

**MINUTES OF THE ELECTRONIC REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
of the Town of Whitecourt**  
held on Monday, April 12, 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:** 21-109 Moved by Councillor Chauvet  
That the Agenda be adopted as presented.  
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- Minutes from the March 22, 2021 Regular Electronic Meeting of Council:** 21-110 Moved by Councillor Hilts  
That the Minutes from the March 22, 2021 Regular Electronic Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.  
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- Public Input Session:** No written submissions were received from members of the public with a request to address Council.
- Visitors and Delegations:**
- i. Community Futures Yellowhead East (CFYE); - The Mayor introduced Michelle Jones and Ellen MacCormac of Community Futures Yellowhead East to provide an operational review of the previous year. Ms. Jones reviewed the loans and programs operated by CFYE, noting that the agency was able to capitalize on undersubscribed programs from neighbouring provinces, making more funding available for the region.
- Councillor McAree left the meeting at 4:02pm.
- Ms. Jones outlined upcoming CFYE programs, including National Lemonade Day. It was requested that the Town sponsor the Local Entrepreneur of the Year Award as part of the initiative, as well as supply no-charge meeting space to provide training for the Lemonade Day participants.
- 21-111 Moved by Councillor Schlosser  
That Council recognize the presence of Michelle Jones and Ellen MacCormac of Community Futures Yellowhead East.  
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- ii. Lac Ste. Anne Foundation; - The Mayor introduced Dena Krysik, Chief Administrative Officer of the Lac Ste. Anne Foundation, to provide an update on the Foundation's operations. Ms. Krysik discussed the impact of COVID-19 on operations, and discussed organizational highlights and priorities for the year.
- 21-112 Moved by Councillor Hilts  
That Council recognize the presence of Dena Krysik of the Lac Ste. Anne Foundation.  
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Business Arising from Visitors and Delegations:

i. Community Futures Yellowhead East;

21-113 Moved by Councillor Connell

That Council direct Administration to bring back information on Lemonade Day to a future Council meeting.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ii. Lac Ste. Anne Foundation;

21-114 Moved by Councillor Hilts

That Council accept the presentation of Dena Krysik of the Lac Ste. Anne Foundation as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that a change of date for the Special Meeting of Council to review the 2021 Budget was necessary.

21-115 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That Council schedule a Special Meeting of Council on April 13, 2021 at 4:00pm to discuss the 2021 Budget.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Reschedule Special Meeting of Council – 2021 Budget:

The Chief Administrative Officer reviewed the 2020 Project List.

21-116 Moved by Councillor Schlosser

That Council accept the 2020 Project List as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2020 Project List:

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that following previous discussions with Council, Administration was recommending to proceed with the Free Clean Up Week and Take It or Leave It Campaign and introduced the Director of Infrastructure to provide further information. The Director noted that the Landfill Authority had been notified of the event, and that the Town would be providing additional staff at the Landfill to facilitate the event.

Councillor McAree returned to the meeting at 5:03pm.

21-117 Moved by Councillor Pickard

That Council direct Administration to offer curbside Take It or Leave It and provide Residential Free Clean Up Week at the Whitecourt Regional Landfill from May 18 to 22, 2021.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Whitecourt Free Clean Up/Take it or Leave It:

2021 Community Clean Up Program:

The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the Director of Infrastructure, who noted the Community Clean Up is an annual program that provides a fundraising opportunity to local community groups. The Director also noted that an additional application had been received after preparation of the RFD. Council noted that the program provides many benefits for our community and has a positive impact on the appearance and cleanliness of the Town.

21-118 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That Council award the Community Clean Up Program to the Whitecourt Taekwondo Association and St. Patrick’s Anglican Church; and that Council authorize Administration to select other community groups for inclusion in the Community Clean Up Program as they come forward, as permitted by the approved budget for the program.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Water System Upgrades – Contract C Award:

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that Contract C is the final phase of the Water System Upgrade Project. Ten compliant bids were received and reviewed with a recommendation from the project engineer.

