

## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LA VALLEE

The Special Meeting of the Township of La Vallee was held at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 24, 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, Terry Beadle, Road Superintendent and Mike Hyatt, Equipment Operator.

**Conflict of Interest:** None

**Council Discussion:** There was discussion regarding Christmas Hours. The HR Policy Section Number 28.0 will be amended to reflect the decision of Council which will be presented at the next council meeting to be passed by resolution.

### **Resolutions:**

31. MACDONALD/CARMODY: That we accept the Special Meeting Agenda as presented. CARRIED

32. DONALDSON/BELLUZ: That we adjourn to the next regular meeting or the call of the clerk. CARRIED

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Clerk

## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LA VALLEE

The Special Meeting of the Township of La Vallee was held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, February 19, 2010 with Acting Deputy Reeve Jim Belluz, Freeda Carmody and Ross Donaldson in attendance. Reeve Emily Watson and Councillor Lucille MacDonald were absent.

Also present were Sylvia Smeeth, Clerk-Treasurer.

**Conflict of Interest:** None

**Delegations:** Jon Evans and Jeff Savage attended on behalf of BDO Dunwoody and gave a report on the yearly audit. They confirmed that the audit went well. We will carry forward a surplus of about \$37,500.00. Our landfill and employee liabilities are fully funded. Jon indicated that due to PSAB there will be new budgeting coming for 2011. Budgeting for 2010 is the same as usual. The PSAB audit will happen after our regular audit. Jon will come back to report on PSAB after it is complete. PSAB has created a huge learning curve both for Auditors and Municipalities. We are at the same stage regarding PSAB as other local municipalities. Jon indicated that we should look at having a landfill study completed again. This is something that should happen every 7-8 years. If the costs are too high then someone on staff can make assessments using the original study to provide BDO with the information they need.

27. DONALDSON/CARMODY: That we accept the Special Meeting Agenda as presented. CARRIED

28. CARMODY/DONALDSON: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee transfers the gain on the redemption of the infrastructure initiative in the amount of \$30,967.93 to the Reserve Fund for Capital Equipment for the year of 2009.

CARRIED

29. CARMODY/DONALDSON: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee transfer \$15,000.00 back into the Reserve Fund for Computer Capital and Maintenance for the year of 2009. CARRIED

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

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Clerk

## **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, February 10, 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, Henry VanAel, Building Inspector.

**Conflict of Interest:** None

**Delegations:**

**Building Inspection Report:**

The Building Inspector gave an in-camera report regarding the matter before the court. Instructions were given to the Clerk during the regular meeting to provide a written response to the resident.

**Fire Department Report:** Jim Belluz reported that the Fire Department was called out to a roll over on January 29. We have four department members that volunteered to be captains. The Fort Frances Fire Department has really jumped in and everything is working well. We have a new member that is interested in becoming deputy chief once they have the required training. There is Mod A and B training in the spring and fire scene investigation training. There is a new lock on the fire hall and the department purchased new pagers.

**Road Department Report:**

The daily activity report was reviewed. Terry reported that they have been picking garbage on the roads. The Tire Recyclers are currently hauling our tires. We will need to clean up the area once they are done hauling to make it easier for future hauling – separate areas for different tires. The seat in the truck is getting worn and will need to be replaced in the near future. Terry indicated that that the truck will need some work when the plow comes off. There was discussion regarding extension of the railing on the Cain Road Bridge. We can use the left over railing from the Black Bridge.

**Council Discussion:**

**Reports:**

Freeda Carmody gave a brief report on the Handivan and a report on Rainy River Futures and farm producers and the Winter Fair.

Lucille MacDonald reported that the work on the Arena is looking really good.

Ross Donaldson gave a brief report on the DSSAB indicating that they are still working on the budget and trying to get numbers down.

**Resolutions:**

10. MACDONALD/CARMODY: That we accept the Agenda as presented. CARRIED
11. DONALDSON/BELLUZ: BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the January 13, 2010 Council Meeting be accepted as amended. CARRIED
12. BELLUZ/CARMODY: BE IT RESOLVED that payroll items numbering from 1 to 70 in the amount of \$255,922.36 for February 10, 2010 be passed and paid. CARRIED
13. BELLUZ/MACDONALD: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts the January 31, 2010 Financial Statements as presented. CARRIED
14. DONALDSON/CARMODY: BE IT RESOLVED that we now go in-camera to discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual. CARRIED
15. CARMODY/MACDONALD: BE IT RESOLVED that we now close our in-camera session and continue with the regular meeting of council. CARRIED

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16. CARMODY/MACDONALD: BE IT RESOLVED that we now go in-camera for labour relations. CARRIED
17. DONALDSON/BELLUZ: BE IT RESOLVED that we now close our in-camera session and continue with the regular meeting of council. CARRIED
18. MACDONALD/DONALDSON: BE IT RESOLVED that the salary increases for 2010 will be 1.5%. CARRIED
19. MACDONALD/CARMODY: BE IT RESOLVED that we set a special meeting date of February 24, 2010 at 1 p.m. to draft a Christmas hours Policy. CARRIED
20. BELLUZ/DONALDSON: BE IT RESOLVED that Sylvia Smeeth be approved to attend the Elections Workshop-Part 2 in Thunder Bay on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 and that all costs be paid and that the municipal office will be closed that day. CARRIED

21. BELLUZ/MACDONALD: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee approves the Drain Maintenance/Superintendent Grant Allocation Request for the fiscal year 2010/2011. CARRIED
22. DONALDSON/CARMODY: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee requests MTO to include surface treatment for work at the Cemetery Road Bridge and the west end of Whiddon Road. CARRIED
23. MACDONALD/DONALDSON: BE IT RESOLVED that Sylvia Smeeth be approved to attend the Planning Conference on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010 in Thunder Bay and that all costs be paid. CARRIED
24. DONALDSON/BELLUZ: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee approves payment of \$0.50 per capita for the 2009-2010 program for the Rainy River Valley Safety Coalition. CARRIED
25. MACDONALD/CARMODY: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports NOMA's Board of Directors' resolution regarding Ontario's Energy Transmission Plans and agrees to forward a letter to the appropriate Minister. CARRIED
26. DONALDSON/BELLUZ: That we adjourn to the next regular meeting or the call of the clerk. CARRIED

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