
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, June 10, 2026, with Reeve Lucille MacDonald and Councillors Ken Badiuk, Elaine Hughes and Steve Loshaw were in attendance. Councillor Brendan Hyatt was absent.

Also present were Patti McDowall, Clerk-Treasurer, Jordan Witzke, Fire Chief and Neil MacDonald, Road Superintendent.

Conflict of Interest: None

Deputation/Delegations: Melissa Gallagher attended on behalf of the Emo Public library. A Librarian's Report was presented for review. Melissa reported on grants that have been applied for. Angela Halvorsen (Smith) attended on behalf of Rainy River Future Development Corporation. Angela walked through a handout provided that explained Future's mandate, what they do and financing options for individuals and businesses.

Fire Department Report: The Fire Chief went through his monthly report. May was a busy month. All apparatuses are in service. Crossroads School event is scheduled for June 26th. Three (3) training sessions have been scheduled for June. Gear extractors came damaged.

Road Department Report: Verbal report was given. Three (3) quotes were provided for work on the municipal building. Gravel haul and flaggers were discussed. The low-bed float deck has been repaired.

Administration Report: Integrity Commissioner and Closed Meeting Investigator were discussed. Heat and Cooling Policy was reviewed. A request from Guthrie United Church was discussed.

Council Discussion: None.

Council Reports: None.

Resolutions:

116. BADIUK/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the Agenda as amended. CARRIED

117. BADIUK/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the March 31, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes; the May 7, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes; the May 13, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes; and the May 28, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes as presented. CARRIED

118. LOSHAW/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that payroll items numbering from 218 to 265 in the amount of \$233, 479.84 for June 10, 2026 be passed and paid. CARRIED

119. HUGHES/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the May 31, 2026 Financial Statements as presented. CARRIED

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

121. HUGHES/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts the quote from GreenPro in the amount of \$37,798.50 (including tax) for work on the municipal building. CARRIED

122. LOSHAW/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts the recommendation of the AMBIS Committee from its meeting held on April 27, 2026, to approve an increase of 1.88% to the Chief Building Official's remuneration, as evidenced in the published 2025 Ontario CPI Index from Statistics Canada and that the increase be effective May 1, 2026.

CARRIED

123. HUGHES/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby approves Michelle Sabbe to register with AMCTO and that the annual fee be paid.

CARRIED

124. HUGHES/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby agrees to provide a written notice of the Township's intention to terminate the Agreement between the Township and Rosalie Evans for Integrity Commissioner and Closed Meeting Investigator services.

CARRIED

125. BADIUK/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee accepts the revision to the Salary Administration Policy under Compensation Program(B)(3) to read "effective on the anniversary date of hire."

CARRIED

126. LOSHAW/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby approves the Heat Warning and Cooling Centre Activation Policy.

CARRIED

127. LOSHAW/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1391 being a By-Law to authorize an Automatic Aid Agreement between THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIPS OF ALBERTON, CHAPPLE, EMO, LA VALLEE AND THE TOWN OF FORT FRANCES 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

128. HUGHES/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1392 being a By-Law to provide for the adoption of tax rates, and to further provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof for 2026 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

129. BADIUK/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1393 being a By-Law to adopt the estimates of all sums required during the year 2026 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

130. LOSHAW/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Township of La Vallee hereby adopts the Clerk-Treasurer's Report regarding Estimated Expenses Excluded from 2026 Budget.

CARRIED

131. HUGHES/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee accepts the revisions to the Municipal Alcohol Policy and approves its adoption.

CARRIED

132. BADIUK/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Township of Baldwin's resolution calling upon the Province of Ontario to conduct an immediate review of the OPP Municipal Policing Billing Model and the policing funding structure for unorganized territories; AND further that the Province be requested to implement a fair and equitable funding model

that ensures all communities receiving OPP policing services contribute appropriately to the cost of those services; AND further that the province be requested to consult with municipalities, particularly those in Northern Ontario, regarding the financial impact of OPP policing costs and the current inequities in the system. CARRIED

133. LOSHAW/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Town of Plympton-Wyoming's resolution calling upon the Province of Ontario to transition the current practice of competitive provincial fire service grant programs into a permanent, stable, and predictable non-competitive provincial funding program that supports municipalities in meeting provincially legislated fire protection requirements; AND further that this funding be structured to provide equitable and predictable annual support for operational readiness and training costs associated with volunteer, composite and full-time fire departments across Ontario. CARRIED

134. BADIUK/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Township of Red Lake's resolution requesting that the province provide financial assistance to municipalities to offset all additional costs directly and demonstrably incurred as a result of compliance with the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, not general increases to police budgets; and further urges the Province of Ontario to expeditiously review and reform its current police grant programs to ensure a more equitable distribution of funding to municipalities, so the communities with changing populations and expanding service demands receive fair and sustainable provincial support. CARRIED

135. LOSHAW/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that we now go in-camera at 10:05 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;
- ☐ 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

136. LOSHAW/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that we now close our in-camera session at 10:31 p.m. and continue with the Regular Meeting of Council. CARRIED

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

138. LOSHAW/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby rescinds Mike Gallagher's appointment to the La Vallee Fire and Emergency Services Department. CARRIED

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



Reeve



Clerk