

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

#2017-MAR-17 REGULAR MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL – MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2017

Councillor Berry moved adoption of the Agenda as amended.

Carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

#2017-MAR-18 REGULAR MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL – MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2017

Councillor MacPhee moved that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Town Council held on Monday, March 13, 2017 be received and filed.

Carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

#2017-MAR-19 HONOURABLE SHAYE ANDERSON, MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – ALBERTA COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP (ACP) GRANT

Correspondence dated March 14, 2017 from Honourable Shaye Anderson, Minister of Municipal Affairs stating:

Through the Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) program, the Government of Alberta encourages strengthened relationships between municipalities and cooperative approaches to service delivery. By working in partnership with our neighbors, we help to build vibrant, resilient communities for the benefit of all Albertans.

I am pleased to inform you that the Town of Vegreville has been approved for a grant of \$200,000 under the Intermunicipal Collaboration component in support of your Regional Recreation and Culture Master Plan project.

The conditional grant agreement will be mailed shortly to your chief administrative officer to obtain the appropriate signatures.

The provincial government looks forward to celebrating your ACP-funded project with you and your municipality partnership. I encourage you to please send invitations for these milestone events to my office. If you would like to discuss possible events and activities to recognize your ACP achievements, please contact Municipal Affairs Communications, toll-free at 310-0000, then 780-427-8862, or at acp.grants@gov.ab.ca.

I congratulate the partnership on initiating this project, and I wish you every success in your efforts.

Councillor Brodziak moved that the correspondence dated March 14, 2017 from Honourable Shaye Anderson, Minister of Municipal Affairs, be received and filed.

Carried unanimously.

#2017-MAR-20 VEGREVILLE COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL – INVITATION FOR 2017 GRADUATION CEREMONIES

Correspondence dated March 9, 2017 from Jordan Lang, Graduation Executive, VCHS stating:

On behalf of the Vegreville Composite High School Class of 2017, I would like to cordially invite you and a guest to our ceremony. Graduation is a pivotal moment for students and an opportunity to share accomplishments with friends and family. This is also a time for our community to celebrate, for as we have so often heard, it takes a village to raise a child.

The graduation banquet will take place on Friday, June 2, 2017 at 5:00 pm in the Vegreville Social Center. During the ceremony, we would be grateful for you to briefly address our graduates and their guests on the them, The Future Belongs to Those Who Believe in the Beauty of their Dreams.

We look forward to your attendance at the graduation ceremony. Please RSVP with Katelyn Melnyk, school secretary at 780-632-3341. Should you have any questions, please call the grad advisors, Andrea Lystang or Kristina Allan at the same number. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Councillor Simpson moved that Deputy Mayor Berry attend the VCHS graduation banquet on Friday, June 2, 2017 at 5:00 pm at the Vegreville Social Center.

Carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL

#2017-MAR-21 TOWN OF VEGREVILLE MONTHLY CASH STATEMENT FOR MONTH ENDED JANUARY 31, 2017.

Councillor MacPhee moved that the Town of Vegreville Monthly Cash Statement for the month ended January 31, 2017 be received and filed.

Carried unanimously.

MEMORANDA

#2017-MAR-022 JULIE GOTTSSELIG, FCSS MANAGER – VEGREVILLE & DISTRICT FCSS ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER

A Request for Council Decision dated March 15, 2017 from Julie Gottselig, FCSS Manager stating:

At present, the FCSS Advisory Board has a vacancy for a Youth Member 15-18 years of age. Sterling Cannan has submitted a letter indicating that she is interested in serving on the FCSS Advisory Board. As noted in her letter she states “I became intrigued with the way FCSS works and interested in bringing my youth perspective to the Advisory Board”. Sterling Cannan is also one of the participants with the Youth Making A Change (YMAC) program and through this program she is learning how to be a successful and contributing board member.

The FCSS Advisory Board is pleased to recommend Sterling Cannan as a new member to the Board and is confident that she will be a definite asset to FCSS and the community.

Councillor Simpson moved that Town Council approve the FCSS Advisory Board motion to accept Sterling Cannan as a new community “Youth Member” on the FCSS Advisory Board for a two (2) year term commencing March 2017.

Carried unanimously.

#2017-MAR-23 DALE LEFEBVRE, INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR – SUBDIVISION APPLICATION FILE NO. 17-GRA-001

A Request for Council Decision dated March 14, 2017 from Dale Lefebvre, Infrastructure, Planning & Development Director stating:

Subdivision Application File No. 17-GRA-001, to adjust lot lines by way of subdivision between Lots 28 & 29, Block 73, Plan 132-5472 and Lot 31, Block 73, Plan 152-5132 for the purpose of creating three (3) equal width lots.

The two (2) south lots are narrower than the north lot. The purchasers of the lots are requesting the adjustment of the lot lines to create three lots equal in width and are proposing to construct single family homes.

Councillor Rudyk moved that Town Council review the List of Requirements form for Subdivision Application File No. 17-GRA-001, and that approval be given to the Subdivision Authority to proceed with this application.

Carried unanimously.

#2017-MAR-24 LAURIE EVANS, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR – REGIONAL RECREATION & CULTURE MASTER PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE

A Request for Council Decision dated March 21, 2017 from Laurie Evans, Community Services Director stating:

The Town of Vegreville applied and has been approved for a \$200,000 grant from Municipal Affairs, Alberta Community Partnership Grant Program – Intermunicipal Collaboration component to develop a Regional Recreation & Culture Master Plan. This plan will be created in partnership with the County of Minburn and Town of Mundare. The Town of Vegreville is designated as the Managing Partner and as such is establishing a project based “Steering Committee” to guide the municipal planning and community consultation process.

The steering committee structure will consist of 1-2 Administration Staff and 2 Elected Officials, equitably representing each municipality. Additionally, on an as needed basis, the project budget includes funds available for each municipality to engage independent land use planning consultants to review and provide advice on related Master Plan recommendations.

Councillor Brodziak moved that Town Council appoint Councillor Berry and Councillor Brodziak to represent the Town of Vegreville on the Regional Recreation & Culture Master Plan Steering Committee.

Carried unanimously.

SUPPLEMENTAL

#2017-MAR-25 DALE LEFEBVRE, INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR – SUBDIVISION APPLICATION FILE NO. 17-YUS-002

A Request for Council Decision dated March 27, 2017 from Dale Lefebvre, Infrastructure, Planning & Development Director stating:

When the developer constructed the shop in 2004 there was a provincial requirement to have a large setback from other structures due to the storage of explosives, this regulation was later revised and all explosives were to be stored within a bunker.

The Company has since ceased work and is now looking to subdivide the existing buildings from the remaining vacant land and sell each separately.

Councillor MacPhee moved that Town Council review the List of Requirements form for Subdivision Application File No. 17-YUS-002, and that approval be given to the Subdivision Authority to proceed with this application.

Carried unanimously.

#2017-MAR-26 FCM – RESOLUTION FOR SITE SELECTION CRITERIA FOR FEDERAL OFFICES

Correspondence dated March 27, 2017 from Clark Somerville, FCM President to the Honourable Judy M. Foote., P.C., M.P., Minister of Public Services and Procurement stating:

*Each year at FCM's March and September Board meetings, and again at our Annual Conference in June, FCM's Board of Directors considers resolutions submitted by its membership. Resolutions adopted by FCM's Board of Directors help inform FCM's policy and advocacy priorities with the Government of Canada. Adopted resolutions represent municipal issues of national significance that fall within federal jurisdiction and therefore require a strong federal partner to help find a solution. The attached resolution, **Site Selection Criteria for Federal Offices**, was sponsored by the Town of Vegreville, AB and adopted by FCM's Board of Directors this month at its meeting in Whistler, B.C. This resolution will also be presented at FCM's Annual Conference in Ottawa in June 2017 for consideration and debate among FCM's full membership.*

In October 2016, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) informed its staff that it would be relocating its case processing centre in Vegreville, AB to Edmonton, AB costing the 5,700-person town over 200 jobs. The municipality has argued that the relocation of one of its major employers will have a significant economic impact on the town and that IRCC has not presented a clear business case to justify the relocation, nor has it adequately consulted the community to understand the impact of the relocation.

FCM has repeatedly urged the federal government to ensure meaningful consultation with municipalities on the location of federal facilities and federally-regulated entities and for federal decision-making to consider the unique circumstances and challenges in rural communities. This resolution calls on the federal government to improve its policy framework related to the location, closure and relocation of all federal facilities in rural communities through enhanced performance criteria and a mandate to consult the impacted community.

In support of the attached resolution, FCM urges the Government of Canada to (1) establish clear performance criteria for federal facilities in rural communities and, (2) prior to any decision by a federal department on relocating a federal facility, that a business case including an economic impact analysis be submitted to Public Services and Procurement Canada and that the local community be fully consulted on the relocation.

FCM looks forward to working with you and your government to ensure that the impact on rural communities is duly considered prior to the relocation of any federal facilities. If you or your staff have any questions or require further information, please contact Marc LeBlanc, Policy Advisor, at 613-907-6368 or marc.leblanc@fcm.ca.

Site Selections Criteria for Federal Offices

January 9, 2017

WHEREAS, The Federal department of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) has announced a decision to close the Case Processing Centre (CPC) in Vegreville, and moving up to 280 employee positions to Edmonton in December of 2018; and

WHEREAS, The CPC operated efficiently and effectively in the community for the past 22 years; and

WHEREAS, The IRCC has never provided a clear business case demonstrating the benefits of moving the office to a major urban centre; and

WHEREAS, There was no economic impact assessment of the decision, no consultation with the community and no opportunity to provide input prior to or after this decision; and

WHEREAS, The only criteria provided for relocating the CPC to the nearest major city was necessary due to “the proximity to universities, the availability of public transit and housing options, and career growth opportunities within the federal government will make it easier to recruit and retain both qualified and bilingual employees and to meet our growing need”; and

WHEREAS, The application of this criteria means most rural Canadian communities would not be able to accommodate a federal office; and

WHEREAS, Relocating long-term federal facilities from rural communities to urban centres is at odds with the Federal government’s campaign commitment to “strengthen our communities by investing in the things that make them good places to live”; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That FCM recommend that Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) establish clear performance criteria for federal facilities in rural communities; and be it further

RESOLVED, That prior to any decision by a federal department on relocating a federal facility that a business case including an economic impact analysis be submitted to PSPC and consultation with the impacted community occur.

Town of Vegreville, Alberta

2017 MARCH BOARD DECISION: Category A - concurrence

Councillor Berry moved that the correspondence dated March 27, 2017 from Clark Somerville, FCM President, to the Honourable Judy M. Foote., P.C., M.P., Minister of Public Services and Procurement be received and filed.

Carried unanimously.

#2017-MAR-27 FCM – RICARDO MIRANDA, MINISTER, ALBERTA CULTURE AND TOURISM – 2019 ALBERTA SENIORS MASTERS GAMES

Correspondence dated March 9, 2017 from Ricardo Miranda, Minister, Alberta Culture and Tourism stating:

As Minister of Culture and Tourism, responsible for sport in Alberta, I am pleased to invite your community to submit a bid to host the 2019 Alberta Senior Masters Games, formerly the Alberta 55 Plus Games. A brochure with details on how to apply is enclosed.

I encourage your community to consider this invitation and the many benefits that can result from hosting this event. The legacy of experienced volunteers associated with hosting Alberta Senior Masters Games, along with the economic benefits, has proven to be outstanding. The successful host community will be given the opportunity to showcase its talent to participants from all regions of the province, as well as to attract numerous spectators and special guests. Communities with populations of less than 10,000 are encouraged to collaborate with neighbouring communities to submit a joint bid.

The community awarded the 2019 Alberta Senior Masters Games will receive base financial assistance to support operational aspects of the games. The “Guidelines for Communities Bidding to Host the 2019 Alberta Senior Masters Games” document is available from Alberta Sport Connection upon request. In addition, Alberta Sport Connection staff are available to provide assistance in preparing your bid. For more information, please contact Ms. Suzanne Becker at 403-297-2709, toll free by first dialing 310-0000, or email Suzanne.becker@albertasport.ca

Councillor MacPhee moved that the correspondence dated March 9, 2017 from Ricardo Miranda, Minister, Alberta Culture and Tourism be placed on the agenda of a future Legislative Committee Meeting for further discussion.

Carried unanimously.

#2017-MAR-28 VEGREVILLE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES SOCIETY – GRANT FUNDING REQUEST

Correspondence dated March 16, 2017 from Elaine Kucher, Program Co-ordinator, Vegreville Transportation Services Society stating:

As we have passed through 2016 into 2017, Vegreville Transportation Services Society has continued to grow. The Town of Vegreville has been a significant contributing factor in the success of VTSS. It is our desire to thank you for the generous support that you have given each year to assure that this community is moving forward in the development of affordable and accessible transportation for all.

As you review our 2016 financial statement we are hoping that you would consider the following facts; although we are eligible for a casino, our next one is not slated till the first quarter of 2018. This means that a full year's worth of honorariums will be coming out of our general account. In 2016 the amount in which we received for donations was down by \$2100.00 as compared to 2015, we anticipate we may continue to see a decline in 2017 as well.

Take pride in the part you have played in the development of this program as the Town of Vegreville continues to be our greatest supporter. VTSS would like to request that the Town of Vegreville once again designate grant funding for VTSS. This will allow for this valuable community to continue meeting needs here in Vegreville.

Councillor Rudyk moved that the correspondence dated March 15, 2017 from Elaine Kucher, Program Co-ordinator, Vegreville Transportation Services Society be placed on the agenda of a future Budget Discussions Meeting.

Carried unanimously.

#2017-MAR-29 DONALD ROMANKO, MAYOR, VILLAGE OF VILNA – LETTER TO MINISTER OF IMMIGRATION, REFUGEES AND CITIZENSHIP CANADA

Correspondence dated March 6, 2017 from Donald Romanko, Mayor, Village of Vilna to The Honourable Ahmed D. Hussen stating:

On behalf of the Village of Vilna, we are asking that you reconsider your decision to move the Immigration, Refugee and Citizen Case Processing Centre from Vegreville to Edmonton.

The CPC is one of the major employers in the Town of Vegreville. This closure potentially takes 420 individuals from a population 5,800 (7%), takes children from school systems and causes erosion in the quality of life for those who remain. A move of this magnitude will devastate the economy of Vegreville as well as surrounding communities. It represents a loss of \$11.6 million in labour income and \$12.7 million in GDP of the community.

The loss of this employer in our neighbouring community of Vegreville will have devastating effects. Rural communities like Vegreville serve as key economic hubs, as they provide necessary workforce jobs and services to support our local and provincial economy. With severe out-migration of employees, this closure can cause a loss of approximately \$1.2 million in Vegreville's municipal revenue. The resulting job loss will have a highly negative impact on the entire economic and social construct of the community.

It is therefore immensely disturbing to learn that the decision to close the centre was made without a single word of consultation with the municipality.

I am urging you to reconsider this decision. The sustainability of our rural communities must be supported by the upper levels of government, given their important contributions to the nation. It is imperative that the federal government consult with local governments on decisions that impact them. I am attaching the Executive Summary of the Nichols Applied Management Inc. report for your serious consideration.

Councillor MacPhee moved that the correspondence dated March 6, 2017 from Donald Romanko, Mayor, Village of Vilna to The Honourable Ahmed D. Hussen be received and file.

Carried unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS

MAYOR HAYDUK

Mayor Hayduk reported and/or attended on the following:

- Impact Vegreville Canada Day Planning Committee Meeting – March 15, 2017
- Vegreville & District Chamber of Commerce Round Table Meeting – March 15, 2017
- Vegreville Royal Canadian Legion Meeting – March 15, 2017
- 2017 Spring Mayors' Caucus in Edmonton – March , 2017
- Lunch meeting with Clark Somerville, FCM President – March 20, 2017
- Alberta Association of Municipal Districts & Counties (AAMDC) Conference – March 20-21, 2017
- Regular Meeting of Town Council – March 27, 2017

COUNCILLOR BERRY

Councillor Berry reported and/or attended on the following:

- Vegreville & District Chamber of Commerce Round Table Meeting – March 15, 2017
- Impact Vegreville Canada Day Planning Committee Meeting – March 15, 2017
- Alberta Association of Municipal Districts & Counties (AAMDC) Conference – March 21, 2017
- Alberta Seniors Communities & Housing Association Convention – March 22-24, 2017
- Regular Meeting of Town Council – March 27, 2107

COUNCILLOR BRODZIAK

Councillor Brodziak reported and/or attended on the following:

- Vegreville & District Chamber of Commerce Round Table Meeting – March 15, 2017
- Impact Vegreville Canada Day Planning Committee Meeting – March 15, 2017
- Vegreville Age Friendly Advisory Board Meeting – March 16, 2017
- Nick's No Frills - Vegreville & District Child Development Coalition (VDCDC) Free Fruit Initiative – March 21, 2017
- Vegreville Communities in Bloom Meeting – March 21, 2017
- Alberta Association of Municipal Districts & Counties (AAMDC) Conference – March 22, 2017
- Economic Developers' Alberta 2017 Annual Professional Conference & AGM - March 22-24, 2017
- Regular Meeting of Town Council – March 27, 2017

COUNCILLOR MACPHEE

Councillor MacPhee reported and/or attended on the following:

- Vegreville & District Chamber of Commerce Round Table Meeting – March 15, 2017
- Community Futures Elk Island Region Meeting – March 15, 2017
- Lunch meeting with Clark Somerville, FCM President – March 20, 2017
- Alberta Association of Municipal Districts & Counties (AAMDC) Conference – March 21, 2017
- Regular Meeting of Town Council – March 27, 2017

COUNCILLOR RUDYK

Councillor Rudyk reported and/or attended on the following:

- Vegreville & District Chamber of Commerce Round Table Meeting – March 15, 2017
- Yellowhead East Health Advisory Council Meeting – March 15, 2017
- Lunch meeting with Clark Somerville, FCM President – March 20, 2017
- Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) Professional Development – March 21, 2017
- Economic Developers' Alberta 2017 Annual Professional Conference & AGM - March 22-24, 2017
- Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) Board Meeting – March 23, 2017
- Regular Meeting of Town Council – March 27, 2017

COUNCILLOR SIMPSON

Councillor Simpson reported and/or attended on the following:

- Vegreville Library Board Meeting – March 15, 2017
- Regular Meeting of Town Council – March 27, 2017

#2017-MAR-30

Councillor MacPhee moved that Town Council go in-camera at 8:11 p.m.

Carried unanimously.

#2017-MAR-31

Councillor Simpson moved that Town Council come out of camera at 8:50 p.m.

Carried unanimously.

There being no further business to be brought before Council, Mayor Hayduk declared the Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

MYRON HAYDUK
Mayor

CLIFF CRAIG
Town Manager