

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
of the Town of Whitecourt**  
held on Monday, January 9, 2023 at the Forest Interpretive Centre

Present:	Mayor Pickard; Deputy Mayor McAree; Councillors Baker, Lanctot, Lapointe, and Schlosser; Chief Administrative Officer Smyl; and Recording Secretary Grimstad-Davidson.
	Councillor Chauvet attended via telephone.
Call to Order & Mayor's Address:	The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm; Mayor Pickard presiding.
Adoption of Agenda:	<u>23-001 Moved by Councillor Lanctot</u> That the Agenda be adopted as presented. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
Minutes from the December 19, 2022 Regular Meeting:	<u>23-002 Moved by Councillor Lapointe</u> That the Minutes from the December 19, 2022 Regular Meeting be adopted as presented. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
Minutes from the December 21, 2022 Special Meeting of Council:	<u>23-003 Moved by Deputy Mayor McAree</u> That the Minutes from the December 21, 2022 Special Meeting of Council be adopted as presented. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
Public Input Session:	There were no members of the public wishing to make a presentation.
Policy 11-002 – Council Committees:	The Chief Administrative Officer advised that Woodlands County had accepted the invitation to participate in the Health Professionals Attraction & Retention Committee. <u>23-004 Moved by Councillor Schlosser</u> That Council accept the recommendation of the Policies and Priorities Committee and adopt Policy 11-002 – Council Committees, as presented. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. <u>23-005 Moved by Deputy Mayor McAree</u> That Council appoint Councillor Schlosser to the Health Professionals Attraction & Retention Committee. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
2023 Budget Information Open House:	The Chief Administrative Officer noted that an open house to present the 2023 Budget has been tentatively scheduled for February 22 at the Allan & Jean Millar Centre and introduced the Director of Corporate Services. The Director noted that the open house is an opportunity for residents to meet with Council and Administration for feedback on the budget. Following the open house, information will be available online.

23-006 Moved by Deputy Mayor McAree

That Council schedule a 2023 Budget Information Open House for Wednesday, February 22 at the Allan & Jean Millar Centre from 4:00pm – 7:00pm, and that all members of Council be authorized to attend.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Coldest Night of the Year:

Councillor Baker arrived at the meeting at 4:07pm.

The Chief Administrative Officer noted that Soaring Eagle sent an invitation for Council to attend the annual Coldest Night of the Year event on February 25, 2023 and requested the use of the Town fire pit for the event.

23-007 Moved by Deputy Mayor McAree

That a member of Council be authorized to attend the Coldest Night of the Year Walk on February 25, 2023, and that the Town fire pit be made available for the event.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Alberta Municipalities President's Summit and Spring 2023 Municipal Leaders Caucus:

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that Alberta Municipalities is hosting the President's Summit and Spring Leaders Caucus March 29 – 31 in Edmonton.

23-008 Moved by Councillor Lapointe

That Council authorize the Mayor and a Council member to attend the President's Summit and Spring Leaders Caucus March 29 – 31, 2023 in Edmonton.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2023 Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference:

The Chief Administrative Officer noted that the annual Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference is set for May 25 – 28 in Toronto, and that registration will be opening soon.

23-009 Moved by Deputy Mayor McAree

That Council members be authorized to attend the annual Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference from May 25 – 28, 2023 in Toronto.

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

Votes in Opposition of the Motion: Councillors Lapointe and Schlosser.

- MOTION CARRIED.

Councillor Reports:

Councillor Chauvet attended a Youth Advisory Committee goal setting meeting.

Councillor Baker also attended the Youth Advisory Committee goal setting meeting, along with the December birthdays at the Spruceview Lodge.

Councillor Schlosser attended an Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework update.

Councillor Lapointe also attended the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework update.

Deputy Mayor McAree attended the door decorating contest at Spruceview Lodge.

Mayor Pickard met with the Rail Advocacy group, noting that there were now approximately 20 communities participating. The Mayor also attended the Special Council meeting.

23-010 Moved by Deputy Mayor McAree

That Council accept the Councillor Reports as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Items of Information:

23-011 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That the following be accepted as information:

- a) Town Accounts – Cheques 815975 – 82166;
- b) December 1, 2022 Letter from Alberta Public Safety and Emergency Services re Automated Traffic Enforcement;
- c) Town of Whitecourt 2022/23 Press Releases:
  - a. December 20 – Whitecourt Approves 2023 Interim Budget;
  - b. December 20 – Town Council Update;
- d) Woodlands County 2022/23 Media Releases and Public Notices:
  - a. December 21 – County Council Recap;
  - b. December 23 – Ft. Assiniboine – Fortis Power Outage;
- e) Mayor’s Calendar; and
- f) Council Calendar.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Closed Meeting Items:

23-012 Moved by Councillor Lapointe

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: 4:20pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting recessed. Time: 4:21pm.

The meeting reconvened. Time: 4:26pm.

23-013 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That Council revert to the Regular Meeting. Time: 4:32pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework:

23-014 Moved by Councillor Schlosser

That Council accept the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework item as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Adjournment:

23-015 Moved by Councillor Lapointe

That the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned. Time: 4:33pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer