

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

#27490 REGULAR MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL – MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2014

Councillor Kozakiewicz moved adoption of the Agenda as presented.

Carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

#27491 REGULAR MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2014

Councillor Berry moved that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Town Council held on February 10, 2014 be received and filed.

Carried unanimously.

#27492 SPECIAL MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL – WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2014

Councillor MacPhee moved that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Town Council held on February 26, 2014 be received and filed.

Carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

#27493 ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – MSI – 75th STREET DEVELOPMENT

Correspondence dated February 12, 2014 from Ken Hughes, Minister of Municipal Affairs, stating:

Thank you for your project application under the capital funding component of the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI).

I am pleased to inform you that the following project has been accepted as a qualifying project under the capital funding guidelines. Your municipality may apply the following amount of your MSI capital funding allocation to the qualifying costs of the project:

CAP-5302	75 th Street Development	\$85,106
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Please ensure that your local MLA is contacted prior to any announcement or milestone you are planning for this project. I would like to recognize Jacquie Fenske, MLA, Fort Saskatchewan – Vegreville, for her continued support for this program.

In order to recognize your success through this project, and to recognize the contribution that the MSI has made in achieving this success, please include this project in a published list of MSI –funded projects that is available to the public.

As per the MSI capital guidelines, I may select specific projects that merit enhanced public recognition. If the above project is selected, my ministry will contact you to develop a joint communication plan.

I wish you, your council, and the municipality's staff continued success with this project.

Councillor Brodziak moved that the correspondence dated February 12, 2014 from Ken Hughes, Minister of Municipal Affairs, be received; and

Further that the Town of Vegreville lower the flags on March 12, 2014 as requested.

Carried unanimously.

#27494 ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – 2013/14 FIRE SERVICES EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM GRANT

Correspondence dated February 24, 2014 from Ken Hughes, Minister of Municipal Affairs, stating:

Thank you for submitting your municipality's grant application under the 2013/14 Fire Services and Emergency Preparedness Program. Your application has been reviewed and I am pleased to advise that your municipality has been awarded a total grant of \$61,428 to carry out training as outlined in the conditional grant agreement (CGA).

Two copies of the CGA are attached for your review. Please ensure that two copies of the agreement are signed by the Chief Elected Official and Duly Authorized Signing Officer of your municipality. Return both copies to:

Grants Coordinator
Public Safety Division
Municipal Affairs
16th Floor, Commerce Place
10155 – 102 Street
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 4L4

Payment will be processed upon receipt of the signed CGA, and a copy returned to you for your records.

If you have questions regarding the grant process, please contact the Grants Co-ordinator, toll-free at 1-866-421-6929.

I would like to recognize Jacquie Fenske, Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville for her continued support of this program, and wish you every success with your fire service and emergency management training initiatives.

Councillor Kozakiewicz moved that the correspondence dated February 24, 2014 from Ken Hughes, Minister of Municipal Affairs, be received; and

Further that the Town enter into the Conditional Grant Agreement.

Carried unanimously.

#27495 ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – COMPLETION OF 12 YEAR MISSION IN AFGHANISTAN

Correspondence dated March 5, 2014 from Ken Hughes, Minister of Municipal Affairs, stating:

As I am sure you are aware, Canada is in the process of completing its 12-year mission in Afghanistan. The symbolic end of the most visible component will be the lowering of the Canadian flag in Kabul, Afghanistan, upon completion of the military mission, which is scheduled for March 12. This is a very significant day for Canadians, and for Alberta.

With that in mind, and on behalf of the Honourable Alison Redford, Premier, I strongly encourage your municipality to mark this historic event and commemorate the contributions of all Canadians, whether they were in uniform or not, to the international effort in Afghanistan.

On March 12, the Government of Alberta will begin the day by lowering the flags at all government buildings to half –mast and then at noon we will raise them to full height. This recognizes both the sacrifice of the fallen, and celebrates the mission's end, and gives thanks to those returning safely home. I hope that you will follow the lead of the Alberta Government with the flag protocol, and that you will consider planning appropriate ceremonies in collaboration with your local community that will reflect the civic values Canadians uphold both here and abroad. Alberta school boards have been asked to mark the day with special activities and you may wish to co-ordinate municipal commemorations with those in local schools.

This event offers a tremendous opportunity to reflect on Canada's role on the international stage, the significant contributions Albertans have made, and how that spirit has helped build and define this great province. Please find enclosed a Canadian flag to commemorate and honour the commitment and dedication demonstrated by all Canadians who have served in Afghanistan.

Councillor Kozakiewicz moved that the correspondence dated March 5, 2014 from Ken Hughes, Minister of Municipal Affairs, be received and filed.

Carried unanimously.

#27496 DANIELLE SMITH, MLA – LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION

Correspondence dated February 26, 2014 from Danielle Smith, MLA, Leader of the Official Opposition, stating:

As I and my Wildrose colleagues have travelled the province over the last number of years, we've heard over and over from locally elected officials like yourself that the way the province funds municipal infrastructure is unpredictable, condescending and inefficient.

We recognize that you know your community's needs better than the province – you just need long-term, stable funding to do the job you were elected to do. Accordingly, since before the 2012 election Wildrose has committed to a 10/10 Community Infrastructure Transfer plan to give municipalities more funding with no strings attached.

In response to our Wildrose 10/10 plan proposal, Premier Alison Redford's PCs announced in the middle of the 2012 campaign that they would increase MSI from \$846 million to \$1.6 billion by 2014-15. As you know, this promise was broken. In Budget 2013, MSI was frozen for 3 more year at \$846 million meaning, in the midst of a hot economy, municipal funding isn't even keeping pace with inflation.

Wildrose 10/10 Community Infrastructure Plan Details

The Wildrose 10/10 plan would see the equivalent of 10% of all provincial tax revenues flow directly to municipalities. Additionally, once a Wildrose government got the province back into cash surplus (i.e. no longer draining savings or taking out debt), 10% of those surpluses would be distributed back to municipalities as well. Using tax revenue as a base, rather than a formula connected to royalties, ensures that the funding amount remains fairly stable. When combined with a share of budget surpluses, a tax-based formula also ensures the transfer increases with population and economic growth pressures.

The PCs have tried to create some confusion about our Wildrose 10/10 plan by suggesting that it would result in \$200 million less in transfers to municipalities. This is not the case. Our Wildrose 10/10 plan would have actually resulted in \$265 million more in 2013/14 alone, rising to \$486 million more in Budget 2015.

The way it would work is the Wildrose 10/10 plan proposes to replace only the 5 main infrastructure grants: MSI, Basic Municipal Transportation Grant, Green Trip, the Water/Wastewater grants, and the Strategic Transportation and Infrastructure Program. The \$230 million in federal revenue streams, such as the Gas Tax Fund, would remain, as would the roughly \$300 million in Budget 2013 for other, mostly operational, grants.

The net result is that the Wildrose 10/10 formula would generate about \$1.7 billion and, when combined with the remaining grants, it would have produced a total of more than \$2.2 billion in funding for municipalities 2013-14. This is \$265 million more than the PCs are currently transferring, and none of it would be conditional.

What 10/10 Would Mean for You

We are writing to request your feedback on the formula you think we should use to allocate the Wildrose 10/10 Community Infrastructure Transfer between municipalities. One option is to use the current MSI formula, but we are open to your suggestions. If we were to use the MSI formula, the proportion of MSI you currently receive is 0.127%. Government tax revenues are projected to grow by 8.2% and 6.5% over the next 2 years. As a result, here's what the 10/10 plan would provide for Vegreville if your proportion of MSI remained constant:

2013 Transfer	2014 Transfer	2015 Transfer
\$2,174,413	\$2,354,022	\$2,519,619

Keep in mind this is just a provisional estimate, based on projected tax revenues and your proportion of MSI. To compare with the status quo, you would need to take what you expect to get in MSI, the Basic Municipal Transportation Grant, Green Trip, Water/Wastewater, and Strategic Transportation and Infrastructure Program over the next three years. We understand many municipalities are getting nothing in Green Trip and wastewater grants in 2013, and the STIP received no funding. With that said, your baseline comparison to the Wildrose 10/10 plan can be derived by adding MSI and BMTG together. The most recent calculation we have for your municipality was \$1,423,133 in 2013.

For those who are expecting to receive extra funds from those other special grant programs, we are committed to ensuring that no community will be worse off under our plan. We will create a transition fund to guarantee no municipality receive less than they were planning on receiving.

So once again, please let us know what you think of the Wildrose 10/10 plan, and what changes, if any, you think would need to be made to the MSI formula to ensure that your community receives its appropriate share so that you could address your needs. This is not designed a one-time or temporary program; this would be permanent transfer program.

We are confident that our Wildrose 10/10 plan will transform the relationship between the province and municipalities like yours by giving you the resources you need and the autonomy to make your own short,

medium, and long-term plans. My Wildrose colleagues and I look forward to working more closely with you on all these issues that matter to communities across Alberta.

We look forward to your response.

Councillor Simpson moved that the correspondence dated February 26, 2014 from Danielle Smith, MLA and Leader of the Official Opposition, be received and filed.

Carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL

#27497 TOWN OF VEGREVILLE MONTHLY CASH STATEMENT FOR MONTH ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

Councillor MacPhee moved that the Town of Vegreville Monthly Cash Statement for the month ended December 31, 2013 be received and filed.

Carried unanimously.

MEMORANDA

#27498 2014 LANDFILL AGREEMENT – COUNTY OF MINBURN NO. 27

A Memorandum dated February 24, 2014 from Dale Lefebvre, Infrastructure, Planning & Development Director, stating:

The County of Minburn No. 27 residents west of Highway 36, running from the north to the south boundary, are entitled to use our Landfill, while utilizing the same regulations and fees as the residents of Vegreville.

In 2003, an agreement was made between the County of Minburn No. 27 and the Town of Vegreville for cost share of actual Landfill expenses, the cost share is based on population. In 2014, the Town will be responsible for 79% (5,758 population) and the County responsible for 21% (1,485 population). The Hamlet of Lavoy is factored separately and not included in the cost share.

Councillor Rudyk moved that Town Council approve entering into the 2014 Landfill Agreement with the County of Minburn No. 27, whereby the County of Minburn pays a fee of seventy thousand six hundred sixty six dollars and ninety six cents (\$70,666.96). This Landfill Agreement permits County residents, residing west of Highway 36 (excluding Lavoy), use of the Landfill, subject to the same permitted uses and fees as experienced by the residents of Vegreville.

Carried unanimously.

Councillor Rudyk requested permission from Mayor Hayduk to be excused from the meeting due to a potential conflict of interest.

Mayor Hayduk granted Councillor Rudyk permission to be excused.

Councillor Rudyk left at 7:28 p.m.

SUPPLEMENTAL

#27499 ANDY RUDYK – TRANSCANADA PROPERTY

Emails from Andy Rudyk dated March 5 and 9, 2014:

March 5, 2014

Dear Jody and Town Council,

I am writing this email because I am angry with what I see as preferential treatment of certain businesses.

As I was driving to take my son to Ukrainian dancing on Sunday I noticed Graham Brothers in the TransCanada yard. I asked my wife what was going on and she wouldn't answer me. I am hoping someone in the Town office can tell me what is going on.

Your council just announced in the paper that the property is for sale and there is already a contractor moving into the yard with all their equipment. When was this property advertised for rent or sale? I have been looking

for business property to rent or purchase for three years and would have liked to have the same opportunity that Graham Brothers had.

Does Vegreville being open for business mean local business men can't expand but outside businesses can, because that's what it appears like. Who made this decision? Isn't there supposed to be an advertisement in the paper?

Am I going to be on the hook now as a taxpayer because the Town has decided to rent its property to a private business owner? How do you ensure that this land that you are ultimately responsible for is going to be cared for properly? I can say in my over twenty-five years experience in pipeline construction and maintenance it does not take much to create a huge expense when there is a spill on a yard site not to mention the potential damage to Town assets which are ultimately my assets as a taxpayer. This isn't right.

