

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF COUNCIL
of the Town of Whitecourt**
held on Monday, June 24, 2024 at the Forest Interpretive Centre

Present:	Mayor Pickard; Councillors Baker, Chauvet, Lapointe, and Schlosser; Chief Administrative Officer Smyl; and Recording Secretary Grimstad-Davidson.
Absent:	Deputy Mayor Lanctot and Councillor McAree.
Call to Order:	The Meeting was called to order at 4:00pm; Mayor Pickard presiding.
Adoption of Agenda:	<u>24-186 Moved by Councillor Schlosser</u> That the Agenda be adopted as amended by changing the date from June 27 to June 24. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
Appointment of Chair:	<u>24-187 Moved by Councillor Chauvet</u> That Mayor Pickard be appointed as Chair of the Public Hearing. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
Address from the Chair:	The Chair reviewed procedures for the public to address Council. The Chair asked to hear from Planner Schaffner, who noted that as all three applications before Council were related, that the review notes were intended to address all items. The Planner advised that the review of the Municipal Development Plan, Land Use Bylaw and North Flats Area Structure Plan involved multiple consultations with the public and interested stakeholders through various methods. Notice of the Hearing was posted on the Whitecourt website on May 29, 2024, advertised in the local newspaper on June 12 and 19, 2024, and circulated to local stakeholders, including utility companies, school boards, relevant provincial departments, Woodlands County, owners of properties proposed for rezoning in proposed Land Use Bylaw 1577, and to property owners adjacent to the North Flats Area Structure Plan. Prior to the Public Hearing, the documents were circulated to local stakeholders and were also available for viewing on the Town website, project website and at the Town Office. Two questions were received, with written responses from the Whitecourt Golf & Country Club and Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. The Golf & Country Club stated that they were not in favour of walking paths in, on, or around the golf course. The Church advised that they were neutral with regard to adoption of the bylaws, as long as the use of the property and provision of water and sewer services to their property were not affected. The Planner stated that an open house was also held immediately prior to the Hearing, with several people in attendance.
Bylaw No. 1576 – Municipal Development Plan:	Chair Pickard asked if there was anyone who wished to speak in favour of proposed Bylaw No. 1576 – Municipal Development Plan. No one responded to the Chair’s invitation. Chair Pickard asked if there was anyone who wished to speak in opposition of proposed Bylaw No. 1576 – Municipal Development Plan. No one responded to the Chair’s invitation. Chair Pickard asked if there was anyone who wished to speak that was affected by proposed Bylaw No. 1576 – Municipal Development Plan.

Bylaw No. 1577 –
Land Use Bylaw:

No one responded to the Chair’s invitation.

Chair Pickard asked if there was anyone who wished to speak in favour of proposed Bylaw No. 1577 – Land Use Bylaw.

No one responded to the Chair’s invitation.

Chair Pickard asked if there was anyone who wished to speak in opposition of proposed Bylaw No. 1577 – Land Use Bylaw.

Chair Pickard asked if there was anyone who wished to speak that was affected by proposed Bylaw No. 1577 – Land Use Bylaw.

Lana Foster of 59 Ravine Drive addressed the Hearing, noting that she objected to the maximum accessory dwelling unit size being restricted to 90m² and that exceptions should be made for existing structures.

No one responded to the Chair’s invitation.

Bylaw No. 1578 –
North Flats Area
Structure Plan:

Chair Pickard asked if there was anyone who wished to speak in favour of proposed Bylaw No. 1578 – North Flats Area Structure Plan.

No one responded to the Chair’s invitation.

Chair Pickard asked if there was anyone who wished to speak in opposition of proposed Bylaw No. 1578 – North Flats Area Structure Plan.

No one responded to the Chair’s invitation.

Chair Pickard asked if there was anyone who wished to speak that was affected by proposed Bylaw No. 1578 – North Flats Area Structure Plan.

No one responded to the Chair’s invitation.

Adjournment:

24-188 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That the Public Hearing be adjourned. Time: 4:09pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

T. Pickard
Mayor

P. Smyl
Chief Administrative Officer