

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**of the Town of Whitecourt**  
held on Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Present:	Mayor Chichak; Deputy Mayor Chauvet; Councillors Connell, McAree, and Pickard; Chief Administrative Officer Smyl; and Recording Secretary Ashcroft.
Absent:	Councillors Hilts and Schlosser.
Call to Order:	The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Chichak presiding.
Adoption of Agenda:	<p><u>19-402 Moved by Councillor Connell</u></p> <p>That the Agenda be adopted as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>
Minutes from the October 28, 2019 Organizational Meeting of Council:	<p><u>19-403 Moved by Deputy Mayor Chauvet</u></p> <p>That the Minutes from the October 28, 2019 Organizational Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>
Minutes from the October 28, 2019 Regular Meeting of Council:	<p><u>19-404 Moved by Councillor McAree</u></p> <p>That the Minutes from the October 28, 2019 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>
Public Input Session:	There were no members of the public who wished to address Council.
Visitors & Delegations:	<p>Victim Services Annual Report – Tina Prodaniuk, Victim Services Coordinator</p> <p>Victim Services Coordinator Tina Prodaniuk and Court Liaison Suzanne Carlson were present to provide a 2019 annual report to Council. Ms. Prodaniuk reviewed activities completed in 2019, and provided service statistics for the region. Both representatives introduced Karson, the organization’s new comfort dog.</p> <p>Council discussed funding contributions to Eagle Tower Victim Services by neighbouring municipalities, and the provincial government funding model.</p> <p><u>19-405 Moved by Deputy Mayor Chauvet</u></p> <p>That Council recognize the presence of Tina Prodaniuk, and Suzanne Carlson from Eagle Tower Victim Services.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>
Business Arising from Visitors & Delegations:	<p>Victim Services Annual Report</p> <p><u>19-406 Moved by Councillor Connell</u></p> <p>That Council accept the Victim Services Annual Report as information.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>
Children’s Services Contracts and Grants:	The Chief Administrative Officer stated that Alberta Children’s Services adopted a new framework to enhance prevention and early intervention services for children, youth and families. The Ministry redesigned its approach to service delivery, and Whitecourt would be submitting new proposals for this funding.

19-407 Moved by Councillor McAree

That Council accept Children’s Services Contracts and Grants as information.  
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Whitecourt Golf and Country Club – Request for Loan Payment Deferral:

The Chief Administrative Officer stated that the Whitecourt Golf and Country Club requested a deferral of its debenture and operating loan payments to 2020. This request was due to low revenues and attendance in the 2019 season due to poor weather.

19-408 Moved by Councillor Connell

That Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to enter into an agreement for the deferral of debenture and operating loan payments as requested by the Whitecourt Golf & Country Club.  
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Membrane Replacement at The Water Treatment Plant:

The Chief Administrative Officer stated that the microfiltration modules at the Water Treatment Plant were scheduled for replacement starting in 2020 in order to optimize the water treatment process and flow capacity. However, in discussions with Pall Corporation that supplies the system, a reduced price to complete the replacement was confirmed if the project was completed sooner.

19-409 Moved by Deputy Mayor Chauvet

That Council approve the Membrane Replacement Project and authorize funds of up to \$350,000 from the Water Infrastructure Reserve.  
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Extension of the Intermunicipal Cost Sharing Agreement:

The Chief Administrative Officer stated that during the negotiation process, it was recommended that the existing Intermunicipal Cost Sharing Agreement be extended to 2020. Extending the agreement to March 31 or December 31, 2020 would provide time to finalize new service agreements with Woodlands County, and ensure no service disruptions to residents and businesses.

19-410 Moved by Councillor Connell

That Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to enter into an agreement to extend the current Intermunicipal Cost Sharing Agreement, in its entirety, with Woodlands County to December 31, 2020.

Votes in Favour of the Motion: Mayor Chichak; Councillors Connell, McAree, and Pickard.

Votes in Opposition of the Motion: Deputy Mayor Chauvet.  
- MOTION CARRIED.

Councillor Reports:

Councillor Pickard reported that he attended an Alberta Law Enforcement Response Team (ALERT) meeting, and a Whitecourt Regional Solid Waste Management Authority meeting.

Councillor Connell reported that he attended a Whitecourt Regional Solid Waste Management Authority meeting, and a Communities in Bloom Committee meeting.

Councillor McAree reported that he attended a Community Services Advisory Board meeting.

Deputy Mayor Chauvet reported that he attended a Whitecourt Regional Solid Waste Management Authority meeting, and a Capital Region Assessment Services Commission meeting.

Mayor Chichak reported that she attended a Community Training Needs Analysis Committee meeting, a meeting with Minister Pon regarding seniors housing, and noted that she had been appointed to the Caribou Task Force for the Upper Smoky. She also attended a Mountain Pine Beetle meeting, the Hilltop Student Awards Ceremony, and Remembrance Day ceremony.

19-411 Moved by Councillor Pickard

That Council accept the Councillor Reports as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Items of Information:

19-412 Moved by Deputy Mayor Chauvet

- a) Town Accounts – Cheques #068644 - #068793;
- b) Letter dated October 31, 2019 to Honourable Kaycee Madu, Minister of Municipal Affairs, regarding Intermunicipal Collaboration;
- c) Letter dated November 6, 2019 to Woodlands County regarding Geothermal Project Opportunity;
- d) October 29, 2019 Press Release – Whitecourt Town Council Update;
- e) October 31, 2019 Whitecourt and Woodlands County Press Release – Extend Fire Services Agreement;
- f) October 25, 2019 Woodlands Country Press Release – Resignation – Councillor Sylvia Bonnett;
- g) November 1, 2019 Woodlands County Press Release – 911 and Fire Services Dispatch;
- h) National Council for Air and Stream Improvement (NCASI) Fact Sheets;
- i) Canadian Biomass, summer 2019 information;
- j) Mayor’s Calendar; and
- k) Council’s Calendars.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Intermunicipal Agreements (Closed Meeting):

19-413 Moved by Councillor Pickard

That Council defer discussion on the Intermunicipal Agreements item to a Closed Meeting as per Section 21 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting recessed. Time: 8:07 p.m.

The meeting reconvened. Time: 8:18 p.m.

19-414 Moved by Councillor Connell

That the Regular Meeting of Council go into a Closed Meeting to discuss Intermunicipal Agreements as per Section 21 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act. Time: 8:19 p.m.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chief Administrative Officer Smyl was in attendance during the Closed Meeting to provide administrative advice.

19-415 Moved by Councillor Pickard

That Council revert to the Regular Meeting. Time: 9:10 p.m.  
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Intermunicipal  
Agreements:

19-416 Moved by Councillor Pickard

That Council accept the Intermunicipal Agreements item as information.  
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Adjournment:

19-417 Moved by Councillor McAree

That the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned. Time: 9:11 p.m.  
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

***Approved as per Motion 19-419***

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer