

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR
POLICIES AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE MEETING**
held on Monday, January 16, 2023

Present: Deputy Mayor McAree; Mayor Pickard; Members Baker, Chauvet, Lanctot, Lapointe, and Schlosser; Chief Administrative Officer Smyl; and Recording Secretary Grimstad-Davidson.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm; Deputy Mayor McAree presiding.

Adoption of Agenda: 23-001 Moved by Member Lanctot
That the agenda be adopted as presented. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Minutes - Regular Meeting of the Policies & Priorities Committee December 12, 2022: 23-002 Moved by Member Lapointe
That the Minutes of the December 12, 2022 Regular Policies and Priorities Committee Meeting be adopted as presented. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Public Input Session: There were no members of the public wishing to make a presentation.

Policy 23-013 – Peace Officer Known Risks and Policy 23-014 – Municipal Enforcement Program Personal Safety Communication: The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the Director of Community Safety to provide information on two policies that Administration recommended be amended. The Director noted that the amendments were required pursuant to an audit by the Solicitor General in 2022.
22-003 Moved by Member Schlosser
That the Policies and Priorities Committee recommend that Council adopt Policy 23-013 – Peace Officer Known Risks and Policy 23-014 – Municipal Enforcement Program Personal Safety Communication as presented. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Transit, Recreation Facilities and Fields Fee Review: The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the Director of Community Services to discuss proposed rate increases for Transit, Recreation Facilities, and Fields. The Director advised that fee comparisons were completed on a biennial basis. The 2023 review showed that fees for group bookings at the recreation facilities and for fields usage were lower than average, and a fee increase was proposed.
23-004 Moved by Member Chauvet
That the Policies and Priorities Committee accept the recommendation of the Community Services Advisory Board and recommend that Council amend Fee Bylaw 1551 to reflect the changes as presented. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Social Support Network: The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the Director of Community Services to discuss mental health and support programs in the community. The Director indicated that further to asset mapping completed by the Whitecourt POWER Group, that the gaps identified were primarily related to provincial services.

Municipal
Involvement in
Homeless
Reduction
Strategies:

23-005 Moved by Member Schlosser

That the Policies and Priorities accept the Social Support Network as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the Director of Community Services to provide details on municipal involvement in homeless reduction strategies. The Director outlined the Town’s advocacy efforts and successes.

23-006 Moved by Mayor Pickard

That the Policies and Priorities Committee accept the Municipal Involvement in Homeless Reduction Strategies as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting recessed. Time: 4:36pm.

The meeting reconvened. Time: 4:39pm.

Flood Mitigation
Plan & Update:

23-007 Moved by Mayor Pickard

That the Policies and Priorities Committee go into Closed Meeting to discuss the Flood Mitigation Plan & Update per Section 16 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act. Time: 4:40pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

23-008 Moved by Member Schlosser

That the Policies and Priorities Committee revert to the Regular Meeting. Time: 5:45pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

23-009 Moved by Member Lapointe

That the Policies and Priorities Committee accept the Flood Mitigation Plan & Update as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Adjournment:

22-010 Moved by Mayor Pickard

That the Regular Meeting of the Policies and Priorities Committee be adjourned. Time: 5:47pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



 Chair



 Chief Administrative Officer