I would like to say in person how disgusted I am with what I see as a special deal made for special people but my flavourful language won't be appreciated at a council meeting, not to mention the fact that I work sixteen hour days, and I don't want my opinion to appear to be my wife's opinion. This decision appears to display a lack of integrity and honesty.

Andy Rudyk
Ape Welding Ltd.
apewelding@gmail.com
780-913-4470

March 9, 2014

Dear Jody and Town Council,

I was contacted and have spoken to Myron and have heard his position regarding this matter, but I am interested in the thoughts of council. If I would have known publicly this property was available for rent or lease, I would have been able to consider this in my business plan and have a location for my business. As well, I do request a response to all my concerns on this matter in writing.

Thank you for your time.

Andy Rudyk
Ape Welding Ltd.
apewelding@gmail.com
780-913-4470

Councillor Berry moved that the Mayor write correspondence to Andy Rudyk providing clarification on the topic and inviting him to attend a future meeting of Town Council.
Carried unanimously.

Councillor Rudyk returned at 7:42 p.m.

#27500 MEMORANDUM – VEGREVILLE REGIONAL SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

A Memorandum dated March 10, 2014 from Dale Lefebvre, Infrastructure, Planning & Development Director stating:

As per your request, please find the following:

It is the Town's understanding that, the Vegreville Regional Solid Waste Management Committee was created so that the County and the Town could collaborate on regional solid waste issues, topics and plan development. A meeting of this committee was held on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 with representatives from the County of Minburn and the Town of Vegreville. As this was the first meeting with new council, the Terms of Reference for the committee were created and approved. During the discussion about chairing the meetings, those present agreed that these meetings will be based on a co-chair system. It was suggested that because it's a regional committee that there should be one co-chair from the Town and one from the County. The County insisted that they shouldn't be chairing the committee as they felt they are customers.

Below is a list of action items and who is responsible:

- ***Town Action Items:***
 - Create and distribute meeting agenda
 - Provide a recording secretary
 - Host the meetings

- Provide a cost for assisting with the agricultural grain bag (field plastics), chemical container, and plastic twine storage at the Landfill
 - As a result, Town Council would have to vote and a formal agreement would have to be drafted or there would need to be an amendment to the current Landfill Agreement
- Provide a cost for garbage collection in Brookwood Estates
- Provide a cost for collection from four transfer sites in or around the outskirts of Vegreville
- Submit a recycling cost share proposal to the County for their review
- **County Action Items:**
 - Poll residents of Brookwood Estates to determine interest in garbage collection

The Town's understanding is that the purpose of this committee is the discussion of regional solid waste issues, topics, and plan development. I request your direction regarding this committee.

Councillor Simpson moved that Mayor Hayduk contact the Reeve Eric Anderson of the County of Minburn to clarify the goals and structure of the Committee.

Carried unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS

MAYOR HAYDUK

Mayor Hayduk reported and/or attended on the following:

- Family Day Breakfast Donation to Vegreville Food Bank - February 25, 2014
- Special Meeting of Town Council – February 26, 2014
- Meeting with Ministerial Association at Holy Trinity Church – February 27, 2014
- Meeting with ATCO – February 28, 2014
- 2014 Budget Meeting – March 3, 2014
- Legislative Committee Meeting – March 5, 2014
- Mayor's Caucus MLA Breakfast – March 6, 2014
- Mayor's Caucus Meeting- March 6, 2014
- ATCO's Symposium Meeting – March 6, 2014
- 2014 Budget Meeting – March 10, 2014
- Regular Town Council Meeting -March 10, 2014

COUNCILLOR BERRY

Councillor Berry reported and/or attended on the following:

- Administrative Law Course – Edmonton – February 25 & 26, 2014
- Principles of Assessment Course – Edmonton – February 27 & 28, 2014
- NLLS Committee Meeting – Elk Point – March 1, 2014
- 2014 Budget Meeting – March 3, 2014
- Legislative Committee Meeting – March 5, 2014
- 2014 Budget Meeting – March 10, 2014
- Regular Town Council Meeting – March 10, 2014

