

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
of the Town of Whitecourt**  
held on Monday, August 15, 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 Grimstad-Davidson.
Call to Order & Mayor's Address:	The meeting was called to order at 4:06pm; Mayor Pickard presiding.
Adoption of Agenda:	<u>22-256 Moved by Councillor Lanctot</u> That the Agenda be adopted as presented. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
Minutes from the July 18, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council:	<u>22-257 Moved by Deputy Mayor Chauvet</u> That the Minutes from the July 18, 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.
Highway 43 Safety Corridor:	The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the Director of Community Safety to provide further details on the Highway 43 Safety Corridor, which was discussed by the Protective Services Committee at its July 25, 2022 meeting. He advised that the RCMP was working to re-establish the Transportation Advisory Committee; and that the Protective Services Committee had recommended Whitecourt apply to have a red-light camera installed at the Highway 43/Dahl Drive intersection, and "Your Speed" signs installed at the east and west entrances to town. <u>22-258 Moved by Councillor Schlosser</u> That Council accept the recommendations from the Protective Services Committee and direct Administration to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Initiate Provincial approval for the installation of permanent "red light cameras" at the intersection of Dahl Drive and Highway 43, subject to the site meeting future automated enforcement protocol and criteria; and</li><li>2. Initiate the Provincial approval processes for the installation of "Your Speed" signs to be located near the east and west boundaries along Highway 43; with costs to be considered in the 2023 budget deliberations.</li></ol> - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
Affordable Housing Needs Assessment – Update:	The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the Director of Community Services to provide an update on the Affordable Housing Needs Assessment. The Director noted that the Province is hoping to have the portal available shortly to allow municipalities to submit the needs assessment, and that the assessment is likely to be a requirement of future grant funding. <u>22-259 Moved by Councillor Schlosser</u> That Council accept the Affordable Housing Needs Assessment update as information.  - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Alberta Advantage Immigration Program – Designate Community Update:

The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the Economic Development Officer to provide an update on the Alberta Advantage Immigration Program, noting that Whitecourt had been approved as a Designated Community. The designation will allow better attraction and retention of qualified, eligible workers to the community through the immigration process, and there has already been interest expressed from local employers.

22-260 Moved by Councillor Lanctot

That Council accept the Alberta Advantage Immigration Program – Designate Community as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Curbside Collection of Residential Solid Waste and Recyclables – Contract Award:

Councillor Lapointe declared a possible conflict of interest as her husband is employed by one of the companies that submitted a proposal for curbside collection services and vacated the Council Chambers. Time 4:34pm.

Councillor McAree arrived at the meeting at 4:35pm.

The Chief Administrative Officer noted that Administration continues to research recycling opportunities and introduced the Director of Infrastructure and Infrastructure Services Manager to provide further details.

22-261 Moved by Councillor Lanctot

That Council award the contract for the Curbside Collection of Residential Solid Waste and Recyclables to Green for Life Environmental for a five-year term with an additional two-year option.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Lapointe returned to the Council Chambers at 4:45pm.

2023 Budget Schedule:

The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the Director of Corporate Services who advised that the proposed schedule would be similar to previous years, with the public input session proposed for September 26.

22-262 Moved by Councillor McAree

That Council accept the proposed 2023 Budget Schedule as information; and

That Council schedule a Special Meeting of Council on October 12, 2022 at 4:00pm to discuss the 2023 Budget.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Orange Shirt Day/National Day for Truth and Reconciliation:

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the Whitecourt Indigenous Friends Society was planning a walk through the downtown, followed by speeches and special events. The Society requested use of downtown streets and the overflow parking lot at Rotary Park. Additionally, a request was made to paint a crosswalk in front of the Whitecourt Library to commemorate residential school survivors.

22-263 Moved by Councillor Schlosser

That Council authorize the use of the Town’s fire pit and closure of the overflow parking lot in Rotary Park for the Whitecourt Indigenous Friends Society Orange Shirt/National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Event on September 30, 2022, and

That the Mayor or alternate be authorized to attend the Orange Shirt/National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Event; and

That Council approve the street closure and procession route for the Whitecourt Indigenous Friends Society Orange Shirt/National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Walk on September 30, 2022, from 11:00am to 12:30pm subject to:

- Meeting all of the requirements of Policy 31-005 - Parades/Processions/ Demonstrations/Events.
- Obtaining a Temporary Traffic Control Permit; and

That Council authorize the painting of a crosswalk to honour those who were part of Canada’s Indian Residential School Program at the north/south intersection of 52 Avenue and 49 Street.

Votes in Favour of the Motion: Mayor Pickard, Councillors Baker, Lanctot, Lapointe, McAree and Schlosser.

Votes in Opposition of the Motion: Deputy Mayor Chauvet.

- MOTION CARRIED.

Request for Street Closure – Car & Motorcycle Show & Shine

The Chief Administrative Officer indicated that a street closure request was received for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Car & Motorcycle Show and Shine on 35 Street.

22-264 Moved by Councillor McAree

That Council approve the request for the closure of 35 Street from 35 Avenue to 34 Avenue, on August 27, 2022, from 8:00am to 7:00pm for the car show and motor cycle show and shine, subject to:

- Meeting all of the requirements of Policy 31-005 - Parades/Processions/ Demonstrations/Events
- Obtaining a Temporary Traffic Control Permit.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Rail Safety Week:

The Chief Administrative Officer stated that Rail Safety Week is held annually to promote the importance of rail safety awareness.

22-265 Moved by Councillor Lapointe

That Council recognize the week of September 19 to 25, 2022 as Rail Safety Week 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 the Council Workshop, a Park Party, Protective Services Committee and Municipal Planning Commission meetings.

Councillor Schlosser reported that he attended two Municipal Planning Commission meetings.

Councillor Lapointe reported that she attended a Park Party and the Fire Department Golf Tournament.

Councillor McAree reported that he attended a Park Party and a Protective Services Committee meeting.

Councillor Baker reported that she attended a Victim Services Meeting, a Park Party, Tamarack Health Advisory meeting, the Spruceview Seniors Lodge Tea, Fire Department Golf Tournament, and Performing Arts Committee meeting.

Councillor Chauvet reported that he attended many of the same events as the other Councillors.

Mayor Pickard reported that he attended Berland River Caribou Task Force meetings, along with a barbecue in Cadomin with the MP for Yellowhead.

22-266 Moved by Councillor Schlosser

That Council accept the Councillor Reports as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

22-267 Moved by Deputy Mayor Chauvet

That the following be accepted as information:

- a) Town Accounts – Cheques 80083 – 80339 (Council Members to contact the Director of Corporate Services prior to Regular Meeting with any questions regarding Town accounts);
- b) Letters of Support for FCM Oil & Gas Resolution:
  - a. June 29 – Town of Petrolia, ON;
  - b. June 29 – Flagstaff County;
  - c. July 6 – Town of Drayton Valley;
- c) July 13, 2022 – Yellowhead Regional Library Annual Report and Return on Investment;
- d) July 14, 2022 – Letter from Intact Financial Corporate re Municipal Climate Resiliency Grants for FireSmart;
- e) July 18, 2022 – City of Grande Prairie FCM Resolution re Supporting the Economy by Improving National Rail Capacity
- f) August 2, 2022 – Ukrainian Canadian Congress – Ukrainian Independence Day and Alberta Ukrainian Canadian Heritage Day;
- g) Town of Whitecourt 2022 Press Releases:
  - a. July 19 – Whitecourt Town Council Update;
  - b. July 20 – Whitecourt Awards Contract to Clark Builders;
  - c. August 8 – Whitecourt Named Designated Community for Immigration Program;
- h) Woodlands County 2022 Media Releases and Public Notices:
  - a. July 22 – County Council Recap (July 20);
  - b. August 5 – Culvert Replacement on Range Road 64;
  - c. August 9 – Road Construction Pine Meadows and Woodlands Estates;
- i) Mayor’s Calendar; and
- j) Council Calendar.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting recessed at 5:18pm.

The meeting reconvened at 5:21pm.

22-268 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 5:22pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

22-269 Moved by Councillor McAree

That Council revert to Regular Meeting. Time 5:45pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Items of Information:

Closed Meeting:

Intermunicipal  
Collaboration  
Framework

22-270 Moved by Councillor Lapointe

That Council accept Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Adjournment:

22-271 Moved by Councillor McAree

That the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned. Time: 5:46pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



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Mayor



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Chief Administrative Officer