

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, April 10, 2024 with Reeve Lucille MacDonald and Councillors Ken Badiuk, Elaine Hughes, Brendan Hyatt and Steve Loshaw in attendance. Also present were Patti McDowall, Clerk/Treasurer, Neil MacDonald, Road Superintendent and Tyrell Griffith, Fire Chief.

Conflict of Interest: None

Delegations: Jon Evans and Jeff Savage attended on behalf of BDO Canada, LLP. They went through our 2023 audit report and provided answers to questions regarding our reserves and surplus from 2023. It was a clean audit.

Fire Department Report: Fire Chief's report was reviewed. The agreement with RRFN was discussed. Record checks on the volunteers was discussed.

Road Department Report: Road Superintendent reported that culvert thawing and maintenance on the machines is on-going. The Box Alder Road Bridge report was discussed.

Council Discussion: It was expressed that a Landfill Committee should be created. Senior of the Year was discussed.

Council Reports: None

Resolutions:

84. LOSHAW/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the Agenda as presented. CARRIED

85. LOSHAW/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the March 13, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes and the March 28, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes as presented. CARRIED

86. HYATT/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that payroll items numbering from 118 to 164 in the amount of \$181,000.03 for April 10, 2024 be passed and paid. CARRIED

87. HYATT/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby approves the Audited Financial Statements from BDO Canada, LLP for the year 2023. CARRIED

88. BADIUK/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the March 31, 2024 Financial Statements as presented. CARRIED

89. BADIUK/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby agrees to pay the fee for the criminal sector checks for the volunteer fire fighters. CARRIED

90. BADIUK/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee accepts the March 7, 2024 Seniors' Recreational Committee Meeting Minutes. CARRIED

91. LOSHAW/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1359 being a By-law to amend By-law No. 1353 Procedural By-law 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

92. LOSHAW/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1360 being a By-law to establish the 2024 tax ratios 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

93. BADIUK/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee nominate [REDACTED] for the 2024 Senior of the Year. CARRIED

94. HUGHES/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby agrees to donate \$100.00 to the FFHS Chem Free Grad. CARRIED

95. HYATT/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Township of La Vallee confirms Reeve Lucille MacDonald as a potential representative for the Township of Alberton, Township of La Vallee and the Township of Emo to serve on the new Rainy River Joint District Police Services Board;

AND WHEREAS the three (3) above named communities shall share one (1) seat on the Joint District Rainy River Police Services Board, as per the new composition approved by the Solicitor General;

AND WHEREAS the three above name communities have been directed to come together and choose one individual in a fair and equitable manner;

AND WHEREAS Council for the Township of La Vallee requests the Clerk to forward Reeve Lucille MacDonald's name as a potential representative for the shared seat on the Board and to suggest both La Vallee and Emo also forward a potential representative, and suggest the choice be made by random draw, or such other fair and equitable suggestion, to represent the three communities of Alberton, La Vallee and Emo on the Rainy River Joint District Police Services Board, effective April 1, 2024;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Township of La Vallee does not accept that the expenses of the Rainy River District Police Services Board be distributed equally amongst all participating municipalities, but rather be calculated on a population based distribution for the following reasons: (1) in several instances three municipalities are sharing only one seat, (2) the participating municipalities have populations of only a few hundred (3) this unfairly shifts a significant cost to a small number of people. (4) The OPP police unorganized area and should share the cost of the Police Services Board. CARRIED

96. HYATT/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby approves the Emo-La Vallee Community Centre Board's Terms of Reference. CARRIED

97. LOSHAW/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts Ron Ogier's roadside grass cutting proposal in the amount of \$41.00 a running mile plus tax. CARRIED

98. HUGHES/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts the Municipality's Strategic Action Plan as presented. CARRIED

99. HYATT/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Town of Rainy River's resolution requesting the IRCC to reconsider the current approach to the cap on international student permits and participate in open dialogue with NOMA, Lakehead University, Confederation College, the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce, and other key stakeholders to explore solutions that recognize the unique challenges faced by institutions in northern regions. CARRIED

100. HUGHES/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Municipality of Powassan's resolution supporting the work of the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors to develop a Municipal Equipment Operator Course and calling on the Province of Ontario's Ministry

of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades to fully fund the Municipal Equipment Operator Course in 2024 through the Skills Development Fund. CARRIED

101. HUGHES/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Town of Goderich's resolution calling upon both the ROMA & OGRA Boards to re-establish a combined OGRA & ROMA Annual Conference. CARRIED

102. HUGHES/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that we now go in-Cameral at 10:09 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

103. HUGHES/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that we now close our in-camera session at 11:49 p.m. and continue with the regular meeting of Council. CARRIED

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



Reeve



Clerk