

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, March 13, 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 Fire Chief, Tyrell Griffith.

Conflict of Interest: None

Delegations: None

Fire Department Report: The Fire Chief's Report was reviewed and discussed. Proposal for training and a skills camp for future firefighters was discussed. Training for volunteers was approved.

Road Department Report: Verbal report on roads was given. Culvert thawing is on-going. Frost is coming out of the roads and some are in bad shape. Landfill discussion took place.

Council Discussion:

Gravel Tender Openings: Gravel Tender 1-2024 (6,000 cu. yards)
B2 (1,000 cu. yards)

Dennis Robinson Ltd.	\$22.77 per cu. yard
	\$28.00 per cu. yard (B) for a total of \$186,020.60
JTJ Contracting -Emo	\$24.34 per cu. yard
	\$21.40 per cu. yard (B) for a total of \$189,207.20
Harold McQuaker Ent.	\$26.90 per cu. yard
	\$26.90 per cu. yard (B) for a total of \$212,779.00

Tom Veert Contracting Rejected -error on form

Council Reports: None

Resolutions:

57. LOSHAW/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the Agenda and Agenda Addendum as presented. CARRIED
58. HYATT/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that Patti McDowall, Darren Hughes and Neil MacDonald be approved to attend the March 26, 2024 Joint Health and Safety Course (JHSC) Refresher and that the registration fees be paid. CARRIED
59. HUGHES/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee agree to accept the Managed IT services Offering from Lowerys and authorizes the Clerk to sign the Services Contract. CARRIED
60. LOSHAW/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the February 14, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes and the February 23, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes as presented. CARRIED
61. LOSHAW/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that payroll items numbering from 72 to 117 in the amount of \$258,580.02 for March 13, 2024 be passed and paid. CARRIED
62. LOSHAW/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the February 29, 2024 Financial Statements as presented. CARRIED
63. LOSHAW/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee approves Tyler Spry, Alyssa Griffith, Ty Terarski and Jordan Witzke to attend and participate in the FF2 course and that the fee of \$2,141.16 be paid. CARRIED

64. HYATT/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts Gravel Tender No. 1-2024 from Dennis Robinson Ltd. in the amount of \$186,020.60 including taxes. CARRIED
65. BADIUK/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1358 being a By-law for the purpose of appointing certain officers of the Corporation and for setting the remuneration of such officers of the Corporation of the Township of La Vallee for the year 2024 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
66. BADIUK/LOSHAW; BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby transfers:
\$100,000.00 to the Reserve Fund-Capital Equipment;
\$635,000.00 to the Reserve Fund for Landfill;
\$500,000.00 to the Reserve Fund for Infrastructure;
\$20,000.00 to the Reserve Fund for Community Projects;
\$0.00 to the Reserve for Working Capital;
\$300,000.00 to the Reserve for Fire Department/Equipment;
\$20,000.00 to the Reserve for Capital Equipment for the 2023 year. CARRIED
67. HUGHES/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby approves the Asset Retirement Obligations (ARO) Policy. CARRIED
68. HYATT/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts the Asset Retirement Obligations (ARO) memo. CARRIED
69. HUGHES/BADIUK; BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby appoints Brendan Hyatt to the Central District Committee for Riverside. CARRIED
70. HUGHES/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee agrees to donate 4 X \$25.00 gift certificates (Devlin Store) to the Emo Walleye Classic. CARRIED
71. LOSHAW/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Rainy River Federation of Agriculture (RRFA) in their campaign to promote Farm Safety awareness and their proposal to erect warning signs for Slow Moving Vehicles in the district. CARRIED
72. HUGHES/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Clerk is hereby approved to virtually attend the Advanced Strategies to Master Conflict Relationships and that the fee of \$300 plus taxes be paid. CARRIED
73. BADIUK/LOSHAW: WHEREAS The Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) has been in the process of investigating potential sites for a deep geological repository for high-level nuclear waste from all of Canada's nuclear power reactors since 2010; and

WHEREAS the NWMO project involves the transportation, processing, burial and abandonment of an estimated 100,000 tonnes of highly radioactive waste; and WHEREAS there are scientific and public concerns about the risks of radioactive exposures along the transportation route and in the region of and downstream from the repository site under both normal operating and accident conditions; and

WHEREAS the roads infrastructure in Northwestern Ontario is already under strain from heavy truck and vehicle traffic and the NWMO project will add 2-3 trucks per day for more than fifty years thereby increasing the risks; and WHEREAS communities in Northern Ontario do not rely on nuclear power and should not be burdened with the risks of transportation, processing ,burial and abandonment of the highly radioactive wastes the nuclear power reactors have produced.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Township of La Vallee urges the Nuclear Waste Management Organization to find storage solutions for nuclear waste in the vicinity of the reactor stations where the waste is and not pursue the transport of these radioactive wastes to Northern Ontario. CARRIED

74. LOSHAW/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Town of Lincoln's resolution urging the Provincial Government to support increasing funding to both public libraries and community museums. Recognizing these institutions as national assets and strategically investing in their potential will contribute significantly to renewing post-pandemic social cohesion, economic well-being, and community resilience. CARRIED

75. HYATT/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the City of Greater Sudbury's resolution requesting that the Province amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act to clarify the definition of "employer" to exclude owners that have contracted with a constructor for a project. CARRIED

76. BADIUK/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Town of Aurora's resolution supporting the call of action that the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has submitted to the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them, in consultation with municipal governments; and that the legislation encompasses the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's letter of recommendations which includes options for enforcing compliance by council members with municipal Codes of Conduct. CARRIED

77. HUGHES/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby rescinds resolution number 39 and approves making application to the NOHFC for Devlin Hall renovations that include a new ceiling in whole hall; air conditioning; plumbing; electrical upgrades; wall covering; washrooms; bar; lighting; flooring and windows. CARRIED

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


Reeve


Clerk