

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR
POLICIES AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE MEETING**
held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024

Present:	Mayor Pickard; Deputy Mayor Chauvet; Members Baker, Lanctot, Lapointe, and McAree; Chief Administrative Officer Smyl; and Recording Secretary Grimstad-Davidson.
Absent:	Councillor Schlosser.
Call to Order:	The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm; Deputy Mayor Lanctot presiding.
Adoption of Agenda:	<u>24-032 Moved by Member Chauvet</u> That the agenda be adopted as presented. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
Minutes - Regular Meeting of the Policies & Priorities Committee March 18, 2024:	<u>24-033 Moved by Member McAree</u> That the Minutes of the March 18, 2024 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.
Post-Secondary Opportunities Update:	The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the Economic Development Officer to provide an update on post-secondary opportunities, further to the Strategic Plan. The Officer noted that discussions for the provision of post-secondary opportunities in the community will be followed up in Fall 2024. <u>24-034 Moved by Member Chauvet</u> That the Policies and Priorities Committee accept the Post-Secondary Opportunities Update as information. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
Policy 23-005 – Emergency Response Vehicle Operations:	The Chief Administrative Officer noted that further to a service level review for municipal enforcement, an updated policy was required for Emergency Response Vehicle Operations and introduced the Director of Community Safety. <u>24-035 Moved by Member Lapointe</u> That the Policies and Priorities Committee forward a recommendation to Council to adopt Policy 23-005 – Emergency Response Vehicle Operations. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
Policy 23-012 – FireSmart Homeowner Incentive Program:	The Chief Administrative Officer advised that following the success of the FireSmart Homeowner Incentive Program under a grant opportunity, Council had provided funding for the program and introduced the Director of Community Safety. <u>24-036 Moved by Member Lapointe</u> That the Policies and Priorities Committee forward a recommendation to Council to adopt Policy 23-012 - FireSmart Homeowner Incentive Program. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Policy 23-016 –
Body Worn
Cameras and In-
Car Video
Systems:

The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the Director of Community Safety to provide further information on the Body Worn Cameras and In-Car Video Systems. The Director noted that the purchase of the equipment was authorized in the 2024 Budget and a policy was required for the use of the equipment.

24-037 Moved by Member McAree

That the Policies and Priorities Committee forward a recommendation to Council to adopt the Policy 23-016 – Body Worn Cameras and In-Car Video Systems.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Municipal
Development Plan/
Land Use Bylaw
Update:

The Chief Administrative Officer noted that since the last update provided to the Committee, the Planning team completed further referrals and introduced the Director of Planning and Development and Planner. The Planner stated that there had been excellent turnout at the last open house and that the documents had also been referred to major stakeholders. The next step in the process will be scheduling a Public Hearing.

24-038 Moved by Mayor Pickard

That the Policies and Priorities Committee accept the Municipal Development Plan, Land Use Bylaw, and North Flats Area Structure Plan as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

24-039 Moved by Member Chauvet

That Council go into Closed Meeting to discuss the Joint Use & Planning Agreements (JUPAs) Update, pursuant to Section 21 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act; and a Land Sale (SE & SW ¼ 32-59-11-W5th) and Industrial Dry Kiln Wastewater Agreement, both pursuant to Section 16 of the FOIP Act. Time: 4:25pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

24-040 Moved by Member Chauvet

That Council revert to the Regular Meeting. Time: 5:28pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Joint Use &
Planning
Agreements
(JUPAs) Update:

24-041 Moved by Member McAree

That the Policies and Priorities Committee forward a recommendation to Council to approve:

- the Joint Use Planning Agreement between the Town of Whitecourt, Woodlands County, Living Waters Catholic Separate School Division, Northern Gateway Public Schools, and The Francophone Regional Authority of the Greater North Central Francophone Education Region,
- the updated Joint Use Facility Agreement with Living Waters Catholic Separate School Division to include Woodlands County as a named party, and
- the updated Joint Use Facility Agreement with Northern Gateway Public Schools to include Woodlands County as a named party; and

That the Policies and Priorities Committee forward a recommendation to Council to schedule a formal signing of these agreements and first Joint Planning Agreement meeting between all parties.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Land Sale –
Portion of SE &
SW ¼ 32-59-11-
W5th :

24-042 Moved by Member Baker

That the Policies and Priorities Committee forward a recommendation to Council to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to enter into an agreement to sell the Town owned lands within a portion of the SE & SW ¼ of Section 32-59-11-W5th.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Industrial Dry
Kiln Wastewater
Agreement:

24-043 Moved by Member Lapointe

That the Policies and Priorities Committee accept the Industrial Dry Kiln Wastewater Agreement item as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Adjournment:

24-044 Moved by Mayor Pickard

That the Regular Meeting of the Policies and Priorities Committee be adjourned. Time: 5:30pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Lanctot

Chair

P. Smyl

Chief Administrative Officer

