

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LA VALLEE

The Regular Meeting of the Township of La Vallee was held at 7 p.m., Wednesday, June 12, 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 and Neil MacDonald, Road Superintendent.

Conflict of Interest: None

Deputation/Delegations: Geoff Gillion, Angela Halvorsen and Jennifer McKibbin attended on behalf of Rainy River Future Development & the Dibaajimowin Fiber Optic Project. A breakdown of Future's projects was presented and a Fibre Optice Project benefiting our municipality was discussed.

Fire Department Report: None

Road Department Report: Beaver control is on-going. The annual gravel haul will be starting soon. Bridge maintenance was discussed.

Council Discussion: Drain issues were discussed.

Council Reports: None

Resolutions:

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

131. HYATT/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the May 8, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes, the May 16, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes, and the June 5, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes as presented. CARRIED

132. HYATT/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that payroll items numbering from 216 to 267 in the amount of \$124, 735.94 for June 12, 2024 be passed and paid. CARRIED

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

134. HUGHES/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hire two individuals for two summer student positions. CARRIED

135. LOSHAW/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby appoints the Administration Assistant, Amanda Watson, as a Commissioner of Oath for taking Affidavits. CARRIED

136. BADIUK/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby appoints Amanda Watson, Administrative Assistant, as the township's Emergency Information Officer for Emergency Management Purposes.

137. LOSHAW/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby  CARRIED

138. LOSHAW/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee revise and/or review the La Vallee Fire and Emergency Services- Reimbursement Policy. CARRIED
139. BADIUK/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1361 being a By-law to provide for the adoption of tax rates, and to further provided for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof for 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
140. BADIUK/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1362 being a By-Law to adopt the estimates of all sums required during 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
141. HUGHES/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts the Clerk-Treasurer's Report regarding the Estimated Expenses excluded from the 2024 Budget. CARRIED
142. HUGHES/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts the invitational bid from Jordan Davis in the amount of \$8,136.00 for the columbarium pads. CARRIED
143. HYATT/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts the per capita fee in the amount of \$273.35 for the Vet Assistance Trust Fund for 2024. CARRIED
144. LOSHAW/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts the per capita levy in the amount of \$709.20 for the Rainy River District Municipal Association for 2024. CARRIED
145. HUGHES/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the nomination of Shawn Spence, Councillor for the Township of Alberton, as the representative for the municipalities of Alberton, Emo and La Vallee on the Joint Rainy River District OPP Detachment Board. CARRIED
146. HUGHES/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Town of Fort Frances' resolution 528-American Fishing Guides and Anglers within Canadian Boundaries and call upon all relevant federal and provincial agencies to collaborate with their American counterparts to establish clear, enforceable regulations and procedures that ensure the suitable and equitable use of shared water resources, protecting and interests of border communities, economies and the environment. CARRIED
147. HUGHES/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Municipality of Callander's resolution calling upon the Premier of Ontario to promptly resume the assessment cycle to ensure the stability and predictability of property taxes while Government conducts its review of the property assessment and taxation system or respond with an alternative method for every municipality in Ontario to achieve fair taxation. CARRIED

148. HUGHES/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Town of Cochrane'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

149. HUGHES/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand's resolution requesting a review of MFIPPA and consider recommendations as outlined by AMCTO within their submission, "Looking Ahead: A proactive submission to modernize the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act." CARRIED

150. HUGHES/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Township of North Glengarry's resolution requesting that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end of life management of recycling products from all sources. CARRIED

151. HYATT/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that we now go in-camera at 9:30 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

152. HUGHES/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that we now close our in-camera session at 10:36 p.m. and continue with regular meeting of council. CARRIED

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


Reeve


Clerk