

# City Centre Public Hearing September 26th

## FACTS Submission

On September 12th the FACTS (Family and Community Twinning Society) made a presentation to Spruce Grove's Council to hire Young People ages 15-30 to work on [Urban Agriculture and Heritage Projects](#). Part of the Action Plan is to:

**Have community conversations about Agriculture and Heritage**

**Consider employing Homeless People 15-30**

**Identify Agricultural and Heritage resources and develop policies. (See City of Lacombe and Town of Cochrane).**

**Include Agricultural and Heritage Planning and Policies in the MDP**

The public hearing on Bylaw C-1162-21 which had its first reading on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, is an opportunity to take action to postpone City Centre Redistricting until Heritage implications are considered ([A copy of the report to Council and the bylaw can be found at this link](#)).

- Check the link to the Bylaw, which is 18 pages long.
- Also, check the link to the 3 page Request for a Decision Document.
- [Letter sent to owners about the Public Hearing. This is a good summary of the process. Come out and have your say or just listen and be there to support your view.](#)

The Pandemic has changed our view of Community and the Future. We value family and community cooperation more. We have spent more time walking in our neighbourhood. We have talked to our neighbours out doors. Also we have not used Columbus Park but other City Centre venues for markets and festivals. From our

neighbourhood conversations and our Heritage Tour, there is support for Heritage Preservation and rebranding Spruce Grove as a City in the Country with the City Centre becoming a Heritage District alongside High Density Living. See [Rurban Living and Heritage](#). We could start tomorrow with a \$1,500 Internship.

Based on the above discussions and proposals, we recommend **that this Public Hearing be postponed until Heritage Preservation is considered or the amendments defeated**. From an initial overview of the 3 page document, the First Avenue Precinct goal could fit into a City Centre Heritage District similar to the City of Lacombe and the Town of Cochrane. We need changes to the Residential Precinct to include more unique houses in the r1 district and maintain current districting in most of the other areas until Heritage Districting is considered. At the Public Hearing we hope to address the proposed changes (See [Letter sent to owners about the public hearing](#)). The High Street Urban Living Concept is incompatible with City in the Country rebranding and Urban Agriculture (See [Rurban Living and Heritage](#)). We recommend that the City Centre Area Redevelopment Plan (CCARP) be revised to reflect Heritage Preservation, the Strategic Plan and MDP revisions.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. Ibsen".