

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

#2017-JAN-26 REGULAR MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL – MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017

Councillor Berry moved adoption of the Agenda as amended.

Carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

#2017-JAN-27 REGULAR MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL – MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017

Councillor Rudyk moved that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Town Council held on Monday, January 9, 2017 be received and filed.

Carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

#2017-JAN-28 M.C. (MARIANNE) RYAN, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER COMMANDING OFFICER ‘K’ DIVISION – RETIREMENT FROM RCMP

Correspondence dated January 4, 2017 from M.C. (Marianne) Ryan, Deputy Commissioner, Commanding Officer “K” Division stating:

I am writing you today to advise that I will be retiring from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police effective May 12, 2017 after completing 35 years of service. My last day as the Commanding Officer will be March 3, 2017.

I can also advise you at this time there are processes underway to identify my successor and I am confident a new Commanding Officer will be named prior to my departure. More information about the incoming Commanding Officer will be provided as it becomes available.

During my tenure as the Commanding Officer I have emphasized to our management team the importance of our relationship with our communities. Public Safety is our primary mandate and the work done by frontline employees in our cities, towns and communities across this province is at the heart of this role. I hope and believe we have made progress during my time as Commanding Officer by reaching out to our communities to better understand your priorities and find ways to address emerging challenges.

As the Division transitions to a new leader, I can assure you my successor will continue to focus on providing efficient and effective policing services to your community. With a solid leadership team in place at the detachment, district and headquarters levels I am confident your community will feel no impact from these changes.

It has been my honour to lead the Alberta Royal Canadian Mounted Police for over three years. I am extremely grateful for your support, partnership and friendship and wish you all the best for a safe and prosperous future.

Councillor Simpson moved that the correspondence dated January 4, 2017 from M.C. (Marianne) Ryan, Deputy Commissioner, Commanding Officer “K” Division be received and filed.

Carried unanimously.

#2017-JAN-29 LAC LA BICHE COUNTY – LETTER EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR CPC CLOSURE

Correspondence dated January 5, 2017 from Omer Moghrabi, Mayor, Lac La Biche County stating:

On behalf of Lac La Biche County Council, I would like to express our support for keeping federal Case Processing Centre in the Town of Vegreville rather than relocating it to Edmonton.

By moving 280 jobs from the area, the relocation of the centre would have devastating effects on Vegreville, including fewer residents (and thus a less diverse community), depressed real estate values, and a smaller tax base that would limit the programs and services that the town provides to the public.

Moreover, Alberta is known for having a number of rural municipalities and small towns that are drivers of both the provincial and national economies. Creating and maintaining good jobs in small communities throughout the province, rather than simply concentrating them in already dense urban areas, ensures a more diversified and sustainable economy. Jobs like those provided by the Case Processing Centre generate a stable tax base for rural areas, especially in an economic period that has been hard on the energy sector.

We hope that the federal government will reassess the impact that this move will have on the Town of Vegreville.

Councillor MacPhee moved that the correspondence dated January 5, 2017 from Omer Moghrabi, Mayor, Lac La Biche County be received and filed.

Carried unanimously.

#2017-JAN-30 CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF OILWELL DRILLING CONTRACTORS – OIL AND GAS AWARENESS DAY

Correspondence dated January 16, 2016 from Mark A. Scholz, President stating:

*I am writing today to ask for your support of **Oil and Gas Awareness Day** in Alberta. As you know, February 13th 2017 marks the 70th anniversary of the Leduc No.1 oil discovery. The discovery at Leduc in 1947 would prove to be the catalyst for modern Alberta, unlocking the province's conventional oil resources and driving Canada toward increased energy independence.*

Many Albertans are residents of our great province because they or their forebearers came to Alberta to seek new opportunities in the wake of the Leduc No.1 discovery. Calgary and Edmonton owe their thriving populations to this development. The towns of Devon and Swan Hills are a direct result of oil and gas workers moving to the surrounding area. From Lethbridge to Grande Prairie, Alberta's oil and gas industry has benefited from the wellspring of talent and industry knowledge created by the Leduc discovery. You could say that it created Alberta's "family business".

The Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) has submitted a resolution to the Government of Alberta on behalf of its members asking the province to honour the industry by declaring February 13th Oil and Gas Awareness Day in Alberta. In addition, the Canadian Association of Oilwell Drilling Contractors' (CAODC's) Oil Respect campaign has a petition with over 1,300 signatures supporting the initiative.

The CAODC and AUMA have championed this initiative with the Government of Alberta and have seen some movement on that end, but we feel strongly about individual municipal participation. On behalf of our members, many of whom live in your communities, I am asking you to place a proposal regarding Oil and Gas Awareness Day (February 13th, 2017) on your next council meeting's agenda. Each municipality will observe the event as they like, but we believe that the time has never been more important to celebrate an industry that has given so much to our province. For more information, please contact Jess Sinclair, a member of our communications team, at jsinclair@caodc.ca or 403-264-4311 Ext 108.

Councillor Rudyk moved that Town Council declare February 13th as Oil and Gas Awareness Day in the Town of Vegreville.

Carried unanimously.

#2017-JAN-31 HONOURABLE DANIELLE LARIVEE – NEW MINISTER OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Correspondence dated January 19, 2017 from Honourable Danielle Larivee, Minister of Children's Services, stating:

This afternoon I was honoured to be sworn in as the new Minister of Children's Services. It will be a challenging portfolio, but one that I am humbled to take on. However, it is with mixed emotion that I write this note to you and reflect back on all that we have accomplished together while I was Minister of Municipal Affairs.

In May we faced one of the worst natural disasters in our country's history when a wildfire swept through the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo. Together we proved how strong we are in the face of adversity, and how generous we are to our neighbours in times of need. I want to thank you for your willingness to step up and help in any way you could. It truly speaks to the dedication you have to our province and I know you made a real difference in the lives of Wood Buffalo residents.

You have also been an important part of the MGA review and I want to thank you for your input and advice on how to make the act even stronger and more effective. You were key players in our province wide summer tour and I really appreciated your participation and input on what matters to you and your organizations. I was tremendously proud when the Modernized Municipal Government Act passed unanimously on December 6, and I greatly appreciate your continued involvement in the regulations.

I am pleased to see that Municipal Affairs will be in very capable hands with Minister Anderson. As co-sponsor of the Modernized Municipal Government Act, he played an important part in shepherding this bill through the Legislature and he understands the complexities that are faced by municipalities. I look forward to working with him on the MGA spring bill and regulations as we will both serve as members of the Municipal Governance Cabinet Policy Committee. Minister Anderson is dedicated, thoughtful, approachable, and practical. Municipal Affairs is a

key priority for our government, and Minister Anderson will be an excellent Minister serving all of the communities in this great province.

I've said this before, but you truly are our government's partners and it's been a privilege to work so closely with you. I appreciate the support you've given me and the relationships we've built over the past year and a half and I look forward to having our paths cross again in the future.

Councillor Berry moved that the correspondence dated January 19, 2016 from Honourable Danielle Larivee, Minister of Children's Services be received and filed.

Carried unanimously.

#2017-JAN-32 HONOURABLE SHAYE ANDERSON – NEW MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Correspondence dated January 19, 2017 from Honourable Shaye Anderson, Minister of Municipal Affairs, stating:

It was truly an honour to be sworn in this afternoon as the new Minister of Municipal Affairs. I'm proud to take on this important role and am looking forward to building relationship and working in partnership with all of you.

For the past year and a half I have served as the MLA for Leduc-Beaumont and prior to that, I worked for over ten years as a telecommunications technician. I have called Beaumont home for the last 11 years, and am raising my two children there. Like you, I am committed to building strong communities and a more resilient and diversified future for my family and all families.

I know over the past few years you have seen a number of new faces in this role and I want to assure you that I am committed to finishing the work Minister Larivee and our government has started. As one of the co-sponsors for the Modernized Municipal Government Act, I am already deeply involved in the work of this ministry and am humbled to take on a portfolio that impacts the lives of every single person in our province.

We have many major milestones ahead of us, but I am confident that by working together we will meet these goals, chart new ones and mark our collective achievements.

I look forward to meeting with many of you in the coming days and to our new relationship and partnership.

Councillor Berry moved that the correspondence dated January 19, 2017 from Honourable Shaye Anderson, Minister of Municipal Affairs, be received and filed.

Carried unanimously.

BOARD MOTIONS

#2017-JAN-33 NORTHERN LIGHTS LIBRARY SYSTEM LEVY

A Memorandum from Councillor Berry, stating:

As Council's representative on the Board of the Northern Lights Library System, I move that Council accept the budget as approved by that Board on November 5, 2015; and approve the NLLS Municipal levy request of Vegreville in the amount of \$29,193.06

Carried unanimously.

SUPPLEMENTAL

#2017-JAN-34 COUNTY OF MINBURN 2017 FCSS PROGRAM FUNDING AGREEMENT

A Request for Council Decision dated January 23, 2017 from Julie Gottselig, FCSS Manager, stating:

County of Minburn Council have reviewed and approved the FCSS Program funding agreement for 2017. This funding agreement is provided in advance of the completion of the provincial 2017 budgetary processes.

The funding allocation outline and two copies of the 2017 FCSS Program Funding agreement have been forwarded by the County of Minburn for approval by the Town of Vegreville.

The Town of Vegreville will receive the funding as 4 quarterly payments (Jan, Apr, July & Oct) to the total of \$89,790.80 operating funds for 2017. This includes the Provincial FCSS allocation and the County of Minburn municipal share.

Councillor Brodziak moved that the Town of Vegreville enter into the County of Minburn 2017 FCSS Program Funding Agreement for the period January 1 through December 31, 2017.

Carried unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS

MAYOR HAYDUK

Mayor Hayduk reported and/or attended on the following:

- Impact Vegreville Committee Meeting – January 10, 2017
- Meeting with Minister of Finance, Joe Ceci – January 11, 2017
- Meeting with Mr. Spady, VCHS Principle – January 12, 2017
- Inter-municipal Development Plan Committee Meeting – January 12, 2017
- Interview with CIBC and iPolitics – January 12, 2017
- Meeting with MLA Jessica Littlewood – January 12, 2017
- Legislative Committee Meeting – January 17, 2017
- Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting – January 18, 2017
- Luncheon Meeting with Bank of Montreal – January 19, 2017
- Legion's 90th Anniversary Celebration – January 21, 2017
- Regular Meeting of Town Council – January 23, 2017

COUNCILLOR BERRY

Councillor Berry reported and/or attended on the following:

- Impact Vegreville Committee Meeting – January 10, 2017
- Public Information Session on Building Codes – January 11, 2017
- Vermillion River Watershed Alliance Meeting in Viking – January 13, 2017
- CAO Expectations and Evaluation Meeting – January 16, 2017
- Legislative Committee Meeting – January 17, 2017
- Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting – January 18, 2017
- MD Minburn Foundation Board Meeting – January 19, 2017
- Impact Vegreville (IV) Forum Planning Meeting – January 23, 2017
- Regular Meeting of Town Council – January 23, 2017

COUNCILLOR BRODZIAK

Councillor Brodziak reported and/or attended on the following:

- Impact Vegreville Committee Meeting – January 10, 2017
- Family Day Planning Meeting – January 11, 2017
- Vegreville Age Friendly Membership Subcommittee – January 13, 2017
- CAO Expectations and Evaluation Meeting – January 16, 2017
- Legislative Committee Meeting – January 17, 2017
- Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting – January 18, 2017
- Vegreville Rotary Club Bike & Skate Park Meeting – January 19, 2017
- Vegreville Age Friendly Advisory Committee Meeting – January 19, 2017
- MD Minburn Foundation Board Meeting – January 19, 2017
- Impact Vegreville (IV) Forum Planning Meeting – January 23, 2017
- Regular Meeting of Town Council – January 23, 2017

COUNCILLOR MACPHEE

Councillor MacPhee reported and/or attended on the following:

- Vegreville Chamber of Commerce Committee Meeting – January 10, 2017
- Meeting with Minister of Finance, Joe Ceci – January 11, 2017
- RCMP Building Project Meeting – January 17, 2017
- Legislative Committee Meeting – January 17, 2017
- Community Futures Elk Island Region Meeting – January 18, 2017
- Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting – January 18, 2017
- Vegreville Rotary Club Bike & Skate Park Meeting – January 19, 2017
- Regular Meeting of Town Council – January 23, 2017

COUNCILLOR RUDYK

Councillor Rudyk reported and/or attended on the following:

- Meeting with Minister of Finance, Joe Ceci – January 11, 2017
- CAO Expectations and Evaluation Committee Meeting – January 16, 2017
- Legislative Committee Meeting – January 17, 2017
- Yellowhead East Health Advisory Council Meeting – January 18, 2017
- Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting – January 18, 2017

- Vegreville & District Child Development Coalition Meeting – January 23, 2017
- Regular Meeting of Town Council – January 23, 2017

COUNCILLOR SIMPSON

Councillor Simpson reported and/or attended on the following:

- Vegreville Library Board Meeting – January 18, 2017
- Regular Meeting of Town Council – January 23, 2017

#2017-JAN-35

Councillor MacPhee moved that Town Council go in-camera at 7:40 p.m.

Carried unanimously.

#2017-JAN-36

Councillor Simpson moved that Town Council come out of camera at 8:37 p.m.

Carried unanimously.

There being no further business to be brought before Council, Mayor Hayduk declared the Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

MYRON HAYDUK
Mayor

CLIFF CRAIG
Town Manager