

**MINUTES OF THE ELECTRONIC REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Town of Whitecourt**
held on Monday, September 13, 2021 at the Town Office Large Boardroom

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| Present: | Mayor Chichak; Deputy Mayor Schlosser; Councillors Chauvet, Connell, Hiltz, McAree, and Pickard; Chief Administrative Officer Smyl; and Recording Secretary Grimstad-Davidson. |
| Call to Order & Mayor's Address: | The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. Mayor Chichak presiding. |
| Adoption of Agenda: | <u>21-306 Moved by Councillor Chauvet</u> That the Agenda be adopted as presented. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. |
| Minutes from the August 24, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council: | <u>21-307 Moved by Councillor McAree</u> That the Minutes from the August 24, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. |
| Minutes from the August 30, 2021 Special Meeting of Council: | <u>21-308 Moved by Councillor McAree</u> That the Minutes from the August 30, 2021 Special Meeting of Council be adopted as presented. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. |
| Public Input Session: | There was no one from the public who wished to address Council. |
| Municipal Centre Ad-Hoc Building Steering Committee Public Education Campaign: | The Chief Administrative Officer advised that further to Council's Planning Session, Municipal Centre Ad-Hoc Building Steering Committee had been developing a public education program and introduced the Director of Community Services and Committee Chair Norm Hodgson. The Chair provided proposed content and timeline for the public education components. <u>21-309 Moved by Councillor McAree</u> That Council approve the Municipal Centre Ad-Hoc Building Steering Committee Public Education Campaign as presented. Votes in Favour of the Motion: Mayor Chichak, Deputy Mayor Schlosser, Councillors Chauvet, Connell, McAree and Pickard. Votes in Opposition of the Motion: Councillor Hiltz. - MOTION CARRIED. |
| National Coaches Appreciation Week: | The Chief Administrative Officer noted that National Coaches Appreciation Week provides an opportunity to give thanks to the many great coaches in our community. <u>21-310 Moved by Councillor Pickard</u> That Council be authorized to participate in the National Coaches Appreciation Week surprise visits between September 20 – 24, and officially proclaim September 18 – 26, 2021 as National Coaches Week in Whitecourt. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. |

2021 Career and Education Expo:

The Chief Administrative Officer noted that the 2021 Career and Education Expo is scheduled for October 21 and provides a good opportunity for youth to learn about educational opportunities and potential employment in the area. The event will be adapted to conform with COVID-19 restrictions as may be required at the time.

21-311 Moved by Deputy Mayor Schlosser

That Council accept the 2021 Career and Education Expo as information and that Council be authorized to attend the Career and Education Expo on October 21, 2021.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Keyera KAPS Pipeline Project Update:

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that local economic development staff have been working with Keyera on a \$1.6 billion pipeline that will be constructed in the area. Keyera will be using local services where possible, and the pipeline will create short and long term economic benefits for the community.

21-312 Moved by Councillor Hilts

That Council accept the Keyera KAPS Pipeline Project Update as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Vitalization Grant Applications:

The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the Director of Planning and Development to review the Vitalization Grant applications. The Director noted that there was \$35,000 remaining in the budget following the first round of applications, and that four applications were received.

21-313 Moved by Councillor Connell

That Council accept the recommendation from Administration and allocate the remaining 2021 Vitalization Grant funding as follows:

| Applicant: | 2021 Vitalization Grant Award: |
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| 769624 Alberta Ltd. | \$5,753 |
| Whitecourt SDA Church | \$3,883 |
| 2198092 Alberta Ltd. | \$3,238 |
| Living Waters Catholic Separate School Division | \$5,000 |
| TOTAL | \$17,874 |

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council and Council Committee Meetings:

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that in light of rising COVID-19 numbers in the community, Administration recommended that meetings revert to electronic format.

21-314 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That Council direct Administration to proceed with electronic meetings for Council and Council committee meetings; and

That Regular Council meetings be rescheduled to 4:00pm until further notice; and

That Public Input Sessions be conducted via written correspondence only until further notice.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Oaths of Office Ceremony, Orientation Session and Organizational Meeting:

The Chief Administrative Officer reviewed timelines and events required following the General Municipal Election.

21-315 Moved by Deputy Mayor Schlosser

That Council cancel the October Policies & Priorities Committee meeting scheduled for 4:00pm on October 18, 2021; and

That Council schedule the Oaths of Office Ceremony for 10:00am on Saturday, October 23; and

That Council adopt the Whitecourt 2021 Council Orientation Agenda as presented.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Rail Safety Week:

The Chief Administrative Officer noted that a request to proclaim Rail Safety Week had been received from CN Rail.

21-316 Moved by Councillor McAree

That Council recognize the week of September 20 – 26, 2021 as Rail Safety Week in Whitecourt, as per Policy 11-008 – Salutes of Special Days/Weeks/Events and/or Proclamations.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Reports:

Councillor McAree attended the Community Connections event.

Councillor Chauvet attended the Regular and Special meetings of Council.

Councillor Hilts attended an executive meeting of Community Futures Yellowhead East.

Councillor Pickard attended the Special meeting of Council.

Councillor Connell attended the Special meeting of Council and a Communities in Bloom meeting.

Deputy Mayor Schlosser attended the Special meeting of Council.

Mayor Chichak attended the Special and Regular meetings of Council.

21-317 Moved by Councillor McAree

That Council accept the Councillor Reports as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Items of Information:

21-318 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That the following be accepted as information:

- a. Town Accounts – Cheques 76023 – 76208;
- b. August 23, 2021 Woodlands County Media Release re August 17 Meeting Recap;
- c. August 26, 2021 Press Release re Whitecourt Town Council Update;
- d. August 31, 2021 Press Release re Road Construction Projects are Progressing Throughout Town;
- e. September 3, 2021 Press Release re COVID-19 Update for Whitecourt;
- f. Boys & Girls Club Grand Opening – October 2, 2021;

- g. September 9, 2021 Woodlands County Media Release re September 9 Meeting Recap;
- h. Mayor's Calendar; and
- i. Council's Calendar.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Land Inventory Study Update (Closed Meeting):

21-319 Moved by Councillor Pickard

That the Regular Meeting of Council go into Closed Meeting for the Land Inventory Study Update per Section 16 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act. Time: 4:50pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Intermunicipal Agreements (Closed Meeting):

21-320 Moved by Councillor Hilts

That the Regular Meeting of Council go into Closed Meeting for the Intermunicipal Agreements per Section 21 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act. Time: 4:50pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

21-321 Moved by Mayor Chichak

That Council revert to the Regular Meeting. Time: 5:35pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Land Inventory Study Update:

21-322 Moved by Councillor Pickard

That Council accept the Land Inventory Study Update as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Intermunicipal Agreements:

21-323 Moved by Councillor McAree

That Council accept Intermunicipal Agreements as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Adjournment:

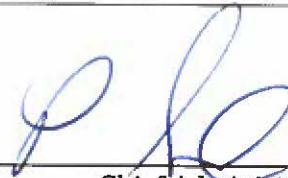
21-324 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned. Time: 5:37pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer