

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LA VALLEE

The Regular Meeting of the Township of La Vallee was held at 7 p.m. Wednesday August 14, 2024 with Reeve Lucille MacDonald and Councillors Ken Badiuk, Elaine Hughes, Brendan Hyatt and Steve Loshaw in attendance. Also present was Patti McDowall, Clerk/Treasurer.

Conflict of Interest: None

Deputation/Delegations: None

Fire Department Report: A Fire Report from James Klug from Emo was reviewed. Deputy Fire Chief, Ty Tesarski attended on behalf of La Vallee's fire department. No booth will be at the Emo fair this year.

Road Department Report: Brushing is on-going. Road Superintendent was authorized to get some quotes on different pieces of equipment that might help with brushing. Rose Road was discussed. Casual help was discussed.

Council Discussion: Discussion took place on Paramedic Services.

Council Reports: None

Resolutions:

181. HUGHES/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the Agenda as presented. CARRIED

182. LOSHAW/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the July 10, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented. CARRIED

183. HUGHES/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that payroll items numbering from 320 to 379 in the amount of \$131,507.53 for August 14, 2024 be passed and paid. CARRIED

184. HYATT/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the July 31, 2024 Financial Statements as presented. CARRIED

185. HUGHES/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that Ty Tesarski be appointed as Station Chief (Deputy Chief) for the La Vallee Fire and Emergency Services. CARRIED

186. HUGHES/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that Resolution #179 be rescinded and that Tyrell Griffith be appointed as a volunteer to the La Vallee Fire and Emergency Services effective August 15, 2024. CARRIED

187. HYATT/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1364 being a By-law to adopt the Township of La Vallee and the La Vallee Fire and Emergency Services Community Risk Assessment 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

188. LOSHAW/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1365 being a By-law to authorize the execution of an extension agreement with the Township of La Vallee, Township of Chapple, Township of Emo and Rainy River First Nations to provide and/or receive fire protection services to an end date of November 30, 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

189. HUGHES/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts the quote from Gail Lawrence-Equity and More in the amount of \$11,560 (maximum amount) for pay equity maintenance services. CARRIED

190. BADIUK/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee accepts the Tax Arrears Report to Council dated August 14, 2024. CARRIED

191. HYATT/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee appoint Steve Loshaw and Amanda Watson as alternate Community Emergency Management Coordinators (CEMC). CARRIED

192. HYATT/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby approves funding application to the NOHFC's Community Enhancement Program-Rural Enhancement funding for the Community Hall Beautification Project in the amount of \$251,784.18; AND further that the Township's share will be \$83,928.06, with a total project cost of \$335,712.24; AND further, the Township will cover any expenditures over the projected estimate of the project. CARRIED

193. HYATT/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Administrative Assistant, Amanda Watson be approved to attend the Fred Dean Workshop in Dryden on September 6, 2024 and that all costs be paid. CARRIED

194. BADIUK/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that Administrative Assistant, Amanda Watson be approved to attend the IMS 200 in Fort Frances on September 25th and 26th, 2024 and the EMS 200 in Fort Frances on August 28th and 29th, 2024 and that all costs be paid. CARRIED

195. HUGHES/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee accepts the resignation of Lisa Barker from the Seniors Recreation Committee and accepts the appointment of Bernie Rittau to the Seniors Recreation Committee. CARRIED

196. LOSHAW/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee appoints Emily Watson and Greg Stahn as committee members to the Waste Management and Recycling Committee. CARRIED

197. HYATT/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee accepts the quote from C-Tech Mechanical in the amount of \$7,644.45 (including taxes) for A/C installation including electrical work for the upstairs meeting room. CARRIED

198. HYATT/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby approve Lucille MacDonald to attend Sustainable Northern Ontario Economics Development Course (SNOED101) and that all costs be paid. CARRIED

199. BADIUK/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee supports the Township of Emo's resolution calling on the Province of Ontario to treat all municipalities fairly and provide equivalent representative operational budget funding amounts to all Ontario municipalities. CARRIED

200. HYATT/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee supports the Township of Emo's resolution calling on the Province of Ontario to commit to undertaking, with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario. CARRIED

201. BADIUK/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that we now go in-camera at 9:55 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

202. HYATT/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that we now close our in-camera session at 10:07 p.m. and continue with the Regular Meeting of Council. CARRIED

203. HUGHES/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby approves the hiring of Bob Gaudet as a casual employee. CARRIED

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



Receiver



Clerk