

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Town of Whitecourt
held on Monday, June 12, 2023 at the Forest Interpretive Centre

Present:	Mayor Pickard; Deputy Mayor Lanctot; Councillors Baker, Chauvet, 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. Mayor Pickard noted that the Whitecourt Fire Department was providing assistance to the Deep Creek Complex (Edson) fires.
Adoption of Agenda:	<p><u>23-194 Moved by Councillor McAree</u></p> <p>That the Agenda be adopted as presented.</p> <p style="text-align:right">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>
Minutes from the May 23, 2023 Regular Meeting:	<p><u>23-195 Moved by Councillor Lapointe</u></p> <p>That the Minutes from the May 23, 2023 Regular Meeting 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.
National Indigenous Peoples' Day:	<p>The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the Director of Community Services to provide further details on the National Indigenous Peoples' Day, with events taking place at Graham Acres on June 21.</p> <p><u>23-196 Moved by Councillor Lapointe</u></p> <p>That Council Members be authorized to attend the National Indigenous Peoples Day event scheduled for June 21, 2023.</p> <p style="text-align:right">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>
Yubetsu Visit:	<p>The Chief Administrative Officer noted that Whitecourt had been twinned with the Town of Yubetsu since 1998 and introduced the Director of Community Services to provide more information on a visit from the Yubetsu Mayor and two other delegates. The Director noted that each community hosts reciprocal visits; and that the Arts and Culture Coordinator will draft an itinerary for the August visit; and it was proposed that an invitation be extended to the Yubetsu Mayor to participate in the Anthony Gordon Memorial Classic.</p> <p><u>23-197 Moved by Councillor McAree</u></p> <p>That the Yubetsu Visit be accepted as information.</p> <p>Votes in Favour of the Motion: Deputy Mayor Lanctot; Councillors Baker, Chauvet, Lapointe, McAree and Schlosser.</p> <p>Votes in Opposition of the Motion: Mayor Pickard.</p> <p style="text-align:right">- MOTION CARRIED.</p>
Canada Day Events:	The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the Canada Day Parade had been cancelled due to difficulties in obtaining volunteers and organizers, and introduced the Director of Community Services. The Director noted that there were many events planned for the day.

23-198 Moved by Councillor Schlosser

That Council Members be authorized to participate in the July 1, 2023 Canada Day Events.

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

Votes in Opposition of the Motion: Mayor Pickard.

- MOTION CARRIED.

Council Workshop:

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that Administration was proposing a workshop to discuss the Culture & Events Centre and Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework.

23-199 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That Council schedule a Workshop Session on July 19, 2023.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Anthony Gordon Memorial Golf Classic:

The Chief Administrative Officer noted that the Anthony Gordon Memorial Golf Classic was scheduled for August 21, 2023, which would conflict with Council's regular meeting date.

23-200 Moved by Deputy Mayor Lanctot

That Council Members be authorized to participate in the 2023 Anthony Gordon Memorial Golf Classic, on Monday, August 21, 2023 at the Whitecourt Golf and Country Club; and

That the Regular Meeting of Council on August 21, 2023 be rescheduled to August 22, 2023.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RCMP Regimental Ball:

The Chief Administrative Officer indicated that an invitation had been sent for Council to attend the RCMP Regimental Ball on September 23, 2023.

23-201 Moved by Councillor McAree

That Council Members be authorized to attend the RCMP Regimental Ball on September 23, 2023.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Reports:

Councillor Chauvet attended the Youth Advisory Committee and Town Hall Meetings.

Councillor Baker attended Spirit of Youth Celebration, Town Hall Meetings; the Seniors' Week Brunch and Barbecue, the Pride Barbecue; and meetings for Health Professionals Attraction & Retention Committee, Tamarack Health Advisory Committee and the Youth Advisory Committee.

Councillor Lapointe the Spirit of Youth Celebration, Town Hall Meetings, Party In The Park Sponsorship Dinner; the Seniors' Week Brunch and Coffee Social; a Library Board meeting and the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Judicial Review.

