

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Town of Whitecourt
held on Monday, July 18, 2022 at the Forest Interpretive Centre

Present:	Mayor Pickard; Deputy Mayor Chauvet; Councillors Baker, 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. Mayor Pickard noted that Cody Oliver had been selected for the Forest Product Association of Canada's 2022 Green Dream Internship Program.
Adoption of Agenda:	<p><u>22-235 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 June 27, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council:	<p><u>22-236 Moved by Councillor Schlosser</u></p> <p>That the Minutes from the June 27, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>
Minutes from the July 11, 2022 Special Meeting of Council:	<p><u>22-237 Moved by Councillor Baker</u></p> <p>That the Minutes from the July 11, 2022 Special Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>
Public Input Session:	There were no members of the public wishing to make a presentation.
Sportfield Master Plan Update – Jumbo Jumper:	<p>The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the Director of Community Services to provide further details on the proposed location for the Jumbo Jumper in Rotary Park. The Director noted that the Community Services Advisory Board recommended the feature be added to the Plan and be located south of the existing playground.</p> <p><u>22-238 Moved by Councillor McAree</u></p> <p>That Council accept the Community Services Advisory Board recommendation to update the Sportfield Master Plan to include the Jumbo Jumper as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>
Vitalization Grant Program Applications:	<p>The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the Director of Planning and Development who reviewed the two applications submitted for the Vitalization Grant Program.</p> <p><u>22-239 Moved by Councillor Lanctot</u></p> <p>That Council accept the recommendation from Administration and allocate \$10,000 to Preferred Property Management and \$2,746.45 to Divine Spa Wellness Centre for their proposed Vitalization projects.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>

2022 Project List:

The Chief Administrative Officer noted the 2022 Project List was updated with project status and completion dates.

22-240 Moved by Councillor Schlosser

That Council accept the 2022 Project List as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Quarterly Financial Report:

The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the Director of Corporate Services to provide highlights of the Quarterly Financial Report for the period ending June 30, 2022.

22-241 Moved by Councillor Lanctot

That Council accept the Quarterly Financial Report for the period ending June 30, 2022 as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework:

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that Municipal Affairs granted Whitecourt and Woodlands County an extension to adopt the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) to August 4, 2022. The Agreement, as presented, was reviewed at the July 11, 2022 Special Meeting of Council.

22-242 Moved by Councillor McAree

That Council adopt the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework agreement with Woodlands County as presented.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Policy 11-002 – Council Committees:

The Chief Administrative Officer noted that an amendment to Policy 11-002 – Council Committees was prepared to include the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) Committee.

22-243 Moved by Councillor Lapointe

That Council adopt Policy 11-002 – Council Committees as presented.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Appointment of Acting Deputy Mayor:

The Chief Administrative Officer noted that per Procedure Bylaw 1556, Council may appoint an Acting Deputy Mayor by motion to serve for a defined period of time. The Acting Deputy Mayor is also able to act in the absence of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor during an emergency per Emergency Management Bylaw 1552.

22-244 Moved by Councillor Lanctot

That Council appoint Councillor Schlosser to serve as the Acting Deputy Mayor from July 18, 2022 to October 20, 2025.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Alberta Municipalities 2022 Convention:

The Chief Administrative Officer noted that the 2022 Alberta Municipalities Convention and education sessions were scheduled in Calgary September 19 through 23, 2022.

Tim Hortons Camp Day – July 13, 2022:

22-245 Moved by Deputy Mayor Chauvet

That Council be authorized to attend the 2022 Alberta Municipalities Convention and education sessions from September 19 to 23, 2022.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Chief Administrative Officer noted that an invite was extended from Tim Hortons for Council Members to participate in Camp Day on July 13, 2022.

22-246 Moved by Councillor Lapointe

That Council ratify the attendance of Council Members at the Tim Hortons Camp Day on July 13, 2022.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Reports:

Councillor Lanctot reported that he attended Tim Hortons Camp Day, a Municipal Planning Commission meeting, Canada Day events, a meeting with Living Waters Catholic Regional School Division, and a Whitecourt Tourism Committee meeting.

Councillor Schlosser reported that he attended a Municipal Planning Commission meeting.

Councillor Lapointe reported that she attended the meeting with Living Waters Catholic Regional School Division, Canada Day activities, the sign unveiling for Corporal Cole Bartsch Lane, Tim Hortons Camp Day, and meetings to review the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework and for the Whitecourt Library Board.

Councillor McAree reported that he assisted at Tim Hortons Camp Day.

Councillor Baker reported that she attended the last meeting of the Alberta Municipalities Safe & Health Communities Committee and noted interest and reapplying to serve on the board. She also attended Tim Hortons Camp Day, and a Communities in Bloom Committee meeting.

Councillor Chauvet reported that he attended Canada Day activities.

Mayor Pickard reported that he attended the meeting with Living Waters Catholic Regional School Division, graduation ceremonies, a Jays Care Foundation cheque presentation event, and the Whitecourt Wolverines Golf Tournament. He also attended a Special Meeting of Council, and a Whitecourt Tourism Committee meeting. He noted he also attended several meetings with the Berland River Caribou Task Force.

22-247 Moved by Councillor Schlosser

That Council accept the Councillor Reports as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

22-248 Moved by Councillor Lanctot

That the following be accepted as information:

- a) Town Accounts – Cheques 79420 – 79699;
- b) June 30, 2022 – Thank you email from Town of Edson;
- c) Letters of Support for FCM Oil & Gas Resolution:
 - a. June 20 – City of Fort St. John;
 - b. June 23 - City of Kitimat;

Items of Information:

- c. June 28 – City of Estevan;
- d. July 6 – City of Lloydminster;
- e. July 11 – Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo;
- d) July 1, 2022 Letter from Northern Gateway Public Schools re Career Exposure Boot Camps Summer 2022;
- e) Town of Whitecourt 2022 Press Releases:
 - a. June 29 – Whitecourt Town Council Update;
 - b. June 29 – Celebrate Canada Day in Whitecourt July 1;
 - c. June 30 – High Streamflow Advisory for the Athabasca and McLeod Rivers;
 - d. July 5 – Whitecourt Receives \$100,000 to Support Climate Resiliency Project;
 - e. July 6 – Extended Closure for Select Portions of Allan & Jean Millar Centre;
- f) Woodlands County 2022 Media Releases and Public Notices:
 - a. June 30 – High Streamflow – Athabasca and McLeod Rivers;
 - b. July 6 – Fort Assiniboine Bulk Water Station Closure;
 - c. July 14 – Fort Assiniboine Bulk Water Station Closure;
- g) Mayor’s Calendar; and
- h) Council Calendar.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting recessed at 4:56pm.

The meeting reconvened at 5:04pm.

Closed Meeting:

22-249 Moved by Councillor Schlosser

That Council go into Closed Meeting to discuss the Whitecourt Village Development Agreement per Section 16 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act; and Whitecourt & District Public Library per Section 21 of the FOIP Act. Time 5:05pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

22-250 Moved by Councillor Lapointe

That Council revert to Regular Meeting. Time 6:03pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Whitecourt Village Development Agreement:

22-251 Moved by Councillor Baker

That Council authorize the Town of Whitecourt to enter into a development agreement with Whitecourt Village Ltd. as presented.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Whitecourt & District Public Library:

22-252 Moved by Councillor Lapointe

That Council authorize the prepayment on the 2023 operating grant to the Whitecourt & District Public Library up to a maximum of \$100,000.00.

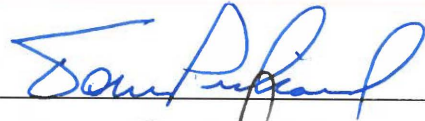
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Adjournment:

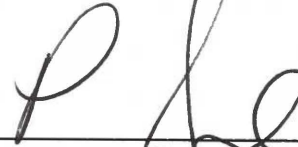
22-253 Moved by Deputy Mayor Chauvet

That the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned. Time: 6:06pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer