

## ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**#2016-NOV-18 REGULAR MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2016**  
Councillor Simpson moved adoption of the Agenda as presented.

Carried unanimously.

## ADOPTION OF MINUTES

**#2016-NOV-19 REGULAR MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2016**  
Councillor Brodziak moved that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Town Council held on Monday, November 14, 2016 be received and filed.

Carried unanimously.

**#2016-NOV-20 SPECIAL MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2016**

Councillor Berry moved that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Town Council held on Thursday, November 17, 2016 be received and filed.

Carried unanimously.

## CORRESPONDENCE

**#2016-NOV-21 SCOTT CYR, MLA BONNYVILLE – COLD LAKE – LETTER TO MINISTER OF IMMIGRATION**

Correspondence dated November 4, 2016 from Scott Cyr, MLA, to The Honourable John McCallum, P.C., M.P., stating:

*I am writing to you today to voice my opposition to the recent decision to relocate the Vegreville Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Case Processing Centre to Edmonton. This action, if implemented, will have serious consequences for the economic well-being of communities in central Alberta.*

*The total jobs you will be cutting in our area is approximately 280, in a community of 6,000 people, and as His Worship of Vegreville correctly notes this is comparable to losing 35,000 jobs in Edmonton. The periphery effects could devastate this community if rapidly implemented. With potentially whole families moving all at once the tax base would shrink and the economy would be greatly impacted.*

*I respectfully ask that you reconsider your decision and leave the Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Case Processing Centre in Vegreville. In a community already suffering due to a downturn in the oil and gas sector, now is not the time to cut stable and depended on jobs.*

Councillor Simpson moved that the correspondence dated November 4, 2016 from Scott Cyr, MLA to The Honourable John McCallum, P.C., M.P., be received and filed.

Carried unanimously.

**#2016-NOV-22 CHRISTINA GREY – MINISTER OF LABOUR – GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA – LETTER TO MINISTER OF IMMIGRATION**

Correspondence dated October 31, 2016 from Christina Gray, Minister of Labour, to Honourable John McCallum, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, stating:

*I am writing you today on behalf of the Government of Alberta in regards to the Government of Canada's decision to relocate the Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Case Processing Centre from its current location in Vegreville, Alberta to a new location in Edmonton, Alberta by the end of 2018 when the lease expires.*

*I understand this decision is intended to improve efficiency and that employees at the centre will be given the opportunity to work in Edmonton, but this decision will have significant impacts on the workers, their families, and the community. These Albertans have built a life in one of Alberta's most vibrant communities, and asking them to leave their hometown and relocate is very concerning.*

*The loss of 280 jobs will have a profoundly negative impact on these workers, their families, and this community of approximately 6,000 people. I am asking you to reconsider your government's decision in light of the concerns raised by the federal employees, the Mayor of Vegreville, our provincial government, and members of the community. I hope to hear back from you soon.*

Councillor MacPhee moved that the correspondence dated October 31, 2016 from Christina Gray, Minister of Labour to Honourable John McCallum, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, be received and filed.

Carried unanimously.

**#2016-NOV-23 BEAVER COUNTY – LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF IMMIGRATION, AND MINISTER OF PUBLIC SERVICES AND PROCUREMENT**

Correspondence dated November 21, 2016 from Kevin Smook, Reeve, Beaver County to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister; The Honourable John McCallum, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship; The Honourable Judy Foote, Minister of Public Services and Procurement, stating:

*On behalf of Beaver County, 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 neighbouring 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 to keep this vital facility in the Town of Vegreville.*

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

Councillor Rudyk moved that the correspondence dated November 21, 2016 from Kevin Smook, Reeve, Beaver County to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister; The Honourable John McCallum, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship; The Honourable Judy Foote, Minister of Public Services and Procurement, be received and filed.

Carried unanimously.

**#2016-NOV-24 VILLAGE OF MANNVILLE – LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER**

Correspondence dated November 21, 2016 from Dave Huppertz, Mayor, Village of Mannville to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, stating:

*On behalf of the Village of Mannville, I would like to express our concerns about the Federal Government's plan to close the Case Processing Center (CPC) in Vegreville, Alberta and moving the facility to Edmonton, Alberta.*

*This information was announced to staff with the CPC at the end of October 2016 and has raised concerns in Vegreville and throughout the region. The justification given to staff about the proposed closure was better accessibility to bilingual people, post-secondary education centers, and the availability of Crown owned or leased facilities in Edmonton. During the announcement to staff it was communicated that the decision has already been made and the move will be completed by December 2018.*

*No prior consultation took place between all the people this decision has and will affect moving forward. We have been informed that there are close to 280 employees that currently work at this facility which will have a dramatic effect on the Town of Vegreville's population and economy. Not only will this directly affect the Town of Vegreville, other surrounding communities such as ours, the Village of Mannville, will be affected, which I believe we have residents that live in our community that currently work at the facility as well.*

*Vegreville is in the heart of central Alberta, on the twinned Trans-Canada Yellowhead Highway. Highway 36, a few miles east of Town, is a major north-south corridor in eastern Alberta. Vegreville is a vibrant community; rich in cultural heritage and progressive in terms of facilities, municipal government, and above all, people. The Village of Mannville would like the Federal Government to re-evaluate their current decision to close the Immigration Case Processing Center in the Town of Vegreville. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me by phone at 780-763-3500 or via email at dhuppertz@mannville.com.*

Councillor Simpson moved that the correspondence dated November 21, 2016 from Dave Huppertz, Mayor, Village of Mannville to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau be received and filed.

Carried unanimously.

**#2016-NOV-25 COUNTY OF TWO HILLS – LETTER TO MINISTER OF IMMIGRATION**

Correspondence dated November 18, 2016 from Allen Saylor, Reeve, County of Two Hills No. 21 to The Honourable John McCallum, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, stating:

*This will advise that Council of the County of Two Hills No. 21 resolved, at their last meeting of November 8, 2016 that a letter of support be provided for the Vegreville Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Case Processing Centre (CPC) to remain open at its current location.*

*The County of Two Hills neighbors the County of Minburn where the Case Processing Centre is located in the Town of Vegreville. The closure of the Case Processing Centre in Vegreville would have devastating effects on our communities, as numerous citizens from our municipalities are employed in Vegreville at this Centre. The County of Two Hills has been vastly growing due to the influx of Mennonites within the communities, and these citizens have been able to visit the Vegreville Case Processing Centre, should the Centre be relocated there would be the extra burden of travelling to the city.*

*The County of Two Hills Council asks that you reconsider relocating the Case Processing Centre to Edmonton and keep our small communities viable by having this Centre remaining in Vegreville, not only for the communities, but the citizen's well being.*

Councillor Berry moved that the correspondence dated November 19, 2016 from Allen Saylor, Reeve, County of Two Hills No. 21 to The Honourable John McCallum, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, be received and filed.

Carried unanimously.

**#2016-NOV-26 REEVE STEVE UPHAM FROM COUNTY OF ST. PAUL – CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING FCM CONFERENCE**

E-mail correspondence dated November 25, 2016 from Steve Upham, Vice-Chair, Northeast Alberta Information HUB to Bob Bezpalko, Executive Director, Northeast Alberta Information HUB stating:

*As luck would have it, I shared a cab from the hotel with the NDP immigration critic, she's the MP representing East Vancouver. Their caucus is very aware and vigorously advocating for the CPC to remain in Veg. We met or networked with 10 MP's, Senators and Ministers.*

*The Conservative caucus is fighting for Veg and the chair of the Liberal rural caucus, Mike Bossio is aware of the concern.*

*It's seen by some as an attack on MP Shannon Stubbs who I also had the chance to network with. FCM has it on their radar also and most all delegated see it as a direct attack on small communities.*

*Feel free to share this with the HUB community.*

Councillor Brodziak moved that the e-mail correspondence dated November 25, 2016 from Steve Upham, Vice-Chair, Northeast Alberta Information HUB to Bob Bezpalko, Executive Director, Northeast Alberta Information HUB be received and filed.

Carried unanimously.

**#2016-NOV-27 COUNTY OF MINBURN – LETTER REGARDING FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES AGREEMENT**

Correspondence dated November 23, 2016 from David Marynowich, County Manager, County of Minburn to Cliff Craig, Town Manager, stating:

*Council reviewed the present Fire and Emergency Services Agreement between the County of Minburn No. 27 and the Town of Vegreville which expires at the end of the year.*

*The previous two Fire and Emergency Agreements included an annual increase in stand-ready fees of 3%. Due to recent downturn in the economy, the County of Minburn proposes a 1.5% increase annually for the period of 2017 to 2021.*

*We feel the rest of the terms of the Fire and Emergency Services Agreement are sufficient, and no other changes are propose.*

*The County of Minburn Council and residents appreciate the emergency services provided by the Vegreville Fire Department. We look forward to your Council renewing the Fire and Emergency Services Agreement for the next 5 years.*

In Favour: Mayor Hayduk, Councillors Berry, Brodziak, MacPhee and Simpson

Opposed: Councillor Rudyk  
Carried.

## FINANCIAL

### #2016-NOV-28 TOWN OF VEGREVILLE MONTHLY CASH STATEMENT FOR MONTH ENDED JULY 31, 2016

Councillor Brodziak moved that the Town of Vegreville Monthly Cash Statement for the month Ended October 31, 2016 be received and filed.

Carried unanimously.

## MEMORANDA

### #2016-NOV-29 CASE PROCESSING CENTRE - VEGREVILLE

A Request for Council Decision dated November 24, 2016 from Cliff Craig, Town Manager, stating:

*On October 27, 2016, the Federal Government announced their decision to close the Citizenship and Immigration Case Processing Centre (CPC) in Vegreville, effective December 2018.*

*The CPC operates in a privately-owned facility, and the lease agreement is set to expire in February of 2019. The decision to relocate has been in the works for at least the last six months, and there was no public consultation with the municipality.*

*The CPC employs 280 people who have, in some cases, worked for decades at the center. The lost jobs will represent nearly 8% of the total work force in our community. At a time when the economy is struggling, this is a major blow to the entire region.*

*The Federal Government's decision is at odds with the Liberal party's campaign commitment to "strengthen our communities by investing in the things that make them good places to live."*

*The steady employment and income that is created by this office has introduced new people to the area, increased real estate values, increased the municipality's tax base, which allows the Town to offer more programming, and is a solid foundation for attracting new business to the community.*

*Service clubs such as Little Warriors, the Vegreville Breakfast Club, Vegreville Food Bank and Vegreville KidSport, and the Vegreville Association for Living in Dignity, that receive thousands of dollars in charity support from activities carried out by employees of the Case Processing Center will have shortfalls in funding.*

*After learning of the Federal Government's decision, the Town of Vegreville has undertaken a number of immediate steps to voice its opposition to this decision. Letters of complaint have been written to Prime Minister Trudeau; Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Minister John McCallum; Public Services and Procurement Minister Judy Foote by Mayor and Council.*

*Neighbouring municipalities that will feel the impact of the Center's closure have also forwarded letters of support to the Prime Minister's offices.*

*At a Special Council Meeting on November 1, 2016, Council directed Administration to seek outside counsel to support the Town's advocacy efforts. On November 14, 2016 Town Council approved entering into an agreement with Torque Communications to develop a Public Advocacy Plan.*

*The Town has been working with the Federal MP for Lakeland, Shannon Stubbs, and Provincial MLA for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, Jessica Littlewood, to pressure the government to reconsider this decision. Questions have been asked of Minister McCallum on several occasions in the House of Commons and petitions have been set up for local residents to voice their opposition to the closure of the CPC.*

*A special resolution was recently put forward by the County of Minburn at the recent Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties Fall Convention held in Edmonton, November 15-17. The resolution was passed by 92% of the delegates and urges the Federal Government to reconsider the decision.*

*The Town of Vegreville will provide regular updates to the community on the actions taken as part of the advocacy campaign to oppose the closure of the Case Processing Centre.*

Councillor Simpson moved that the Town of Vegreville will launch a Strategic Advocacy Plan that opposes the Federal Department of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship decision to close the Case Processing Centre (CPC) and moving 228 employee positions to Edmonton in December of 2018; and

Further that the Town of Vegreville has been and will continue to collaborate with key stakeholders impacted by the Federal Department of Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship's decision to close the Case Processing Centre (CPC) in Vegreville; and

Further that the Town of Vegreville will provide members of our community with opportunities to participate in this campaign to express their opposition against Federal Department of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship decision with elected officials in Edmonton and Ottawa.

Carried unanimously.

## **SUPPLEMENTAL**

### **#2016-NOV-30 CANADA 150 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM GRANT – VEGREVILLE CENTENNIAL LIBRARY AUDITORIUM**

E-mail Correspondence dated November 25, 2016 to Paul Suiter, Recreation & Facilities Manager, stating:

*Thank you for submitting your application to Western Economic Diversification Canada (WD) under the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program. WD received many excellent applications; however, the demand for funding greatly exceeded available funds.*

*WD has assessed applications based on the program criteria outlined in the application guide. Funds have now been fully allocated and we regret to inform you that we are unable to fund your project.*

*Thank you for your interest in the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program.*

Councillor Brodziak moved that the email correspondence dated November 25, 2016 to Paul Suiter, Recreation & Facilities Manager be received and filed.

Carried unanimously.

### **#2016-NOV-31 CANADA 150 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM GRANT – VEGREVILLE SOCIAL CENTRE UPGRADE**

E-mail Correspondence dated November 25, 2016 to Paul Suiter, Recreation & Facilities Manager, stating:

*Thank you for submitting your application to Western Economic Diversification Canada (WD) under the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program. WD received many excellent applications; however, the demand for funding greatly exceeded available funds.*

*WD has assessed applications based on the program criteria outlined in the application guide. Funds have now been fully allocated and we regret to inform you that we are unable to fund your project.*

*Thank you for your interest in the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program.*

Councillor Berry moved that the email correspondence dated November 25, 2016 to Paul Suiter, Recreation & Facilities Manager be received and filed.

Carried unanimously.

### **#2016-NOV-32 CANADA 150 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM GRANT – UPGRADE WALKING TRAILS**

E-mail Correspondence dated November 25, 2016 to Paul Suiter, Recreation & Facilities Manager, stating:

*Thank you for submitting your application to Western Economic Diversification Canada (WD) under the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program. WD received many excellent applications; however, the demand for funding greatly exceeded available funds.*

*WD has assessed applications based on the program criteria outlined in the application guide. Funds have now been fully allocated and we regret to inform you that we are unable to fund your project.*

*Thank you for your interest in the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program.*

Councillor Simpson moved that the email correspondence dated November 25, 2016 to Paul Suiter, Recreation & Facilities Manager be received and filed.

Carried unanimously.

**#2016-NOV-32 MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BONNYVILLE – LETTER TO MINISTER OF IMMIGRATION**

Correspondence dated November 28, 2016 from Edward Rondeau, Reeve, Municipal District of Bonnyville to Honourable John McCallum, PC, MP, stating:

*On behalf of the Municipal District of Bonnyville, 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 and Procurement to keep this vital facility in the Town of Vegreville.*

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

Councillor Simpson moved that correspondence dated November 28, 2016 from Edward Rondeau, Reeve, Municipal District of Bonnyville to Honourable John McCallum, PC, MP, be received and filed.

Carried unanimously.

**#2016-NOV-33 MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BONNYVILLE – LETTER TO MINISTER OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND PROCUREMENT**

Correspondence dated November 28, 2016 from Edward Rondeau, Reeve, Municipal District of Bonnyville to Honourable Judy M. Foote, Minister of Public Services and Procurement Canada, stating:

*On behalf of the Municipal District of Bonnyville, 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 Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship to keep this vital facility in the Town of Vegreville.*

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

Councillor MacPhee moved that correspondence dated November 28, 2016, from Edward Rondeau, Reeve, Municipal District of Bonnyville to Honourable Judy M. Foote, Minister of Public Services and Procurement Canada be received and filed.

Carried unanimously.

**#2016-NOV-34 ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – LETTER TO MINISTER OF IMMIGRATION**

Correspondence dated November 28, 2016 from Lisa Holmes, AUMA President to The Honourable John McCallum, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, stating:

*The recent federal decision to close the Citizenship Case Processing Centre (CPC) in Vegreville, Alberta raises concerns about the lack of consultation with local government, especially since this is expected to have a very negative economic and social impact on the community.*

*As the representative of Alberta's urban municipalities, we would appreciate information on the rationale for your decision and how your ministry will work with municipalities to ensure there is more engagement in the future.*

*We look forward to hearing from you.*

Councillor Simpson moved that the correspondence dated November 28, 2016 from Lisa Holmes, AUMA President to The Honourable John McCallum, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, be received and filed.

