

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Town of Whitecourt**
held on Monday, September 25, 2023 at the Forest Interpretive Centre

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| Present: | Mayor Pickard; Deputy Mayor Lapointe; Councillors Baker, Chauvet, Lanctot, 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 the death of long-time community member Irma Gray and expressed his condolences to the family. |
| Adoption of Agenda: | <p><u>23-278 Moved by Councillor Lanctot</u></p> <p>That the Agenda be adopted as amended by deleting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lac Ste. Anne Foundation (Item 16); and• Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (Item 17). <p style="text-align: right;">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p> |
| Minutes from the September 11, 2023 Regular Meeting: | <p><u>23-279 Moved by Deputy Mayor Lapointe</u></p> <p>That the Minutes from the September 11, 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. |
| 2024 Budget Public Input Session: | There were no members of the public wishing to make a presentation. |
| Family Violence Prevention Month: | <p>The Chief Administrative Officer advised that there were events planned for Family Violence Prevention Month and introduced the Director of Community Services to provide further information.</p> <p><u>23-280 Moved by Councillor McAree</u></p> <p>That Council accept the 2023 Family Violence Prevention Events as information; authorize members to attend the Pub Foods with the Dudes event; and, recognize November as Family Violence Prevention Month as per Policy 11-008 – Salutes of Special Days.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p> |
| Housing Accelerator Fund Action Plan: | <p>The Chief Administrative Officer noted that further to review by the Policies and Priorities Committee, the Housing Accelerator Fund Action Plan was being brought forward to Council and introduced the Director of Community Services to provide further information. The Director reviewed the initiatives of the Action Plan and noted that funding may be on a pro-rated basis.</p> <p><u>23-281 Moved by Councillor Schlosser</u></p> <p>That Council approve the Housing Accelerator Fund Action Plan.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p> |
| Alberta Municipalities Energy – Power+ | The Chief Administrative Officer advised that further to review by the Policies and Priorities Committee, an amending agreement was brought forward for the Power+ Program to amend the term and pricing of the agreement initially authorized in May |

Program
Aggregation
Amending
Agreement:

2022. It was noted that the energy agreement would provide stability for budgeting and was anticipated to provide cost-savings over the term of the agreement.

23-282 Moved by Councillor Lanctot

That Council approve the entering into of an amending agreement with Alberta Municipalities for the Power+ Program for a six-year period from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2029.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council
Committees
Evaluation:

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that further to a review at the Policies and Priorities Committee meeting, amendments were brought forward for Council Committees Bylaw 1570 and to Policy 11-003 – Governance and Appointments of Council Committees, Ad Hoc Committees and External Committees.

23-283 Moved by Deputy Mayor Lapointe

That Bylaw 1570-1 be given first reading.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

23-284 Moved by Councillor Baker

That Bylaw 1570-1 be given second reading.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

23-285 Moved by Councillor Schlosser

That Council proceed to third and final reading of Bylaw 1570-1.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

23-286 Moved by Councillor McAree

That Bylaw 1570-1 be given third and final reading.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

23-287 Moved by Deputy Mayor Lapointe

That Council adopt Policy 11-003 – Governance and Appointments of Council Committees, Ad Hoc Committees and External Committees as presented.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Royal Canadian
Legion Request:

The Chief Administrative Officer reviewed a request from the Royal Canadian Legion for the use of the Allan & Jean Millar Centre Fieldhouse for Remembrance Day Ceremonies.

23-288 Moved by Councillor Schlosser

That Council provide the Allan & Jean Millar Centre Fieldhouse from 8:00am to 1:00pm on November 11, 2023 to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 44 at no charge to host the Remembrance Day Service.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Request for Street
Closure – Trunk or
Treat:

The Chief Administrative Officer stated that the Chamber of Commerce had requested street closures to accommodate the Trunk or Treat Event.

23-289 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That Council authorize the closure of 49 Street from 50 Avenue to 52 Avenue; 52 Avenue from 49 Street to 50 Street; 50 Street from 51 Avenue to 52 Avenue; along with the use of the 52 Avenue parking lot to accommodate the Chamber of Commerce Trunk or Treat event on October 29, 2023, from 9am – 4pm; and that a member of Council be authorized to attend the event.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council
Authorization for
External
Committee –
Alberta Health
Services Council of
Chairs:

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that a request had been received from Councillor Baker to ratify her participation on the Alberta Health Services Council of Chairs.

23-290 Moved by Councillor Baker

That Council ratify the participation of Councillor Baker on the Alberta Health Services Council of Chairs.

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

Votes in Opposition of the Motion: Mayor Pickard, Councillors Lanctot, McAree and Schlosser.

- MOTION DEFEATED.

Whitecourt Fire
Department
Awards Night:

The Chief Administrative Officer noted that an invitation had been received for Council to attend the Fire Department Awards Night.

23-291 Moved by Deputy Mayor Lapointe

That Council be authorized to attend the Whitecourt Fire Department Awards Night on October 21, 2023.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Reports:

Councillor Chauvet attended meetings for the Golden Triangle, Lac Ste. Anne Foundation, Policies and Priorities Committee, and the appreciation barbecue hosted by the Whitecourt FireSmart Working Group.

Councillor Baker attended the Health Professionals Attraction & Retention Committee and Whitecourt FireSmart Working Group barbecues, along with meetings for Eagle Tower Victim Services, Canfor Public Advisory Committee and Tamarack Health Advisory. Councillor Baker also attended the RCMP Regimental Ball.

Councillor McAree made several presentations for National Coaches Appreciation Week and attended the RCMP Regimental Ball.

Councillor Lanctot attended the Economic Development Committee Strategic Planning Session and meetings for the Municipal Planning Commission and Landfill Authority.

Councillor Schlosser attended meetings for the Community Services Advisory Board, Ad Hoc Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw Review Advisory Committee, and Policies and Priorities Committee. He also made a presentation for National Coaches Appreciation Week, attended the RCMP Regimental Ball and attended the Health Professionals Attraction & Retention Committee barbecue.

Deputy Mayor Lapointe attended meetings for the Policies and Priorities Committee and Whitecourt Library Board; the barbecue hosted by the Whitecourt FireSmart Working Group, and the RCMP Regimental Ball.

Mayor Pickard attended the Economic Development Committee Strategic Planning Session and meetings for the Landfill Authority, Chamber of Commerce, and an Emergency Debrief meeting. He also attended the Health Professionals Attraction & Retention Committee barbecue, the barbecue hosted by the Whitecourt FireSmart Working Group, and the RCMP Regimental Ball.

23-292 Moved by Councillor Schlosser

That Council accept the Councillor Reports as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Items of Information:

23-293 Moved by Councillor McAree

- a) Town Accounts – Cheques 85027 – 85223;
- b) September 8, 2023 – Letter to Yubetsu Mayor re Visit;
- c) Thank You Note from Whitecourt Trailblazers/Golden Triangle;
- d) Town of Whitecourt 2023 Press Releases;
- e) September 12, 2023 – Whitecourt Town Council Update;
- f) Woodlands County 2023 Media Releases;
- g) September 13 Council Recap September 13, 2023;
- h) Mayor’s Calendar; and
- i) Council Calendar.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Adjournment:

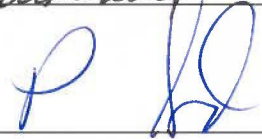
23-294 Moved by Councillor McAree

That the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned. Time: 4:53pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



 Mayor



 Chief Administrative Officer