

## 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 11, 2023 with Reeve Lucille MacDonald and Councillors Ken Badiuk, Elaine Hughes, Brendan Hyatt and Steve Loshaw in attendance.

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

**Conflict of Interest:** Reeve, Lucille MacDonald declared a Conflict of Interest on item number 14.1.

**Delegations:** None

**Road Department Report:** The roads are in good shape. Dozer was discussed. Entrance Permits were discussed. The policy for entrance permits will be looked at and possibly revised.

**Fire Department Report:** The Fire Chief's status report was reviewed.

**Council Discussion:** Revising some items on the agenda were discussed.

**Council Reports:** None

### **Resolutions:**

1. LOSHAW/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the Agenda as presented. CARRIED
2. HUGHES/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the December 14, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes as presented. CARRIED
3. HUGHES/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that payroll items numbering from 609 to 649 in the amount of \$92,106.40 for December 31, 2022 and payroll items numbering from 1 to 14 in the amount of \$52,953.11 for January 11, 2023 be passed and paid. CARRIED
4. BADIUK/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the December 31, 2022 Financial Statements (before year-end adjustments) as presented. CARRIED
5. HUGHES/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that Township of La Vallee acknowledges they have received the Township of Alberton's email Notification of Termination of Agreements regarding By-Law 1306 – Joint Fire Chief Committee Partnership Agreement and By-Law 1317 – Joint Fire Chief Agreement with the Township of Emo, Township of Chapple and the Township of La Vallee. The Township of La Vallee will not make a decision to the Township of Alberton's request until there has been time to thoroughly review both agreements and/or legal advice has been sought. CARRIED
6. HUGHES/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1340 being a By-law to provide for an Interim Tax Levy and the Payment of Interim Taxes for the Year 2023 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
7. HUGHES/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1341 being a By-law to adopt a revised Township of La Vallee Emergency Plan, the body of which has been updated to eliminate all references to alternates and update the related wording accordingly 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. BADIUK/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts the Landfill Site Access Card Policy. CARRIED
9. LOSHAW/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee make application to the Energizing Life Community Fund 2023 for Jaws of Life. CARRIED

10. HYATT/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports The Corporation of Loyalist Township's resolution requesting that the Government of the Province of Ontario repeal Bill 23 (More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022) until such a time as a fulsome consultation can take place, in good faith, with Ontario's municipalities and other relevant stakeholders. CARRIED

11. HUGHES/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Municipality of Greenstone's resolution petitioning the Government of Ontario that changes to the Municipal Act, 2001, are unnecessary; and that if the Ontario Government deems these changes necessary in large single-tier municipalities such as Toronto and Ottawa, that such changes should not be implemented in smaller municipalities; and that the Ontario Government should enact legislation clarifying the role of Mayor, Council and Chief Administrative Officer, similar to those recommended by the Ontario Municipality Administrator's Association and those recommended by Justice Marrocco in the Collingwood judicial inquiry of 2022; and that if the stated goal of this legislation is to construct more housing in Ontario that this can be accomplished through other means including amendment of the Planning Act and funding of more affordable housing. CARRIED

At this point Reeve Lucille MacDonald declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting.

12. HUGHES/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that we now go in-camera at 9:49p.m. for the following reasons:

- 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

13. LOSHAW/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that we now close our in-camera session at 10:07p.m. and continue with the regular meeting of Council. CARRIED

At this point Reeve Lucille MacDonald returned to the meeting.

14. BADIUK/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that we now go in-camera at 10:08p.m. for the following reasons:

- 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


15. HUGHES/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that we now close our in-camera session at 10:51p.m. and continue with the regular meeting of Council. CARRIED

16. BADIUK/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby approves an inflationary wage increase for all employees effective January 1, 2023 as per policy. CARRIED

17. LOSHAW/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that based on the Administrative Assistant's years of service that she be placed at Step 5 on the current Administrative Assistant grid. CARRIED

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

  
Reeve

  
Clerk