

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL  
of the Town of Whitecourt**  
held on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at the Forest Interpretive Centre

Present:	Mayor Pickard; Deputy Mayor Baker; Councillors Chauvet, Lanctot, Lapointe and McAree; Chief Administrative Officer Smyl; and Recording Secretary Gallant.
Absent:	Councillor Schlosser.
Call to Order & Mayor's Address:	The meeting was called to order at 3:32pm; Mayor Pickard presiding.
2022 Budget Public Input Summary:	<p>The Chief Administrative Officer noted that as part of the 2022 Budget Public Input initiative, three written submissions were received for Council's review.</p> <p><u>22-117 Moved by Councillor Lapointe</u></p> <p>That Council accept the 2022 Budget Public Input Summary as information.</p> <p style="text-align:right">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>
2022 Final Budget:	<p>The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the Director of Corporate Services to review the proposed budget amendments for the 2022 final budget. The Director reviewed the final amendments and noted that the changes resulted in a proposed budget tax increase of 2.4%, which was 0.21% lower than the proposed rate in the interim budget.</p> <p><u>22-118 Moved by Deputy Mayor Baker</u></p> <p>That Council accept the 2022 Final Budget as information.</p> <p style="text-align:right">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>
2022 Final Budget (Closed Meeting):	<p><u>22-119 Moved by Councillor Chauvet</u></p> <p>That Council go into Closed Meeting to discuss the 2022 Final Budget per Sections 16, 17, 21 and 24 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act. Time 4:22pm.</p> <p style="text-align:right">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p> <p><u>22-120 Moved by Councillor Lapointe</u></p> <p>That Council revert to the Special Meeting. Time 4:56pm.</p> <p style="text-align:right">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p> <p>The meeting recessed at 4:57pm.</p> <p>The meeting reconvened at 5:01pm</p>
2021 Estimated Operating Surplus:	The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the Director of Corporate Services to review the 2021 estimated operating surplus. The Director noted that the surplus for 2021 was estimated to be \$289,128 from operations.

22-121 Moved by Councillor Lapointe

That Council accept the 2021 estimated operating surplus item as information and recommend that the surplus funds be allocated to the GST partnership Reserve for \$289,128.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Adjournment:

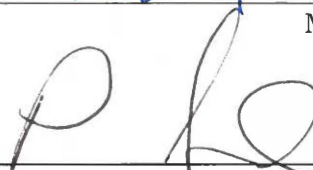
22-122 Moved by Councillor McAree

That the Special Meeting of Council be adjourned. Time: 5:35pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



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Mayor



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Chief Administrative Officer