

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**of the Town of Whitecourt**  
held on Monday, July 17, 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 Gallant.
Call to Order & Mayor's Address:	The Meeting was called to order at 4:00pm; Mayor Pickard presiding.
Adoption of Agenda:	<p><u>23-226 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 June 26, 2023 Regular Meeting:	<p><u>23-227 Moved by Councillor Baker</u></p> <p>That the Minutes from the June 26, 2023 Regular Meeting be amended by correcting Motion 23-220 to read that it was moved by Councillor Chauvet.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>
Public Input Session:	<p>There were no members of the public wishing to make a presentation.</p>
Communities in Bloom Tagging and Graffiti Removal Initiative:	<p>The Chief Administrative Officer stated that the Whitecourt Communities in Bloom Committee had investigated graffiti removal programs for businesses and residents, and was offering removal kits to the community at a discounted price to help clean up graffiti.</p> <p><u>23-228 Moved by Councillor Schlosser</u></p> <p>That Council accept the Communities in Bloom Tagging and Graffiti Removal Initiative update as information.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>
World Drowning Prevention Day 2023:	<p>The Chief Administrative Officer noted that a request was received to recognize July 25 as World Drowning Prevention Day 2023.</p> <p><u>23-229 Moved by Councillor Lapointe</u></p> <p>That Council recognize July 25, 2023 as World Drowning Prevention Day per Policy 11-008 – Salutes of Special Days/Weeks/Events and/or Proclamations.</p> <p>Votes in Favour of the Motion: Mayor Pickard, Deputy Lanctot, Councillors Baker, Lapointe, McAree and Schlosser.</p> <p>Votes in Opposition of the Motion: Councillor Chauvet.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- MOTION CARRIED.</p>
2023 Project List:	<p>The Chief Administrative Officer noted that the 2023 Project List had been updated with project status and anticipated completion dates.</p> <p><u>23-230 Moved by Deputy Mayor Lanctot</u></p> <p>That Council accept the 2023 Project List as information.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>

Quarterly Financial Report:

The Chief Administrative Officer noted that the Quarterly Financial Report to June 2023 had been prepared as information for Council. He introduced the Director of Corporate Services who reviewed highlights of the report.

23-231 Moved by Deputy Mayor Lanctot

That Council accept the Quarterly Financial Report for the period ending June 30, 2023 as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Tim Hortons Camp Day – July 19, 2023:

The Chief Administrative Officer noted that an invitation was received from Tim Hortons for Council Members to participate in Camp Day on July 19.

23-232 Moved by Councillor Lapointe

That Council Members be authorized to attend Tim Hortons Camp Day on July 19, 2023.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Reports:

Councillor Chauvet attended Lac Ste. Anne Foundation, Landfill Authority, and Economic Development Committee meetings.

Councillor Baker reported on the Alberta Municipalities Safe & Health Communities Committee meeting she attended.

Councillor McAree attended a Municipal Planning Commission meeting.

Councillor Lapointe attended Canada Day celebrations.

Councillor Schlosser reported that he attended the Fort Assiniboine Centennial Brigade sendoff event in Fort Assiniboine.

Deputy Mayor Lanctot attended meetings for the Landfill Authority, Economic Development Committee, Mountain Bike Association and Municipal Planning Commission.

Mayor Pickard noted that he attended the Moraine Power Generation Project Open House; a breakfast with industry stakeholders with MLA Long; the grand opening of the jumbo jumper at Festival Park; Hilltop High School's graduation ceremony; Canada Day celebrations; a Landfill Authority meeting; and an Economic Development Committee meeting.

23-233 Moved by Councillor Schlosser

That Council accept the Councillor Reports as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Items of Information:

23-234 Moved by Councillor Schlosser

- a) Town Accounts – Cheques 84190 – 84451;
- b) June 2023 – Thank You Letter from Whitecourt Seniors;
- c) July 4, 2023 – Letter from Minister of Education re Congratulatory Letter;
- d) July 5, 2023 - Support Letter for Moraine Initiatives Power Generation Project;
- e) July 6, 2023 – Thank You from Town of Valleyview;
- f) July 7, 2023 – Letter from Minister of Municipal Affairs re MSI and CCBF Funding;

- g) July 10, 2023 – Letter from Minister of Health re Congratulatory Letter;
- h) Summer Street Fest August 12 Poster;
- i) Town of Whitecourt 2023 Press Releases:
  - i. June 23 – McLeod and Athabasca Rivers Flood Watch Update for Whitecourt;
  - ii. June 27 – June 26 Council Update;
  - iii. June 27 – Whitecourt River Slides Reopen; Other Areas Remain Closed to the Public
  - iv. June 28 – Riverboat Park in Whitecourt Reopens;
  - v. June 29 – Celebrate Canada Day in Whitecourt July 1
- j) Woodlands County 2023 Media Releases and Public Notices:
  - i. June 23 – Reception Centre Closes;
  - ii. June 23 – Free Landfill Access to Impacted Property Owners;
  - iii. June 23 – Alberta Emergency Alerts – Evacuation Order Cancelled – East of Hwy 32, McLeod River;
  - iv. June 23 – Alberta Emergency Alert - Evacuation Order Cancelled - Flats Rd;
  - v. June 23 – Road Closures – Do Not Bypass Barricades;
  - vi. June 24 – Evacuation Order Remains in Place - Twp Rd 620A East of Fort Assiniboine;
  - vii. June 26 – Public Notice – Updated Road Closures;
  - viii. June 26 – Closed – McLeod River Tubing Put In;
  - ix. June 26 – Evacuation Order Cancelled – Twp Rd 620A, East of Ft. Assiniboine;
  - x. June 28 – Fire Status Change – EWF-035 Shining Bank Fire;
  - xi. June 30 – County Council Recap of June 29;
  - xii. June 30 – Updated Road Closures;
  - xiii. July 10 – Updated Road Closures;
- k) Mayor’s Calendar; and
- l) Council Calendar.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting recessed at 4:57pm.

The meeting reconvened at 5:05pm.

23-235 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That Council go into Closed Meeting to discuss the Automated Traffic Enforcement Contract per Section 16 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act. Time: 5:06pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

23-236 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That Council revert to the Regular Meeting. Time: 5:33pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

23-237 Moved by Councillor Baker

That Council award the Automated Traffic Enforcement Contract to Conduent Business Services Canada Inc. for a three year term, with a two year option for extension.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Automated Traffic Enforcement Contract:

Adjournment:

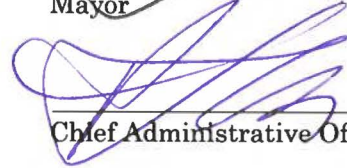
23-238 Moved by Councillor McAree

That the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned. Time: 5:34pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



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Mayor



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Chief Administrative Officer