

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Town of Whitecourt**
held on Monday, September 12, 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 4:00pm; Mayor Pickard presiding. The Mayor took the time to honour the service of Queen Elizabeth II and requested a moment of silence to honour the sovereign's passing.
Adoption of Agenda:	<u>22-272 Moved by Councillor McAree</u> That the Agenda be adopted as presented. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
Minutes from the August 15 Public Hearing:	<u>22-273 Moved by Councillor Baker</u> That the Minutes from the August 15, 2022 Public Hearing be adopted as presented. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
Minutes from the August 15, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council:	<u>22-274 Moved by Councillor Lanctot</u> That the Minutes from the August 15, 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.
National Coaches Appreciation Week:	The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the Director of Community Services to provide further details on National Coaches Appreciation Week. The Director noted that this is an annual event to recognize the positive impact of coaches. <u>22-275 Moved by Councillor Schlosser</u> That a Council member be authorized to participate in each of the National Coaches Appreciation Week surprise visits between September 19 – 23, and that Council officially proclaim September 17 – 25, 2022 National Coaches' Week in Whitecourt. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
Whitecourt & Area Family Support Program Grant Extension:	The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the Director of Community Services to speak to the grant extension from the Province for the Whitecourt and Area Family Support Program. The Director indicated that the programs offered under the grant have been successful and that the Province may choose to do another extension or to do a call for proposals at the expiry of the program. <u>22-276 Moved by Councillor Lapointe</u> That Council accept the Whitecourt & Area Family Support Program Grant Extension as information. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 44 Request:	The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the Director of Community Services to provide further details on the request from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch No.

44 for the use of the Allan & Jean Millar Centre for its annual Remembrance Day Service. The Director stated that the normal venue for the service was unavailable.

22-277 Moved by Councillor McAree

That Council provide the Allan & Jean Millar Centre fieldhouse free of charge from 8:00am to 1:00pm on November 11, 2022 to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 44 to host the Remembrance Day Service.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Economic
Development
Forum:

The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the Economic Development Officer to provide further details on the Economic Development Forum scheduled on October 19, 2022. The Officer noted that the keynote speaker had been secured and that additional speakers were being finalized.

22-278 Moved by Deputy Mayor Chauvet

That Council Members be authorized to attend the Whitecourt & District Chamber of Commerce 2022 Annual Economic Forum on October 19, 2022.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Meadows Street
Naming Request:

The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the Director of Planning and Development and Development Officer to provide information on a request for a street name. The Development Officer advised that a new subdivision for 34 condo units at The Meadows requires a street name; and the Developer has requested the name "Shoreline Drive."

22-279 Moved by Councillor Lanctot

That Council accept the request from the Developer and name the new road that connects to Lakeview Place, east of Edgewater Crescent, "Shoreline Drive."

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Auditor
Appointment:

The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the Director of Corporate Services to speak to the Auditor Appointment. The Director stated that following a Request for Proposals, four qualified submissions were received. Auditors must be appointed by the Town per the Municipal Government Act and the Town appoints for a three-year term.

22-280 Moved by Councillor Schlosser

That Council appoint Metrix Group LLP as the Town's auditor for a total cost of \$104,000 plus GST for a three-year term, commencing with the 2022 fiscal year audit.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council
Committees
Appreciation
Reception:

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that an appreciation reception is being planned to recognize volunteers from Council Committees.

22-281 Moved by Councillor Lapointe

That Council be authorized to attend the Council Committee Appreciation Reception on Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at the Whitecourt Golf & Country Club.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Time Change –
September Policies
and Priorities
Committee:

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that Administration recommended changing the start time for the Policies and Priorities Committee meeting to 1:00pm from 4:00pm to allow travel time for councillors attending the education sessions at the Alberta Municipalities Convention.

22-282 Moved by Deputy Mayor Chauvet

That Council approve the change of time for the September Policies and Priorities Committee to 1:00pm, Monday, September 19, 2022.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Reports:

Deputy Mayor Chauvet attended meetings for the Lac Ste. Anne Foundation and Golden Triangle Trail Committee. He also attended the Anthony Gordon Memorial Golf Tournament and the open house for the Christenson Development Extendicare facility.

Councillor Baker also attended the Anthony Gordon Memorial Golf Tournament, along with meetings for the Airport Advisory Committee, Communities in Bloom and the Tamarack Health Advisory Committee. She also attended the Park Party.

Councillor McAree attended the Anthony Gordon Memorial Golf Tournament and Fire Hall Swearing-In Ceremony.

Councillor Lapointe attended the Ad Hoc Culture & Events Centre Partnership/ Sponsorship Committee, a Community Futures Yellowhead East meeting, and the Anthony Gordon Memorial Golf Tournament.

Councillor Schlosser attended several of the same events as other councillors, as well as two Municipal Planning Commission meetings. Councillor Schlosser also attended the Anthony Gordon Memorial Golf Tournament.

Councillor Lanctot also attended the Anthony Gordon Memorial Golf Tournament and Whitecourt Park Party, along with meetings for the Municipal Planning Commission, Airport Advisory Committee, Whitecourt Tourism, and the Whitecourt Regional Solid Waste Management Authority.

Mayor Pickard reported that he attended Airport Advisory Committee, the Anthony Gordon Memorial Golf Tournament, the Martin Long Golf Tournament, Jet Boat Races and performed the puck drop for a game between the Whitecourt Wolverines and the Korea University hockey team. Other meetings included the Ad Hoc Culture & Events Centre Partnership/ Sponsorship Committee, including presentations to three communities for partnership/sponsorship opportunities; the Whitecourt Regional Solid Waste Management Authority, and Whitecourt Tourism Strategy Session. He also attended the Whitecourt Fire Department Swearing In Ceremony and the open house for the Christenson Development Extendicare facility. Meetings were also held with the Whitecourt Chamber of Commerce President and Administration, and with Alberta Municipal Affairs Ministry staff regarding the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework; along with meetings for the Berland River Caribou Task Force.

22-283 Moved by Deputy Mayor Chauvet

That Council accept the Councillor Reports as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Items of
Information:

Council discussed forwarding a letter of support for the Underwater Search Team.

22-284 Moved by Councillor Lapointe

That Council send a letter to the Government of Alberta advocating for funding for the Underwater Search Team.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

22-285 Moved by Deputy Mayor Chauvet

That the following be accepted as information:

- a) Town Accounts – Cheques 80340 – 80648;
- b) August 23, 2022 Thank You from Winger Family;
- c) August 23, 2022 – Letter from Town of Tofield re Victim Services Redesign;
- d) August 24, 2022 – Letter from Alberta Municipal Affairs re Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework;
- e) August 30, 2022 – Letter from Alberta Solicitor General meetings re Alberta Provincial Policing;
- f) September 1, 2022 – Thank You Letter to Underwater Search Team;
- g) Town of Whitecourt 2022 Press Releases:
 - a. August 15 – Rotary Park Closed Until Further Notice;
 - b. August 16 – Rotary Park Remains Closed Until Further Notice;
 - c. August 16 – Community Mourns Park Victim;
 - d. August 17 – Whitecourt Town Council Update;
- h) Woodlands County 2022 Media Releases and Public Notices:
 - a. August 18 - Berry Nice Spray Park Closed Until Further Notice;
 - b. August 19 – County Council Recap – August 17, 2022;
- i) Alberta Health Services Provincial Health Tour Summer 2022;
- j) Rural Health Attraction and Retention Conference Agenda;
- k) Christenson – The Manor Open House - September 10;
- l) Mayor’s Calendar; and
- m) Council Calendar.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting recessed at 4:52pm.

The meeting reconvened at 5:09pm.

Closed Meeting:

22-286 Moved by Councillor Schlosser

That Council go into Closed Meeting to discuss the 50 Year Comprehensive Growth Study 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 5:10pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

22-287 Moved by Councillor Lanctot

That Council revert to Regular Meeting. Time 7:00pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

50 Year Comprehensive Growth Study:

22-288 Moved by Councillor Schlosser

That Council adopt the 50 Year Comprehensive Growth Study.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework

22-289 Moved by Councillor McAree

That Council accept the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Adjournment:

22-290 Moved by Deputy Mayor Chauvet

That the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned. Time: 7:03pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer