

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Town of Whitecourt**
held on Monday, April 25, 2022 at the Forest Interpretive Centre

Present:	Mayor Pickard; Deputy Mayor Baker; Councillors Chauvet, Lanctot, Lapointe, and Schlosser; Chief Administrative Officer Smyl; and Recording Secretary Gallant.
Absent:	Councillor McAree.
Call to Order & Mayor's Address:	The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm; Mayor Pickard presiding. Mayor Pickard introduced the Mayor for a Day recipients, Tehya Ophus and Josiah Moore. Mayor Pickard also thanked the Jays Care Foundation for awarding Whitecourt Minor Baseball a grant to upgrade Diamond #3 at Graham Acres.
Adoption of Agenda:	<u>22-123 Moved by Councillor Lanctot</u> That the Agenda be adopted as presented. <p style="text-align: right;">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>
Minutes from the April 11, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council:	<u>22-124 Moved by Councillor Chauvet</u> That the Minutes from the April 11, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented. <p style="text-align: right;">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>
Minutes from the April 13, 2022 Special Meeting of Council:	<u>22-125 Moved by Deputy Mayor Baker</u> That the Minutes from the April 13, 2022 Special Meeting of Council be adopted as presented. <p style="text-align: right;">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>
Public Input Session:	There were no members of the public wishing to make a presentation.
2021 Financial Statements:	The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the auditor, Mr. Curtis Friesen of Metrix Group LLP, to provide an overview of the financial statements. Mr. Friesen reviewed the audit process, and reported that the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Town of Whitecourt as of the end of 2021. <u>22-126 Moved by Councillor Lapointe</u> That Council approve the 2021 Financial Statement for the year ended December 31, 2021 as presented. <p style="text-align: right;">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>
2022 Final Budget:	The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the Director of Corporate Services who presented the 2022 Final Budget. <u>22-127 Moved by Councillor Schlosser</u> That Council adopt the 2022 Budget as presented. <p style="text-align: right;">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>

Longest Day of Smiles:

The Chief Administrative Officer noted that a request was received to recognize June 19, 2022 as the Longest Day of Smiles.

22-128 Moved by Councillor Lanctot

That Council recognize June 19, 2022 as the Longest Day of Smiles in Whitecourt, as per Policy 11-008 – Salutes of Special Days/Weeks/Events and/or Proclamations.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Reports:

Councillor Lanctot reported that he attended a Whitecourt Tourism Committee meeting.

Councillor Schlosser reported that he attended a Community Services Advisory Board meeting, and noted that the Board's planning session was scheduled for April 30. He also attended a meeting on the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework, and the Council Planning Session.

Councillor Chauvet reported that he attended the Special Meeting of Council, Policies and Priorities Committee meeting and the Council Planning Session.

Deputy Mayor Baker reported that she attended a Children's Festival planning meeting, the Joint Workshop on April 11, and a Communities in Bloom Committee meeting. She also attended a Special Meeting of Council, a Policies and Priorities Committee meeting, Performing Arts Society meeting, and the Council Planning Session.

Mayor Pickard reported that he met with the Whitecourt Community Engagement Group to discuss emerging trends and health care delivery in Whitecourt. He also provided community updates at the April Chamber of Commerce and Whitecourt Business Support Network meetings, and attended a Whitecourt Tourism meeting. He noted that Tehya Ophus and Josiah Moore shadowed him throughout the day, and presented them with gifts on behalf of Council.

22-129 Moved by Councillor Schlosser

That Council accept the Councillor Reports as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Items of Information:

22-130 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That the following be accepted as information:

- a) Town Accounts – Cheques 78867 – 79086;
- b) March 29, 2022 Letter to Minister of Municipal Affairs re: ICF between Town of Whitecourt and Woodlands County;
- c) March 29, 2022 Letter to Woodlands County Council re: Arts, Culture and Convention Centre, and Library Project Partnership;
- d) April 4, 2022 Letter from Alberta Health Services re: Tara Baker appointment to Tamarack Health Advisory Council;
- e) April 19, 2022 Woodlands County Media Release;
- f) Mayor's Calendar; and
- g) Council Calendar.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting recessed at 4:37pm.

Intermunicipal
Collaboration
Framework (Closed
Meeting):

The meeting reconvened at 4:39pm.

22-131 Moved by Councillor Schlosser

That Council go into Closed Meeting to discuss the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework per Section 21 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act. Time 4:40pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

22-132 Moved by Mayor Pickard

That Council revert to Regular Meeting. Time 5:10pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

22-133 Moved by Councillor Lanctot

That Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework be accepted as information.


- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Adjournment:

22-134 Moved by Councillor Lapointe

That the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned. Time: 5:11pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer