

COUNCIL MEETING ADDITIONS PACKAGE – JUNE 3, 2025

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

- 6:05 PM Delegation
 - Don Henry of the Lt. Col. Craig Armouries Indoor Gun Range

REQUEST FOR DECISION

SUBJECT

Request from the Lt. Col. Craig Armouries

RECOMMENDATION

That Council for the Town of Vermilion provide a letter of support to the Provincial Fire Arms Officer authorizing an indoor shooting range in the basement of the Lt. Col. Craig Armouries located at 5301 50 Avenue in the Town of Vermilion.

BACKGROUND

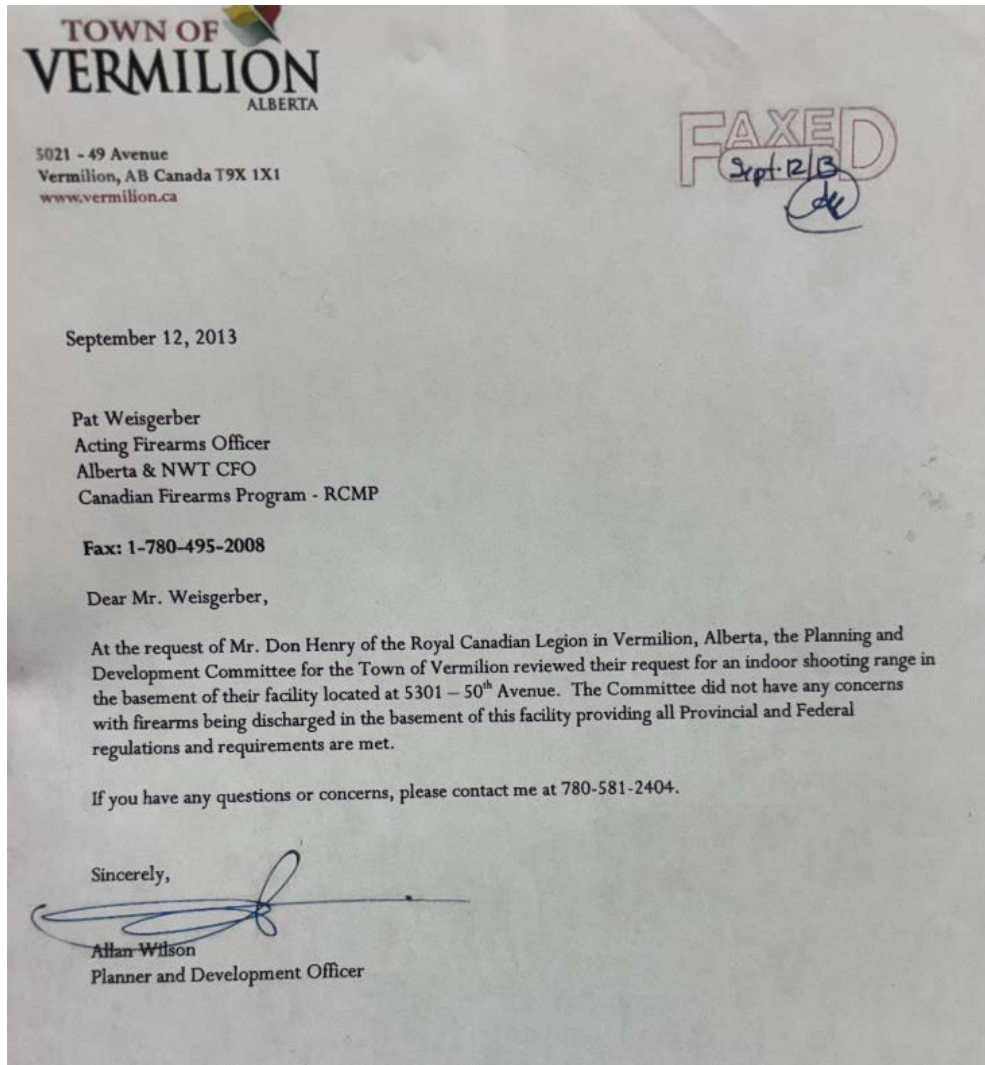
Don Henry, the head representative for the Lt. Col. Craig Armoury Historical Society, is requesting a letter of support from the Town to reactivate their indoor shooting range in the basement of the armouries building located at 5301 – 50 Avenue. This range was in use from 1951-2004 and then was in limbo as there was no money allocated to pay for annual inspection fees. In September 2013 this was taken to the Planning & Development Committee for discussion/review and a Committee decision (minutes included below) was made to provide the letter (also included below).

4.3 Royal Canadian Legion - Indoor Rifle Range

Allan Wilson provided the committee with a copy of a request from the Royal Canadian Legion for a letter of support to reactivate the 22 caliber indoor shooting range in the basement of the Lt Col Craig Armouries building located at 5301-50 Ave. The letter of support is required to meet the new provincial shoot range application as the application has a requirement that the Legion prove that they have a waiver from the Town of Vermilion to discharge a firearm within the Town limits.

Committee Decision:

The Town of Vermilion will forward a Letter of Support to the Provincial Fire Arms Officer authorizing a 22 caliber indoor shooting range in the basement of the Lt Col Craig Armouries located at 5301-50 Avenue in the Town of Vermilion.



Since it has been 12 years since this letter was issued, the Chief Firearms Officer for Alberta will require a new letter of support in order to allow their facility to be reinstated as they need to make sure the Town is providing permission to discharge firearms within Town limits at this location. They have updated it in accordance with all the new provincial and federal safety regulations and will need to be inspected by that officer or their department if/when the Town provides support. While the previous gun range specifically allowed for .22 caliber rifles, with the new safety measures implemented they can safely discharge larger caliber firearms as well.