

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Town of Whitecourt**
held on Monday, November 14, 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 4:12pm; Mayor Pickard presiding. Mayor Pickard acknowledged that November was Family Violence Prevention Month, and asked for a moment of silence in recognition of those affected by family violence.
Adoption of Agenda:	<p><u>22-360 Moved by Councillor Lanctot</u></p> <p>That the Agenda be adopted as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>
Minutes from the October 24, 2022 Organizational Meeting of Council:	<p><u>22-361 Moved by Councillor Schlosser</u></p> <p>That the Minutes from the October 24, 2022 Organizational Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>
Minutes from the October 24, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council:	<p><u>22-362 Moved by Councillor McAree</u></p> <p>That the Minutes from the October 24, 2022 Regular 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.
Highway 43 Corridor Report:	<p>The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the Protective Services Committee prepared an update on safety enhancements being made or suggested along the Highway 43 Corridor. He noted that West Yellowhead MLA Martin Long would be meeting with Alberta Transportation to discuss several of the initiatives, and that an update from the MLA on advocacy efforts was expected in the near future.</p> <p><u>22-363 Moved by Councillor Schlosser</u></p> <p>That Council recognize the update from the Protective Services Committee, and accept the Highway 43 Corridor Report as information.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>
2022 Project List:	<p>The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the 2022 Project List had been updated for Council's information. He introduced the Director of Corporate Services to answer questions. Council was advised that information would be updated and brought back for review on the Graham Acres Diamond Upgrade and Ecole St. Joseph School sportfield development at a future time.</p> <p><u>22-364 Moved by Councillor McAree</u></p> <p>That Council accept the 2022 Project List for information.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>

Quarterly Financial Report:

The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the Director of Corporate Services to review highlights of the Quarterly Financial Report.

Councillor Baker arrived to the meeting. Time: 4:32pm.

22-365 Moved by Deputy Mayor Chauvet

That Council accept the Quarterly Financial report for the period ending September 30, 2022 as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Capital Region Assessment Services Commission Member Addition:

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the Summer Village of Sunset Point requested to become a member of the Capital Region Assessment Services Commission. As per the Commission’s bylaw, each Member must submit a resolution regarding its decision on this request.

22-366 Moved by Councillor McAree

That Council approve the request of the Summer Village of Sunset Point to become a member of the Capital Regional Assessment Services Commission, commencing 2023.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2023 Council Planning Session:

The Chief Administrative Officer proposed that the 2023 Council Planning Session be scheduled for January 19-21, 2023.

22-367 Moved by Councillor Lanctot

That Council approved the proposed agenda items for the 2023 Council Planning Session and schedule the session for January 19-21, 2023.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Request for Street Closure – Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade:

The Chief Administrative Officer noted that a request was received from the Whitecourt & District Chamber of Commerce to close streets in the downtown area for the annual Santa Claus Parade.

22-368 Moved by Councillor Lapointe

That Council approve the street closure and parade route for the Annual Christmas Parade on Friday, December 2, 2022, between 6:30pm and 8:00pm, subject to the conditions of Policy 31-005 Parade/Procession/Demonstration/Events; and, that Council be authorized to attend the event.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Reports:

Councillor Lanctot reported that he attended the Council Committees Appreciation, Trunk or Treat, and Pub Foods with the Dudes events. He also attended meetings for the Municipal Planning Commission, Landfill Authority and Economic Development Committee.

Councillor Schlosser reported that he attended the Alberta Recreation and Parks Association annual conference.

Councillor Lapointe noted that she attended a Whitecourt & District Library Board meeting.

Councillor McAree reported that he attended the Trunk or Treat event on behalf of the Whitecourt Fire Department, and attended the Council Committees Appreciation Event.

Councillor Baker reported that she attended the Council Committees Appreciation Event, a Performing Arts Society meeting, and a Tamarack Health Council Committee meeting.

Deputy Mayor Chauvet noted that he attended the annual Remembrance Day ceremony.

Mayor Pickard also attended the Council Committees Appreciation Event. He noted that he attended various meetings on the topic of rail advocacy for local industry, a Northern Alberta Elected Leaders meeting, and an Economic Development Committee meeting.

22-369 Moved by Councillor Lanctot

That Council accept the Councillor Reports as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

22-370 Moved by Councillor Lapointe

That the following be accepted as information:

- a) Town Accounts – Cheques 81133 – 81388;
- b) October 17, 2022 Memorandum from Alberta Health Services – Limited Obstetrics re-open at Whitecourt Healthcare Centre; C-sections remain temporarily suspended;
- c) October 27, 2022 Letter to Whitecourt Chamber Culture & Events Centre Survey Results;
- d) October 28, 2022 Letter from Minister of Municipal Affairs – Introduction;
- e) October 28, 2022 Letter from Alberta Municipalities re Appointment of Councillor Baker to Safe and Healthy Communities Committee;
- f) November 3, 2022 Letter to Health Minister re Support for Hospital Petition;
- g) November 8, 2022 Letter from Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services re Policing Support Grant;
- h) November 8, 2022 Acknowledgement Letter from Chamber of Commerce re Culture & Events Centre;
- i) Woodlands County 2022 Media Releases and Public Notices:
 - a. October 27, 2022 - County Council Recap – October 26, 2022;
- j) Mayor’s Calendar; and
- k) Council Calendar.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting recessed. Time: 4:57pm.

The meeting reconvened. Time: 5:01pm.

22-371 Moved by Councillor Schlosser

That Council go into Closed Meeting to discuss the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework as per Section 21 of the FOIP Act. Time: 5:02pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Items of Information:

Closed Meeting Items:

Intermunicipal
Collaboration
Framework:

Adjournment:

22-372 Moved by Councillor Lapointe

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

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

22-373 Moved by Councillor Schlosser


That Council accept the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework item as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.


22-374 Moved by Deputy Mayor Chauvet

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

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer