

## ADOPTION OF AGENDA

### #27465 REGULAR MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2014

Councillor Kozakiewicz moved adoption of the Agenda as presented.

Carried unanimously.

## ADOPTION OF MINUTES

### #27466 REGULAR MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL – MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2014

Councillor MacPhee moved that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Town Council held on January 27, 2014 be received and filed.

Carried unanimously.

## CORRESPONDENCE

### #27467 VEGREVILLE AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Correspondence dated January 24, 2014 from Elaine Kucher, General Manager, stating:

*On behalf of the Vegreville and District Chamber of Commerce I would like to advise the Town of Vegreville of a change in the Executive and Board of Directors. On January 22, 2014 the new Executive was sworn in at the Annual General Meeting. They are as follows:*

President: Kyle Bodnarchuk  
 Past-President: Shawn Warrington  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Darcie Sabados  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Scott Dixon  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President: Kathy Dmytriw  
 Board of Directors: Jerri Ziegler, Rhonda Manz, Brad Gara, Curtis Hirsch, Peter Arnold, Sharron Othen, Ann Waters, Adam Bilyk, Doug Schaffner  
 Town of Vegreville Representative: Michael Simpson  
 County of Minburn Representative: Carl Ogrodnick

Councillor Brodziak moved that the correspondence dated January 24, 2014 from Elaine Kucher, General Manager, be received and filed.

Carried unanimously.

### #27468 ALBERTA SPORT CONNECTION

Correspondence dated January 31, 2014 from Lloyd Bentz, Chief Executive Officer, stating:

*I am pleased to announce support to the Elks/Kinsmen Community Park in the amount of \$4,000.00 as awarded by Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation operating as Alberta Sport Connection for the 2013 Municipal Recreation/Tourism Areas annual operating grant. This funding will be forwarded to you shortly. Alberta Sport Connection receives an annual allocation from the Alberta Lottery Fund, as well as support from the private and corporate sectors. As Chief Executive Officer responsible for the Foundation, I am pleased that we can assist you in providing sport and recreation opportunities in Alberta.*

*You are required to account for this funding in your audited financial statement, which you are to provide within the next 12 months. As well, we ask that you acknowledge the Government of Alberta and Alberta Sport Connection in any promotion associated with your projects.*

*Please feel free to contact Fred Wilton should you have any questions with respect to this funding. Mr. Wilton can be reached at Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation, Recreation and Physical Activity Division, 903 Standard Life Centre, 10405 Jasper Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta T5J 4R7, or by phone at (780) 415-0267. A toll-free connection is available through the Service Alberta Operator by first dialing 310-0000.*

*I am pleased to know that a portion of our lottery dollars is being put to such valuable use through organizations such as yours. Please accept my best wishes for your continued success.*

Councillor Berry moved that correspondence dated January 31, 2014 from Lloyd Bentz, Chief Executive Officer, be received and filed.

Carried unanimously.

#### **#27469 ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION**

Correspondence dated January 28, 2014 from Wayne Drysdale, Minister, stating:

*I am pleased to announce the implementation of TRAVIS Multi-Jurisdiction (TRAVIS-MJ) and the sharing of permit fees with our municipal partners effective April 1, 2014.*

*My department, in partnership with industry and municipal governments, has developed a multi-jurisdiction permitting system for oversize and overweight vehicles. As previously advised, the new system is intended to be a more efficient permitting process that will enhance our services to industry by providing a one-stop permit program. Enclosed is a communique providing further details on the program.*

*In order for TRAVIS-MJ to operate smoothly and effectively for all users, we must ensure that collectively we keep industry informed of any changes and that we ensure data and rules are accurate and current.*

*To acknowledge and confirm your commitment to ensuring an efficient one-stop-shop overweight/over dimension permitting program in Alberta, my department will forward two copies of an Agreement for your review and signature which outlines the responsibilities of both parties under the TRAVIS-MJ permit program.*

*If you have any questions regarding TRAVIS-MJ, please contact Ms. Kerry Leslie, TRAVIS Specialist, at 403-755-6175, toll free in Alberta by first dialing 310-0000.*

Councillor Kozakiewicz moved that correspondence dated January 28, 2014 from Wayne Drysdale, be received and filed.

Carried unanimously.

## **MEMORANDA**

### **#27470 PURCHASE OF A LIVE SCAN MACHINE FOR VEGREVILLE RCMP DETACHMENT**

A Request for Council Decision dated February 7, 2014 from Cliff Craig, Corporate Services Director, stating:

*At the February 5, 2014 Legislative Committee Meeting, Sgt. Jeremie Landry discussed the changes in the RCMP finger printing process. The technique utilized for many years has been the paper and ink method with the paper documents being forwarded to Ottawa for processing. Effective April 1, 2014, the RCMP Centre in Ottawa will cease to accept any paper submissions for finger print documents. As a result, the RCMP have requested that local jurisdictions included in the Municipal Policing Agreement be requested to purchase a digital finger printing scanning device. The change in this process aims to improving service levels and accuracy of the screening. The results of the digital scan will be available immediately while the paper submission method required a period of at least six months. This will service the residents of the Town of Vegreville and also the surrounding regions as the nearest Live Scan units are located at St. Paul, Strathcona County and Edmonton. After a discussion on this issue, Council directed Administration to include the purchase of the Live Scan unit in the 2014 Budget.*

*The cost to purchase the Live Scan Machine is approximately \$40,000 and will be included in the 2014 Budget.*

Councillor Kozakiewicz moved that Town Council approve the purchase of a Live Scan Machine for the Vegreville RCMP Detachment at a cost of \$40,000.00; and

Further that the Live Scan Machine purchase of \$40,000.00 be included in the 2014 Budget.

Carried unanimously.

### **#27471 LAND USE COMMITTEE**

A Memorandum dated February 7, 2014 from Jody Quickstad, Town Manager, stating:

*The Town of Vegreville placed an advertisement in the local paper calling for residential property owners to sit on the Land Use Committee.*

*The following individuals submitted interest: Greg Kurulok, Shawn Warrington, Ralph Soldan, Walter Gegolick, Sebastian Luca and Brad Gara.*

*Town Council reviewed the submissions at their February 5, 2014 Legislative Committee Meeting and directed administration to provide this recommendation.*

Councillor MacPhee moved that the following representatives be appointed to the Land Use Committee:

**Town of Vegreville Council**

Member	Mayor Hayduk
Member	Councillor Berry
Member	Councillor Simpson
Alternate	Councillor Brodziak

**Vegreville & District Chamber of Commerce**

And further that the Vegreville & District Chamber of Commerce will appoint two (2) members, and one (1) alternate member to this Committee;

The Town has been advised by Vegreville & District Chamber of Commerce that they have appointed the following Members: Kyle Bodnarchuk, Brian Baron and Alternate Member Elaine Kucher

**Residential Property Owners**

And further that two (2) residential owners who reside in Vegreville, be appointed to the Land Use Committee.

Members Shawn Warrington and Walter Gegolick

Carried unanimously.

**#27472 SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD**

A Request for Council Decision dated February 7, 2014 from Jody Quickstad, Town Manager, stating:

*The Town of Vegreville placed an advertisement in the local paper calling for alternate members at large to sit on the Board.*

*The following individuals submitted interest: Shawn Warrington, Ralph Soldan, Walter Gegolick, Brian Tennant.*

*Town Council reviewed the submissions at their February 5, 2014 Legislative Committee Meeting and directed administration to provide this recommendation.*

Councillor Simpson moved that the following individuals be appointed to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board for the upcoming term (October 2013 through October 2014):

Councillor Adam Kozakiewicz;  
Councillor Taneen Rudyk;  
Mr. Robert Bennett;  
Mrs. Fiona Sorochan;  
Mr. Allan Bilyk; and

Further that Councillor David Berry be appointed as an alternate member from Town Council and Brian Tennant and Ralph Soldan be appointed as alternate members at large to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board.

Carried unanimously.

**#27473 COUNCIL REMUNERATION COMMITTEE**

A Memorandum dated February 7, 2014 from Jody Quickstad, Town Manager, stating:

*The Town of Vegreville placed an advertisement in the local paper calling for residential property owners to sit on the Committee.*

*The following individuals submitted interest: Greg Kurulok, Shawn Warrington, Ralph Soldan, Walter Gegolick, Sebastian Luca and Brad Gara.*

*Town Council reviewed the submissions at their February 5, 2014 Legislative Committee Meeting and directed administration to provide this recommendation.*

Councillor MacPhee moved that the following individuals be appointed to the Council Remuneration Committee:

Councillor Taneen Rudyk;  
Councillor Michael Simpson;  
Brad Gara – Member at Large;  
Brian Baron – Member at Large; and  
Tim Nawrot – Member at Large

Carried unanimously.

**#27474 NEW TOWN HALL**

A Request for Council Decision dated February 7, 2014 from Myron Hayduk, Mayor, stating:

*The building and property located at 6620, Highway 16A West, formerly owned by TransCanada Pipelines, now referred to as the “New Town Hall” was purchased by the Town in March of 2012. Previous Town Council had purchased the building as part of a long term plan, looking into the future approximately 30 to 50 years. At the time, this option was the most cost-effective method in order to accommodate the RCMP and Public Works shop and yard.*

*For many years (approximately 16), the RCMP have been requesting the Town to consider a new RCMP Detachment due to the fact that they have long since outgrown their current facility. Previous Town Council had made the decision to purchase the property with the intention of relocating Administration, Infrastructure, Planning & Development (I, P & D) and Public Works (PW) and as a result of that, the RCMP Detachment would be expanded into the current Administration office which adjoins the current RCMP building. RCMP K Division have agreed that this renovation would accommodate their needs for many years to come.*

*The property is approximately 9.5 acres and has a building that is approximately 24,000 square feet (approximately 12,000 is office space, 12,000 is shop space). This building and yard would accommodate PW, I, P & D and Administration and would also allow for expansion.*

*The relocation of Administration, I, P & D and PW would allow for the centralization of core service delivery.*

*The Public Works shop and yard have reached its maximum capacity and has no expansion capabilities.*

*The newly elected Town Council have had numerous discussions related to this property and the future of it.*

*The property was purchased for \$4,000,000.00 and the Town took out a 25 year debenture.*

Councillor MacPhee moved that the Town of Vegreville agree in principle to selling the Town owned building and property legally described as Plan 7620322, Lot B, municipal address 6620 Highway 16A West.

Council discussed at some length the advantages and disadvantages of selling the property. Each Councillor expressed their opinions and views on the subject matter and identified whether or not they would be supporting the motion.

Councillor Berry read his written notes regarding his position on this topic and requested that these notes form part of the Minutes.

Mayor Hayduk advised Councillor Berry that Town Council will address this request following the vote of the motion on the floor.

In Favour: Councillors Berry, Brodziak, Kozakiewicz, MacPhee and Simpson  
Opposed: Mayor Hayduk and Councillor Rudyk

Carried.

Councillor MacPhee requested that Council discuss the process of sale at a future meeting of Town Council.

Councillor Kozakiewicz moved that Councillor Berry's following notes to be added to the Minutes.

Carried unanimously.

Councillor Rudyk inquired if the submission of notes will be a new way of doing business in the future.

Consensus of Council is that this topic regarding adding notes to minutes will be placed on the agenda of a future Town Council meeting.

*As stated in the Request for Council Decision (RCD), this newly elected council has discussed the future of this building. To present a balanced picture I wish to provide additional detail. Bylaw No. 02-2011 states: "the plans, specifications and estimates for the project confirm the total cost of said project as: Land and Buildings \$4,000,000; Retrofits \$3,000,000; Total Project Cost \$7,000,000." With no disrespect or criticism, previous Town Council, based on preliminary reports; believed that the overall cost to purchase and complete all retrofits would be much lower than today's reality. We cannot max out the Town's financial capability on this one project, because that is what it would take, millions of additional borrowed dollars – be it now or spread out over time.*

*This option is no longer the most cost-effective method; in fact the escalating costs would seriously handcuff this council and future councils from achieving their priorities. Our emphasis cannot be on a centralized town hall/public works department. That would not promote population growth, business growth, or contribute to an increased tax base – we need economic prosperity through business development.*

*This Council recently stated its top priority was Economic and Population Growth. From 2002 to 2012 Vegreville only grew by 7.1% compared to the provincial average of 14.7% for towns; in fact Vegreville had a negative growth of -1.3% between 2009 and 2012. It took 50 years for Vegreville's population to double from 2908 in 1962 to 5758 in 2013 with a population gain of only 507 since 1983 (5251 to 5758).*

*Moving to sell the TransCanada Pipelines building does not rule out future options to provide for the needs of the RCMP or for public works. The RCMP would much prefer a standalone building. This site is not suitable to meet the priority needs of public works without the construction of an additional building and major renovations. While it is imperative Council ensures the wellbeing of people, the protection of property, and the provider of services; these cannot be accomplished without generating revenues and managing them wisely. Economic prosperity is the foundation of the provision of societal benefits such as services, recreation, and a safe and clean environment.*

## SUPPLEMENTAL

### #27475 GREG KURULOK

Correspondence January 24, 2014 from Greg Kurulok, stating:

*I am writing in regard to what I perceive to be, a conflict of interest. After consulting with the Department of Municipal Affairs, who agreed, it appears that Councillor Simpson was in a conflict of interest, as outlined under Sec. 170(1) a. of the MGA, during the Executive meeting of Jan 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014. During the meeting, correspondence regarding a proposed contract for advertising in the Vegreville News Advertiser and/or Vegreville Observer was brought up for discussion by the Mayor. This proposal looked at contracting an exclusive advertising agreement with one of the papers. Both of these papers are owned by Mr. Dan Beaudette who was also in attendance at the meeting. Councillor Simpson is an employee of the above mentioned newspapers.*

*Councillor Simpson had a pecuniary interest in this matter as his employer stood to benefit financially from the contract. It is clear that Councillor Simpson understands what a pecuniary interest is because he previously left a meeting (Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013) when a proposal to have the Town place advertising for Kidsport hockey game*

was made by his employer. He correctly declared his interest and left the room as required under Sec. 172 (1) of the MGA. This section states a councillor must disclose his interest, not vote and leave the room. He also left the Council meeting on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 when the formal vote was held to approve the expenditure.

During the Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, Councillor Simpson not only remained in the meeting but, in fact, spoke on several occasions in favour of the advertising proposal. Questions were also directed by the Mayor and several Councillors to Mr. Beaudette who provided answers. Since this was an Executive meeting, no vote was taken but Councillors were asked for their position on the proposal.

The failure to leave the meeting constituted a reason for disqualification under Sec. 174 (1) g. This is a very serious matter. If a conflict of interest in such an open and obvious situation is allowed, than what else can we expect? The remedy is clearly outlined in Sec. 175 of the MGA. I await your action.

Councillor Brodziak moved that the correspondence dated January 25, 2014 from Greg Kurulok, be received; and

Further that this letter be brought back to a future meeting of Town Council for discussion.

Carried unanimously.

## COUNCIL REPORTS

### MAYOR HAYDUK

Mayor Hayduk reported and/or attended on the following:

- Safety Meeting & Awards Presentation – January 29, 2014
- St. Mary's Provincial Funding Announcement – January 30, 2014
- Economic Development for Elected Officials Course - January 31, 2014
- Love in the Library Fundraiser – January 31, 2014
- Meeting with Seniors – Parkview – February 3, 2014
- Meeting with Inspector Wendell Reimer – February 4, 2014
- Development Meeting – February 4, 2014
- Legislative Committee Meeting – February 5, 2014
- Discussion of Building Permit Items – February 6, 2014
- Private School Meeting – February 7, 2014
- Inspections Group Presentation – February 10, 2014
- Meeting with MLA Jacquie Fenske -February 10, 2014
- Regular Town Council Meeting – February 10, 2014

### COUNCILLOR BERRY

Councillor Berry reported and/or attended on the following:

- Safety Meeting & Awards Presentation – January 29, 2014
- St. Mary's School Provincial Funding Announcement – January 30, 2014
- Economic Development for Elected Officials Course - January 31, 2014
- Legislative Committee Meeting – February 5, 2014
- Vegreville Sunshine Club Annual Meeting – February 7, 2014
- Inspections Group Presentation – February 10, 2014
- Meeting with MLA Jacquie Fenske -February 10, 2014
- Regular Town Council Meeting – February 10, 2014

