

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, April 8, 2009 with Reeve Emily Watson and Councillors Jim Belluz, Freeda Carmody, Ross Donaldson and Lucille MacDonald in attendance.

Also present were Sylvia Smeeth, Clerk-Treasurer, Terry Beadle, Road Superintendent and Leo Pruys, Fire Chief.

Conflict of Interest: None

Bids Opening:

Bidders	Belly Dump	Fifth Wheel	Grader Tires	Truck Tires
Earl Hyatt			\$150.00	
Tom Veert Contracting	\$22,800.00			
Harold McQuaker Enterprises	\$19,059.00 for all items			
Donald Woitowicz	\$20,00.00			
Paul Brown Trucking	\$25,501.00	\$251.00	\$1,251.00	\$351.00
Devlin Automotive & Truck Ltd.	\$16,800.00			
George Friesen	\$18,000.00	\$375.00		
Brian Allan Ent.	\$17,100.00	\$203.00	\$80.00	\$20.00
Dennis Robinson Ltd.	\$25,550.00	\$125.00	\$175.00	\$52.00

Delegations: None

Fire Department Report:

Fire Chief Leo Pruys attended. Leo confirmed that he along with another fire department volunteer went to training regarding CNR and the items that they carry through our community all the time. Some items, if spilled, would require evacuation of up to 8 km. If there was a large spill he was assured that help would arrive within 6 hours. Leo indicated that our train traffic is supposed to increase, possibly double of what it is now. Leo also advised that the Patullo towers are in bad need of repairs. We are currently hooking up to fleet net tower. We will need to purchase a radio at some point in the near future at an approximate cost of \$3,500.00. There will be more training for the fire department at the end of April and May.

Road Department Report:

The daily activity report was reviewed. Road Superintendent Terry Beadle advised that they have been steaming culverts for the past couple of weeks. The roads are starting to dry up now and come together. They are starting to grade the higher traffic roads first. Terry indicated that he thought that we may need to purchase additional gravel this year. The gravel tender will be sent out for opening at the next meeting. We will tender for 6000 yds. Road tour will be April 28 at 8:00 a.m. Dan Rea would like to purchase some gravel out of our pit 20-30 loads. Dan was asked to put it in writing for council to discuss at the next meeting.

Council Discussion:

There was brief discussion regarding the replacement of the Black Bridge. The bridge will go out for tender with a public opening on May 12, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. so that K. Smart Associates Ltd. can review and help us with the recommendation for council. A recommendation will go to council at the May 13, 2009 meeting.

Resolutions:

52. MACDONALD/CARMODY: That we accept the Agenda as presented.
CARRIED

53. DONALDSON/BELLUZ: BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the March 11, 2009 Council Meeting be accepted as presented.
CARRIED

54. MACDONALD/CARMODY: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee accepts the bid from Dennis Robinson in the amount of \$25,550.00 for the 2001 Arnes Belly Dump Gravel Trailer. CARRIED

55. BELLUZ/DONALDSON: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee accepts the bid from George Friesen in the amount of \$375.00 for the Holland 5th Wheel.
CARRIED

56. CARMODY/BELLUZ: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee accepts the bid from Paul Brown Trucking in the amount of \$1,251.00 for the Grader Tires. CARRIED

57. BELLUZ/DONALDSON: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee accepts the bid from Paul Brown Trucking in the amount of \$351.00 for the Truck Tires.
CARRIED

58. MACDONALD/CARMODY: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby nominates Carole McLean for the 2009 Senior of the Year Award.
CARRIED

59. DONALDSON/CARMODY: BE IT RESOLVED that payroll items numbering from 122 to 176 in the amount of \$139,567.09 for April 8, 2009 be passed and paid.
CARRIED

60. DONALDSON/MACDONALD: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts the March 31, 2009 Financial Statements as presented.
CARRIED

61. CARMODY/MACDONALD: That By-Law No. 1151 being a By-law for the purpose of appointing certain officers of the Corporation and for setting the remuneration of such officers of the Corporation of the Township of La Vallee for the year 2009 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

62. CARMODY/DONALDSON: That By-Law No. 1152 being a By-law to establish tax capping options for the year 2009 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

63. MACDONALD/BELLUZ: That By-Law No. 1153 being a By-law to establish the 2009 tax ratios 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

64. MACDONALD/DONALDSON: BE IT RESOLVED that Emily Watson, Sylvia Smeeth, Jim Belluz, Freeda Carmody, Ross Donaldson and Lucille MacDonald are hereby approved to attend the 63rd Annual General Meeting and Conference on April 15-18, 2009 in Fort Frances and that all costs be paid.

CARRIED

65. DONALDSON/CARMODY: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee receives the Audited Financial Statements from BDO Dunwoody for the year 2008.

CARRIED

66. MACDONALD/BELLUZ: BE IT RESOLVED that Sylvia Smeeth and Emily Watson be approved to attend the Municipal Financial Reporting for 2009 Workshop in Thunder Bay on May 22, 2009 and that all costs be paid.

CARRIED

67. MACDONALD/DONALDSON: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee supports the City of Sault Ste. Marie's resolution regarding the intent of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) and Ministry policies for medical specialists and resulting health care services, ensuring access to full health care services and specialties for the residents of Northern Ontario.

CARRIED

68. DONALDSON/BELLUZ: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee supports the resolution as attached regarding Retention of Sunset Country Tourism Area.

CARRIED

69. MACDONALD/CARMODY: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Municipality of Grey Highlands resolution requesting the Province to undertake a comprehensive review of the potential health and land use impacts (including property values) to the General Public associated with the placement of all Renewable Energy Facilities; and review the proposal to remove local land use planning controls under the Planning Act through Bill 150.

CARRIED

70. BELLUZ/MACDONALD: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee supports the Town of Mattawa's resolution petitioning the Federal and Provincial Governments to negotiate a more feasible and accessible cost sharing plan to allow all municipalities, regardless of their financial situation, to participate in the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund announced by the Federal Government.

CARRIED

71. BELLUZ/CARMODY: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee supports the Municipality of Middlesex Centre's resolution petitioning the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to review and shorten the time frame required for approval of drainage maintenance and construction and bridge reconstruction requests to allow for a more flexible and reasonable construction/maintenance season, especially where weather conditions warrant an extended season.

CARRIED

72. MACDONALD/BELLUZ: That we adjourn to the next regular meeting or the call of the clerk.

CARRIED

Reeve

Clerk