Councillor Schlosser attended meetings for the Health Professionals Attraction & Retention Committee and Municipal Planning Commission; along with the Seniors' Week Brunch, Pride Barbecue, Relay For Life and the École St. Joseph School Grad.

Deputy Mayor Lanctot attended Town Hall Meetings, Party In The Park Sponsorship Dinner; the Seniors' Week Brunch and Seniors Tea at Spruceview Lodge; the Pride Barbecue and a Mountain Bike Society meeting.

Mayor Pickard the Spirit of Youth Celebration, Town Hall Meetings, Party In The Park Sponsorship Dinner; the Seniors' Week Brunch; Run 4 Fun; and the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Judicial Review. He also attended a meeting with MLA Long, Woodlands County Reeve Burrows and local industry leaders.

23-202 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That Council accept the Councillor Reports as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

23-203 Moved by Councillor Schlosser

- a) Town Accounts – Cheques 83796 – 834007;
- b) May 12, 2023 Thank You Letter from Westlock & District Tractor Museum Foundation;
- c) May 24, 2023 Thank You Note from Edson Evacuee;
- d) May 25, 2023 Thank You Note from Whitecourt Trailblazers;
- e) June 12, 2023 Memo re Free Clean Up Week;
- f) Town of Whitecourt 2023 Press Releases:
 - i. May 19 – Whitecourt Wildfire Update;
 - ii. May 20 – Whitecourt Wildfire Update;
 - iii. May 21 – Whitecourt Wildfire Update;
 - iv. May 22 – Whitecourt Wildfire Update;
 - v. May 24 – Construction Season Kicks Off in Whitecourt;
 - vi. May 25 – Whitecourt Wildfire Update;
 - vii. May 25 – Whitecourt Town Council Update;
 - viii. May 26 – Whitecourt Fire Ban Lifted;
 - ix. June 2 – Street Closures and Re-Routing of Whitecourt Transit Schedule for June 3;
- g) Woodlands County 2023 Media Releases and Public Notices:
 - a. May 19 – Update EWF035 (Shining Bank Fire);
 - b. May 20 – Daily Update – EWF035 (Shining Bank); WWF023 (Eagle); SWF063 (Grizzly);
 - c. May 21 – Daily Update – EWF035 (Shining Bank); WWF023 (Eagle);
 - d. May 22 – Daily Update – EWF035 (Shining Bank); WWF023 (Eagle); SWF063 (Grizzly);
 - e. May 23 – Daily Update – EWF035 (Shining Bank); WWF023 (Eagle); SWF063 (Grizzly);
 - f. May 24 – Daily Update - EWF035 (Shining Bank); WWF023 (Eagle); SWF063 (Grizzly);
 - g. May 25 – Update – EWF035 (Shining Bank) – Evacuation Alert Removed;
 - h. May 26 – Update – Fire Advisory, FireSmart, Woodlands Daily Updates Discontinued;
 - i. June 1 – Briar Patch Building Demolition;
 - j. June 8 – EDF035 Wildfire Smoke seen in Woodlands County;
 - k. June 8 – Council Recap June 7, 2023;
- h) Mayor's Calendar; and
- i) Council Calendar.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Items of Information:

23-204 Moved by Councillor Lapointe

That Council go into Closed Meeting to discuss Epoch Energy Development and Whitecourt Golf & Country Club Debenture Repayment 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: 4:43pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting recessed at 4:44pm.

The meeting reconvened at 4:49pm.

23-205 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That Council revert to the Regular Meeting. Time: 5:37pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

23-206 Moved by Councillor Schlosser

That Council provide a support letter for Epoch Energy Development's application to the Emissions Reduction Alberta Reshaping Energy Systems Fund for the Whitecourt District Energy Systems project.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

23-207 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That Council authorize Administration to enter into an agreement for the deferral of debenture and operating loan payments as requested by the Whitecourt Golf & Country Club.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

23-208 Moved by Councillor Lapointe

That Council accept Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

23-209 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned. Time: 5:39pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer

Epoch Energy
Development:

Whitecourt Golf &
Country Club
Debenture
Repayment:

Intermunicipal
Collaboration
Framework (Closed
Meeting):

Adjournment: