

**MINUTES OF THE ELECTRONIC REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Town of Whitecourt**
held on Monday, November 22, 2021 at the Town Office Large Boardroom

Present: Mayor Pickard; Deputy Mayor Schlosser; Councillors Baker, Chauvet, Lanctot, Lapointe, and McAree; Acting Chief Administrative Officer Tymchyshyn; and Recording Secretary Gallant.

Call to Order & Mayor's Address: The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm; Mayor Pickard presiding.

Adoption of Agenda: 21-401 Moved by Councillor Chauvet
That the Agenda be adopted as presented. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Minutes from the November 8, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council: 21-402 Moved by Councillor Lapointe
That the Minutes from the November 8, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Public Input Session: There were no members of the public wishing to make a presentation.

Project List: The Acting Chief Administrative Officer advised that the Project List was updated and introduced the Director of Corporate Services to review Town projects.
21-403 Moved by Deputy Mayor Schlosser
That Council accept the 2021 Project List as information. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Quarterly Financial Review: The Acting Chief Administrative Officer advised that the Quarterly Financial Report was provided to Council as information and introduced the Director of Corporate Services to review details of the report.
Councillor McAree arrived to the meeting at 4:09pm.
21-404 Moved by Councillor Lanctot
That Council accept the Quarterly Financial Report for the period ending September 30, 2021 as information. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COVID-19 Factor – Financial Impact: The Acting Chief Administrative Officer introduced the Director of Corporate Services to provide a summary of the impacts of COVID-19 on revenues and expenditures. The Director noted that the estimated deficit would be funded from the Sustainability Reserve.

Council discussed offering COVID-19 testing at public facilities.

21-405 Moved by Councillor Chauvet
That Council obtain information on the use and contracting of a company to perform COVID-19 tests at Town public facilities.

Votes in Favour of the Motion: Councillors Chauvet, Lanctot and Lapointe.

Votes in Opposition of the Motion: Mayor Pickard, Deputy Mayor Schlosser, Councillors Baker and McAree.

- MOTION DEFEATED.

21-406 Moved by Councillor Lanctot

That Council accept the COVID-19 Factor – Financial Impact item as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Development Agreement – Marshall-Lee Construction Corp. re New Living Waters K-3 School Servicing at 3804 47 Street:

The Acting Chief Administrative Officer advised that a Development Agreement for the proposed construction of the K-3 school for Living Waters Catholic Separate Schools was brought forward and introduced the Director of Planning and Development. The Director advised that the applicant was agreeable to the terms presented.

21-407 Moved by Councillor Lapointe

That Council authorize the Town to enter into a Development Agreement with Marshall-Lee Construction Corp. for the work required to construct a new school at 3804 47 Street.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Letter of Support – CanGEA Jobs and Growth Fund Grant Application:

The Acting Chief Administrative Officer advised that that Canadian Geothermal Energy Association (CanGEA) is a non-profit association seeking grant funding to create a White Paper on Renewable Heating and is looking for support from municipalities and introduced the Director of Planning and Development. The Director advised that supporting the CanGEA project could further development of geothermal infrastructure in communities across Canada.

21-408 Moved by Deputy Mayor Schlosser

That Council direct Administration to provide a letter of support for CanGEA’s Renewable Heating Portfolio Standard White Paper grant application under the Western Diversification Jobs and Growth Fund.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Tamarack Health Advisory and Provincial Health Advisory Council:

The Acting Chief Administrative Officer advised that Alberta Health Services was seeking members for the Tamarack Health Advisory and Provincial Advisory Councils. It was noted that Council has had representation on the boards in the past, and it may be beneficial to have Council Members apply.

21-409 Moved by Deputy Mayor Schlosser

That Council authorize Councillors Tara Baker and Braden Lanctot to apply to the Tamarack Health Advisory Council and/or Provincial Advisory Council.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Alberta Municipalities/ FCM Resolutions:

The Acting Chief Administrative Officer noted that this item is discussed annually by Council to determine if there are resolutions that Whitecourt should submit to the Alberta Municipalities or Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) for consideration.

Councillor Chauvet proposed submitting a resolution to FCM regarding the use of domestically produced oil and gas products to support the Canadian industry.

21-410 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That Council direct Administration to bring forward information at the next Policies and Priorities Committee meeting related to a proposed resolution to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities regarding Canadian oil and gas imports.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

21-411 Moved by Councillor Lapointe

That Council accept Alberta Municipalities/ FCM Resolutions as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Reports:

Deputy Mayor Schlosser attended the Community Services Advisory Board meeting, and Meet and Greet with Woodlands County Council. He also attended a virtual Breakfast with the Guys event, a Whitecourt Wolverines game as part of the Family Violence Initiative, and a Winter Recreation Park Society meeting to introduce Councillor Lanctot.

Councillor Baker attended an Ad Hoc Building Steering Committee meeting, training for the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, and the Meet and Greet with Woodlands County Council. She also attended the Alberta Municipalities Convention and Reynolds Mirth Legal Seminar.

Councillor Chauvet attended a Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Hearing, a Council meeting, and an Economic Development Committee meeting. He also attended the Alberta Municipalities Convention virtually.

Councillor Lanctot attended the Breakfast with the Guys, Meet and Greet with Woodlands County Council, the Alberta Municipalities Convention and Reynolds Mirth Legal Seminar. He also attended meetings for the Economic Development, Whitecourt Tourism and Protective Services Committees, along with his first meeting for the Winter Recreation Park Society.

Councillor Lapointe attended the Ad Hoc Building Steering Committee meeting and the organizational meeting for the Whitecourt Library, along with the Meet & Greet with Woodlands County Council. She attended the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB) as an observer and is currently taking SDAB training. Councillor Lapointe also attended Alberta Municipalities Convention utilizing the virtual format.

Councillor McAree attended the Breakfast with the Guys event, Meet and Greet with Woodlands County Council, the Alberta Municipalities Convention, and Reynolds Mirth Legal Seminar.

Mayor Pickard attended the Breakfast with the Guys event, Meet and Greet with Woodlands County Council, the Alberta Municipalities Convention and Reynolds Mirth Legal Seminar. He also attended Protective Services Committee, Economic Development Committee and Mountain Pine Beetle Mitigation Committee meetings. He noted that he laid the remembrance wreath at the Whitecourt Cenotaph on Remembrance Day and was a guest speaker at the Remembrance Day service at Spruce View Lodge. He noted that while at the Alberta Municipalities Convention, Council had an opportunity to meet with RCMP Staff and the Assistant Deputy Minister for Alberta Justice and Solicitor General.

Items of Information:

21-412 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That Council accept the Councillor Reports as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

21-413 Moved by Deputy Mayor Schlosser

That the following be accepted as information:

- a) Town Accounts – Cheques 76897 – 77046;
- b) October 26, 2021 Letter from Living Waters Catholic Schools re Congratulations to Council;
- c) October 28, 2021 Letter from Alberta Transportation re Highway 43 Retaining Wall;
- d) October 28, 2021 Letter from Alberta Transportation re Commercial Safety Rest Areas;
- e) November 4, 2021 Letter from Alberta Justice & Solicitor General re Policing Support Grant;
- f) November 5, 2021 Letter from Fortis re Congratulations to Council;
- g) November 9, 2021 Press Release re Whitecourt Town Council Update;
- h) November 15, 2021 Pres Release re COVID-19 Update for Whitecourt;
- i) November 15, 2021 Woodlands County Media Release re November 10 County Council Recap;
- j) Mayor’s Calendar; and
- k) Council Calendar.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council Committee Appointments (Closed Meeting):

21-414 Moved by Councillor Baker

That Council go into Closed Meeting to discuss Council Committee Appointments, per Section 17 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act. Time 5:39pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

21-415 Moved by Councillor McAree

That Council revert to the Regular Meeting. Time: 6:04pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council Committee Appointments:

21-416 Moved by Councillor Lapointe

That Council appoint Janice Milligan and Ashley Rose for a term of one year, ending October 2022.

Votes in Favour of the Motion: Mayor Pickard, Deputy Mayor Schlosser, Councillors Chauvet, Lanctot, Lapointe, and McAree.

Votes in Opposition of the Motion: Councillor Baker.

- MOTION CARRIED.

Adjournment:

21-417 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned. Time: 6:06pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer