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## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LA VALLEE

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The Regular Meeting of the Township of La Vallee was held at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 14, 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. Tyrell Griffith, Fire Chief was absent.

**Conflict of Interest:** Reeve, Lucille MacDonald declared a conflict of interest on addendum item number #1. Reeve left the room at 7:04 p.m. Deputy Reeve, Brendan Hyatt took over the meeting. Reeve returned at 7:08 p.m.

**Delegations:** None

**Fire Department Report:** The Fire Chief's status report was reviewed. The month of May was busy with training and one call-out.

\*It was moved by Ken Badiuk and seconded by Brendan Hyatt to move item number 11.7 on Agenda to item 7.3 under the Roads Report.

**Road Department Report:** The Gravel haul is set to start the week of June 26<sup>th</sup>. Beaver control is on-going. Tausendfrende Road was discussed. La Vallee Road South culvert has been replaced.

**Council Discussion:** Cell-phone policy was discussed and working alone. A community safety program was discussed.

**Council Reports:** None

### **Resolutions:**

89. HUGHES/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the Agenda and Agenda Addendum as presented. CARRIED
90. HUGHES/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hire Nolan MacDonald for the Summer Student position. CARRIED
91. HUGHES/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the May 10, 2023 Council Meeting and the June 3, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes as presented. CARRIED
92. LOSHAW/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that payroll items numbering from 213 to 266 in the amount of \$158,744.41 for June 14, 2023 be passed and paid. CARRIED
93. LOSHAW/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the May 31, 2023 Financial Statements as presented. CARRIED
94. BADIUK/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1346 being a By-law to provide for the adoption of tax rates, and to further provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof for 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
95. HYATT/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1347 being a By-law to adopt the estimates of all sums required during 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
96. LOSHAW/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee transfer \$100,000 to the Reserve Fund for Capital Equipment; \$43,000 to the Reserve Fund for Fire Department; \$10,000 to the Reserve Fund for Computer Capital and Maintenance; and \$73,000 to the Contingency Reserve for a total in the amount of \$226,000 which is part of the 2022 year surplus. CARRIED

97. HYATT/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the July Council meeting date be changed from Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. CARRIED

98. HYATT/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Rainy River Vet Services Committee and that the .35 cents per capita fees in the amount of \$273.35 be paid. CARRIED

99. HYATT/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby approves to proceed with the Joint Request for Proposal from Fotenn Planning + Design in the amount of \$38,498 for updates to the Official Plan, pending approval from Emo, Chapple, Dawson, Morley and Lake of the Woods Townships. CARRIED

100. HYATT/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts the Clerk-Treasurer's Report regarding the Estimated Expenses Excluded from 2023 Budget. CARRIED

101. LOSHAW/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Town of Fort Frances' resolution advocating for additional resources and support towards the current opioid crisis in Northwestern Ontario. And further, that the Township of La Vallee recommend and support the Northwestern Health Unit establish a north or northwest regional coalition of public health, relevant community agencies, and others as appropriate, in order to amplify regional concerns and investigate potential strategies and resources. CARRIED

102. LOSHAW/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Municipality of Tweed's resolution calling on the Province of Ontario to facilitate, coordinate and regulate pole deployment measures across the Province of Ontario to prevent unnecessary duplication of pole infrastructure. And further, that the Province of Ontario encourage Bell Canada and Hydro One to work together to provide access for poles to better service the infrastructure needs of Ontarians. CARRIED

103. LOSHAW/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Municipality of Tweed's resolution calling upon the Province of Ontario to take action to reduce municipal insurance costs. CARRIED

104. LOSHAW/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that we adjourn to the next regular meeting or the call of the clerk. CARRIED

  
Reeve

  
Clerk