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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, November 8, 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.

\*Addition of an in-camera session was requested by the Reeve.

**Conflict of Interest:** None

**Delegations:** None

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

**Road Department Report:** Verbal report was given on the Ministry of the Environment visit to the landfill. Landfill is in good shape. Beaver control is ongoing as well as grading. Propane tank disposal was discussed.

**Council Discussion:** The Arena levy for 2023 and Devlin Hall renovations were discussed.

**Council Reports:** Report on Arena Budget was given by Board members.

**Resolutions:**

168. LOSHAW/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the Agenda and Agenda Addendum as presented. CARRIED

169. LOSHAW/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the October 11, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes as presented. CARRIED

170. BADIUK/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that payroll items numbering from 475 to 521 in the amount of \$102,683.03 for November 8, 2023 be passed and paid. CARRIED

171. BADIUK/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the October 31, 2023 Financial Statements as presented. CARRIED

172. HYATT/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts the report on the visit to the Sioux Narrows Landfill. CARRIED

173. HUGHES/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby approves expenditures for the Sioux Narrows landfill site visit as incurred. CARRIED

174. HYATT/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby approves expenditures in the amount of \$363.23 including tax for the seniors' meeting to organize a committee that took place on October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and that this amount come out of the parks/recreation misc. account. CARRIED

175. HYATT/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby agrees to pay the Township of Emo the amount of \$34,429.01 for the Emo-La Vallee Community Centre's levy for 2023. CARRIED

176. LOSHAW/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby approves the Workplace Sexual Violence and Harassment Policy, Violence in the Workplace Policy, Harassment in the Workplace Policy and the Working Alone Policy as presented. CARRIED

177. HYATT/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby approves the CAO/Clerk/Treasurer to register for Fred Dean's "User Friendly" Webinar 23-4 Council Meeting Procedures and that the amount of \$310.75 including taxes be paid. CARRIED

178. BADIUK/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that all of Council and the Clerk are hereby approved to attend the Rainy River District Municipal Association's Annual General Meeting to be held at the Royal Canadian Legion in Emo on January 13, 2024 and that all costs be paid. CARRIED

179. LOSHAW/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee agrees to a donation of \$100.00 to the Rainy River District Municipal Association's Annual General Meeting and Conference to be held on January 13, 2024. CARRIED

180. LOSHAW/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts the 2024 Fee Schedule from RealTax. CARRIED

181. HUGHES/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby authorizes the Clerk to proceed with contacting Circular Materials to obtain information on the signing of a Producer Service Agreement to become a member producer. CARRIED

182. LOSHAW/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts the Minutes of Settlement, Form 357's/358's and Request for Reconsideration for the adjustments made in 2023. CARRIED

183. LOSHAW/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that we now go in-camera at 9:45 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; Council Training.
- Consideration of a request under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. CARRIED

184. HYATT/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that we now close our in-camera session at 10:17 p.m. and continue with the regular meeting of Council. CARRIED

185. LOSHAW/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct the CAO/Clerk/Treasurer to move forward as directed in-camera. CARRIED

186. LOSHAW/HYATT: WHEREAS, John Kuntze, K. Smart Associates Ltd. (the "Engineer") was appointed as the Engineer for the Mowe Drain by Resolution No. 99 dated May 11, 2022;

WHEREAS, pursuant to subsection 39(1) of the *Drainage Act*, the engineer shall file the report with the Clerk of the initiating municipality as soon as it is completed or, in any event, within one year after the appointment of the engineer or within such further time as may be extended before or after the expiry of the one-year period by resolution of the council of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS, the Engineer's Report for the Mowe Drain has not been filed with the Clerk of The Corporation of the Township of La Vallee within one year of the appointment of the Engineer or at all and the time to file the Report has not been extended;

AND WHEREAS, pursuant to subsection 39(2) of the *Drainage Act*, after thirty days notice by Council, an engineer that neglects to make a report within the time limited by or extended under section 39 of the *Drainage Act* shall forfeit all claims for compensation for the work done upon the drainage works, and the Council of the local municipality may appoint another engineer;

AND WHEREAS, Council deems it advisable and expedient to provide notice to the Engineer under section 39 of the *Drainage Act*;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby gives the Engineer notice that the Engineer shall file the Engineer's Report for the Mowe Drain with the Clerk by December 20, 2023, failing which the Engineer shall forfeit all claims for compensation for any work done upon the drainage works for the Mowe Drain and The Corporation of the Township of La Vallee may appoint another engineer for the Mowe Drain. CARRIED

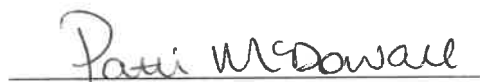
187. HUGHES/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Township of McKellar's resolution requesting that the Provincial government to make an amendment to the Legislation Act, 2006 to include digital publications as an acceptable means of publication and notice of requirements for Provincial Acts and Regulations. CARRIED

188. HUGHES/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Township of The Archipelago's resolution 2023-178 regarding Cigarette Producer Responsibility. CARRIED

189. HUGHES/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee make an application to the Community Emergency Preparedness Grant for a side by side off road vehicle and accessory equipment. CARRIED

190. HUGHES/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that we adjourn to the next regular meeting of the call of the clerk. CARRIED

  
Reeve

  
Clerk