

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Town of Whitecourt**
held on Monday, October 7, 2024 at the Forest Interpretive Centre

Present:	Mayor Pickard; Deputy Mayor Baker; Councillors Chauvet, Lanctot, Lapointe, McAree, and Schlosser; Chief Administrative Officer Smyl; and Recording Secretary Spivak.
Call to Order:	The Meeting was called to order at 4:00pm; Mayor Pickard presiding.
2025 Budget Public Input Session:	<p>The Chief Administrative Officer advised that feedback had been received from the community pertaining to the 2025 Budget.</p> <p><u>24-308 Moved by Councillor Schlosser</u></p> <p>That Council accept the 2025 Budget Public Input as information.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>
2025 Preliminary Budget:	<p>The Chief Administrative Officer discussed the budget development process, and introduced the Director of Corporate Services to provide details on the 2025 Preliminary Budget.</p> <p>Council reviewed the department outlooks and proposed projects.</p> <p>The meeting recessed. Time: 5:02pm</p> <p>The meeting reconvened. Time: 5:21pm</p> <p>Councillor Lapointe declared a possible conflict of interest as her spouse is employed by GFL and vacated the Council Chambers. Time 6:05pm.</p> <p>Councillor Lapointe returned to the Council Chambers. Time 6:06pm.</p> <p><u>23-309 Moved by Councillor Lanctot</u></p> <p>That Council accept the 2025 Preliminary Budget as information.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>
2025 Preliminary Budget – Part 2 (Closed Meeting):	<p><u>23-310 Moved by Councillor Lapointe</u></p> <p>That the Regular Meeting of Council go into Closed Meeting for 2024 Preliminary Budget per Sections 16, 17, 21, and 24 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act. Time: 7:04pm.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p> <p><u>23-311 Moved by Councillor Lanctot</u></p> <p>That Council revert to the Special Meeting. Time: 7:22pm.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p> <p><u>23-312 Moved by Councillor Chauvet</u></p> <p>That Council accept the 2024 Preliminary Budget – Part 2 as information.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>

Adjournment:

23-313 Moved by Deputy Mayor Baker

That the Special Meeting of Council be adjourned. Time: 7:23pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

T. Pickard

Mayor

P. Smyl

Chief Administrative Officer