing all pecuniary interests in any issue being considered. This disclosure is noted in the minutes and a record available to the public for inspection at the municipal office during regular office hours.

Code of Conduct

Being elected to municipal council is a privilege which carries significant responsibilities and obligations with respect to public trust. Members of council are held to a higher standard of behaviour and conduct than the general public. Council must remain independent, impartial and responsible to the people. Members are expected to act with integrity and impartiality that will bear the closest scrutiny.

At the commencement of each term, each member of council is required to sign two copies of the Code of Conduct, which was established by By-Law #1277 enacted December 12, 2018. In doing so, they convey to each other and all stakeholders that they have read, understand, accept and agree to abide by it.