
THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LA VALLEE

The Regular Meeting of the Township of La Vallee was held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 14, 2025, with Reeve Lucille MacDonald and Councillors Ken Badiuk, Elaine Hughes, Brendan Hyatt and Steve Loshaw in attendance.

Also present was Patti McDowall, Clerk/Treasurer. Neil MacDonald, Road Superintendent and Fire Chief were absent.

Conflict of Interest: None

Deputation/Delegations: Jeff Savage from MNP, LLP attended to present the audited financial statements for 2024. It was a clean audit.

Fire Department Report: The monthly Fire Chief report was reviewed.

Road Department Report: Two quotes on the landfill well drilling were reviewed.

*Councillor, Brendan Hyatt declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

*Councillor, Brendan Hyatt returned to the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Council Discussion: A meeting date of May 21, 2025 was set to discuss the budget. The June Council meeting date was changed from the 11th to the 18th.

Council Reports: No reports.

Resolutions:

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

362. HUGHES/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby agrees to remove Rick Hallam as Deputy Building Official and appoints Stewart Books as Inspector and Deputy Building Official. CARRIED

363. HUGHES/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee approves the application of Travis McCormick to the Rainy River District-OPP West Detachment Board as a citizen representative. CARRIED

364. LOSHAW/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the April 9, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes and the April 9, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. CARRIED

365. HUGHES/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that payroll items numbering from 168 to 220 in the amount of \$167,046.95 for May 14, 2025 be passed and paid. CARRIED

366. HUGHES/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby approves the Audited Financial Statements from MNP for the year 2024. CARRIED

367. LOSHAW/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby agrees to transfer \$1,500,000.00 to Reserves for Capital Projects for 2024. CARRIED

368. HUGHES/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the April 30, 2025 Financial Statements as presented. CARRIED

369. BADIUK/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts the quotes from Burnside in the amount of \$50,400.00 plus HST for the Drilling and Water Monitoring at the La Vallee Landfill Site. CARRIED

370. BADIUK/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts the quote from Ron Ogier in the amount of \$42 per mile for Road Side Grass Cutting. CARRIED

371. HUGHES/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1374 being a By-Law to authorize the execution of a Transfer Payment Agreement between HIS MAJESTY THE KING IN RIGHT OF ONTARIO as represented by the Minister of the Solicitor General (the "Province") and The Corporation of the Township of La Vallee 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

372. BADIUK/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1375 being a By-Law to establish the 2025 tax ratios read a first, second, and third time finally passed, signed by the Reeve and Clerk, sealed with the Corporate Seal and become law forthwith. CARRIED

373. HUGHES/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby agrees to schedule a special meeting to discuss the budget on May 21, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. CARRIED

374. LOSHAW/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby agrees to issue cheques in the amount \$4588.33 each to the Township of Emo and the Township of Chapple for their share of the book value of the Joint Fire Chief Half-ton. CARRIED

375. LOSHAW/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts the Tax Arrears Report to Council dated May 14, 2025. CARRIED

376. HUGHES/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby approves the request from the Senior's Recreation Committee for supplies at the Devlin Hall in the amount of \$375.16 (approximate amount with tax). CARRIED

377. HYATT/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts the Mold Investigation Proposal from Pinchin in the Amount of \$5,837.00 plus taxes and authorizes the Clerk to sign the Authorization to Proceed. CARRIED

378. BADIUK/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee write off and charge back the taxes and register a Notice of Vesting on File No. 23-02 roll number 59-16 000 002 08600 0000. No tenders were received in the tax sale process. CARRIED

379. HYATT/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee Approves the Clerk to advertise for a Utilities/Records Assistant Intern Position and apply through the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund-Work Development Stream for half of the wages. CARRIED

380. HYATT/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby approves Council, CAO/Clerk/Treasurer and Administration Assistant to attend the Rainy River District Municipal Association General Meeting on May 21, 2025 at the Devlin Community Hall and that all costs be paid. CARRIED

381. LOSHAW/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby agrees to pay the per capita contribution of \$5,516 to the Rainy River Future Development Corporation for the 2025 year. CARRIED

382. LOSHAW/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports Champlain Township's resolution calling upon the Government of Ontario to increase surveillance and spot checks of all heavy vehicles travelling on Ontario roads; as well as monitoring the testing standards maintained by privately-owned heavy licensing facilities. CARRIED

383. BADIUK/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby agrees to change the June Council Meeting date from June 11th to June 18th. CARRIED

384. HYATT/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports and agrees with the Town of Tecumseh's resolution opposing the proposed expansion of Strong Mayor Powers. CARRIED

385. HYATT/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby approves Truth and Reconciliation Day to be added to the Human Resource Policy where the office is closed to support staff attendance at Truth and Reconciliation Day activities. CARRIED

386. BE IT RESOLVED that we now go in-camera at 10.22 p.m. for the following reasons:

- ☐ Security of property;
- X Personal matters regarding an identifiable individual, including employees;
- ☐ Proposed or pending acquisitions or disposition of real property; Labour relations and employee negotiations;
- X Litigation or potential litigation, including matter before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board;
- X 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

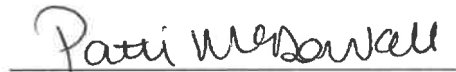
387. HYATT/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that we now close our in-camera session as 10:52 p.m. and continue with the Regular Meeting of Council. CARRIED

388. HUGHES/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Clerk be directed to proceed as per Council instructions in-camera. CARRIED

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L. Macdonald", written over a horizontal line.

Reeve

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patti Mesowall", written over a horizontal line.

Clerk