

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**of the Town of Whitecourt**  
held on Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at the Forest Interpretive Centre

Present:	Mayor Pickard; Councillors Baker, Chauvet, Lanctot, Lapointe, and Schlosser; Chief Administrative Officer Smyl; and Recording Secretary Spivak.
Absent:	Deputy Mayor McAree.
Call to Order & Mayor's Address:	The meeting was called to order at 4:01pm. Mayor Pickard presiding.
2025 Interim Budget:	<p>The Chief Administrative Officer reported that the proposed 2025 Interim Budget was valued at \$106,288,969, and would require a 3.77% increase. He introduced the Director of Corporate Services to provide an overview of the budget.</p> <p>The Director of Corporate Services provided a brief summary of the 2025 Interim Budget, and it was noted that Directors were present to discuss budgets for each of their departments.</p> <p>Council reviewed details of the proposed 2025 Interim Budget.</p> <p>The meeting recessed. Time: 5:15pm.</p> <p>The meeting reconvened. Time: 5:31pm.</p> <p><u>24-387 Moved by Councillor Lapointe</u></p> <p>That Council defer the 2025 Interim Budget to the December 16, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p> <p>Councillor Schlosser left the meeting. Time: 8:23pm.</p>
2025 Interim Budget (Closed Meeting):	<p><u>23-388 Moved by Councillor Lanctot</u></p> <p>That the Special Meeting of Council go into Closed Meeting for the 2024 Interim Budget per Sections 16, 17, 21 and 24 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act. Time: 8:38pm.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p> <p><u>23-389 Moved by Councillor Chauvet</u></p> <p>That Council revert to the Special Meeting. Time: 9:03pm.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p> <p><u>23-390 Moved by Councillor Baker</u></p> <p>That Council defer the 2025 Closed Interim Budget to the December 16, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>

Adjournment:

23-391 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That the Special Meeting of Council be adjourned. Time: 9:04pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer