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# **2021 MUNICIPAL ELECTION - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

- How often are elections held?
  Elections are held every four years.
- 2) Where can I pick up a Nomination Form? Nomination Forms are available on the Election 2021 page of the Town's website or on the Alberta Government website <u>https://www.alberta.ca/municipal-election-forms.aspx</u>.
- 3) Is a deposit required to be handed in with a Candidate's Nomination Form? No, the Town of Vegreville does not require a deposit to run for Council.

# 4) When is Nomination Day?

Nomination Day is Monday September 20, 2021. Nomination papers will need to be filed by 12:00 noon on this day at the Town Office located at 4829 – 50 Street Vegreville.

# 5) How can Nomination Forms be filed?

Any person may file the completed Nomination Paper and Candidate's Acceptance Form, along with the Candidate Information Form, on behalf of a candidate, in person, to the Deputy Returning Officer at Town Office between January 4, 2021 and September 20, 2021 at noon. Faxes or e-mail will NOT be accepted.

The candidate is responsible for the accuracy and completion of the nomination forms, not the Deputy Returning Officer. If a nomination is not signed by at least 5 electors, the Deputy Returning Officer shall not accept it.

# 6) Who can be Nominated for Council?

To be nominated, you must be at least 18 years of age on Nomination Day, a Canadian citizen, and you have been a resident of the Town of Vegreville for the six consecutive months immediately preceding Nomination Day.

# 7) Can a Candidate withdraw their nomination?

Candidates may withdraw their nomination form at any time during the nomination period and up to 24 hours after the close of the nomination period. After the close of the nomination period, if the number of candidates does not exceed the number of positions, the Returning Officer cannot accept the withdrawal.

# 8) What happens if the nominations received meet, but do not exceed the number of positions available?

If the number of nominations does not exceed the number of positions available, after the close of nominations, the Returning Officer will declare the candidate(s) nominated for the position elected by acclamation.

#### 9) What remuneration do Council members receive?

Members of Town Council receive the following honorarium:

- Mayor: \$51,000 average honorarium per year
- Councillor: \$22,000 average honorarium per year

#### 10) What positions are open?

Mayor = 1 position Councillor = 6 positions

# 11) Is there a Voters List?

No, the Town of Vegreville does not have a Voters List.

#### 12) Do you need to show voter identification when you Vote?

Yes, you will need to produce one piece of photo identification with name and current address that is issued by a Canadian government (federal, provincial, or local, or an agency of the government) or one piece of identification with name and current address.

#### 13) Who can vote?

A person is eligible to vote in this election if:

- you are at least 18 years old,
- you are a Canadian Citizen, and
- you resided in Alberta and your place of residence is located in the Town of Vegreville on Election Day.

#### 14) Can I vote in advance of Election Day?

Yes, the Town of Vegreville will be holding an Advanced Voting Day. This date is still to be determined.

#### 15) Can anyone vote in an Advance Vote?

Yes, anyone who is eligible to vote in the election may vote at an Advance Voting Station. If you are eligible to vote there are no restrictions to voting at an Advance Voting Station.

# 16) When is Election Day?

Election day is October 18, 2021.

# 17) What time can we Vote?

Polls will open at 10:00 am on Election Day and close at 8:00 pm.

#### 18) Where can we Vote?

Polling stations will be at the Vegreville Social Centre.

For additional information on Municipal Elections in Alberta please visit <u>https://www.alberta.ca/municipal-elections.aspx</u>.