

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LA VALLEE

The Regular Meeting of the Township of La Vallee was held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, September 10, 2025, with Reeve Lucille MacDonald and Councillors Ken Badiuk, Elaine Hughes, Brendan Hyatt and Steve Loshaw in attendance. Road Superintendent, Neil MacDonald and Fire Chief, Jordan Witzke were absent.

Land Acknowledgement was read by the Reeve before the start of the meeting.

Conflict of Interest: None

Deputation/Delegations: None

Fire Department Report: The monthly Fire Chief report was reviewed. Fire department budget was discussed. The Joint Health and Safety letter regarding the fire hall was reviewed and discussed.

Road Department Report: No verbal report given. Gravel haul tender and extension of time to finish was discussed.

Administration Report: Update on Community Wellness Plan was presented. Request to enroll with Citation Canada was reviewed.

Council Discussion: A Committee of the Whole Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the fire hall. Also a Special Meeting has been scheduled for September 20, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss Memo and grids from Equity & More.

Council Reports: No reports.

Resolutions:

444. HUGHES/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the Agenda as Presented. CARRIED

445. HUGHES/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the August 13, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes as presented. CARRIED

446. HUGHES/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that payroll items numbering from 354 to 390 in the amount of \$148,433.23 for September 10, 2025 be passed and paid. CARRIED

447. BADIUK/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the August 31, 2025 Financial Statements as presented. CARRIED

448. LOSHAW/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby receives the Reports of Municipal Officers as presented. CARRIED

449. LOSHAW/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby authorizes the Clerk to sign the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) proctoring services agreement on behalf of the La Vallee Fire and Emergency Services. CARRIED

450. HYATT/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby acknowledges the Joint Health and Safety letter dated September 8, 2025, regarding the Pinchin Report on the Fire Hall. CARRIED

451. LOSHAW/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that call a Special Meeting for September 20, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the employee salary/wages grids and receive the memo from Equity & More Consulting. CARRIED

452. LOSHAW/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby approves the Road Superintendent, Neil MacDonald to attend the Basics of Supervising course via zoom and that the costs be paid. CARRIED

453. BADIUK/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee agrees to an amended date for completion of Tender Number 1-2025 (Gravel Haul) from August 4, 2025 to September 15, 2025. CARRIED

454. HUGHES/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee calls a Committee of the Whole Meeting on September 23, 2025 @ 5:30 p.m. CARRIED

455. HUGHES/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts the Tender estimate (#1144) from Richard Wieringa Construction in the amount of \$464,770.13 (including tax) for renovations to be completed at the Devlin Community Hall. Renovations are to begin on November 15, 2025. CARRIED

456. HYATT/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee agrees to a 1 year term membership (HR + Health & Safety) from Citation Canada in the amount of \$5270/year (excluding taxes). CARRIED

457. LOSHAW/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby approves the Administrative Assistant, Amanda Watson to attend the Zone 9 Fall Meeting in Thunder Bay on October 1 through October 3, 2025 and that all costs be paid. CARRIED

458. LOSHAW/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby approves the Administrative Assistant, Amanda Watson to attend the 2025 Northwest Planning Workshop in Thunder Bay on October 28th and October 29th, 2025 and that all costs be paid. CARRIED

459. HYATT/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee supports the Canadian Heritage Rivers Initiative for the Northern Route Boundary Waters-Voyageur Waterway. CARRIED

460. HUGHES/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Town of Goderich urging the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario to commit to recognizing a sense of urgency and act accordingly in order to protect and conserve soil as per Recommendation 25. DEFEATED

461. HYATT/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Municipality of West Nipissing in requesting the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry to reconsider the planned use of glyphosate-based herbicides in the Nipissing Forest and suspend the aerial spraying initiative until further independent research and updates risk assessments are completed and reviewed. CARRIED

462. HUGHES/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Emo-LaVallee Community Centre Hall Upgrades and the application of funding that has been submitted to the NOHFC Rural Enhancement Program. CARRIED

463. LOSHAW/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hire Lucy Wilson for the casual position of Hall Cleaner. CARRIED

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


Reeve


Clerk