

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 8, 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: Fire Chief's report was reviewed. One new recruit to the department was approved. Training and fire responses were discussed.

Road Department Report: A couple roads are in bad shape with frost boils etc. Grass cutting was discussed. Trailer to haul lawn mower was discussed and quotes will be obtained.

Council Discussion: A special meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 5th at 10:00 a.m. to discuss budget items.

Council Reports: None

Resolutions:

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

106. LOSHAW/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the April 10, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes as presented. CARRIED

107. HYATT/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that payroll items numbering from 165 to 215 in the amount of \$151,105.47 for May 8, 2024 be passed and paid. CARRIED

108. HYATT/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the April 30, 2024 Financial Statements as presented. CARRIED

109. BADIUK/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee appoints Jeffrey Judson as a volunteer fire fighter to the La Vallee Fire and Emergency Services. CARRIED

110. LOSHAW/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby appoints Sandra Beadle to the Cemetery Committee. CARRIED

111. HYATT/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby agrees to extend the Fire Protection Agreement with Council of Rainy River First Nations until November 30, 2024 as per their request. CARRIED

112. HUGHES/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby schedule a special meeting June 5, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the budget. CARRIED

113. HYATT/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the City of Brantford's resolution calling on the Federal Government to exclude home heating from the federal carbon tax to reduce the burden on citizens, as has been done in Saskatchewan; and that the Federal and Provincial Governments reinstate home energy retrofit rebate and grant programs to help residents retrofit their homes to be more energy efficient and provide barrier-free options for switching to less carbon-intensive fuel sources to lower their utility bills and avoid the carbon tax

CARRIED

114. BADIUK/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Township of Horton's resolution requesting 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

115. BADIUK/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Town of Goderich's resolution requesting the Provincial Government to urgently at least double Ontario Works and ODSP rates and index rates to inflation; commit to ongoing cost of living increases above and beyond the rate of inflation to make up for the years they were frozen and to commit to jointly working between the Ministry of Children, Community, and Social Services and the Ministry of Health on the best methods of assessing client needs and then matching those in need to the services they require

DEFEATED

116. BADIUK/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the City of Guelph's resolution expressing support for the decision of the Ontario Energy Board to end the fossil gas infrastructure subsidy and requests that the Ontario Government withdraw Bill 165 and allow the OEB decision to stand.

DEFEATED

117. LOSHAW/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports Hastings County's resolution calling on the Ontario and Federal Government to implement sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities; that small municipalities are not overlooked and disregarded on future applications for funding; acknowledge that there is an insurmountable debt facing small rural municipalities; and that both the Federal and Ontario Governments immediately commission a Working Group that includes a member of the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, to develop a plan on how to deal with the impending debt dilemma.

DEFEATED

118. LOSHAW/HUGHES : BE IT RESOLVED that we now go in-camera at 8:35 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

119. HUGHES/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that we now close our in-camera session at 10:04 p.m. and continue with the regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED

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

CARRIED


Reeve


Clerk