
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, March 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 Amanda Watson, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Intern, Michelle Sabbe, Utilities/Records Clerk Intern and Neil MacDonald, Road Superintendent.

Conflict of Interest: Reeve Lucille MacDonald declared a conflict of interest on item number 12.1.

Deputation/Delegations: R.J. Burnside & Associates

Consideration of the Engineer's Report on the Hayman Creek Drain.

Jacob Rooke attended the meeting virtually on behalf of R.J. Burnside & Associates. Presentation was given on the proposed work and cost distribution for the Hayman Creek Drain.

Affected landowners in attendance were given the opportunity for questions. The Provisionally By-Law No. 1387 was given a first and second reading. The meeting date for the Court of Revision was set for April 8, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Fire Department Report: The Fire Chief's monthly report was reviewed. Equipment Safeties have been completed. Fire pump has been delivered. Fire Chief requested a Special Meeting date to be set to consider the La Vallee Fire Station Working Group's report.

Road Department Report: No report. Road Superintendent left council chambers before a report could be presented.
Gravel Tenders were opened:

Gravel Tender 1-2026	Granular A (10,000 cu. yards)
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Dennis Robinson Ltd.	\$26.74 per cu. yard -Granular A for a total of \$302,162.00 (including taxes)
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JTJ Contracting -Emo	\$21.25 per cu. yard-Granular A for a total of \$240,125.00 (including taxes)
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Harold McQuaker Ent.	\$28.45 per cu. yard -Granular A for a total of \$321,485.00 (including taxes)
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Administration Report: Interest rates on the GIC and HISA accounts were presented.

Council Discussion: Grant for kitchen renovations at Devlin Hall were discussed.

Council Reports: It was reported that a new librarian has been hired for the Emo Library.

Resolutions:

41. BADIUK/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the Agenda as presented. CARRIED

42. BADIUK/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the January 12, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes and February 11, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes as presented. CARRIED

43. LOSHAW/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that payroll items numbering from 66 to 107 in the amount of \$431,272.65 for March 11, 2026 be passed and paid. CARRIED

44. HUGHES/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the date for the Court of Revision regarding the Hayman Creek Drain will be April 8, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

The following members are appointed to the Court of Revision: Elaine Hughes, Steve Loshaw, Ken Badiuk, Brendan Hyatt and Lucille MacDonald.

CARRIED

45. HUGHES/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby calls a Special Meeting for March 31, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. to deal with the La Vallee Fire Station Working Group's report.

CARRIED

46. HUGHES/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the February 28, 2026 Financial Statements as presented.

CARRIED

47. LOSHAW/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts Gravel Tender No. 1-2026 from J.T.J. Contracting in the amount of 240,125.00 including taxes.

CARRIED

48. HUGHES/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee Hereby accepts the Quote submitted from the Miller Group in the amount of \$55,979.00 excluding taxes and agrees to pay the remaining over and above the grant amount of \$38,000.00 to be funded by Pothole Prevention and Repair Program.

CARRIED

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

CARRIED

50. HYATT/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee agrees to pay the fee of \$113.75 for the Renewal of AZ Drivers Licence for the Road Superintendent.

CARRIED

*Reeve left the room at 9:15 p.m. and Deputy Reeve approved Resolution #51
Reeve returned at 9:17 p.m.

51. BADIUK/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby approves the annual renewal of the Employee Benefits Plan in the amount of \$14,782.00 (excluding taxes) plus the minimum annual fee (commission).

CARRIED

52. LOSHAW/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts the Quote from Uline in the amount of \$31,826.68 (including taxes and shipping) for the purchase of Tables, Chairs and Dolly's for Devlin Community Hall.

CARRIED

53. LOSHAW/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts Ron Ogier's roadside grass cutting proposal in the amount of \$42.00 a running mile plus tax.

CARRIED

54. LOSHAW/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby rescinds resolution #35 to apply for grant funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation Capital Grant Program for the purchase of equipment and Renovations for the kitchen at the Devlin Hall in the amount of \$200,000 and instead approve applying to NOHFC for the same.

CARRIED

55. HYATT/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts the Tax Arrears Report dated March 11, 2026.

CARRIED

56. HYATT/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Intern is hereby approved to virtually attend the Municipal Procurement Webinar and that the fee of \$350.00 plus taxes be paid. CARRIED

57. LOSHAW/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Intern and the Clerk is hereby approved to virtually attend Election Training and that the fee of \$440.00 plus taxes be paid. CARRIED

58. LOSHAW/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby agrees to pay Rainy River Future Development Corporation's per capita levy in the amount of \$5,516.00. CARRIED

59. HUGHES/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby approves CAO/Clerk Treasurer, Utilities/Records Clerk Intern, and Landfill Attendant to complete the First Aid/CPR Training from Vital Check Solutions in the amount of \$525.00 (including taxes). CARRIED

60. LOSHAW/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee supports the Town of Englehart resolution calling on the Government of Ontario to maintain the current OMERS governance model, with two corporate Boards, as the structure that would best deliver on the long-term interests of municipalities, taxpayers and employees. CARRIED

61. BADIUK/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee supports The Regional Municipality of York's resolution calling upon the Province of Ontario to intervene to ensure that Circular Materials Ontario and its contractors provide fair, consistent, and equitable recycling collection service levels across all municipalities in Ontario. CARRIED

62. HUGHES/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee supports the Municipality of Magnetawan's resolution calling upon the Government of Canada, including ISED, to strengthen affordability requirements tied to federal broadband funding and universal access to programs. CARRIED

63. LOSHAW/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that we now go in-camera at 9:21p.m. for the following reasons:

- ☐ Security of property;
- X Personal matters regarding an identifiable individual, including employees;
- X 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

64. HUGHES/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that we now close our in-camera session at 10:04 p.m. and continue with Regular Meeting of Council. CARRIED

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

L. MacDonald
Reeve

Dani McDowell
Clerk