

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, August 10, 2011 with Reeve Ross Donaldson and Councillors Jim Belluz, Freeda Carmody, Dennis Allen and Darcy Robson in attendance.

Also present were Sylvia Smeeth, Clerk-Treasurer, Terry Beadle, Road Superintendent, Harold and Riley Kellar, Landfill Attendants.

Conflict of Interest: None

Fire Department Report: There was nothing to report other than Ross Donaldson and Jim Belluz confirmed that they were still attending shared fire service meetings. The other municipalities are talking about sharing a Fire Chief to begin with. Ross and Jim said they will continue to go to the meetings.

Road Department Report: The daily activity report was reviewed. The Hastie Road rebuild has been started. Murray Witherspoon was in attendance and indicated that everything was going well. Roadsides are being cut and roads employees have started brushing. The Road Superintendent mentioned that he has received several phone calls from residents of Emo that want to use our landfill, as they have to travel 22 miles to use the dump because of the road closure on Hwy. 602. Council indicated that the road is opening to traffic shortly and they are not permitted to use our dump. Our dump is looking great. We have received a few loads of dirt from the Highway ditching at the landfill. Murray Witherspoon confirmed that they could bring the last couple of loads at the end of the day to dump from the Hastie Road rebuild. The Road Superintendent was directed to ensure that employees don't smoke in buildings or equipment and to wear seatbelts when they are available in vehicles or equipment.

Council Discussion:

There was discussion regarding the dump hours. Effective September 6th the dump hours will change to the following:

Tuesdays and Thursdays - 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturdays – 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

There was brief discussion regarding getting an iron remover for the water system. The cost will range from approximately \$1,000.00 to \$1,500.00. The water will need to be tested to determine exactly what we need.

A resident approached council to enquire if they could hook into the municipal well for a residence. Council confirmed that this would not be allowed.

Council Reports:

Arena Board: Dennis Allen and Darcy Robson reported that they haven't had any meetings lately; however, the Arena is having a Generator hooked up.

Library: Freeda Carmody reported that the library is being made handicapped accessible.

DSSAB: Ross Donaldson reported that things are going good. The assessment that they were going to have completed turned out to be very costly, so the staff is trying to make cuts and identify where savings can be made in order the save money. Staff negotiations will be taking place this fall. Dan McCormick is willing to work in the CAO position for 4-6 months. The Adhoc committee is presently re-writing the job description.

Resolutions:

99. CARMODY/ALLEN: That we accept the Agenda and Agenda Addendum as presented. CARRIED

100. BELLUZ/ALLEN: BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the July 13, 2011 Council Meeting be accepted as presented. CARRIED

101. ROBSON/BELLUZ: BE IT RESOLVED that payroll items numbering from 322 to 367 in the amount of \$142,434.04 for August 10, 2011 be passed and paid. CARRIED

102. ALLEN/CARMODY: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts the July 31, 2011 Financial Statements as presented. CARRIED

103. BELLUZ/CARMODY: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board in their efforts requesting the SHSC Board of Directors to immediately reverse their decision to require all prescribed housing providers to only participate in their Insurance Program, and return to their current business practice; AND FURTHER that the SHSC initiate a process to ensure that all of its programs and services are based on open, competitive bidding processes; AND FURTHER if the SHSC not reverse its decision, then the Province of Ontario intervene accordingly to ensure an open, competitive bidding process for insurance and all of its other programs and services AND FURTHER that the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing issue a written consent or other remedy if necessary to the RRDSSAB and its prescribed social housing providers, as well as any other Service Manager requesting such relief with the ability to not participate in the SHSC insurance program and other SHSC programs and services, if desired. CARRIED

104. ALLEN/BELLUZ: BE IT RESOLVED that Sylvia Smeeth is hereby approved to attend the Fall Zone 9 Meeting in Thunder Bay on September 20th and 21st, 2011 and that all costs be paid. CARRIED

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

Reeve

Clerk