

1 Call Meeting to Order**2 Adoption of Agenda**

2018-07-01

Moved By: Councillor Warawa

That the Agenda of the Regular Meeting of Town Council held on July 9, 2018 be adopted.

CARRIED**3 Adoption of Minutes**

2018-07-02

Moved By: Councillor Waters

That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Town Council held on July 9, 2018 be received and filed.

CARRIED**4 Delegation****5 Correspondence****5.1 Patrick Cousineau, Director for Senator Douglas Black - Senator Black's Correspondence to Honourable Amarjeet Sohi, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities**

2018-07-03

Moved By: Councillor Berry

That the correspondence dated June 20, 2018 from Patrick Cousineau, Director for Senator Douglas Black, be received and filed.

As you are aware the Town of Vegreville has been working for months to mitigate the devastating economic impact brought about by the closure of the Immigration Case Processing Centre.

I have met on several occasions with municipal officials, to assist in developing plans to move forward from the difficult reality of losing the town's largest employer. Local officials have left no stone unturned in their efforts to attract new employers to the community.

Recently, your office would have received a package from the town of Vegreville seeking your assistance to secure funding necessary to initiate projects critical to the town's future. I urge you to carefully consider these requests. Federal assistance is of critical importance at this juncture as it will prove invaluable to the town's efforts to attract new business to the community.

If I can be of any assistance to move this issue closer to a positive outcome for the people of Vegreville, please do not hesitate to enlist my help.

CARRIED**5.2 Senator Elaine McCoy - Letter of Support to Honourable Amarjeet Sohi, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities**

2018-07-04

Moved By: Councillor Lemko

That the correspondence dated June 29, 2018 from Senator Elaine McCoy be received and filed.

As an Alberta Senator, I fully support the hard-working and spirited residents of Vegreville in their efforts to attract new business to their community.

The opportunity to create an industry cluster focused on agri-food innovation would expand the capacity of Alberta's diverse agricultural sector, create more jobs and improve the lives of rural residents.

I welcome any assistance for the federal government to help the community innovate, grow and prosper.

CARRIED

5.3 Honourable Shaye Anderson, Minister of Municipal Affairs - 2018 Minister's Awards for Municipal Excellence

2017-07-05

Moved By: Councillor Brodziak

That the correspondence dated June 25, 2018 from Honourable Shaye Anderson, Minister of Municipal Affairs, be received and filed.

I would like to thank you for Town of Vegreville's submission of North Parkway Drainage Project to the Partnership category for the 2018 Minister's Awards for Municipal Excellence. Alberta's municipalities create, implement, and manage many excellent initiatives that make our communities strong and responsive to our residents.

The Minister's Awards Review Committee reviewed 45 submissions to the program this year. Although your submission was not selected to receive an award, I appreciate your work to make Alberta municipalities stronger and your willingness to share your experiences with other municipalities.

CARRIED

5.4 Honourable Shaye Anderson, Minister of Municipal Affairs - 2018 Minister's Awards for Municipal Excellence

2018-07-06

Moved By: Councillor Rudyk

That the correspondence dated June 25, 2018 from Honourable Shaye Anderson, Minister of Municipal Affairs, be received and filed.

I would like to thank you for Town of Vegreville's submission of North Parkway Drainage Project to the Partnership category for the 2018 Minister's Awards for Municipal Excellence. I would also like to acknowledge the participation of your partners in this endeavour: Alberta Environment and Parks, Alberta Transportation, County of Minburn No.27.

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The Minister's Awards Review Committee reviewed 45 submissions to the program this year. Although your submission was not selected to receive an award, I appreciate your work to make Alberta municipalities stronger and your willingness to share your experiences with other municipalities.

I wish you continued success with this initiative.

CARRIED

5.5 Honourable Shaye Anderson, Minister of Municipal Affairs - 2018 Minister's Awards for Municipal Excellence

2018-07-07

Moved By: Councillor Lemko

That the correspondence dated June 25, 2018 from Honourable Shaye Anderson, Minister of Municipal Affairs, be received and filed.

I would like to thank you for Town of Vegreville's submission of Unmanned Air Vehicle Policy to the Innovation category for the 2018 Minister's Awards for Municipal Excellence. Alberta's municipalities create, implement, and manage many excellent initiatives that make our communities strong and responsive to our residents.

The Minister's Awards Review Committee reviewed 45 submissions to the program this year. Although your submission was not selected to receive an award, I appreciate your work to make Alberta municipalities stronger and your willingness to share your experiences with other municipalities.

I wish you continued success with this initiative.

CARRIED

5.6 Honourable Ricardo Miranda, Minister of Culture and Tourism - Stars of Alberta Volunteer Awards

2018-07-08

Moved By: Councillor Warawa

That the correspondence dated June 28, 2018 from Honourable Ricardo Miranda, Minister of Culture and Tourism, be received and filed; and

Further, that the correspondence be forwarded to the Impact Vegreville Committee for review for nominations.

Across the province, thousands of volunteers are stepping up to make a difference, to improve the quality of life for all of us, and to make Alberta an even better place to be. Thanks to the dedication and commitment of volunteers, Albertans have access to the recreational, cultural, and social programs and facilities that are at the heart of strong, vibrant communities.

The Stars of Alberta Volunteer Awards were established by the Government of Alberta to shine the spotlight on volunteers and the value of their efforts. The 2018 awards nominations are now open and you can help recognize the remarkable volunteers in your community. Consider submitting a nomination to honour a worthy volunteer in your community and encourage local organizations and individuals to do the same. Share the stories of how volunteers are making a difference in your life and the life of your community.

Six awards, two in each category of youth, adult, and senior, are presented annually on International Volunteer Day, December 5, at Government House in Edmonton. Albertans whose volunteer efforts have contributed to the well-being of their community are eligible to be nominated.

Full information, including a nomination form and a downloadable promotional poster suitable for printing of placement on your community website, can be found on the Stars of Alberta website at www.alberta.ca/stars-awards. The deadline for nominations is September 21, 2018.

Thank you for your support of Alberta volunteers and the Stars of Alberta Volunteer Awards!

CARRIED

6 Financial

6.1 Monthly Cash Statement - May 31, 2018

2018-07-09

Moved By: Councillor Brodziak

That the Town of Vegreville Monthly Cash Statement for the month ended May 31, 2018 be received and filed.

CARRIED

7 Memoranda

7.1 Dale Lefebvre, Infrastructure, Planning & Development Director - Road Closure Request

2018-07-10

Moved By: Councillor Waters

That Town Council approve the road closure of 51 Street from the north side of the lane between Highway 16A (50 Avenue) and 51 Avenue to the south side of the lane between 51 Avenue and 52 Avenue from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm on Saturday, August 11, 2018; and

Further that Town Council approve the road closure of 51 Street from Highway 16A (50 Avenue) to the south side of the lane between 51 Avenue and 1:00 pm until 10:00 pm on Saturday, August 11, 2018.

BACKGROUND

On June 14, 2018, the Town of Vegreville received an email from The Garage Inc. requesting a road closure for their Customer Appreciation/Mini Car Show on August 11, 2018. In order to secure the safety of the public and the exhibitors while still accommodating their business neighbour, they are requesting the closure of 51 Street from the north side of the lane

between 50 Avenue and 51 Avenue to half way between 51 Avenue and 52 Avenue from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm. From 1:00 pm until 10:00 pm, they would like to extend the closure to the intersection of 51 Street and 50 Avenue. The lane between 50 Avenue and 51 Avenue will be closed where it intersects 51 Street and on both sides after 1:00 pm and the lane between 51 Avenue and 52 Avenue will remain open during the whole event.

This is similar to the road closure that was requested and approved in 2016 for their Grand Opening. At that time the road closure was for two days instead of one. As with the previous event, the owner will be speaking with the neighbours beforehand.

CARRIED

7.2 Cliff Craig, Town Manager - Declaration of a Civic Holiday for August 6, 2018

2018-07-11

Moved By: Councillor Berry

That Mayor Tim MacPhee declares Monday, August 6, 2018 a Civic Holiday in the Town of Vegreville.

BACKGROUND

Section 56 of the Municipal Government Act allows a Council to declare up to 2 days in a year as civic holidays. The minimum length of a civic holiday is a half day.

COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

Notification of the Civic Holiday will be posted on both the Town's website and social media pages.

CARRIED

8 Board Motions

8.1 Vegreville Economic Development and Tourism Advisory Board - Request for Additional Consultation Time

2018-07-12

Moved By: Councillor Rudyk

That Council send a request for additional consultation time to the Alberta Energy Regulator.

At a regularly scheduled Vegreville Economic Development & Tourism Advisory Board (VEDTAB) meeting on June 12, 2018 the board reviewed a letter provided by Alberta HUB in regards to the Government of Alberta's proposed changes to methane emissions. In the letter the Government of Alberta has committed to reducing methane emissions by 40-45% by 2025. These proposed changes will have a detrimental impact to the communities and businesses in our region in the heavy oil industry. To assist our need to understand the consequences of these proposed changes we respectfully ask that the provincial government make public their regional socio-economic analyses of the new regulations. This plan will severely impede the Province of Alberta's ability to attract any investment for development of energy hurting competitiveness moving forward.

At the June 12, 2018 meeting the Board passed a motion to recommend to Town Council that additional consultation time be requested in regards to the Government of Alberta's proposed changes to methane emissions; a 30-day consultation period is simply inadequate. It is imperative the government ensure this is done right to not impede Alberta's economic recovery further.

CARRIED

9 Bylaw

10 Supplemental

10.1 Elaine Kucher, VTSS Program Coordinator - Vegreville Transportation Services Society Funding Thank You

2018-07-13

Moved By: Councillor Lemko

That the correspondence dated July 4, 2018 from Elaine Kucher, VTSS Program Coordinator, be received and filed.

On behalf of Vegreville Transportation Services Society (VTSS), I would like to thank you for your decision to once again provide funding to our organization for the upcoming year. The generous grant in the amount of \$22,000.00 is greatly appreciated. This funding will help to solidify the fiscal footing of VTSS as we navigate into 2019 and support consistent service levels in the future.

There is no way that this letter can adequately convey how much VTSS appreciates your generosity. Our clients are greatly enriched by this service.

CARRIED

10.2 Paul Suiter, Community Services Director - Fire Department Truck Purchase

2018-07-14

Moved By: Councillor Lemko

That Town Council approve the purchase of Unit 904 from the County of Minburn, understanding that it will be sold upon arrival of Vegreville's new truck in the spring of 2019.

BACKGROUND: On Tuesday, June 19, the County of Minburn Council approved the purchase of a new rapid response unit for the Vegreville Fire Department. The County just recently took delivery a new unit for Manville in early June leaving the County with a spare truck. The County Fire Chief and I have come up with the following solution.

The County will start the tender process for the new truck in conjunction with Town staff to ensure the new build suits the needs of the department today and into the future. The County has offered to sell the old Manville (Unit 904) rapid response truck to Vegreville for a **ONE (\$1) dollar**. The truck has been inspected by the Town's fleet department and the only thing it needs is new front tires (\$600).

The truck will remain with the Town until the delivery of the new unit, which will arrive approximately in April 2019. Estimated cost of the truck is \$200,000.00. When the new truck arrives, the Town will sell back the Unit 904 to County to sell along with Tanker 1, a truck that is not utilized by the fire department.

The new rapid response truck will be highly utilized by the fire department in the years to come.

FINANCE/BUDGET IMPLICATIONS: Unit 904 requires front tires at a cost of \$600 and some minor work on valves for the water tank.

CARRIED

10.3 Greyhound Canada's Decision to End Routes in Prairie Provinces and British Columbia

2018-07-15

Moved By: Councillor Berry

That the correspondence dated July 9, 2018 from the Edmonton Journal be received and filed.

Greyhound Canada, for decades a critical link connecting the country's small towns and isolated communities with bigger urban centres, is pulling away for good in the Prairies, B.C. and northern Ontario, leaving activists and Indigenous leaders fearing for the health and welfare of those who live in remote locales.

Effective Oct. 31, Ontario and Quebec will be the only regions where Greyhound's familiar galloping-dog logo continues to ply Canadian highways, save for a lone route in B.C. between Vancouver and Seattle to be operated by the company's much healthier American cousin, the company announced Monday.

"This decision is regretful and we sympathize with the fact that many small towns are going to lose service," said Greyhound Canada senior vice-president Stuart Kendrick.

"But simply put, the issue that we have seen is the routes in rural parts of Canada, specifically Western Canada, are just not sustainable anymore."

Northern Canada is sure to be where the impact is felt most deeply, said Sheila North, grand chief of the Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak and candidate for chief of the Assembly of First Nations.

“I think this is abandoning the North,” she said, citing a high demand in the region for transportation services — “especially for those that live in poverty, but also who have medical needs that need to get down to the south for resources that are not accessible in the North.”

Darlene Okemaysim-Sicotte, the co-chair of Saskatchewan-based Women Walking Together, described Greyhound’s decision as triggering a “northern crisis.”

“It’s going to affect a lot of people (who will be) very, very isolated, especially the vulnerable people who have to deal with poverty and mental health and physical health issues that need treatment,” Okemaysim-Sicotte said.

She cited testimony already given at the ongoing national inquiry into missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls, where witnesses have talked at length about a chronic lack of transportation in more remote regions of the country. Without Greyhound, fleeing domestic violence will be all but impossible for a lot of women, she warned.

Kendrick said the move is going to cost some 415 jobs and impact an estimated two million consumers.

The company is blaming a 41 per cent decline in ridership since 2010, persistent competition from subsidized national and inter-regional passenger transportation services, the growth of new low-cost airlines, regulatory constraints and the continued growth of car ownership.

Declining ridership is the primary culprit, said Kendrick, who called the combination of declining ridership and increasing costs an “ongoing spiral” that’s making it impossible for the company to continue operations.

He said the company has raised its concerns with provincial and federal officials over the years and wanted to ensure both levels of government were “fully aware” of the situation. Greyhound Canada has long advocated for a community funding model to allow any private carrier to bid on essential rural services, he added.

Kendrick said Greyhound Canada will continue to push Ottawa to look at improving transport in northern communities.

“There was a commitment to look at our issue, they’re well aware of it. It shouldn’t come as a surprise that we’ve had problems but there was no funding commitment at that time,” he said.

“The company has experienced significant losses despite continued efforts to return to viability. In the affected regions, the company has run an operating deficit since 2004. We have had substantial losses over several years as a direct result of declining ridership.”

B.C. Transportation Minister Claire Trevena called Greyhound’s move hugely problematic for people who depend on the service in the province’s Interior and to get to and from Alberta.

“At no point did Greyhound reach out to me, or my staff, to have a conversation on solutions to keep people connected — something I would have expected, given their long history in this province,” Trevena said in a statement Monday.

“In the weeks and months ahead, I will be sitting down with other service providers, the private sector and local government to discuss how we can ensure people have access to safe, reliable and affordable transportation to get from one community to the next.”

The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs said its citizens rely on Greyhound “heavily” — especially for medical appointments.

“It is already well documented that our citizens have to ride the bus for hours, some longer than 14 hours, in order to see a doctor. How will they get access to adequate health care now?” Grand Chief Arlen Dumas wondered in a statement, which also noted that “health care is a treaty right.”

Greyhound Canada said the bulk of its routes in Ontario and Quebec would continue to operate, except for a number of services that make use of the Trans-Canada Highway running between Sudbury and Winnipeg.

Kendrick said he understands that the decision will leave most of the affected communities with no other transportation options.

Greyhound Canada applied to provincial regulators last year to discontinue routes in northern B.C., including between Prince George to Prince Rupert, citing the problem of declining ridership. Those cancellations took effect June 1.

The issue of transportation along that route, which includes the notorious stretch of B.C.'s Highway 16 known as the Highway of Tears, was a major point of contention last fall during hearings at the national inquiry for missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls, where a number of women have gone missing.

North said Greyhound Canada's announcement will make vulnerable people who rely on others for transportation "even more vulnerable."

"It takes more control away from them and their safety they have less control."

CARRIED

11 Council Reports

11.1 Councillor Berry

Councillor Berry reported and/or attended on the following:

- Regional Recreation and Culture Master Plan Steering Committee Meeting - June 26, 2018
- Ukrainian Canadian Chamber of Commerce and a Delegation of Ukrainian Agriculture Executives Networking Event - June 27, 2018
- Chumak Way Cycling Tour - June 28, 2018
- Canada Day Breakfast and Flag Ceremony - July 1, 2018
- Legislative Committee Meeting - July 3, 2018
- Regular Meeting of Town Council - July 9, 2018

11.2 Councillor Brodziak

Councillor Brodziak reported and/or attended on the following:

- Regional Recreation and Culture Master Plan Steering Committee Meeting - June 26, 2018
- Ukrainian Canadian Chamber of Commerce and a Delegation of Ukrainian Agriculture Executives Networking Event - June 27, 2018
- Legislative Committee Meeting - July 3, 2018
- MD Minburn Foundation Board Meeting - July 6, 2018
- Regular Meeting of Town Council - July 9, 2018

11.3 Councillor Lemko

Councillor Lemko reported and/or attended on the following:

- Vegreville Agri-Business Visits for Ukrainian Delegation Involvement - June 26, 2018
- Land Use Committee Meeting - June 26, 2018
- Ukrainian Canadian Chamber of Commerce and a Delegation of Ukrainian Agriculture Executives Networking Event - June 27, 2018
- 100 People Who Care Fundraiser for Kids Sport - June 27, 2018
- Canada Day Preparation for Library/Kids Sport Fundraiser - June 30, 2018
- Canada Day Celebrations - July 1, 2018
- Legislative Committee Meeting - July 3, 2018
- Regular Meeting of Town Council - July 9, 2018

11.4 Councillor Rudyk

Councillor Rudyk reported and/or attended on the following:

- Ukrainian Canadian Chamber of Commerce and a Delegation of Ukrainian Agriculture Executives Networking Event - June 27, 2018
- Health Care Aid Planning Meeting - June 29, 2018
- Legislative Committee Meeting - July 3, 2018
- Vegreville Economic Development and Tourism Advisory Board Executive Committee Meeting - July 5, 2018
- Regular Meeting of Town Council - July 9, 2018

11.5 Councillor Warawa

Councillor Warawa reported and/or attended on the following:

- Ukrainian Canadian Chamber of Commerce and a Delegation of Ukrainian Agriculture Executives Networking Event - June 27, 2018
- Legislative Committee Meeting - July 3, 2018
- Ukrainian Pysanka Festival - July 8, 2018
- Regular Meeting of Town Council - July 9, 2018

11.6 Councillor Waters

Councillor Waters reported and/or attended on the following:

- Land Use Committee Meeting - June 26, 2018
- Attended the Welcoming of two new Lawyers at Olson Law - June 26, 2018
- Ukrainian Canadian Chamber of Commerce and a Delegation of Ukrainian Agriculture Executives Networking Event - June 27, 2018
- Vegreville Region Physician and Health Professionals Attraction & Retention Committee Planning Meeting for Health Care Aid Course with Economic Development, Covenant Health, AHS and Norquest College - June 29, 2018
- Legislative Committee Meeting - July 3, 2018
- Vegreville & District Chamber of Commerce Meeting - July 5, 2018
- Ukrainian Pysanka Festival - July 6, 2018
- Regular Meeting of Town Council - July 9, 2018

11.7 Mayor MacPhee

Mayor MacPhee reported and/or attended on the following:

- AL Horton Amazing Race - June 26, 2018
- Land Use Committee Meeting - June 26, 2018
- Meeting with Minister Sohi - July 3, 2018
- Meeting with Salvator Group - July 3, 2018
- Legislative Committee Meeting - July 3, 2018
- Telephone Call with Senator McCoy - July 4, 2018
- Lunch Meeting with ATCO - July 6, 2018
- Ukrainian Pysanka Festival Opening Ceremonies - July 6, 2018
- Regular Meeting of Town Council - July 9, 2018

12 Closed Session Items

2018-07-16

Moved By: Councillor Berry

That Town Council move into a closed session at 8:09 p.m.

CARRIED

12.1 FOIP Act, Division 2, Section 16 - Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party**12.2 FOIP Act, Division 2, Section 21 - Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations****12.3 Open Session**

2018-07-17

Moved By: Councillor Lemko

That Town Council move to open the session at 8:33 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor MacPhee called a recess at 8:33 p.m. to allow public to return.

Mayor MacPhee resumed the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

13 Roundtable Discussion**13.1 AUMA Changes to LAEA**

Council had a roundtable discussion on the potential changes to the Local Authorities Election Act (LAEA).

14 Adjourment

There being no further business to be brought before Council, Mayor MacPhee declared the Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

TIM MACPHEE
Mayor

CLIFF CRAIG
Town Manager