

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF COUNCIL
of the Town of Whitecourt**
held on Monday, September 9, 2024 at the Forest Interpretive Centre

Present: Mayor Pickard; Deputy Mayor Baker, Councillors Lanctot, Lapointe, McAree and Schlosser; Chief Administrative Officer Smyl; and Recording Secretary Grimstad-Davidson.

Absent: Councillor Chauvet.

Call to Order: The Meeting was called to order at 4:00pm; Mayor Pickard presiding.

Adoption of Agenda: 24-260 Moved by Councillor Schlosser
That the Agenda be adopted as presented. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Appointment of Chair: 24-261 Moved by Councillor Schlosser
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 and asked to hear from the Planning Department.

Bylaw No. 1577-1: The Planner advised that an application to amend Section 10.28 of Land Use Bylaw 1577 was received on August 2, 2024. Letters to surrounding properties were circulated on August 20, and letters to stakeholders and utility companies were sent on August 23, 2024. Notice of the Hearing was posted on the Whitecourt website on August 20, and advertised in the local newspaper on August 28 and September 4, 2024. The Municipal Planning Commission reviewed the application on August 29 and recommended that the amendment be approved. No formal submissions were made. Immediately prior to the public hearing, a public information session was held, with over 10 people in attendance.

Chair Pickard asked if there was anyone who wished to speak in favour of proposed Bylaw No. 1577-1.

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. 1577-1.

Tiffany Sigurdur of 51 Edgewater Crescent addressed the Hearing, noting that the development has not been and that the road widths were too narrow and that no variances from Town design standards should be permitted.

John Helm of 6 Edgewater Crescent noted that his concerns were similar to Ms. Sigurdur's, and reiterated the concern with the proposed width of the roads and lack of sidewalks, along with the lack of visitor parking.

Michelle Keeley of 22 Edgewater Crescent objected to allowing two-storey buildings, due to potential impact on adjacent properties for sun and shade; and that she preferred to have single family dwellings rather than duplexes. She also noted the need for additional visitor parking and that all works should be completed within a certain time frame. Ms. Keeley also commented that a playground should be provided, along with a walkway to McIlwaine Drive.

No other person responded to the Chair's invitation.

Chair Pickard asked if there was anyone who wished to speak that was affected by proposed Bylaw No. 1577-1.

No one responded to the Chair's invitation.

Adjournment:

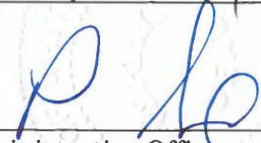
24-262 Moved by Councillor McAree

That the Public Hearing be adjourned. Time: 4:12pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer