



**TOWN OF VEGREVILLE
2017 MUNICIPAL ELECTION
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

- 1) **How often are elections held?**
Elections are held every four years.
- 2) **Where can I pick up a Nomination Form?**
Nomination Forms can be picked up at Town office and are also available on the Town's website
- 3) **Is a deposit required to be handed in with a Candidate's Nomination Form?**
No, the Town of Vegreville has not passed a bylaw requiring a deposit.
- 4) **When is Nomination Day?**
Nomination Day will take place on Monday September 18, 2017 at the Town Office located at 4829 – 50 Street Vegreville. Candidates for the office of Mayor and Councillor must file their nomination papers with the Returning Officer at Town Office.
- 5) **How can Nomination Forms be delivered to the Returning Officer?**
Any person may file a completed Nomination Form on behalf of a candidate to the Returning Officer at Town Office between 10:00 am and 12 noon, September 18, 2017. Faxes or e-mail will NOT be accepted. The candidate is responsible for the accuracy and completion of the nomination form, not the Returning Officer. If a nomination is not signed by at least 5 electors, the Returning Officer shall not accept it.
- 6) **Who can be Nominated for Council?**
A person may be nominated as a candidate if, on Nomination Day, he/she
 - (a) is eligible to vote in this election,
 - is at least 18 years old,
 - is a Canadian Citizen, and
 - has resided in Alberta for the 6 consecutive months immediately preceding Election Day and the person's place of residence is located in the Town of Vegreville on Election Day.
 - (b) has been a resident of the Town of Vegreville for 6 consecutive months immediately preceding Nomination Day, and
 - (c) is not otherwise ineligible or disqualified.
- 7) **Can a Candidate withdraw their nomination?**
If more than the required number of candidates for the office of Councillor are nominated, any person so nominated, may, at any time within 24 hours after the close of the nominations: that is, before **12 Noon on September 19, 2017**, withdraw his/her name as a candidate for the office for which he/she was nominated by filing in person a written notice of withdrawal to the Returning Officer. Faxed or emailed notices of withdrawal are NOT accepted.
- 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 \$45,000 average honorarium per year

Councillor: \$20,000 average honorarium per year

One third of an elected official's remuneration is non-taxable. *Note the above is currently under review and new rates will be set effective January 1, 2018.

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. When you go to the voting station of your choice, you will be asked to sign a statement that you are eligible to vote in this election.

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 have resided in Alberta for the 6 consecutive months immediately preceding Election Day, and

your place of residence is located in the Town of Vegreville on Election Day.

15) **Can I vote in advance of Election Day?**

Yes, the Town of Vegreville is providing advanced voting on October 4, 2017 at the Town of Vegreville Chamber Room 12:00 pm until 8:00 pm

ADVANCE VOTING STATIONS • Wednesday, October 4, 2017 10:00 pm – 5:00 pm •

16) **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.

17) **When is Election Day?**

What time can we Vote?

Where can we Vote?

Election Day is Monday, October 16, 2017 between the hours of 10 am - 8 pm at

• Vegreville Social Centre

For further information on the Municipal Election for the Town of Vegreville please contact:

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For additional information on Municipal Elections in Alberta please visit the Municipal Affairs website to view Local Authorities Election Act – FAQ's at <http://www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/local-authorities-election-act-faq>

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