

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, March 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: Brian Allan had questions regarding some bills that were paid last month and questions regarding the hiring of contractors for sanding services and the Grader. Discussion followed. The road superintendent was instructed to get further information from MTO regarding licensing requirements etc. for private trucks and sanders.

Fire Department Report: Jim Belluz reported that the department had been called out a couple of times. The department was called out to property in the unorganized. The trucks responded but turned around at the boundary because the fire was not in our jurisdiction. Vance Hemphill has moved back and has rejoined the department. Frank Sheppard was out to the last meeting. All records are up to date and training is set up for this spring. Seven or eight members will be taking training. Equipment has just recently been shipped for the tower upgrades. Everything is going well with the department.

Road Department Report:

The daily activity report was reviewed. There was discussion regarding the snowplow truck. The road superintendent was instructed to obtain information regarding new snowplow trucks for the next council meeting as it will take several months from the time of order to get a new truck. There was some discussion regarding surface treatment or asphalt being needed at the Cemetery Road Bridge. This will need to be looked at during road tour.

Council Report:

Proposed Group Home: Ross Donaldson, Reeve, reported that he spoke to Clint Calder regarding the proposed group home. Clint Calder confirmed that they are looking at the property and are in the process of completing an environmental assessment. Clint advised that they have looked at several other properties and nothing is definite at this time. If the group home proceeds it will be very similar to a foster home with no more than 10 kids between the ages of 12 – 16. Ross advised that Clint was going to get back to him when he knows more. He said there is a good likelihood that they will purchase the property. Clint further advised that they will have a public meeting to address community concerns.

Health Unit: Jim Belluz reported that there will be a small decrease in the municipal levy. The health unit no longer owns buildings; they lease them and therefore don't have any maintenance costs. The health unit is in the process of conducting air quality tests in arenas.

Arena Board: Dennis Allen and Darcy Robson confirmed that the arena needs a new zamboni. There was some discussion regarding the lighting at the arena and they confirmed that new lighting has already been installed. The arena board has some extra glass that they are going to sell or put out for bid. 40 more tables are being ordered.

Library Board: Freeda Carmody reported that the Library is asking the DSSAB for \$12.00 per month raise for the rent. Funding has dropped from \$15,000.00 to \$9,000.00. A letter has been sent requesting that the previous level of funding be maintained.

DSSAB: Ross Donaldson reported that they have been working on the budget. They have had two full afternoons of meetings. They are not getting anywhere close and have been told to cut another \$200,000.00 from the budget. Social Housing staff went from 11 – 19 in the past few years. The board and chair are being blamed. The CAO is off until April. Shelley Shute is acting CAO for now. Ross confirmed the he is struggling to get information for meetings. They are hoping to reduce the budget by \$300,000.00. It won't happen in one year.

Resolutions:

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

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34. ROBSON/ALLEN: BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the February 9, 2011 Council Meeting be accepted as presented. CARRIED

35. CARMODY/ROBSON: BE IT RESOLVED that payroll items numbering from 67 to 113 in the amount of \$94,146.48 for March 9, 2011 be passed and paid. CARRIED

36. ALLEN/CARMODY: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts the February 28, 2011 Financial Statements as presented. CARRIED

37. ALLEN/CARMODY: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1176 being a By-law for the purpose of appointing certain officers of the Corporation and for setting the remuneration of such officers of the Corporation of the Township of La Vallee 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

38. BELLUZ/CARMODY: BE IT RESOLVED that Council and the Clerk are hereby authorized to attend the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association's Annual Meeting and Conference in Thunder Bay on April 27th – 29th, 2011 and that all costs be paid. CARRIED

39. CARMODY/ROBSON: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee agrees to donate \$1,500.00 to the Emo Public Library. CARRIED

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

Reeve

Clerk