

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

#2016-DEC-01 REGULAR MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL – MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2016

Councillor Berry moved adoption of the Agenda as presented.

Carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

#2016-DEC-02 REGULAR MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2016

Councillor MacPhee moved that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Town Council held on Monday, November 28, 2016 be received and filed.

Carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

#2016-DEC-03 ALBERTA FEDERATION OF LABOUR – LETTER TO MINISTER OF IMMIGRATION

Correspondence dated December 8, 2016 from Gil McGowan, President, Alberta Federation of Labour to The Honourable John McCallum, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, stating:

I am writing to you on behalf on the Alberta Federation of Labour to urge you to reconsider the closure of the Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Case Processing Centre in Vegreville, Alberta.

The case processing centre in Vegreville has been a cornerstone of the community for 20 years. With 280 workers – about five percent of the town’s population – it is one of the town’s largest employers and vital to the local economy.

The closure will have a devastating impact on workers and their families, the Vegreville community, and the province of Alberta. This closure will kill jobs in the community, close businesses, devastate property values, and undermine the tax base – making it harder to operate hospitals, schools and other essential community services.

It is not realistic to expect workers to sell their homes and leave their communities, or fair to expect them to commute over 100 kilometres to Edmonton to be able to keep the jobs they love and have held for years.

The Alberta Federation of Labour stands in solidarity with the affected workers in Vegreville and condemns this ill-advised decision.

I encourage you to work with Public Service Alliance of Canada, the employees at the centre and the local community to come up with a solution that will meet the government’s goals in a way that will also benefit the workers and community.

Councillor Rudyk moved that the correspondence dated December 8, 2016 from Gil McGowan, President, Alberta Federation of Labour to The Honourable John McCallum, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship be received and filed.

Carried unanimously.

#2016-DEC-04 TOWN OF ELK POINT – LETTER TO MINISTER OF IMMIGRATION

Correspondence dated November 29, 2016 from Parrish Tung, Mayor, Town of Elk Point to Honourable John McCallum, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, stating:

On behalf of the Town of Elk Point, we are respectfully asking that you reconsider your decision to move the Immigration Case Processing Centre from Vegreville to Edmonton.

The closure of this employer in Vegreville will have devastating effects to our neighboring community. The loss of 228 jobs within the Town of approximately 5800 people will impact not only the personnel that work at this location, but their families, schools, churches, businesses, retailers and community clubs. The economic impact will be far reaching, into the surrounding communities as well. Rural communities play a vital role in Canada, and we need to ensure that our communities stay vibrant and strong.

Our Council is expressing its deep concern for the Town of Vegreville and surrounding area on losing such a large employer. We advocate to you and the Honourable Minister of Public Service to keep this vital facility in the Town of Vegreville.

We look forward to hearing from you on this very pressing matter.

Councillor Brodziak moved that the correspondence dated November 29, 2016 from Parrish Tung, Mayor, Town of Elk Point to Honourable John McCallum, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship be received and filed.

Carried unanimously.

#2016-DEC-05 TOWN OF VERMILLION – LETTER TO MINISTER OF IMMIGRATION

Correspondence dated December 1, 2016 from Bruce MacDuff, Mayor, Town of Vermillion to the Honourable John McCallum, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, stating:

On behalf of the Town of Vermillion, we are respectfully asking that you reconsider your decision to move the Immigration Case Processing Centre from Vegreville to Edmonton.

The closure of this major facility in Vegreville will have a devastating impact on our neighbouring community. The loss of 200+ jobs within the town of approximately 5,800 people not only impacts the people working at this location, but the community as a whole including schools, business, church and community organizations. In addition, the impact on the regional communities is not to be unnoticed. Communities such as ourselves have witnessed the impact that facilities such as the Immigration Case Processing Centre have on our businesses, our residents and on a bigger scale, our region. The Town of Vermillion is pleased to provide this letter of concern for the Town of Vegreville and its surrounding area losing such a large employer.

We respectfully request to you and the Honourable Minister of Public Services and Procurement to maintain this essential and vital facility in the Town of Vegreville. The closing of this facility is truly devastating to our neighbors and to our overall region. We thank you for your consideration of this letter and we look forward to hearing from you in the very near future.

Councillor MacPhee moved that the correspondence dated December 1, 2016 from Bruce MacDuff, Mayor, Town of Vermillion to the Honourable John McCallum, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, be received and filed.

Carried unanimously.

#2016-DEC-06 VILLAGE OF HOLDEN – LETTER TO MINISTER OF IMMIGRATION

Correspondence dated November 25, 2016 from Mark Giebelhaus, Mayor, Village of Holden to The Honourable John McCallum, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, stating:

The village of Holden Council has passed a resolution to contact our federal government and request that you consider the negative impacts of your decision to move the Immigration Case Processing Centre from Vegreville to Edmonton, Alberta.

This centre is a major employer in the Town of Vegreville and the surrounding area. Our Village is located 44 kilometers from the town, and we know that closure of the centre would have devastating effects. As a major employer in our region, the job losses would affect not only the individual workers, but also their families, local schools, the business community, and the not-for-profit/volunteer sector.

Not all of Alberta has enjoyed a hot economy over the years. In fact our east-central agriculture-based area is in a much more slow-and-steady economic situation. The Immigration Case Processing Centre has offered reliable employment that assists farm families, youth, workers from all backgrounds, people of all ages, and the region as a whole. Rural communities are vital to the health of our nation, and we know that across Canada there are many such regions that need the understanding and support of the federal government to remain vibrant and strong.

Our Council wishes to express deep concern for the region, and for the Town of Vegreville, if such a large employer is lost. Edmonton has so many thriving business opportunities, and our area has so much less. Why not support this region with a reversal of this decision?

Councillor Berry moved that the correspondence dated December 1, 2016 from Mark Giebelhaus, Mayor, Village of Holden to the Honourable John McCallum, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, be received and filed.

Carried unanimously.

#2016-DEC-07 VILLAGE OF KITSCOTY – LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER

Correspondence dated December 6, 2016 from Daryl Frank, Mayor, Village of Kitscoty to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister, stating:

On behalf on the Council of the Village of Kitscoty, I am respectfully asking that your government reconsider the decision to move the Immigration Case Processing Centre from Vegreville, Alberta to Edmonton, Alberta.

The closure of this employer in the Town of Vegreville will have devastating effects to our neighboring community. The loss of 228 jobs within the Town of approximately 5800 people will impact not only the personnel that work at this location and their families, but the schools, churches, businesses, retailers, and community clubs in the Town of Vegreville. The economic impact will be far reaching, into the surrounding communities as well. Rural communities play a vital role in Canada, and we need to ensure that our communities stay vibrant and strong.

Our Council is expressing its deep concern for the Town of Vegreville and surrounding area on losing such a large employer. We advocate to you and the Honourable Ministers of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship and Public Services and Procurement to keep this vital facility in the Town of Vegreville.

We look forward to hearing from your on this very pressing matter.

Councillor MacPhee moved that the correspondence dated December 6, 2016 from Daryl Frank, Mayor, Village of Kitscoty to The Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister be received and filed.

Carried unanimously.

#2016-DEC-08 VILLAGE OF KITSCOTY – LETTER TO MINISTER OF IMMIGRATION

Correspondence dated December 6, 2016 from Daryl Frank, Mayor, Village of Kitscoty to The Honourable John McCallum, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, stating:

On behalf on the Council of the Village of Kitscoty, I am respectfully asking that your government reconsider the decision to move the Immigration Case Processing Centre from Vegreville, Alberta to Edmonton, Alberta.

The closure of this employer in the Town of Vegreville will have devastating effects to our neighboring community. The loss of 228 jobs within the Town of approximately 5800 people will impact not only the personnel that work at this location and their families, but the schools, churches, businesses, retailers, and community clubs in the Town of Vegreville. The economic impact will be far reaching, into the surrounding communities as well. Rural communities play a vital role in Canada, and we need to ensure that our communities stay vibrant and strong.

Our Council is expressing its deep concern for the Town of Vegreville and surrounding area on losing such a large employer. We advocate to you and the Honourable Ministers of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship and Public Services and Procurement to keep this vital facility in the Town of Vegreville.

We look forward to hearing from your on this very pressing matter.

Councillor MacPhee moved that the correspondence dated December 6, 2016 from Daryl Frank, Mayor, Village of Kitscoty to The Honourable John McCallum, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, be received and filed.

Carried unanimously.

#2016-DEC-09 VILLAGE OF KITSCOTY – LETTER TO MINISTER OF PUBLIC SERVICES AND PROCUREMENT

Correspondence dated December 6, 2016 from Daryl Frank, Mayor, Village of Kitscoty to Honourable Judy Foote, Minister of Public Services and Procurement, stating:

On behalf on the Council of the Village of Kitscoty, I am respectfully asking that your government reconsider the decision to move the Immigration Case Processing Centre from Vegreville, Alberta to Edmonton, Alberta.

The closure of this employer in the Town of Vegreville will have devastating effects to our neighboring community. The loss of 228 jobs within the Town of approximately 5800 people will impact not only the personnel that work at this location and their families, but the schools, churches, businesses, retailers, and community clubs in the Town of Vegreville. The economic impact will be far reaching, into the surrounding communities as well. Rural communities play a vital role in Canada, and we need to ensure that our communities stay vibrant and strong.

Our Council is expressing its deep concern for the Town of Vegreville and surrounding area on losing such a large employer. We advocate to you and the Honourable Ministers of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship and Public Services and Procurement to keep this vital facility in the Town of Vegreville. We look forward to hearing from your on this very pressing matter.

Councillor MacPhee moved that the correspondence dated December 6, 2016 from Daryl Frank, Mayor, Village of Kitscoty to Honourable Judy Foote, Minister of Public Services and Procurement be received and filed.

Carried unanimously.

MEMORANDA

#2016-DEC-10 ALBERTA COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION

A Request for Council Decision dated December 5, 2016 from Laurie Evans, Community Services Director, stating:

The Recreation and Facilities department has prepared an application for grant funding through Alberta Municipal Affairs Alberta Community Partnership Program under the Inter-Municipal Collaboration (IC) Component. This grant application is being proposed as a joint submission in partnership with the County of Minburn No. 27 and the Town of Mundare. The purpose is to secure funding to proceed with the development of a Regional Recreation and Culture Master Plan for the Town of Vegreville, County of Minburn and the Town of Mundare.

At present the County provides financial support to the Town for recreation in the form of a recreation grant application. This is an annual request and has demonstrated a level of understanding that recreation is a shared responsibility for the residents of both municipalities. Additional conversation have been had with the Town of Mundare, Administration and Council members on the benefit of planning regionally regarding recreation and cultural activities. The development of a regional master plan together would further this understanding and allow for a planning blueprint for each municipality.

The grant application will be made for the amount of \$200,000 which would cover costs associated with the creation of a Request for Proposal, subsequent awarding of a contract, and any miscellaneous costs incurred through the process. These costs may also include expenses related to focus groups, public surveys, facility rentals for meeting etc. and in kind resources made available to the process from both Towns and County staff as required.

The Town would receive the grant, administer that contract and provide the final reporting to Municipal Affairs as required.

Councillor Brodziak moved that the Town of Vegreville agrees to participate in an application for grant funding, under the Alberta Community Partnership Program – Inter-Municipal Collaboration (IC) component for the development of a Regional Recreation and Culture Master Plan in partnership with the County of Minburn and the Town of Mundare; and

Further, that the Town of Vegreville acts as the Managing Partner; and

Further, that the Town of Vegreville as the Managing Partner agrees to abide by the terms of the Conditional Grant Agreement governing the purpose and use of the grant funds.

Carried unanimously.

#2016-DEC-11 2017 INTERIM BUDGET

A Request for Council Decision dated December 7, 2016 from Paul Casey, Corporate Services Director, stating:

The Municipal Government Act, in Section 248, states that a municipality may only make an expenditure that is approved in an operating budget, interim operating budget or capital budget or otherwise authorized by the Council. Section 242 states that each Council must adopt an operating budget for each calendar year. A Council may adopt an interim operating budget for part of a calendar year. An interim operating budget ceases to have any effect when the operating budget for that calendar year is adopted.

Councillor Berry moved that the Town of Vegreville adopt the 2016 Operating Budget as the Interim Operating Budget for 2017.

Carried unanimously.

#2016-DEC-12 REMOVAL OF MUNICIPAL RESERVE DESIGNATIONS

A Request for Council Decision dated December 5, 2016 from Dale Lefebvre, Infrastructure, Planning & Development Director, stating:

To remove the MR designation from:

- Lot 25R, Block 40, Plan 772-0634
- A Portion of Lot R37, Block 27, Plan 772-2504, (requiring subdivision first)
- Lot R, Block 52, Plan 2387NY; and
- Lot 1MR, Block 51, Plan 782-3074

The Land Use Committee, initiated by an inquiry to purchase a parcel of MR designated land, was required to discuss the potential sale of certain MR designated lands. The idea was sent out to the general public via local newspaper and social media. The Land Use Committee received some correspondence opposing certain areas being considered which were then reconsidered and removed from the list. The remaining properties are outline above.

ADVANTAGES

1. Currently the Town spends time and money maintaining these properties that do not have any facilities on them at present and are vacant green space. The sale of these properties would eliminate the amount of summer maintenance required.
2. The money from the sale of the lands will be set aside to enhance the existing green spaces and parks in the Town.
3. Once these properties are privately owned the Town will gain property taxes from them.
4. This is an opportunity for the Town to open up spaces as infill projects where deep and shallow services currently exist.

DISADVANTAGES

1. Reserve designations can only be issued at the time of subdivision, once the designation is removed from these properties they cannot, in future, be re-designated unless a new subdivision of the lands is proposed.
2. The sale of these properties reduces the amount of green spaces available to the residents.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Leave the properties as is and continue to maintain them or develop them into more intense recreational fields with playgrounds and other structures through future budgeting process.
2. Approach the Service Clubs to adopt the green spaces, in this situation the service clubs can fundraise for playground equipment etc.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Removal of MR Designation:

Advertising	\$525
Public Hearing	\$700
Land Title Fees	\$40
Total	\$1265

Subdivision for Area 3:

Surveyor	\$5000
Advertising	\$400
SAB Meeting	\$300
Total	\$5700

Sale of Property:

Realtor Commission on market value of the lands

Rezoning for Area 3:

Advertising	\$400
Public Hearing	\$700
Total	\$1100

The public was involved when the letter of intent was published in the local newspaper and on social media. The Land Use Committee plans to continue the public involvement in accordance with Sections 230, 606, 674 and 675 of the Municipal Government Act.

Councillor Berry moved that Town Council approve the commencement of the process to remove Municipal Reserve designation from:

- Lot 25R, Block 40, Plan 772-0364,
- A Portion of Lot R37, Block 27, Plan 772-2504, (requiring subdivision first)
- Lot R, Block 52, Plan 2387NY; and
- Lot 1 MR, Block 51, Plan 782-3074

Carried unanimously.

#2016-DEC-13 FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY OF MINBURN

A Request for Council Decision from Phil Rowe, Fire Services Manager, stating:

The current five (5) year Fire and Emergency Services Agreement between the Town of Vegreville and the County of Minburn is set to expire on December 31, 2016. To operate effectively within the County of Minburn fire protection area, the Town of Vegreville and Vegreville Fire Department require a signed agreement.

Article 3.1 outlines the five (5) year fee payment schedule for on call readiness including an agreed upon 1.5% annual increase until December 31, 2021. Schedule B & C, outline the hourly rate of charges billed to the County of Minburn for fire and rescue services. These rates are concurrent with provincial rates.

