

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR
POLICIES AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE MEETING**
held on Monday, October 21, 2024

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

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm; Deputy Mayor Baker presiding.

Adoption of Agenda: 24-058 Moved by Member Chauvet
That the agenda be adopted as presented.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Minutes - Regular Meeting of the Policies & Priorities Committee September 16, 2024: 24-059 Moved by Mayor Pickard
That the Minutes of the September 16, 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.

Whitecourt & District Public Library 2025 Grant Request: The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the Director of Community Services and the Library Director to provide an overview of the Whitecourt & District Public Library's proposed 2025 budget. The Library Director introduced Chair Haugjord and Member Carlson. The Committee discussed the possibility of entering into a funding agreement with the Library.
24-060 Moved by Member Schlosser
That the Policies and Priorities Committee defer the Whitecourt & District Public Library's 2025 grant request to 2025 Budget deliberations.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
Member Lanctot arrived at the meeting at 4:22pm.

2025 Economic Development & Tourism Strategic Plan: The Chief Administrative Officer noted that the Economic Development Committee had prepared a Strategic Plan and Work Program for 2025 and introduced the Economic Development Officer. The Officer reviewed the priorities established by the Committee.
24-061 Moved by Member Lapointe
That the Policies and Priorities Committee forward a recommendation to Council to adopt the 2025 Economic Development and Tourism Strategic Plan.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2024 Council Compensation Review: The Chief Administrative Officer advised that per policy, Council was required to review Council honorariums in the year prior to a general election, and introduced the Director of Corporate Services to review the Council Compensation Committee's findings. The Director noted the Committee recommended an increase in the per diem meeting amounts by COLA each year, and an increase of the per diem amount allotted to Committee Chairs. Clarification on per diem compensation was also provided, and

the Committee requested an additional amendment to Section 8 of Policy 11-006 – Honorariums and Council Per Diem Compensation, Benefits and Allowances.

24-062 Moved by Member Lapointe

That the Policies and Priorities Committee accept the recommendation from the Council Compensation Committee, and forward a recommendation to Council to adopt Policy 11-006 – Honorariums and Council Per Diem Compensation, Benefits, and Allowances, as amended.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Town of
Whitecourt Policy
Manual Review:

The Chief Administrative Officer noted that Administration completed its annual review of the Policy Manual, and introduced the Legislative Manager to review suggested edits.

24-063 Moved by Member Schlosser

That the Policies and Priorities Committee recommend that Council adopt the proposed amendments to the Town of Whitecourt Policy Manual as presented.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

24-064 Moved by Member Lanctot

That the Committee go into Closed Meeting to discuss Athabasca Flats East Land Update, pursuant to Section 16 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act. Time: 4:38pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

24-065 Moved by Mayor Pickard

That the Committee revert to the Regular Meeting. Time: 5:15pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Athabasca Flats
East Land Update:

24-066 Moved by Member Lanctot

That the Policies and Priorities Committee accept the Athabasca Flats East Land Update as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Adjournment:

24-067 Moved by Member Schlosser

That the Regular Meeting of the Policies and Priorities Committee be adjourned. Time: 5:16pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Chair

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Chief Administrative Officer