TOWNSHIP OF LA VALLEE

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Be Prepared this Winter Season

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Having a plan and emergency supplies for your home and car will help ensure you and your loved ones are safe this winter.

Steps you can take to be prepared this season include:

Make an emergency plan for your household

Think about what you would do in different situations and make a plan with every member of your household.

Things to consider include:

- know how you will communicate during an emergency
- know how to safely evacuate your home – by a main exit and an alternate one
- review household fire safety
- know how to turn of main utilities (water, electricity, gas)
- plan for medical needs and disabilities
- have a list of emergency numbers

Keep a winter survival kit in your car

Be prepared for winter driving and always keep a winter survival kit in your car.

Kits should include:

- charged phone
- water
- non-perishable food
- flashlight
- blanket and warm clothes
- jumper cables
- shovel
- traction mats or sand
- candles and a lighter or matches

Build a 72-hour emergency kit

Your emergency survival kit should have everything you and your household would need for at least three days immediately following an emergency.

Essentials for your kit include:

- food (non-perishable and easy-to-prepare items, enough for three days) and a manual can opener
- bottled water (4 litres per person for each day)
- medication(s)
- flashlight and glow stick
- radio (crank or battery-run)
- extra batteries
- first-aid kit
- candles and matches/lighter
- hand sanitizer or moist towelettes
- important papers (identification, contact lists, copies of prescriptions, etc.)
- extra car keys and cash
- whistle (to attract attention, if needed)
- zip-lock bag (to keep things dry)
- garbage bags

You should also consider your household's unique needs, including items for babies and small children (diapers, formula) and pet food and supplies.

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IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER 4, 2026 @ 6 PM - *INAUGURAL MEETING OF COUNCIL*

NOVEMBER 11, 2026 - MUNICIPAL OFFICE CLOSED (REMEMBRANCE DAY)

NOVEMBER 18, 2026 @ 7 PM - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

Residents are advised that garbage originating from outside the Municipality of La Vallee, or generated from properties located outside the municipality, is strictly prohibited at the La Vallee landfill.
Effective immediately, random inspections of incoming waste will be conducted to ensure that all materials brought to the landfill comply with municipal guidelines.
The Municipality reserves the right to refuse any waste or materials that do not meet the designated requirements.
We appreciate your cooperation in helping ensure the proper use of the La Vallee landfill.
Please ensure you have your landfill card with you to present to the landfill attendant.

HELP WANTED: CHRISTMAS PARTY COORDINATOR!

We're looking for a volunteer who would be willing to take the lead in organizing and overseeing our Annual Community Christmas Party!
Do you enjoy planning, organizing, bringing people together, and spreading a little Christmas cheer? We're looking for someone with enthusiasm, ideas, and a willingness to help make this wonderful community tradition a success!
If you're interested in taking on this role, or know someone who might be a great fit, we'd love to hear from you!
Let's work together to make this year's Christmas party a special and memorable event for our whole community!

Please reach out if you're interested!

La Vallee Strategic Plan 2023-2027 Updates

Whiddon Road was initially surfaced in 2022; however, resurfacing was required again in 2026 due to the deterioration of the original surface material under the heavy traffic using the road.
The amount of gravel being applied to roads has increased substantially from 5000 yds in 2019 to 10,000 yds in 2026. A shortage of calcium availability in 2026 has resulted in some roads not being completed.
New equipment purchased includes a one-ton truck with a v-plow and sander and a mini excavator.
Bridge evaluations have been completed with long-term plans to be made based on these reports in the near future.
The Community Hall has undergone upgrades and renovations, made possible in part through grant funding provided by the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC).
A Seniors Committee was established to support and enhance programming for older adults in the community. Throughout the year, a variety of activities and events have been offered with financial support from the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) and New Horizons for Seniors Grant.
Improvements were completed over the summer to the ball park outfield with completion of the new canteen roof expected this fall.
The Municipality supported a "You're the Chef" program during March break, this taught students in grades 5-8 how to prepare and cook healthy meals and snacks.
Columbarium's have been purchased for each of the three cemeteries. These additions will provide additional options for interment while helping to extend the long-term capacity and lifespan of the cemeteries.
The landfill has generated substantial revenue through remediation hauls associated with the CN derailment and the Couchiching restoration project, with a significant portion of these funds invested. A new landfill study was completed in 2024 to assess future needs and planning considerations. The province has mandated recycling through Circular Materials, with implementation now scheduled to begin in 2028. In addition, funds have been set aside to support future landfill expansion and help ensure long-term operational capacity.
The access lane on the municipal river property has been roughed in. Further development of this property will require an opportunity for community input.
The Fire Department has purchased a drone to enhance emergency response capabilities at fires, motor vehicle accidents, train derailments, and other emergency incidents. The drone will allow personnel to assess hazardous situations remotely, improving situational awareness while reducing the need to enter potentially dangerous areas, including those involving hazardous material spills and wildfires. Licensing and training are being provided to ensure the safe and effective operation of the equipment.
A new well has been drilled to provide water service to the Fire Hall, Municipal Building, church, and post office. This project enhances access to an essential water supply for these important community facilities and supports continued operation.
A succession plan was developed for municipal office staff to support continuity of operations. Grant funding was secured to support the training and development of a Deputy Clerk Intern and a Utilities/Records Clerk Intern, helping prepare future staff for key administrative roles.
Improvements have been made to cellular service in the municipality, helping to enhance connectivity for residents and businesses. In addition, fibre-optic cable installation is underway in several areas of the municipality, expanding access to high-speed internet and improving digital infrastructure for the community. The construction of three municipal drains in 2026 has presented several new challenges for the municipality. These projects have required additional coordination and planning to address the complexities associated with drainage infrastructure and ensure the successful completion of the work.
The updated Official Plan is expected to be available soon, with a zoning plan to follow. Opportunities for public and community input will be provided throughout the process.
A new strategic plan should be completed early in 2027 with our new council; there will be opportunities for input from the public.