Councillor Rudyk moved that the Town of Vegreville enter into a five (5) year Fire and Emergency Services Agreement (2017-2021) with the County of Minburn to provide firefighting and rescue services.

Carried unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS

MAYOR HAYDUK

Mayor Hayduk reported and/or attended on the following:

- Land Use Committee Meeting - November 29, 2016
- Vegreville Elk's 90th Anniversary - December 1, 2016
- Town of Vegreville Christmas Party - December 2, 2016
- Legislative Committee Meeting - December 7, 2016
- Vegreville Chamber of Commerce Christmas Party - December 9, 2016
- Christmas Greetings to Seniors - December 10, 2016
- Regular Meeting of Town Council - December 12, 2016

COUNCILLOR BERRY

Councillor Berry reported and/or attended on the following:

- Land Use Committee Meeting - November 29, 2016
- Impact Vegreville Committee Meeting - December 1, 2016
- Town of Vegreville Christmas Party - December 2, 2016
- Legislative Committee Meeting - December 7, 2016
- MD Minburn Foundation Board, Staff & Resident Christmas Party - December 11, 2016
- Homestead Lodge Christmas Celebration - December 11, 2016
- Regular Meeting of Town Council - December 12, 2016

COUNCILLOR BRODZIAK

Councillor Brodziak reported and/or attended on the following:

- Impact Vegreville Committee Meeting - December 1, 2016
- Town of Vegreville Christmas Party - December 2, 2016
- FCSS Bylaw Review Meeting - December 6, 2016
- FCSS Advisory Board Christmas Party - December 6, 2016
- Legislative Committee Meeting - December 7, 2016
- Vegreville Solid Waste Solutions Committee Meeting - December 8, 2016
- Alberta Health Services Consultation Session - December 8, 2016
- MD Minburn Foundation Board, Staff & Resident Christmas Party - December 11, 2016
- Regular Meeting of Town Council - December 12, 2016

COUNCILLOR MACPHEE

Councillor MacPhee reported and/or attended on the following:

- 100 People Who Care Fundraiser - December 1, 2016
- Town of Vegreville Christmas Party - December 2, 2016
- John S. Batiuk Regional Water Commission Christmas Party - December 4, 2016
- Vegreville Chamber of Commerce Christmas Party - December 6, 2016
- FCSS Bylaw Review Meeting - December 6, 2016
- Legislative Committee Meeting - December 7, 2016
- John S. Batiuk Regional Water Commission Meeting - December 8, 2016
- Vegreville Chamber of Commerce Christmas Party - December 9, 2016
- Regular Meeting of Town Council - December 12, 2016

COUNCILLOR RUDYK

Councillor Rudyk reported and/or attended on the following:

- St. Joseph's Community Hospital Long Service Awards and Legacy Day – November 30, 2016
- St. Joseph's Hospital Board Meeting – November 30, 2016
- Vegreville District Child Development Coalition Meeting – December 1, 2016
- Town of Vegreville Christmas Party – December 2, 2016
- Tourism Advisory Board – December 6, 2016
- Legislative Committee Meeting – December 7, 2016
- Vegreville Solid Waste Solutions Committee – December 8, 2016
- Radiothon Debriefing – December 8, 2016
- Alberta Health Services Long Range Health Planning – December 8, 2016
- Vegreville Chamber of Commerce Christmas Party – December 9, 2016
- Regular Meeting of Town Council – December 12, 2016

COUNCILLOR SIMPSON

Councillor Simpson reported and/or attended on the following:

Absent

#2016-DEC-14

Councillor Berry moved that Town Council go in-camera at 7:52 p.m.

Carried unanimously.

#2016-DEC-15

Councillor Rudyk moved that Town Council come out of camera at 8:41 p.m.

Carried unanimously.

There being no further business to be brought before Council, Mayor Hayduk declared the Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

MYRON HAYDUK
Mayor

CLIFF CRAIG
Town Manager