

**MINUTES OF THE ELECTRONIC REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Town of Whitecourt**

held on Monday, February 28, 2022 at the Town Office Large Boardroom

Present:	Mayor Pickard; Deputy Mayor Baker; Councillors Chauvet, Lanctot, Lapointe, McAree and Schlosser; Chief Administrative Officer Smyl; 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:	<u>22-057 Moved by Councillor Lanctot</u> That the Agenda be adopted as presented. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
Minutes from the February 14, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council:	<u>22-058 Moved by Councillor McAree</u> That the Minutes from the February 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.
Fire Department 2021 Annual Report:	The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the Director of Community Safety and Deputy Fire Chiefs Floyd and Green to review the 2021 Fire Operations. Deputy Chief Floyd noted that responses to motor vehicle incidents and medical assists had increased in 2021, along with a number of water rescues. Deputy Chief Green spoke to training opportunities in 2021, noting that many firefighters are taking additional training to become 1041 trainers, which in turn allows for more training for new recruits. On behalf of Council and the Town, Mayor Pickard extended his appreciation for the dedication and passion of the Whitecourt Fire Department. <u>22-059 Moved by Councillor Lanctot</u> That Council accept the 2021 Fire Department Annual Report as information. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
Request for Special Meeting of Council – 2022 Budget:	The Chief Administrative Officer recommended a Special Meeting of Council be scheduled to discuss changes to the 2022 budget prior to adoption of the final budget. <u>22-060 Moved by Councillor Schlosser</u> That Council schedule a Special Meeting of Council on April 13, 2022 at 3:30pm. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
FCM Resolution:	The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the Policies and Priorities Committee reviewed the draft resolution regarding oil and gas imports to Canada, and recommended endorsement of the resolution as presented. Council discussed the resolution submission process and encouraging support of the resolution by other FCM members.

22-061 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That the Town of Whitecourt recommend that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities call on the Government of Canada to promote and encourage the consumption of Canadian oil and gas products over the use of energy products imported from other countries; and

That the Town of Whitecourt recommend that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities call on the Government of Canada to support a policy that all oil and gas imported and consumed in Canada meet the same stringent environmental, governance and social standards that Canadian oil and gas producers must adhere; and,

That the Town of Whitecourt urge the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to recognize and promote the economic opportunities that the consumption of Canadian energy products will have on the Canadian economy and the resulting benefits Canadian municipalities will acquire through increases in collected royalties and taxes.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

22-062 Moved by Councillor McAree

That Council seek endorsement and support of the FCM resolution regarding oil and gas imports to Canada from other municipalities throughout Canada.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Reports:

Deputy Mayor Baker attended the Eagle Tower Victim Support Society meeting, the Council and Joint Council workshops, the virtual and in person open houses for the Culture & Events Centre, the Brownlee law seminar, an Ad Hoc Building Committee meeting, a Policies and Priorities Committee meeting, the Career Expo, and the Reynolds Mirth Richards Farmer (RMRF) law seminar.

Councillor Chauvet attended the RMRF law seminar, a Council Workshop, and a Lac Ste. Anne Foundation meeting.

Councillor Lapointe attended the virtual and in person open houses for the Culture & Events Centre; meetings for the Community Futures Yellowhead East, Ad Hoc Building Committee, Library Board, Policies and Priorities Committee, and a meeting to update Joint Liaison Committee members on the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) process. Councillor Lapointe also took part in the Council Workshop and the Career & Education Expo.

Councillor Lanctot took part in the Council Workshop, the Career & Education Expo and the RMRF seminar, and the Municipal Planning Commission. He brought greetings on behalf of Council at the inaugural Coldest Night of the Year event, where the community raised more than \$23,000 in support of Soaring Eagle Support Services Society.

Councillor Schlosser's meetings included the Policies and Priorities Committee, and Municipal Planning Commission. He also attended the Culture & Events Centre Open House, Council Workshop and Joint Council Workshop. He also attended a meeting to update Joint Liaison Committee members on the ICF process

Councillor McAree also took part in the virtual and in person open houses for the Culture & Events Centre, RMRF law seminar, Council Workshop and Joint Council Workshop and the Policies and Priorities Committee meeting.

Mayor Pickard attended the virtual and in person open houses for the Culture & Events Centre and the Joint Liaison Committee update on the ICF process. Mayor Pickard also attended a meeting for the Northern Alberta Elected Leaders Caucus, the National Police Federation presentation, the Brownlee & RMRF law seminars, and the Council Workshop and Joint Council Workshop. He also noted that he was able to attend the Alberta Legislature for the provincial budget presentation, along with Reeve Burrows.

22-063 Moved by Councillor Lapointe

That Council accept the Councillor Reports as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

22-064 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That the following be accepted as information:

- a) Town Accounts – Cheques 78228 – 78345;
- b) January 11, 2022 – RCMP Letter re Alberta Municipalities Conference Discussion re Retroactive Pay;
- c) February 1, 2022 – Letter from Alberta Culture with Request to Bid for 2024 Alberta Winter or Summer Games;
- d) February 3, 2022 – Woodlands County Media Release re County Council Recap;
- e) February 15, 2022 Email from MP Peter Julian re Private Member’s Bill C-229 – An Act to Amend the Criminal Code (Banning Symbols of Hate);
- f) February 16, 2022 – Woodlands County Media Release re County Council Recap;
- g) February 24, 2022 – Letter from Minister of Municipal Affairs re Budget 2022;
- h) Mayor’s Calendar; and
- i) Council Calendar.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

22-065 Moved by Councillor Lapointe

That Council go into Closed Meeting to discuss Intermunicipal Agreements per Section 21 of Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act. Time 4:47pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

22-066 Moved by Councillor McAree

That Council revert to Regular Meeting. Time 5:36pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

22-067 Moved by Councillor Schlosser

That Council accept Intermunicipal Agreements as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Items of Information:

Intermunicipal Agreements:

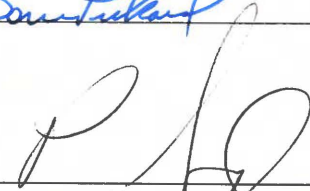
Adjournment: 22-068 Moved by Councillor Lanctot

That the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned. Time: 5:38pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer