

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Town of Whitecourt**
held on Monday, March 28, 2022 at the Forest Interpretive Centre

Present:	Mayor Pickard; Deputy Mayor Baker; Councillors Chauvet, and Lapointe; Acting Chief Administrative Officer Tymchyshyn; and Recording Secretary Grimstad-Davidson. Councillor Lanctot attended the meeting via teleconference.
Absent:	Councillors McAree and Schlosser.
Call to Order & Mayor's Address:	The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm; Mayor Pickard presiding.
Adoption of Agenda:	<u>22-082 Moved by Councillor Chauvet</u> That the Agenda be adopted as presented. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
Minutes from the March 14, 2022 Special Meeting of Council:	<u>22-083 Moved by Councillor Chauvet</u> That the Minutes from the March 14, 2022 Special Meeting of Council be adopted as presented. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
Minutes from the March 14, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council:	<u>22-084 Moved by Deputy Mayor Baker</u> That the Minutes from the March 14, 2022 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.
Municipal Enforcement 2021 Annual Report:	The Acting Chief Administrative Officer introduced Community Peace Officers Grywacheski and Jendrick to review highlights of 2021 Municipal Enforcement. The Officers explained the process for ticketing and towing in relation to snow removal. <u>22-085 Moved by Councillor Lapointe</u> That Council accept the Municipal Enforcement 2021 Annual Report as information. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
RCMP Retroactive Payment Cost Sharing:	The Acting Chief Administrative Officer stated that as outlined in a collective agreement signed with the National Police Federation, the Government of Canada agreed to retroactive payments for RCMP regular members for fiscal years 2017 through to 2021, which will result in an invoice to Whitecourt for the cost share amounts from Public Safety Canada. It was noted that Alberta Municipalities was actively advocating to the Province for the development of a payment plan for municipalities for this expense.

22-086 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That Council accept the RCMP Retroactive Payment Cost Sharing report as information, with funding to be provided from the GST Partnership Reserve (\$369,000 for the period April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2021) and defer the ^{Woodlands} county Cost Share portion to a future Joint Liaison Committee meeting.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

As amended by
Motion 22-101,
April 11, 2022

Mayor for a Day Initiative:

The Acting Chief Administrative Officer noted that the Mayor For A Day initiative was scheduled for April 25, 2022 and introduced the Acting Director of Community Services to provide further information on the initiative.

22-087 Moved by Councillor Lanctot

That Council accept the Mayor for a Day Initiative as information, and appoint Teyha Ophus and Josiah Moore as participants in the Mayor for a Day Initiative on April 25, 2022.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2021 Project List:

The Acting Chief Administrative Officer noted that the 2021 Project List presented included the status of projects as of December 31, 2021.

22-088 Moved by Councillor Lanctot

That Council accept the 2021 Project List as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Joint Council Workshop:

The Acting Chief Administrative Officer advised that Administration proposed that a joint workshop be scheduled with Woodlands County Council to have BR2 Architecture present detailed designs for the Culture & Events Centre on April 11, 2022.

22-089 Moved by Deputy Mayor Baker

That Council schedule a Joint Council Workshop with Woodlands County on April 11, 2022 at 7:00pm at Council Chambers at the Forest Interpretive Centre.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Whitecourt Trade Fair 2022:

The Acting Chief Administrative Officer noted that the Whitecourt & District Chamber of Commerce will be hosting its annual Trade Fair in May 2022.

22-090 Moved by Councillor Lapointe

That Council authorize Council Members' attendance at Trade Fair 2022, scheduled for May 27 to 29, 2022.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Living Waters Catholic Schools Meeting Invitation:

The Acting Chief Administrative Officer advised that Living Waters Catholic Schools extended an invitation to meet to provide the Town with information and updates on Living Waters and the school community in Whitecourt.

22-091 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That Council members be authorized to attend the meeting with Living Waters Catholic Schools on June 28, 2022 at 8:00am.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2022 Lemonade Day:

The Acting Chief Administrative Officer advised that Community Futures Yellowhead East had requested Council's participation at the annual Lemonade Day scheduled for June 18, 2022.

Mayor Pickard called a recess. Time 5:18pm.

The meeting resumed at 5:22pm.

22-092 Moved by Deputy Mayor Baker

That Council proclaim June 18, 2022 as Lemonade Day per Policy 11-008 – Salutes of Special Days/Weeks/Events and/or Proclamations.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

22-093 Moved by Councillor Lapointe

That three members of Council be authorized to judge the Best Lemonade Stand and Local Entrepreneur of the Year competitions on June 18, 2022 and three Council members to judge for the Best Tasting Lemonade on May 30, 2022; and

That the Town of Whitecourt support the 2022 Lemonade Day by authorizing the Planning & Development Department to work with Community Futures Yellowhead East to issue Lemonade Day Development Permits and Lease Agreements as part of the local program; and

That space be provided free of charge at the Forest Interpretive Centre or other municipal building, subject to availability, for 2022 Lemonade Day related training sessions.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Edson Mayor's Inaugural Golf Tournament:

The Acting Chief Administrative Officer noted that an invitation was received from the Town of Edson inviting Council to participate in a Charity Golf Tournament on June 24, 2022.

22-094 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That Council Members be authorized to participate in the Edson Mayor's Inaugural Golf Tournament on Friday, June 24, 2022, at the Edson Golf Club.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Reports:

Councillor Lanctot attended the Protective Services Committee meeting.

Deputy Mayor Baker attended the Eagle Tower Victim Services Society Annual General Meeting, a Policies and Priorities Committee meeting, and a Performing Arts Society Annual General Meeting, although quorum was not sufficient to allow the meeting to proceed. As Deputy Mayor, she also attended the Spruceview Tea and the grand opening for Precious Sprouts Childcare Centre.

Councillor Chauvet attended a Lac Ste. Anne Foundation meeting.

Councillor Lapointe attended Community Futures Yellowhead East and Library Board meetings, and a meeting of Joint Liaison Committee members.

Mayor Pickard attended the Protective Services Committee meeting and met with the Berland Caribou Task Force and a Solicitor General presentation on the Alberta

Provincial Police. He also met with representatives from Canfor, along with members of Administration.

22-095 Moved by Councillor Lanctot

That Council accept the Councillor Reports as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

22-096 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That the following be accepted as information:

- a) Town Accounts – Cheques 78536 – 78694;
- b) March 11, 2022 – Coldest Night of the Year Thank You;
- c) March 17, 2022 – Press Release re Whitecourt Town Council Update;
- d) March 18, 2022 – Woodlands County Media Release re March 17 Council Recap;
- e) Mayor’s Calendar; and
- f) Council Calendar.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

22-097 Moved by Councillor Lapointe

That Council go into Closed Meeting to discuss Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework per Section 21 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act. Time 5:42pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting recessed at 5:43pm.

The meeting reconvened at 5:48pm.

22-098 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework be accepted as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

22-099 Moved by Councillor Lapointe

That the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned. Time: 6:54pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chief Administrative Officer

Mayor

Items of Information:

Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework – Closed Meeting:

Adjournment: