

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Town of Whitecourt**
held on Monday, June 13, 2022 at the Forest Interpretive Centre

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| Present: | Mayor Pickard; Deputy Mayor Chauvet; Councillors Baker, 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 4:00pm; Mayor Pickard presiding. Mayor Pickard noted the upcoming Party in the Park on the weekend, commenting that there would be some exciting entertainment provided for the community. |
| Adoption of Agenda: | <p><u>22-186 Moved by Councillor McAree</u></p> <p>That the Agenda be adopted as presented.</p> <p style="text-align:right">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p> |
| Minutes from the May 24, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council: | <p><u>22-187 Moved by Deputy Mayor Chauvet</u></p> <p>That the Minutes from the May 24, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as amended by deleting the word "Services" with regard to Soaring Eagle Support Society; and by changing Motion 22-170 to reflect that Mayor Pickard and Councillor Schlosser were opposed to the motion.</p> <p style="text-align:right">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p> |
| Public Input Session: | There were no members of the public wishing to make a presentation. |
| Visitors and Delegations: | <p>i. MLA Martin Long – Community Update;</p> <p>MLA Martin Long was present to provide an update for the region, and provided updates on a variety of topics, including investment in the tech and innovation sector, addiction support services, and caribou range planning.</p> <p><u>22-188 Moved by Councillor Schlosser</u></p> <p>That Council recognize the presence of MLA Martin Long.</p> <p style="text-align:right">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p> <p>ii. Wildfire Co-Planning Communities – FireSmart Mapping;</p> <p>The Chief Administrative Officer introduced Fire Chief Wynn to provide background on the FireSmart Mapping Initiative. The Chief introduced Jen Beverly of the University of Alberta and Mike Milner of Alberta Environment and Parks, who advised that Whitecourt is one of five pilot projects throughout the province chosen to do mapping to show fuel sources within a community. The project would start with data collection, with analysis to be completed in 2023.</p> <p><u>22-189 Moved by Councillor Schlosser</u></p> <p>That Council recognize the presence of Jen Beverly of the University of Alberta and Mike Milner of Alberta Environment and Parks, as part of the Wildfire Co-Planning Communities FireSmart Mapping Project.</p> <p style="text-align:right">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p> |

Business Arising from Visitors and Delegations:

i. MLA Martin Long;

22-190 Moved by Deputy Mayor Chauvet

That Council accept the presentation from MLA Martin Long as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ii. Wildfire Co-Planning Communities - FireSmart Mapping Project;

22-191 Moved by Councillor Lanctot

That Council accept the FireSmart Mapping Project presentation as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Party in the Park:

The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the Director of Community Services to provide further details on the upcoming Party in the Park music festival. The Director reviewed activities planned, and noted that the Whitecourt District Agricultural Society would be hosting the parade.

22-192 Moved by Councillor McAree

That Council ratify the attendance of Council Members at the Party in the Park Sponsor Appreciation Dinner on Wednesday, June 8, from 5:30 to 9:00pm; and

The Council Members be authorized to attend the Party in the Park event scheduled for June 17 and 18, 2022.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Whitecourt Park Parties:

The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the Director of Community Services to provide further details on the Whitecourt Park Parties. The Director noted that hosting of the Park Party events was a new initiative to provide neighbourhoods a chance to get know each other and that there would be resource tables at each event to let people know what supports are available in the community.

22-193 Moved by Councillor Lapointe

That Council Members be authorized to participate in one or more of the planned Whitecourt Park Parties initiatives on June 22, July 20, and August 24, 2022.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Canada Day Events – Parade & Pancake Breakfast:

The Chief Administrative Officer noted that the annual Canada Pancake Breakfast and Parade was returning and requested the Director of Community Services to provide more details on the events. The Director advised that a big slate of events was planned, with the Whitecourt District Agricultural Society taking over the parade.

22-194 Moved by Councillor Schlosser

That Council Members be authorized to participate in the July 1, 2022 Canada Day Celebration.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Whitecourt Free Clean Up Week – Update:

The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the Director of Infrastructure Services to provide further details on the recent Free Clean Up Week. A total of 55.81 tonnes of waste was disposed of by Whitecourt residents at the Landfill.

22-195 Moved by Councillor Lanctot

That Council accept the Whitecourt Free Clean Up Week Update as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Cemetery Master Plan Adoption:

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that further to review by the Policies and Priorities Committee, the Cemetery Master Plan had been circulated to other interested parties and was recommended for adoption. Once adopted, the Plan will help forecast futures improvements and assign costs to allow for the growth of the cemetery.

22-196 Moved by Councillor Schlosser

That Council adopt the Whitecourt Cemetery Master Plan as presented.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Reports:

Councillor Lanctot attended the Party in the Park Sponsorship Dinner, the Youth Advisory Town Hall Meetings, Trade Fair, Seniors' Week Barbecue and virtually attended the FCM 2022 Conference. He also attended the Municipal Planning Commission and the Winter Recreation Park Annual General Meeting.

Councillor Schlosser attended the Party in the Park Sponsorship Dinner, Trade Fair, Seniors' Week Barbecue, and Culture & Events Centre Sponsorship/Partnership Committee. He also attended a Municipal Planning Commission meeting and the Relay for Life Opening Ceremony.

Councillor Lapointe attended the Party in the Park Sponsorship Dinner, the Youth Advisory Town Hall Meeting, Trade Fair, Lemonade Day Tasting, Seniors' Week Barbecue and virtually attended the FCM 2022 Conference. She also attended a meeting for Community Futures Yellowhead East.

Councillor McAree attended the Seniors' Week Barbecue, Trade Fair and Party in the Park Sponsorship Dinner.

Councillor Baker attended the Youth Advisory Town Hall Meeting, Alberta Health Services Advisory Spring Council, Lemonade Day Judging, the Party in the Park Sponsorship Dinner and a Safe & Healthy Communities Committee meeting. Councillor Baker attended the FCM 2022 Conference in person, and the wrap-up meeting for the Ad-Hoc Building Steering Committee.

As amended by Motion 22-205, June 27, 2022

Deputy Mayor Chauvet attended the ~~Party in the Park Sponsorship Dinner~~, Youth Advisory Town Hall Meetings, Trade Fair, Seniors' Week Barbecue and travelled to Calgary for the Global Petroleum Show.

Mayor Pickard attended the Party in the Park Sponsorship Dinner, the Youth Advisory Town Hall Meeting, and Trade Fair. The Mayor also attended the book launch for a local author's memoir, "Gross Misconduct: Hitting from Behind," the Run4Fun Opening Ceremonies, a presentation by Christenson Developments, the Berland Caribou Task Force and met with Alberta Justice Minister Tyler Shandro.

22-197 Moved by Councillor Lanctot

That Council accept the Councillor Reports as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Items of Information:

22-198 Moved by Deputy Mayor Chauvet

That the following be accepted as information:

- a) Town Accounts – Cheques 79420 – 79699;
- b) Thank you card from Community Lunchbox;
- c) May 16, 2022 Letter from Alberta Municipal Affairs re MSI Funding;
- d) May 27, 2022 Email re Meeting with Minister of Municipal Affairs at 2022 Alberta Municipalities Convention;
- e) Alberta Health Services Advisory Council – Expression of Interest;
- f) Increasing Utility Fees Letters:
 - a. May 16, 2022 from Town of Redcliff;
 - b. May 17, 2022 from Town of Bon Accord;
 - c. May 26, 2022 from Town of Tofield;
- g) Alberta Provincial Police Force Letters:
 - a. May 25, 2022 from Town of Tofield;
- h) Culture & Events Centre Correspondence with Woodlands County/Municipal Affairs:
 - a. June 6, 2022 Woodlands County Letter to Minister of Municipal Affairs re ICF Extension Follow-Up;
 - b. June 1, 2022 Letter to Municipal Affairs re ICF Update;
 - c. May 27, 2022 Letter re Arts, Culture, and Convention Centre and Library Project;
 - d. December 20, 2016 – Alberta Community Partnership Grant;
 - e. February 12, 2016 – Arts & Culture Facility;
- i) Town of Whitecourt Press Releases:
 - a. May 27, 2022 – Whitecourt’s New Website and App are Ready for Residents to Download and Explore;
 - b. May 27, 2022 – Whitecourt Town Council Update
 - c. May 30, 2022 – 2022 Construction Season has Begun
 - d. May 31, 2022 – Street Closures and Re-Routing of Whitecourt Transit Scheduled June 4;
- j) Woodlands County Media Releases and Public Notices:
 - a. May 25, 2022 – County Council Recap
 - b. May 27, 2022 – Arts, Culture, and Convention Centre and Library Project
 - c. May 30, 2022 – Notice of Water Station Closure
 - d. June 1, 2022 – Taxation Updates – Barrhead Social Housing;
- k) Mayor’s Calendar; and
- l) Council Calendar.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting recessed at 5:30pm.

The meeting reconvened at 5:37pm.

Closed Meeting:

22-199 Moved by Councillor Lapointe

That Council go into Closed Meeting to discuss the Whitecourt Curling Club COVID-19 Relief per Section 16 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act; and Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework per Section 21 of the FOIP Act. Time 5:38pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

22-200 Moved by Mayor Pickard

That Council revert to Regular Meeting. Time 6:25pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Whitecourt Curling Club COVID-19 Relief:

22-201 Moved by Councillor Lanctot

That Council approve a \$20,780 grant for the Whitecourt Curling Club, funded from the Sustainability Reserve.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework:

22-202 Moved by Councillor McAree

That Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework be accepted as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Adjournment:

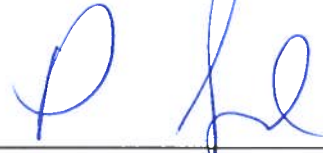
22-203 Moved by Councillor Baker

That the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned. Time: 6:26pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer