

**MINUTES OF THE ELECTRONIC REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Town of Whitecourt**
held on Monday, March 8, 2021 at the Town Office Large Boardroom

Present:	Mayor Chichak; Deputy Mayor Connell; Councillors Chauvet, Hilts, McAree, Pickard and Schlosser; Chief Administrative Officer Smyl; and Recording Secretary Gallant.
Call to Order:	The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm. Mayor Chichak presiding.
Adoption of Agenda:	<p><u>21-075 Moved by Councillor Chauvet</u></p> <p>That the Agenda be adopted as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>
Minutes from the February 22, 2021 Regular Electronic Meeting of Council:	<p><u>21-076 Moved by Councillor Hilts</u></p> <p>That the Minutes from the February 22, 2021 Regular Electronic Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>
Public Input Session:	No written submissions were received from members of the public with a request to address Council.
Ad Hoc Waste and Recycling Services Committee:	<p>The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the Ad Hoc Waste and Recycling Services Committee conducted a survey which received 463 responses, on current service levels and needs for waste, recycling and compost services. The Director of Infrastructure introduced Chair Koren Scott, who reviewed the Committee's work through the past year, and indicated that the public expressed interest in expanding waste, recycling, and compost services. Ms. Scott reviewed recommendations made by the Committee in regard to waste, compost, and recycling services.</p> <p><u>21-077 Moved by Councillor McAree</u></p> <p>That Council accept the Ad Hoc Waste and Recycling Services Review Committee's updates and report as information, and direct Administration to bring forward options and recommendations to a future meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>
Scott Safety Centre Ice Plant Request for Proposals.	<p>The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the Director of Community Services to provide more information on proposals received for the ice plant replacement project. The Director reviewed submissions received, and recommended the contract for the new ice plant be awarded to Startec Service.</p> <p><u>21-078 Moved by Deputy Mayor Connell</u></p> <p>That Council award the contract for the Ice Plant Replacement to Startec Service for \$941,500.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>
2021 National Volunteer Week:	The Chief Administrative Officer noted that National Volunteer Week starts on April 18 and introduced the Director of Community Services to provide more information on the item. The Director reviewed activities planned during the Week, and noted that a new Volunteer Awards Program would be launched locally to recognize local volunteers.

21-079 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That Council accept the 2021 National Volunteer Week initiatives as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Downtown Parking:

Councillor Chauvet declared a pecuniary interest due to property ownership and vacated the meeting. Time 4:38pm.

The Chief Administrative Officer noted that downtown parking and the parking levy was reviewed by the Economic Development Committee at the direction of Council after receiving comments from the Whitecourt Chamber of Commerce on the topic. The Director of Planning and Development and Economic Development Officer were present to review the discussion and recommendation from the Economic Development Committee.

The Director reviewed the history of the 2017 Parking Study and resulting recommendations, and discussions with the Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber requested that Council remove parking requirements in the downtown and rescind the parking levy. The Director advised that removing the parking levy would require public hearings as part of the legislative process to amend the Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw.

21-080 Moved by Deputy Mayor Hilts

That Council accept the recommendation from the Economic Development Committee and direct Administration to initiate the process to rescind Parking Levy Reserve Policy 13-006 Schedule "H" and make the required amendments to the Town of Whitecourt Municipal Development Plan Bylaw 1505 and Land Use Bylaw 1506.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Chauvet returned to the meeting. Time 4:51pm.

CRASC –
Appointment of
Qualified
Assessment Review
Board Members,
Chair, and Clerk:

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the Assessment Review Board requires the annual appointment of qualified members to the Board.

21-081 Moved by Councillor McAree

That Council appoint Darlene Chartrand, Tina Groszko, Stewart Hennig, Richard Knowles, and Raymond Ralph, for a term ending December 31, 2021 as members of the Assessment Review Board that may from time to time be required to hear assessment-related complaints as permitted in the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, M-26; and

That Council appoint Raymond Ralph as the chair for the local assessment review board and the composite assessment review board; and

That Council appoint Richard Barham as the qualified clerk of the local assessment review board and the composite assessment review board.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Special Meeting:

The Chief Administrative Officer recommended that a Special Meeting be scheduled to discuss the 2021 Final Budget.

21-082 Moved by Councillor Hilts

That Council approve April 7, 2021 at 3:30pm as a Special Meeting of Council for the 2021 Budget.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council Workshop:

The Chief Administrative Officer recommended that Council schedule a workshop to discuss the 20 Year Capital and Major Maintenance Plan and Reserves prior to the Strategic Planning Session on March 16, 2021.

21-083 Moved by Councillor Pickard

That Council schedule a Council Workshop for March 10, 2021, from 3:30 – 5:30pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Reports:

Councillor Schlosser attended Eastlink Park meetings, and a meeting for Heritage Society.

Councillor Pickard attended the Whitecourt Regional Solid Waste Management Authority, Municipal Planning Commission and Joint Liaison Committee meetings.

Councillor Hilts attended the Municipal Planning Commission meeting and Tourism Planning Session.

Councillor McAree attended the Youth Advisory Committee meeting. Councillor McAree also commented that he was part of the group that delivered Fire Engine No. 3 to the Los Amigos group.

Deputy Mayor Connell attended the Whitecourt Regional Solid Waste Management Authority meeting.

Mayor Chichak attended an AUMA presentation on hydrogen energy and on the Provincial Budget. She attended the inaugural meeting of Whitecourt Tourism, provided a community update to the Chamber of Commerce, and gave greetings to the FIT Cities Conference. She attended the Library Board meeting, and noted that the library budget allocation was going to the Joint Liaison Committee for discussion. Other meetings attended included an Arbitration Workshop, a Question & Answer session with MLA Long, and a meeting with AESO and AltaLink.

21-084 Moved by Councillor McAree

That Council accept the Councillor Reports as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Items of Information:

In response to a question from Council, Mayor Chichak advised that the AUMA had done a presentation at the President’s Summit on Provincial Policing that she would distribute to Council and that could potentially be an agenda item at a future Council or Policies and Priorities Committee meeting.

21-085 Moved by Deputy Mayor Connell

That the following be accepted as information:

- a) Town Accounts – Cheques 74288 – 74411;
- b) February 8, 2021 Letter from AB Justice & Solicitor General re Fair Deal Panel (Provincial Police Force);
- c) February 23, 2021 Press Release re Whitecourt Town Council Update;
- d) February 23, 2021 Letter from Westlock County re AER Directive 67;

- e) February 25, 2021 Letter from Alberta Municipal Affairs re 2021 Provincial Budget;
- f) March 1, 2021 Letter from Crowsnest Pass to Solicitor General re RCMP/Provincial Police;
- g) March 3, 2021 Woodlands County Media Release re February 16, 2021 Council Recap;
- h) March 3, 2021 Woodlands County Media Release re March 2, 2021 Council Recap;
- i) March 4, 2021 Press Release re COVID-19 Update for Whitecourt;
- j) Mayor's Calendar; and
- k) Council's Calendar.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Intermunicipal Agreements (Closed Meeting):

21-086 Moved by Deputy Mayor Hilts

That the Regular Meeting of Council go into Closed Meeting for Intermunicipal Agreements. Time: 5:10pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

21-087 Moved by Councillor Pickard

That Council revert to Regular Meeting. Time: 5:50pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Intermunicipal Agreements:

21-088 Moved by Councillor Pickard

That Council accept Intermunicipal Agreements as information.

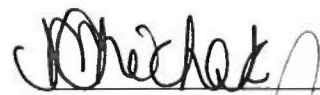
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Adjournment:

21-089 Moved by Deputy Mayor Hilts

That the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned. Time: 5:54pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



 Mayor



 Chief Administrative Officer