

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR
POLICIES AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE MEETING**
held on Monday, March 20, 2023

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

Councillor Schlosser attended by telephone.

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

Adoption of Agenda: 23-017 Moved by Mayor Pickard

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Minutes - Regular Meeting of the Policies & Priorities Committee February 21, 2023:

23-018 Moved by Member Lapointe

That the Minutes of the February 21, 2023 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 12-027 – Whitecourt Launch:

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the Economic Development Committee has developed a new grant program to support small businesses and local entrepreneurs and introduced the Economic Development Officer. The Economic Development Officer noted that business retention and expansion is a high priority item on the Strategic Plan, and the proposed grant program meets the goal of expanding businesses in our community.

22-019 Moved by Member Schlosser

That the Policies and Priorities Committee forward a recommendation to Council to adopt Policy 12-027 – Whitecourt Launch.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

55 Avenue & Dahl Drive/Mink Creek Road Intersection Review:

The Chief Administrative Officer noted that further to a request from Council, Administration reviewed the 55 Avenue & Dahl Drive/Mink Creek Road intersection to identify and assess existing traffic operations and introduced the Infrastructure Services Manager. The Manager advised that the intersection is part of the Street Improvement Program in 2023, which will include improved lane markings to better delineate turning lanes. Administration reviewed several options to improve traffic flow; however, recommends that further steps be looked at in the future as development occurs. It was noted that encouraging residents to use Mink Creek Road rather than 55 Avenue would improve traffic flow in the area. Additionally, Administration will be working with the school board to ensure that buses follow approved routes.

23-020 Moved by Member Baker

That the Policies and Priorities Committee accept the 55 Avenue & Dahl Drive/Mink Creek Road Intersection as information and bring back an update following intersection improvements.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Joint Use and Planning Agreements (JUPAs) – Closed Meeting:

23-021 Moved by Mayor Pickard

That the Policies and Priorities Committee go into Closed Meeting to discuss the Joint Use and Planning Agreements (JUPAs) per Section 21 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act. Time: 4:37pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting recessed. Time: 4:38pm.

The meeting reconvened. Time: 4:42pm.

23-022 Moved by Member Chauvet

That the Policies and Priorities Committee revert to Regular Meeting. Time: 5:25pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

23-023 Moved by Member Lapointe

That the Policies and Priorities Committee accept the Joint Use and Planning Agreements (JUPAs) as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Adjournment:

23-024 Moved by Member Baker

That the Regular Meeting of the Policies and Priorities Committee be adjourned. Time: 5:26pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



 Chair



 Chief Administrative Officer