
THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LA VALLEE

The Regular Meeting of the Township of La Vallee was held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, December 15, 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, Fire Chief, Jordan Witzke and Road Superintendent, Neil MacDonald.

Inflationary Increase and Litigation were added to in-camera agenda.

Conflict of Interest: Reeve, Lucille MacDonald declared a conflict of interest on in-camera item 16.1-Inflationary Increase for employees.

Deputation/Delegations: None

Fire Department Report: The monthly Fire Chief report was reviewed. It has been a quiet month for the department. The Christmas potluck recognized individuals for their commitment etc. Darren Hughes from La Vallee Fire and Emergency Services was recognized for 30 years of service to the department. Some fire agreements are coming up for renewal. Discussion took place on a memo provided from the Fire Chief regarding the La Vallee Fire Station Working Group.

Road Department Report: Verbal report was given by the Road Superintendent. Council was updated on structural evaluations on three bridges that will have to be done next year. Municipal grass cutting for next year was discussed. Some maintenance on the loader and ¾ ton truck have to be completed.

Administration Report: Updates on Fire Hall cleanup and building maintenance issues were discussed. Also, the Clerk-Treasurer Intern grant has been submitted. Rose Road and Road Allowance issue have been tabled.

Council Discussion: Changes to the schedule of fees was discussed.

Council Reports: Councillor Elaine Hughes gave a brief update on the Emo Library.

Resolutions:

505. HUGHES/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the agenda as presented. CARRIED

506. BADIUK/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept November 12, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes as amended. CARRIED

507. LOSHAW/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that payroll items numbering from 497 to 541 in the amount of \$161, 083.06 for December 15, 2025 be passed and paid. CARRIED

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

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

510. HUGHES/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Clerk, Administrative Assistant, Utilities Clerk and Council be approved to attend the Rainy River District Municipal Association Annual General Meeting on January 10, 2026 and that all costs be paid. CARRIED

511. BADIUK/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township agrees to donate Municipal Swag to the Rainy River District Municipal Association Annual General Meeting on January 10, 2026. CARRIED

512. LOSHAW/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby approves Amanda Watson and Brody Strachan to take Joint Health and Safety Training Part II and that the fee of \$375.00 plus HST per person in the total amount of \$847.50 be paid. CARRIED

513. HUGHES/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that Amanda Watson, Administrative Assistant be approved to register for the Municipal Administration Program (MAP) Unit 4 and that all costs be paid.

BE IT RESOLVED that Amanda Watson, Administrative Assistant be approved to register for the Municipal Law Program and that all costs be paid. CARRIED

514. LOSHAW/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that Reeve, Lucille MacDonald be approved to register for the Navigating Conflict Relationships as an Elected Official (2 sessions) and that the registration fee of \$330 plus HST per session in the total amount of \$660 plus HST be paid. CARRIED

515. HUGHES/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee agrees to pay the annual donation to the Emo Public Library in the amount of \$4,500 for the 2026 year plus the annual grant (PLOG) in the amount of \$1,887 for 2026. CARRIED

516. HUGHES/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee accept the Minutes of Settlement on roll number 5916 000 002 01400 for an unfinished structure in the amount of \$14,000 reduction in residential property. CARRIED

517. HUGHES/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Town of Kingsville's resolution opposing the consolidation of Ontario's conservation authorities without knowing the full financial and operational impact to municipalities and the conservation authorities. CARRIED

518. HYATT/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby approves applying to the Pothole Prevention and Repair Program for a grant not to exceed \$38,000. CARRIED

519. HUGHES/BADIUK. BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby approves the Seniors Recreation Committee to apply to the 2026-27 Seniors Community Grant (SCG) Program. CARRIED

520. HUGHES/BADIUK. BE IT RESOLVED that we now go in-camera at 2:13 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

521. LOSHAW/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that we now close our in-camera session at 2:55 p.m. and continue with the Regular Meeting of Council. CARRIED

522. HUGHES/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that Amanda Watson be hired for the Position of Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Intern at the wage discussed. CARRIED

523. LOSHAW/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby approves an inflationary wage increase for all employees effective January 1, 2026 as per the Salary Administration Policy. CARRIED

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



Reeve



Clerk