
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 10, 2023 with Reeve Lucille MacDonald and Councillors Ken Badiuk, Elaine Hughes and Steve Loshaw in attendance. Councillor Brendan Hyatt arrived at 7:30 p.m.

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

Conflict of Interest: None

Delegations: None

Fire Department Report: The Fire Chief's status report was reviewed. A policy for volunteers using their own equipment at a fire scene such as ATV's was discussed. Training officer reimbursement was reviewed and discussed.

Road Department Report: Winter material such as sod left on the roads will be cleaned up. Grading is on-going. Beaver control has become an issue.

Council Discussion: Bridge inspections were discussed.

Council Reports: None

Resolutions:

66. LOSHAW/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the Agenda as presented. CARRIED
67. LOSHAW/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the April 12, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes as presented. CARRIED
68. LOSHAW/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that payroll items numbering from 166 to 212 in the amount of \$115,529.12 for May 10, 2023 be passed and paid. CARRIED
69. BADIUK/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the April 30, 2023 Financial Statements as presented. CARRIED
70. LOSHAW/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee dissolve the current Beaver Trapping Agreement and contact the current trappers in the area to trap nuisance beavers per MNR recommendations at \$50 a beaver and Roads Personnel will be paid \$25 a beaver to do on non-working hours. CARRIED
71. HUGHES/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee agrees to contract out the Township's grass cutting to Pamela Bujold at the new rates supplied to Council. As a contractor, she will provide the use of all her certified personal equipment, her safety equipment, gas, transportation and Insurance. CARRIED
72. HUGHES/BADIUK: 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 \$40.00 plus tax a running mile for 2023. CARRIED
73. HUGHES/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee set a Special Meeting date of June 3, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. to deal with the 2023 Budget. CARRIED

74. HUGHES/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee approves the decision put forth by the remaining members of the Joint Fire Chief Services Committee to agree to the termination of the Township of Alberton from the Joint Fire Chief Services Agreement -By-Law No. 1306 between the Corporation of the Township of Alberton, the Corporation of the Township of Chapple, the Corporation of the Township of Emo and the Corporation of the Township of La Vallee with the termination being effective upon the Township of Alberton paying the bills issued to date in the amount of \$6,472.98. Thereafter, the three remaining municipalities being Chapple, Emo and La Vallee will each issue a cheque in the amount of \$3,900.00 to the Township of Alberton for their share of the Joint Fire Chief half-ton per the Joint Fire Chief Services Committee Agreement. This valuation of the joint capital asset was agreed upon by all four municipalities to be based on the Township of La Vallee's recorded value in the 2022 Audited Financial Statements. CARRIED

75. HUGHES/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby approves the Condolence Policy as amended. CARRIED

76. HYATT/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby approves all of Council to attend the Rainy River District Municipal Association's General Meeting on May 17, 2023 and that all costs be paid. CARRIED

77. BADIUK/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby approves Steve Loshaw to attend the Rural Drainage Course to be held virtually and that all fees be paid. CARRIED

78. BADIUK/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports Sault Ste. Marie's City Council's resolution to support Bill 5, Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act. CARRIED

79. LOSHAW/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville's resolution to support and promote all gender equality in all areas of society. CARRIED

80. LOSHAW/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Municipality of Grey Highlands' resolution requesting that the Federal Government remove or increase the \$450,000 fair market value threshold when it comes to rebating the portion of HST on the purchase of a home because today's housing costs are well above the current threshold. CARRIED

81. LOSHAW/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Municipality of North Perth's resolution urging the Provincial Government to require all school buses to have stop arm cameras installed and paid for by the Province for the start of the 2023-2024 school year and underwrite the costs for the implementation and on-going annual costs for Administrative Monetary Penalties in small and rural municipalities. DEFEATED

82. BADIUK/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Regional Municipality of Waterloo's resolution to call on the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the Province of Ontario to protect the privacy of candidates and donors by removing the requirement for their street name, number and postal code to be listed on publicly available forms; and further that for verification purposes, the addresses of all candidates and all donors over \$100 be submitted to the municipal clerk on separate forms that are protected by the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be not be published. CARRIED

83. HYATT/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that we now go in-camera at 9:59 p.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

84. HYATT/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that we now close our in-camera session at 11:00 p.m. and continue with the regular meeting of Council.


CARRIED

85. HYATT/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that we adjourn to the next regular meeting or the call of the clerk.

CARRIED



Reeve



Clerk