Carried unanimously.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **MAYOR HAYDUK**

Mayor Hayduk reported and/or attended on the following:

- AAMDC Convention in Edmonton - November 15, 2016
- Vegreville Legion Meeting - November 16, 2016
- Special Meeting of Town Council - November 17, 2016
- Covenant Health Radiothon - November 18, 2016
- Town/County Joint Meeting - November 21, 2016
- Legislative Committee Meeting - November 22, 2016
- Land Use Bylaw Open House - November 23, 2016
- Provincial Volleyball Opening Ceremonies at VCHS - November 24, 2016
- Christmas Light-Up and Parade - November 25, 2016
- Regular Meeting of Town Council - November 28, 2016

### **COUNCILLOR BERRY**

Councillor Berry reported and/or attended on the following:

- Special Meeting of Town Council - November 17, 2016
- Town/County Joint Meeting - November 21, 2016
- Legislative Committee Meeting - November 22, 2016
- Land Use Bylaw Open House - November 23, 2016
- Christmas Light-Up and Parade - November 25, 2016
- Regular Meeting of Town Council - November 28, 2016

### **COUNCILLOR BRODZIAK**

Councillor Brodziak reported and/or attended on the following:

- AAMDC Convention - Edmonton - November 16, 2016
- Special Meeting of Town Council - November 17, 2016
- Age Friendly Advisory Committee Meeting - November 17, 2016
- Covenant Health Radiothon - November 18, 2016
- Town/County Joint Meeting - November 21, 2016
- Legislative Committee Meeting - November 22, 2016
- Land Use Bylaw Open House - November 23, 2016
- Economic Development Advisory Board Meeting - November 23, 2016
- Christmas Light-Up and Parade - November 25, 2016
- Regular Meeting of Town Council - November 28, 2016

### **COUNCILLOR MACPHEE**

Councillor MacPhee reported and/or attended on the following:

- Special Meeting of Town Council - November 17, 2016
- Chamber of Commerce Meeting - November 21, 2016
- Town/County Joint Meeting - November 21, 2016
- Legislative Committee Meeting - November 22, 2016
- Land Use Bylaw Open House - November 23, 2016
- Community Futures Elk Island Region Meeting - November 25, 2016
- Christmas Light-Up and Parade - November 25, 2016
- Regular Meeting of Town Council - November 28, 2016
- RCMP New Build Design Meeting - November 29, 2016

**COUNCILLOR RUDYK**

Councillor Rudyk reported and/or attended on the following:

- AAMDC Convention – Edmonton – November 15, 2016
- Yellowhead East Health Advisory Council – November 16, 2016
- Special Meeting of Town Council – November 17, 2016
- Radiothon – Final Planning Meeting – November 17, 2016
- Covenant Health Foundation Radiothon – November 18, 2016
- Town/County Joint Meeting – November 21, 2016
- Legislative Committee Meeting – November 22, 2016
- Economic Development Advisory Board Meeting – November 23, 2016
- Christmas Light-Up and Parade – November 25, 2016
- Regular Meeting of Town Council – November 28, 2016

**COUNCILLOR SIMPSON**

Councillor Simpson reported and/or attended on the following:

- AAMDC Convention – Edmonton – November 15-16, 2016
- Special Meeting of Town Council – November 17, 2016
- TransCanada Yellowhead Highway Association Meeting – November 18, 2016
- Northeast Alberta Information HUB meeting – November 24, 2016
- Regular Meeting of Town Council – November 28, 2016

**#2016-NOV-35**

Councillor Berry moved that Town Council go in-camera at 8:08 p.m.

Carried unanimously.

Councillor Rudyk left the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Councillor Rudyk returned to the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Councillor Simpson left the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Councillor Simpson returned to the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Councillor Simpson left the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

**#2016-NOV-17**

Councillor Brodziak moved that Town Council come out of camera at 8:56 p.m.

Carried unanimously.

There being no further business to be brought before Council, Mayor Hayduk declared the Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

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MYRON HAYDUK

Mayor

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CLIFF CRAIG

Town Manager