

## 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 9, 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 and Terry Beadle, Road Superintendent.

**Conflict of Interest:** None

**Delegations:** Donna Kowalski attended to express concerns on behalf of herself and other McTavish road residents regarding rumors of a property being acquired for use as a group home. They have concerns and questions. Council indicated that we would see if we could find out more information, as we have no information about the group home. Council advised that we will have a meeting/discussion at a later date when we know more.

**Fire Department Report:** Jim Belluz reported that they have been checking out the fire equipment. They recently received the new radios that were on order. The department is getting a new pump installed at the fire hall. This will make for easier and quicker filling of the tanker truck. The safety check has been completed on the tanker truck. Next year it will probably need new brake drums and a bit of work.

### **Road Department Report:**

The daily activity report was reviewed. The road superintendent reported that they have been plowing a lot of snow. They need to do more scarifying when it warms up a bit. We have contaminated soil coming to the dump from a residence in Alberton which has MOE approval. The soil is used for cover at the dump after it airs out.

**Council Report:** Jim Belluz, representative on the Northwestern Health Unit, reported that his recent meeting was good. He indicated that the health unit has recently cut 17 or 18 jobs in management in Northwestern Ontario. Jim reported that the money is better spent on programs. Health Unit meetings are held in different places all the time ie Kenora, Dryden, Fort Frances and Atikokan.

Dennis Allen gave a brief report on the Arena. Dennis indicated that money that was allocated for the Arena has been put back in their budget. The building looks very nice since all of the renovations. The arena board must now raise money for a new zamboni. It will probably cost \$80,000.00 to \$87,000.00.

Freeda Carmody reported on the Library. Freeda reported that books and other items are sent all over and shared with other libraries. The library sends out approximately 1700 items per month. Robert Simmons is the representative for the Township of Emo. The Library must be made accessible for individuals with disabilities. They are trying to find funding to make the necessary changes.

Ross Donaldson reported on the DSSAB. The board is working very hard to try to return the money to municipalities as a result of the programs that have been uploaded to the DSSAB for which we are no longer receiving funding. The budget process is ongoing and there will be many meetings.

**Council Discussion:**

There was brief discussion regarding “Hours of Work and Overtime” with respect to specific events regarding plowing etc. in the winter for emergencies. Council indicated that it would payout unused holidays for roads employees in the event that they are unable to use them this year by the required deadline due to circumstances.

**Resolutions:**

18. BELLUZ/CARMODY: That we accept the Agenda and Agenda Addendum as presented. CARRIED

19. ALLEN/ROBSON: BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the January 12, 2011 Council Meeting be accepted as presented. CARRIED

20. BELLUZ/ROBSON: BE IT RESOLVED that payroll items numbering from 1 to 66 in the amount of \$114,852.27 for February 9, 2011 be passed and paid. CARRIED

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21. CARMODY/BELLUZ: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts the January 31, 2011 Financial Statements as presented. CARRIED

22. BELLUZ/ALLEN: BE IT RESOLVED that we now go in-camera to discuss personnel matters. CARRIED

23. ALLEN/CARMODY: BE IT RESOLVED that we now close our in-camera session and continue with the regular meeting of council. CARRIED

24. ALLEN/CARMODY: BE IT RESOLVED that we now go in-camera for labour relations. CARRIED

25. ROBSON/ALLEN: BE IT RESOLVED that we now close our in-camera session and continue with the regular meeting of council. CARRIED

26. ROBSON/CARMODY: BE IT RESOLVED that the salary increases for 2011 will be \$2.00 per hour for each office and road employee and the balance of the salary scale will be adjusted by 3% and glasses coverage will be increased to \$400.00 every two years. CARRIED

27. BELLUZ/ROBSON: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee receives the Audited Financial Statements from BDO Canada LLP for the year 2009. CARRIED

28. CARMODY/ALLEN: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee approves payment of Insurance premiums to Gillons' Insurance in the amount of \$32,539.00 plus taxes. CARRIED

29. BELLUZ/ALLEN: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee agrees to write a letter to the Ministry in support of NCDS Transition Centre supporting the continued provision of training and education workshops. CARRIED

30. BELLUZ/CARMODY: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee authorizes the Clerk to sign the Drain Maintenance/Superintendent Grant Allocation Request for the fiscal year 2011/12. CARRIED

31. ROBSON/ALLEN: BE IT RESOLVED that Sylvia Smeeth, Terry Beadle, Ross Donaldson, Jim Belluz and Dennis Allen are approved to attend the 2011 Rural Drainage Course and 2011 Calculating Drainage Act Assessments Course. CARRIED

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

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Reeve

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Clerk