
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 10, 2024 with Reeve Lucille MacDonald and Councillors Ken Badiuk, Elaine Hughes, Brendan Hyatt and Steve Loshaw in attendance.

Also present were Patti McDowall, Clerk/Treasurer and Neil MacDonald, Road Superintendent. Fire Chief, Tyrell Griffith was absent.

Items added to the agenda for discussion were cell phone policy, changing designation of Reeve to Mayor, By-law officer and recycling. Suggestion was discussed to add a category to our procedural by-law to include unfinished or old business.

Conflict of Interest: Councillor Brendan Hyatt declared a conflict of interest on item number 11.1.

Delegations: Representatives from Brunet Monuments attended to discuss columbariums. A package was provided to Council with pricing and pictures. It was emphasized that columbariums are maintenance free and are of sturdy construction to last in all kinds of weather.

Fire Department Report: No report.

Road Department Report: Box Alder Road bridge and gravel haul were discussed. De-icing has been on going.

Council Discussion: A cell phone policy draft will be provided for the next meeting for discussion. The designation or title change of Reeve didn't move forward at this time. Gathering information on recycling will continue with nothing to report at this time. The idea of sharing a by-law officer with other municipalities has been discussed in the past and discussions on this subject will continue with other municipalities who are also interested. The senior committee was discussed.

Council Reports: None

Resolutions:

1. LOSHAW/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the Agenda as amended. CARRIED
2. LOSHAW/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the minutes of the December 13th, 2023 Council Meeting. CARRIED
3. BADIUK/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that payroll items numbering from 611 to 663 in the amount of \$92,111.93 for December 31, 2023 be passed and paid and payroll items numbering from 1 to 17 in the amount of \$52,826.10 for January 10, 2024 be passed and paid. CARRIED
4. HYATT/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the December 31, 2023 Financial Statements (before year-end adjustments) as presented. CARRIED
5. BADIUK/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1354 being a By-law to provide for an Interim Tax Levy and the Payment of Interim Taxes for the Year 2024 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
6. HYATT/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1355 being a By-law to repeal and replace the schedule of fees in By-Law No. 1342 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

*Councillor Brendan Hyatt left the meeting at 9:09 p.m.

7. LOSHAW/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accept the proposal from Ken Hyatt in the amount of \$26,442.00

(taxes included) for the demolition of stage and north wall; Replacement of structural support and new floor as per engineered specifications for the Devlin Community Hall. CARRIED

*Councillor Brendan Hyatt returned to the meeting at 9:26 p.m.

8. LOSHAW/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts the Proposal from Saulteaux Consulting (RFP-2024-01) in the amount of \$44,607.80 (excluding taxes) for the updating and maintenance of the Township's Asset Management Plan. CARRIED

9. LOSHAW/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby approves Fred Dean's presentation to staff, council and committee members on the subject of committees with a date to be scheduled and agrees to pay the fee of \$1,000.00. CARRIED

10. HUGHES/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that all of Council and the Clerk are hereby approved to attend the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) Conference from April 24th to April 26th, 2024 in Thunder Bay and that all costs be paid.

AND that the Township agrees to a donation of \$100.00 to the NOMA Conference. CARRIED

11. HYATT/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that we now go in-camera at 10:38p.m. for the following reasons:


- Security of property;
- Personal matters regarding an identifiable individual, including employees;
- Proposed or pending acquisitions or disposition of real property;
- Labour relations and employee negotiations;
- Litigation or potential litigation, including matter before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board;
- Advice subject to a solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
- Any matter with respect to which a council, local board or committee or other body may hold a closed meeting under any other statute; Council Training.
- Consideration of a request under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. CARRIED

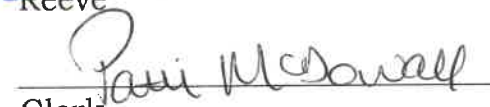
12. HUGHES/LOSHAW: BE IT RESOLVED that we now close our in-camera session at 10:55p.m. and continue with the regular meeting of Council. CARRIED

13. HUGHES/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby approves an inflationary wage increase for all employees effective January 1, 2024 as per policy. CARRIED

14. HUGHES/HYATT: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee approves making application to the Canada Summer Jobs Program for 2 Summer Students. CARRIED

15. HYATT/BADIUK: BE IT RESOLVED that we adjourn to the next regular meeting or the call of the clerk. CARRIED


Reeve


Clerk