COUNCILLOR BRODZIAK

Councillor Brodziak reported and/or attended on the following:

- Family Day Breakfast Donation to Vegreville Food Bank – February 25, 2014
- FCSS Family Day “Unplugged” Event – Wrap Up Meeting – February 25, 2014
- FCSS Community Garden Planning Meeting – February 25, 2014
- FCSS Vegreville Multi-Cultural Event Meeting – February 27, 2014
- 2014 Budget Meeting – March 3, 2014
- FCSS Advisory Committee Meeting – March 4, 2014
- Legislative Committee Meeting – March 5, 2014
- Mayor's Caucus MLA Breakfast – March 6, 2014
- Mayor's Caucus Meeting – March 6, 2014
- Provincial Budget – Meeting with MLA Jacquie Fenske – March 6, 2014
- 2014 Budget Meeting – March 10, 2014
- Regular Town Council Meeting – March 10, 2014

COUNCILLOR KOZAKIEWICZ

Councillor Kozakiewicz reported and/or attended on the following:

- Family Day Breakfast Donation to Vegreville Food Bank – February 25, 2014
- FCSS Community Garden Planning Meeting – February 25, 2014
- Special Meeting of Town Council – February 26, 2014
- 2014 Budget Meeting – March 3, 2014
- Legislative Committee Meeting – March 5, 2014
- Mayor’s Caucus MLA Breakfast – March 6, 2014
- Mayor’s Caucus Meeting – March 6, 2014
- Provincial Budget – Meeting with MLA Jacquie Fenske – March 6, 2014
- 2014 Budget Meeting – March 10, 2014
- Regular Town Council Meeting – March 10, 2014

COUNCILLOR MACPHEE

Councillor MacPhee reported and/or attended on the following:

- Family Day Breakfast Donation to Vegreville Food Bank – February 25, 2014
- Special Meeting of Town Council – February 26, 2014
- 2014 Budget Meeting – March 3, 2014
- Legislative Committee Meeting – March 5, 2014
- Incentives Sub-Committee Meeting – March 6, 2014
- 2014 Budget Meeting – March 10, 2014
- Regular Town Council Meeting – March 10, 2014

COUNCILLOR RUDYK

Councillor Rudyk reported and/or attended on the following:

- Family Day Breakfast Donation to Vegreville Food Bank – February 25, 2014
- Special Meeting of Town Council – February 26, 2014
- RPAP Presentation – Edmonton – February 28, 2014
- Welcome to Dr. Hollins – March 2, 2014
- 2014 Budget Meeting – March 3, 2014
- Legislative Committee Meeting – March 5, 2014
- Business Incentives Sub-Committee Meeting – March 6, 2014
- 2014 Budget Meeting – March 10, 2014
- Regular Town Council Meeting – March 10, 2014

COUNCILLOR SIMPSON

Councillor Simpson reported and/or attended on the following:

- Family Day Breakfast Donation to Vegreville Food Bank – February 25, 2014
- Special Meeting of Town Council – February 26, 2014
- RPAP Presentation – Edmonton – February 28, 2014
- Welcome to Dr. Hollins – March 2, 2014
- 2014 Budget Meeting – March 3, 2014
- Legislative Committee Meeting – March 5, 2014
- Business Incentives Sub-Committee Meeting – March 6, 2014
- 2014 Budget Meeting – March 10, 2014
- Regular Town Council Meeting – March 10, 2014

#27501

Councillor Kozakiewicz moved that Town Council go in-camera at 8:07 p.m.

Carried unanimously.

Shauna Rutherford and Greg Kurulok left the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

#27502

Councillor Brodziak moved that Town Council come out of camera at 9:51 p.m.

Carried unanimously.

There being no further business to be brought before Council, Mayor Hayduk declared the Meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

MYRON HAYDUK
Mayor

JODY QUICKSTAD
Town Manager