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## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LA VALLEE

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The Regular Meeting of the Township of La Vallee was held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 8, 2025, 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 Fire Chief, Jordan Witzke. Neil MacDonald was absent.

**Conflict of Interest:** Reeve, Lucille MacDonald declared a conflict of interest on pay list number 5. Deputy Reeve, Brendan Hyatt took over to pass the accounts. Reeve, Lucille MacDonald also declared a conflict of interest on in-camera item #16.2.

**Deputation/Delegations:** None

**Fire Department Report:** The monthly Fire Chief report was reviewed. No incidents this past month to report. The department is continuing to train and have regular Monday meetings. Two grants have been applied for by the Fire Chief and CAO. The annual Crossroads School visit has taken place. Fire Con went well and was a huge benefit for those attending.

**Road Department Report:** No report.

**Administration Report:** Succession planning, Crossroads rink and the Devlin Hall were all discussed.

**Council Discussion:** Rose Road was discussed.

**Council Reports:** No reports.

### **Resolutions:**

469. HUGHES/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the agenda as presented. CARRIED

470. HUGHES/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept September 3, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes; September 10, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes and September 20, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes as presented. CARRIED

471. BADIUK/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that payroll items numbering from 391 to 433 in the amount of \$499,739.98 for October 8, 2025 be passed and paid. CARRIED

472. LOSHAW/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the September 30, 2025 Financial Statements as presented. CARRIED

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

474. HUGHES/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that with respect to Report #9.2 we recommend the establishment of a five-person La Vallee Fire Station Working Group to consider the future of the Devlin Fire Hall. AND THAT the members of the Working Group are as follows:

1 Member of Council  
1 Administration member  
Fire Chief  
Volunteer Fire Fighter – Tyler Spry  
Volunteer Fire Fighter – Darren Hughes

AND THAT the following member of Council be appointed to the Working Group: Steve Loshaw. CARRIED

475. LOSHAW/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee apply to NOHFC for funding through the Work Development Stream for an Intern for Deputy Clerk-Treasurer for succession planning. CARRIED

476. LOSHAW/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1379 being a By-law for the Implementation and Regulation of Fire Numbers within 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

477. HYATT/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1380 being a By-law to authorized the execution of an Agreement between HIS MAJESTY THE KING IN RIGHT OF ONTARIO as represented by the Minister of the Solicitor General on behalf of the Ontario Provincial Police AND the Corporation of the Township of La Vallee for Primary Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) services 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

478. HYATT/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1381 being a By-law to authorize the execution of a Conditional Contribution Agreement between THE NORTHERN ONTARIO HERITAGE FUND CORPORATION 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

479. HYATT/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby approves the purchase of an Imbera Cooler unit for the Devlin Community Hall in the amount of \$5,424.00 (including taxes). CARRIED

480. HYATT/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby approves the quotation from Keating Insulation Inc. in the amount of \$14,650.00 (excluding tax) for the labour and material to complete level 2 mold abatement and cleaning of all ceilings and walls in the Devlin Fire Hall. CARRIED

481. LOSHAW/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby approves the application for the Fire Protection Grant 2025-2026 for turnout gear washing equipment for the fire hall plus detergent in the amount of \$22,724.00. CARRIED

482. HYATT/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby approves the application for the Fire Smart Community Implementation Grant 2025-2026 for wildland fire suppression pumps; a Thermal drone; Pyramid repeater to increase radio range and forestry hose with nozzles and hand tools. Total amount of grant applied for is \$51,500.00. CARRIED

483. LOSHAW/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of La Vallee supports NOMA's resolution supporting the Ministry of Energy and Mines' consultation on the Future of Community Natural Gas Expansion (NGEP Phase 3) and endorses access to natural gas as an option—alongside other energy solutions to advance member municipalities' housing, employment-land, and economic development objectives. CARRIED

484. HUGHES/LOSHAW: **WHEREAS** the Federal Government has announced drastic cuts to our treasured public post office – eliminating good jobs, ending door-to-door delivery, removing the moratorium protection on post office closures, and changes to delivery standards for the mail.

**WHEREAS** the Federal Government has done this without meaningful public consultation and has made this decision unilaterally prior to a planned Canada Post Corporation Review from October 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026, effectively eliminating any opportunity for input from the people who will be most affected;

**WHEREAS** thousands of postal jobs will be destroyed and four million households will lose door-to-door delivery, most within next few years;

**WHEREAS** post office closures could degrade or completely remove service in many communities;

**WHEREAS** these cuts will hurt seniors and people with disabilities in particular;

**WHEREAS** it is crucial for the Government and mandate review to hear the views from municipalities on key issues, including maintaining Canada Post as a public service, the importance of maintaining the moratorium on post office closures, improving the *Canadian Postal Service Charter*, keeping daily home mail and parcel delivery to the door, improving postal banking, greening Canada Post, adding EV charging stations, adding food delivery, improving delivery to rural, remote and Indigenous communities, and developing services to assist people with disabilities to help older Canadians to remain in their homes for as long as possible – and at the same time, helping to ensure that good jobs stay in their communities and that Canada Post can remain financially self-sustaining;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township of La Vallee formally writes the Minister of Government Transformation, Public Works and Procurement, Joël Lightbound, to:

- Demand an immediate halt to the service cuts, and to look instead for ways to increase services and revenues in other areas, such as those as noted above,

Demand that no mandate review takes place until Canada Post returns to stabilized operations, and;

Demand that any review of Canada Post and the *Canadian Postal Service Charter* must be done through a full and thorough transparent public review, including public hearings, with all key stakeholders, in every region of Canada.

DEFEATED

485. HYATT/LOSHAW: **WHEREAS** the Government of Ontario has imposed “Strong Mayor Powers” on municipalities without broad consultation or consent; and

**WHEREAS** over 100 municipalities have passed resolutions opposing these powers and requested their removal, some as early as 2023; and

**WHEREAS** strong mayor powers concentrate authority in one office, undermining democratic governance, council collaboration, and transparency; and

**WHEREAS** municipalities are most effective through shared leadership and local decision-making;

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Township of La Vallee opposes the imposition of strong mayor powers and requests immediate removal from the list of designated municipalities;

**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution be sent to:

The Honorable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
The Honorable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
The Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario  
Paula Banks. CARRIED

486. HUGHES/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the City of Dryden's resolution urging the Government of Ontario, through the Ministry of Education, to incorporate mandatory water safety and Swim-to-Survive training into the elementary school curriculum for all Ontario students. DEFEATED

487. HUGHES/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby approves the adding of snowplow balance in the amount of \$425.00 from 2022 and 2023 to roll number 001-05102. CARRIED

488. HUGHES/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby agrees to add the Asyst Software to a third computer in the municipal office and accepts the total in the amount of \$6,377.00 (excluding taxes). CARRIED


489. LOSHAW/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that we now go in-camera at 9:35 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

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

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

  
Reeve

  
Clerk