21-119 Moved by Councillor Pickard

That Council award the contract for Water System Upgrades Contract C to Parkway Enterprises Ltd. for \$1,150,972.90, plus GST.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Date Change to August 2021 Regular Meeting of Council:

The Chief Administrative Officer stated that due to scheduling, it was recommended that the August Council Meeting date be moved to August 24, 2021.

21-120 Moved by Councillor Schlosser

That Council approve the change of date for the August Regular Meeting of Council from Monday, August 16, to Tuesday, August 24, 2021.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Reports:

Councillor McAree advised that he attended a Youth Advisory Committee

Councillor Pickard attended a Municipal Planning Commission workshop, Municipal Planning Commission meeting, and Protective Services Committee meeting. He also noted that his term on the ALERT committee was completed.

Councillor Hilts attended the Municipal Planning Commission workshop and Municipal Planning Commission meeting, along with a Lac Ste. Anne Foundation meeting.

Councillor Chauvet attended the ‘Trailblazers’ season wrap up and the Whitecourt Regional Solid Waste Management Authority meeting.

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

Mayor Chichak attended the Youth Advisory Committee and Protective Services Committee meetings, as well as a ribbon cutting event for Whitecourt Landscape Depot and FCSS Grant cheque presentations. She also participated in interviews with the RCMP for Whitecourt’s staff sergeant position. With regard to Commercial Safety Rest Areas, she met with other affected Mayors and has not yet heard back from the Minister of Transportation regarding a joint meeting with the Ministry and affected municipalities. She noted that she had a meeting scheduled with Alberta Municipal Affairs Minister McIver on April 15.

21-121 Moved by Councillor Schlosser

That Council accept the Councillor Reports as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Items of Information:

Council discussed the letter from the Town of Edson regarding a national suicide hotline.

21-122 Moved by Councillor McAree

That Council send a letter to MP Viersen and MLA Long in support of the development of a National Suicide Hotline.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

21-123 Moved by Councillor Hilts

That the following be accepted as information:

- a) Town Accounts – Cheques 74537 – 74724;
- b) March 19, 2021 Letter from Edson to MP Soroka re Support of National Suicide Hotline;
- c) March 19, 2021 Letter from Alberta Agriculture and Forestry re Mountain Pine Beetle Grant Funding;
- d) March 22, 2021 – Letter from AESO re Tariff Preferred Rate Design;
- e) March 24, 2021 Press Release re Whitecourt Town Council Update;
- f) March 26, 2021 – Woodlands County Press Release re March 23, 2021 Council Recap;
- g) March 29, 2021 – Press Release re COVID-19 Update for Whitecourt;
- h) March 31, 2021 – Letter to Minister of Transportation re Commercial Safety Rest Areas;
- i) April 6, 2021 – Press Release re COVID-19 Update for Whitecourt;
- j) April 7, 2021 – Woodlands County Press Release re April 6, 2021 Council Recap;
- k) Mayor’s Calendar; and
- l) Council’s Calendar.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Intermunicipal Agreements (Closed Meeting):

21-124 Moved by Councillor Pickard

That the Regular Meeting of Council go into Closed Meeting for Intermunicipal Agreements per Section 21 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act. Time: 5:27pm

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

21-125 Moved by Councillor Hilts

That Council revert to Regular Meeting. Time: 6:00pm

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Intermunicipal Agreements:

21-126 Moved by Councillor Pickard

That Council accept Intermunicipal Agreements as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Adjournment:

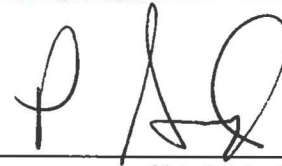
21-127 Moved by Councillor McAree

That the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned. Time: 6:04pm

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



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Mayor



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Chief Administrative Officer