

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 14, 2010 with Reeve Emily Watson and Councillors Jim Belluz, Freeda Carmody, Ross Donaldson and Lucille MacDonald in attendance.

Also present were Sylvia Smeeth, Clerk-Treasurer and Terry Beadle, Road Superintendent.

Conflict of Interest: None

Delegations: None

Fire Department Report: Jim Belluz and Terry Beadle reported that the department was called out to two grass fires, one of which ended up burning part of a house. The fire department is in the process of completing more training in April and May. The new recruits seem to be working out well. Fire department members are sharing responsibilities. The department will be attending the school during education week to do a presentation to the students. There was discussion regarding paying each fire department member a minimum of \$100.00 plus the allowance which is allocated to the point system which is divided among the members at the end of the year. Currently some members do not even get enough money to pay for their gas. This additional amount will be added to the budget.

Road Department Report:

The daily activity report was reviewed. The roads department cleaned up trees after the last storm. Trees were down all over. There was discussion regarding the grading of roads. We need to acquire a new steamer. We have new confirmation from Technical Safety Standards that we are no longer able to operate our old one. We can operate a steamer up to 15 PSI. Terry advised that a new one will cost approximately \$12,000.00 from OJ Hill in Thunder Bay. There are beaver problems on Kennett Road. The Clerk spoke with K. Smart Associates Ltd. and they are to get us forms regarding entrance on private property. Road Tour date is May 6th.

Council Discussion:

The Clerk was instructed to advertise for summer students. The students are required to have a driver's license.

Freeda Carmody reported that the Emo Library will be receiving a \$10,000.00 donation from an Estate.

Ross Donaldson reported that the DSSAB is still waiting for numbers for the unorganized properties to be able to calculate the funding apportionment.

Resolutions:

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

CARRIED

48. BELLUZ/DONALDSON: BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the March 10, 2010 Council Meeting be accepted as presented. CARRIED

49. BELLUZ/MACDONALD: BE IT RESOLVED that the payroll items numbering from 132 to 196 in the amount of \$140,084.20 for April 14, 2010 be passed and paid. CARRIED

50. DONALDSON/CARMODY: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts the March 31, 2010 Financial Statements as presented. CARRIED

51. BELLUZ/DONALDSON: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee agrees to transfer our interest in the Handi-Van to the Township of Emo. CARRIED

52. CARMODY/BELLUZ: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts the Sun Life Financial Long Term Disability Option #2 as presented and that Policy No. HR-24.0 be amended to reflect the addition of Long Term Disability. Employees will contribute 25% of the Long Term Disability premium. CARRIED

53. DONALDSON/MACDONALD: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee supports formula #2 for the apportionment of costs associated with DSSAB as set out in their letter of March 11, 2010. CARRIED

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54. MACDONALD/CARMODY: BE IT RESOLVED that Sylvia Smeeth be approved to attend the AMCTO Zone 9 Spring Meeting in Dryden on May 4th and 5th, 2010 and that all costs be paid. CARRIED

55. MACDONALD/DONALDSON: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee nominates Lois Shine for Senior of the Year for 2010. CARRIED

56. MACDONALD/DONALDSON: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Rainy River Vet Services Committee and that the .35 cents per capita fees in the amount of \$338.30 be paid. CARRIED

57. MACDONALD/BELLUZ: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee agrees to pay \$7.00 per capita to the Rainy River Future Development Corporation in the amount of \$6,776.00 for the year 2010-2011. CARRIED

58. CARMODY/DONALDSON: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee supports NOMA's resolution calling on the Federal Government to recognize the importance of the NODP/FedNor program to economic development in Northern Ontario; to improve service delivery timelines to ensure funding requests are processed within 4 months; to indicate its ongoing support for Northern Ontario through the establishment of the Economic Development Agency of Canada for the Region of Northern Ontario; and to commit to annual, stable funding of not less than \$90 million for the NODP program. CARRIED

59. BELLUZ/MACDONALD: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the County of Huron's resolution supporting the Ontario Agriculture Sustainability Coalition (OASC) in its lobbying efforts to obtain immediate adjustments to the Agri-Stability Program. CARRIED

60. MACDONALD/DONALDSON: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee supports NOMA's resolution calling on the Government of Ontario to implement a long term regulation under section 55 (1) (b) of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) which recognizes that the primary objectives of the ESA are met through the Crown Forest Sustainability Act (CFSA) and its required Forest Management Plans (FMPs), and, further, fulfills government's commitment to recognize the CFSA and FMPs as equivalent processes to the ESA with respect to planning for and providing for species at risk. CARRIED

61. CARMODY/MACDONALD: That we adjourn to the next regular meeting or the call of the clerk. CARRIED

Reeve

Clerk