
THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LA VALLEE

The Regular Meeting of the Township of La Vallee was held at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 11, 2026, with Reeve Lucille MacDonald and Councilors Ken Badiuk, Elaine Hughes, Brendan Hyatt and Steve Loshaw in attendance. Also present were Patti McDowall, Clerk-Treasurer, Jordan Witzke, Fire Chief and Amanda Watson, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Intern. Neil MacDonald, Road Superintendent was absent.

Conflict of Interest: Councillor Steve Loshaw declared a conflict of interest on item number 13.6. He left the room at 9:45 p.m. and returned at 9:50 p.m.

Deputation/Delegations: None

Fire Department Report: The Fire Chief went through his monthly report noting it has been a quiet month. Training for the year has started. Some quotes and prices on desired equipment were reviewed and discussed.

Road Department Report: No report.

Administration Report: Annual Report (Building Code) for 2025.

Council Discussion: Discussion took place on some maintenance items for the building and ballpark plus cemeteries. Council directed quotes to be obtained for the work to be done.

Council Reports: The Reeve gave a report on the Indigenous Relations Training she recently participated in.

Resolutions:

24. HYATT/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the Agenda as presented. CARRIED
25. BADIUK/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the January 14, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes as presented. CARRIED
26. HYATT/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that payroll items numbering from 18 to 65 in the amount of \$182,861.71 for February 11, 2026 be passed and paid. CARRIED
27. HYATT/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the January 31, 2026 Financial Statements as presented. CARRIED
28. HYATT/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby receives the Reports of Municipal Officers as presented. CARRIED
29. LOSHAW/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby approves the repair of the ceiling and exterior wall of the Fire Hall in the amount of \$2,000 plus materials excluding taxes. Also, the quote from Joel Meck for springs and labour to level the fire truck in the amount of \$3958.75 including tax. The Township also agrees to cover the difference over and above the grant amount of \$16,000 for the washer units and dryer in the amount of \$10,678.94. Council also approves the purchase of a wildland fire pump in the amount of \$10,210.00 plus tax. CARRIED
30. LOSHAW/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts the Annual Report on Building Code fees per The Ontario Building Code Act. CARRIED

31. LOSHAW/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1386 being a By-law to authorize the execution of a Transfer Payment Agreement between HIS MAJESTY THE KING IN THE RIGHT OF ONTARIO as represented by the Hon. Minister of Transportation (referred to as 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

32. HYATT/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts the revision to the Cell Phone Policy to include Deputy Clerk-Treasurer and other administrative positions. CARRIED

33. HYATT/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee supports the 2026 budget from the Rainy River District West OPP Detachment Board and agrees to pay La Vallee's apportionment in the amount of \$1,695.82 for the 2026 year. CARRIED

34. HUGHES/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby approves the renewal of the Municipal Insurance Policy from Westland Insurance in the amount not to exceed \$63,342 (excluding taxes) and the Cyber Insurance Policy in the amount of \$4,250 (excluding taxes) plus administration fee of \$185 (excluding taxes). CARRIED

35. HYATT/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby approves making application to the Ontario Trillium Foundation Capital Grant Program for the purchase of equipment and renovation up to \$200, 000. CARRIED

36. LOSHAW/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Town of Fort Frances' resolution calling upon the Province of Ontario to establish an Ontario Airport Capital Assistance Program (OACAP) to Provide dedicated annual funding for small and regional airports; ensure eligibility for a broad range of capital projects, including safety upgrades, equipment replacement, and runway maintenance; and engage municipalities in program design, ensuring local needs and realities are reflected in funding criteria; and recognize the essential role of airports in medevac and emergency services especially in remote and northern communities. CARRIED

37. HUGHES/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that we now go in-camera at 9:55 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

38. HYATT/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that we now close our in-camera session at 10:12 p.m. and continue with the Regular Meeting of Council. CARRIED

39. HUGHES/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Clerk is hereby authorized to proceed as directed in-camera. CARRIED

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



Reeve



Clerk