

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Town of Whitecourt**
held on Monday, March 14, 2022 at the Forest Interpretive Centre

Present:	Mayor Pickard; Deputy Mayor Baker; Councillors Chauvet, Lanctot, Lapointe, McAree and Schlosser; Chief Administrative Officer Smyl; and Recording Secretary Grimstad-Davidson.
Call to Order & Mayor's Address:	The meeting was called to order at 4:05pm; Mayor Pickard presiding.
Adoption of Agenda:	<p><u>22-072 Moved by Councillor Schlosser</u></p> <p>That the Agenda be adopted as amended by adding Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Update as Item 4(a) and deleting Item 11 – Intermunicipal Agreements.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>
Minutes from the February 28, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council:	<p><u>22-073 Moved by Councillor Chauvet</u></p> <p>That the Minutes from the February 28, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>
Public Input Session:	There were no members of the public wishing to make a presentation.
Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Update:	<p>The Chief Administrative Officer advised that on March 11, 2022, the Town received notice that Woodlands County filed an Application for Judicial Review of the ICF Arbitration Award; and an Application to Stay. The CAO advised that a municipality can apply for a Judicial Review within 60 days of the decision on questions of jurisdiction only.</p> <p><u>22-074 Moved by Councillor Schlosser</u></p> <p>That Council accept the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Update as information and forward to 2022 Budget Deliberations.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>
Culture & Events Centre Education Campaign Results:	<p>The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the Director of Community Services to review the results of the Culture & Events Centre Education Campaign. The Director introduced Norm Hodgson, Chair of the Ad Hoc Building Steering Committee. The Chair noted that following the receipt of detailed design drawings, the Committee conducted various activities throughout the month of February to provide information and answer questions regarding the proposed facility. The Chair noted that the Committee was committed to providing open and transparent information to the community and was pleased with the public engagement efforts.</p> <p>Council commended the Chair and the Committee on all of the work that they had done to educate the community on the Culture & Events Centre.</p> <p><u>22-075 Moved by Councillor Lapointe</u></p> <p>That Council accept the Culture & Events Centre Education Campaign Results as information.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>

Culture & Events
Centre Next Steps:

The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the Director of Community Services to provide information on timelines for grants, the borrowing bylaw, and construction steps for the Culture & Events Centre site.

Council discussed funding of the project and next steps for securing partnerships and sponsorships.

Mayor Pickard declared a recess. Time 5:05pm.

The meeting reconvened at 5:11pm.

22-076 Moved by Councillor Schlosser

That Council authorize Administration to:

1. Enter into a contract with BR2 Architecture to complete Construction and Tender Documents for the Roadway/Parking and Parcel Rough Grade; and to Tender the Roadway/Parking and Parcel Rough Grade; and
2. Enter into a contract with BR2 Architecture to complete Construction Drawings for the Culture & Events Centre; and
3. Confirm partnerships and initiate the Borrowing Bylaw process.

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

Votes in Opposition of the Motion: Mayor Pickard, Deputy Mayor Baker.

- MOTION CARRIED.

Street Sweeper –
Request for
Proposal Review:

The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the Director of Infrastructure to provide further details on the proposals received to replace the existing street sweeper, which is nearing the end of its life cycle.

22-077 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That Council accept the proposal from Joe Johnson Equipment for the supply of a 2023 Elgin Street Sweeper for a cost of \$316,703.55 plus GST, with the shortfall of \$50,703.55 to be funded from the Infrastructure Reserve.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor McAree arrived at the meeting. Time: 5:21pm.

Policy 11-001 –
Meetings of
Council:

The Chief Administrative Officer stated that per Council’s discussion, Policy 11-001 was brought forward to reschedule Council meeting times to 4:00pm.

22-078 Moved by Councillor Schlosser

That Council adopt Policy 11-001 – Meetings of Council as presented.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Reports:

Deputy Mayor Baker attended meetings for the Youth Advisory Committee, FireSmart Working Group, and Party in the Park sub-committee. She also attended the Council Workshop and the Alberta Municipalities Spring Leaders’ Caucus.

Councillor Chauvet attended the Council Workshop and the Economic Development Committee meeting.

Councillor McAree attended the Youth Advisory Committee and Council Workshop.

Councillor Lanctot took part in the Economic Development Committee meeting and Council Workshop.

Councillor Schlosser's meetings included Community Services Advisory Board and Municipal Planning Commission.

Councillor Lapointe attended the Council Workshop, meeting of Joint Liaison committee members, a Yellowhead Regional Library meeting, and a Chamber of Commerce meeting on behalf of the Mayor.

Mayor Pickard attended the Youth Advisory Committee, and noted that the youth members are being encouraged to attend various Council Committee members, and welcomed Beckett Halloway as he was viewing the Council meeting. The Mayor also met with the President and Director of the Chamber of Commerce; attended the Alberta Municipalities Spring Leaders' Caucus; and the Berland Caribou Task Force.

22-079 Moved by Councillor Lanctot

That Council accept the Councillor Reports as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

22-080 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That the following be accepted as information:

- a) Town Accounts – Cheques 78346 – 78535;
- b) February 28, 2022 – Press Release re COVID-19 Update;
- c) March 2, 2022 – Press Release re Council Update;
- d) March 3, 2022 – Woodlands Media Release – County Council Recap March 2, 2022;
- e) March 4, 2022 – Press Release re Ukraine Flag Flying at Memorial Point;
- f) March 9, 2022 – Alberta Municipalities Media Release re Alberta Provincial Police Service;
- g) Mayor's Calendar; and
- h) Council Calendar.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

22-081 Moved by Councillor McAree

That the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned. Time: 5:33pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



Chief Administrative Officer



Mayor

Items of Information:

Adjournment: