

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, January 12, 2011 with Reeve Ross Donaldson and Councillors Freeda Carmody, Dennis Allen and Darcy Robson in attendance. Jim Belluz was absent.

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

Conflict of Interest: None

Delegations:

Roger Allan attended and had questions regarding the policies on hiring individuals for contract work. Roger was advised that employees follow the parameters of the procurement policy. Discussion followed.

Fire Department Report: Terry Beadle reported that they did not have any call outs the past month. The smoke detector inspections are 75-80% complete. Council agreed that a couple members of council and a couple members of the fire department should attend the meeting being requested by the Township of Chapple regarding the sharing of services. The Clerk will advise the Township of Chapple that we will attend a meeting.

Road Department Report:

The daily activity report was reviewed. The roads employees have been busy plowing snow. Jim Kellar has been filling in as needed. There was discussion regarding driveways. Some of the driveways will need to have some trees trimmed before next season as they are having a hard time getting in and out with equipment. Roads employees will provide office staff with a list of problem driveways so that a notice can be included in the final billing for the year. There was some discussion regarding different types of grader blades. Wasaw road needs to be scarified, the Road Superintendent indicated that we would have to wait until we get our own grader back which should be soon. It was clarified that Taylor Bridge is only a single lane bridge.

Council Report: None

Council Discussion:

There was some discussion regarding functions at the Hall and where supplies come from.

Resolutions:

1. CARMODY/ROBSON: That we accept the Agenda and Agenda Addendum as presented. CARRIED
2. ROBSON/ALLEN: BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the December 8, 2010 Council Meeting be accepted as presented. CARRIED
3. ALLEN/CARMODY: BE IT RESOLVED that we now go in-camera for Personnel matters. CARRIED
4. CARMODY/ROBSON: BE IT RESOLVED that we now close our in-camera session and continue with the regular meeting of council. CARRIED
"Council received an update from employee regarding workplace injury."
5. ROBSON/ALLEN: BE IT RESOLVED that payroll items numbering from 620 to 670 in the amount of \$72,706.91 for December 31, 2010 be passed and paid. CARRIED
6. CARMODY/ALLEN: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts the December 31, 2010 Financial Statements as presented. CARRIED
7. ALLEN/ROBSON: BE IT RESOLVED that we transfer the sum of \$20,000.00 into the Reserve Fund for Capital Equipment and the sum of \$2,000.00 into the Reserve Fund for Sick Leave for the year of 2010. CARRIED

8. CARMODY/ROBSON: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby appoints Frank Sheppard as Fire Chief. CARRIED
9. ROBSON/ALLEN: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1174 being a By-law to provide for an Interim Tax Levy and the Payment of Interim Taxes for the Year 2011 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
10. ALLEN/CARMODY: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1175 being a By-law authorizing the borrowing of money to meet current expenditures of the council of The Corporation of the Township of La Vallee 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
11. CARMODY/ROBSON: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee approves payment of \$0.50 per capita for the 2010/2011 program for the Rainy River Valley Safety Coalition. CARRIED
12. ROBSON/ALLEN: BE IT RESOLVED that Ross Donaldson, Freeda Carmody, Dennis Allen, Sylvia Smeeth and Jim Belluz are hereby approved to attend the Councillor Orientation Training on January 28, 2011 in Emo and that all costs be paid. CARRIED
13. CARMODY/ROBSON: BE IT RESOLVED that Sylvia Smeeth is hereby approved to attend the Planning Workshop in Thunder Bay on March 23rd and 24th, 2011 and that all costs be paid. CARRIED
14. ROBSON/CARMODY: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Town of Fort Frances' resolution that the Provincial Government, through its Police Services grant in the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) formula, cover all increased costs associated with recently negotiated OPP contract, for all northern and rural municipalities. CARRIED
15. ROBSON/ALLEN: BE IT RESOLVED that Freeda Carmody, Darcy Robson and Dennis Allen are hereby approved to attend the Essentials of Municipal Fire Protection seminar in Emo on February 15, 2011 and that all costs be paid. CARRIED
16. CARMODY/ALLEN: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Tax Payers Petition regarding the resurfacing of Hwy. 613 North and agrees to forward a letter with petition to the Ministry of Transportation and our local member of Provincial Parliament. CARRIED
17. ROBSON/CARMODY: That we adjourn to the next regular meeting or the call of the clerk. CARRIED

Reeve

Clerk