### COUNCILLOR BRODZIAK

Councillor Brodziak reported and/or attended on the following:

- St. Mary's School Provincial Funding Announcement – January 30, 2014
- Economic Development for Elected Officials Course - January 31, 2014
- Love in the Library Fundraiser – January 31, 2014
- FCSS Family Day Planning Meeting – February 4, 2014
- FCSS Advisory Committee Meeting – February 4, 2014
- Legislative Committee Meeting – February 5, 2014
- Inspections Group Presentation – February 10, 2014
- Meeting with MLA Jacquie Fenske -February 10, 2014
- Regular Town Council Meeting – February 10, 2014
- Suggested the entrance signs recognize Val Sweeting for her curling accomplishment

**COUNCILLOR KOZAKIEWICZ**

Councillor Kozakiewicz reported and/or attended on the following:

- Eastern Alberta Trade Corridor - Alberta HUB Meeting – Camrose – January 29,30, 2014
- Economic Development for Elected Officials Course - January 31, 2014
- Vegreville Economic Development & Tourism Board Strategic Planning – February 1, 2014
- Alberta HUB Meeting – St. Paul – February 4, 2014
- FCSS Advisory Committee Meeting – February 4, 2014
- Health Walk with Town Staff – February 5, 2014
- Legislative Committee Meeting – February 5, 2014
- Vegreville Economic Development & Tourism Discussion with Laurie & Maureen – February 7, 2014
- Inspections Group Presentation – February 10, 2014
- Meeting with MLA Jacquie Fenske -February 10, 2014
- Regular Town Council Meeting – February 10, 2014

**COUNCILLOR MACPHEE**

Councillor MacPhee reported and/or attended on the following:

- St. Mary's School Provincial Funding Announcement – January 30, 2014
- Economic Development for Elected Officials Course - January 31, 2014
- Love in the Library Fundraiser – January 31, 2014
- Development Meeting – February 4, 2014
- Legislative Committee Meeting – February 5, 2014
- Inspections Group Presentation – February 10, 2014
- Meeting with MLA Jacquie Fenske -February 10, 2014
- Regular Town Council Meeting – February 10, 2014

**COUNCILLOR RUDYK**

Councillor Rudyk reported and/or attended on the following:

- AUMA MGA Review – Nisku – January 29, 2014
- St. Mary's School Provincial Funding Announcement – January 30, 2014
- Economic Development for Elected Officials Course - January 31, 2014
- Vegreville Economic Development & Tourism Board Strategic Planning – February 1, 2014
- Health Walk with Town Staff – February 5, 2014
- Legislative Committee Meeting – February 5, 2014
- Vegreville Economic Development & Tourism Discussion with Laurie & Maureen – February 7, 2014
- Inspections Group Presentation – February 10, 2014
- Meeting with MLA Jacquie Fenske -February 10, 2014
- Regular Town Council Meeting – February 10, 2014
- Congratulations to Val Sweeting and her team on winning Silver at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts

Natalia Toroshenko left at 7:44 p.m.

**COUNCILLOR SIMPSON**

Councillor Simpson reported and/or attended on the following:

- Safety Meeting & Awards Presentation – January 29, 2014
- St. Mary's School Provincial Funding Announcement – January 30, 2014
- Economic Development for Elected Officials Course - January 31, 2014
- Vegreville & District Chamber of Commerce Meeting – February 4, 2014
- Development Meeting – February 4, 2014
- Legislative Committee Meeting – February 5, 2014
- Inspections Group Presentation – February 10, 2014
- Meeting with MLA Jacquie Fenske -February 10, 2014
- Regular Town Council Meeting – February 10, 2014

**#27476**

Councillor Kozakiewicz moved that Town Council go in-camera at 7:59 p.m.

Carried unanimously.

Shauna Rutherford, MLA Jacquie Fenske, Chris Kurulok, Greg Kurulok and Arthur Beaudette left the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

#27477

Councillor MacPhee moved that Town Council come out of camera at 8:40 p.m.

Carried unanimously.

There being no further business to be brought before Council, Mayor Hayduk declared the Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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MYRON HAYDUK  
Mayor

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JODY QUICKSTAD  
Town Manager