

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Town of Whitecourt
held on Monday, January 28, 2019

Present: Deputy Mayor Hilts; Councillors Chauvet, Connell, McAree, Pickard, and Schlosser; Chief Administrative Officer Smyl; and Recording Secretary Ashcroft.

Absent: Mayor Chichak.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Deputy Mayor Hilts presiding.

Adoption of Agenda: 19-032 Moved by Councillor Connell

That the Agenda be adopted as presented.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Minutes from the January 14, 2019 Regular Meeting of Council:

19-033 Moved by Councillor Pickard

That the Minutes from the January 14, 2019 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Minutes from the January 21, 2019 Special Meeting of Council:

19-034 Moved by Councillor Schlosser

That the Minutes from the January 21, 2019 Special Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Public Input Session:

There were no members of the public who wished to address Council.

Town Hall Meetings at Percy Baxter Middle Schools and Ecole St. Joseph School:

The Chief Administrative Officer stated the Youth Advisory Committee scheduled a Town Hall Meeting at Percy Baxter Middle School and Ecole St. Joseph School for February 21, 2019. It was noted the purpose of the Town Hall meeting was to educate youth about municipal governance and for the youth to be introduced to members of Council.

19-035 Moved by Councillor McAree

That Council authorize Council Members to attend Town Hall Meetings at Percy Baxter Middle School and Ecole St. Joseph School on February 21, 2019.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Annexation Update:

The Chief Administrative Officer stated that Administration had been working on the annexation of lands north of Town, between Flats Road and the Athabasca River. It was noted that the Annexation Report was finalized and submitted to Woodlands County, which endorsed the annexation. A formal application was made to the Municipal Government Board with a proposed annexation date of July 1, 2019.

19-036 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That Council accept the Annexation Update as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2019 Spring Municipal Leaders' Caucus:

The Chief Administrative Officer stated that the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) was hosting the 2019 Spring Municipal Leaders' Caucus on March 27 and 28, 2019 in Edmonton.

19-037 Moved by Councillor Schlosser

That Council authorize the Mayor and two Councillors to attend the AUMA 2019 Spring Municipal Leaders' Caucus in Edmonton on March 27 and 28, 2019.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Intermunicipal Agreements (Closed Meeting):

19-038 Moved by Councillor Pickard

That Council defer discussion on Intermunicipal Agreements as per Section 21 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Whitecourt Regional Solid Waste Management Authority (Closed Meeting):

19-039 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That Council defer discussion on Whitecourt Regional Solid Waste Management Authority as per Section 27 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Reports:

Councillor Pickard reported that he attended an Eagle Tower Victim Service Board meeting and a Volunteer Appreciation event; a Town of Whitecourt Library Board meeting; and a Protective Services Committee meeting.

Councillor Schlosser reported that he attended the Council Planning Session; the Whitecourt and Woodlands Performing Arts Society Cheesecake Burlesque event; a Children's Festival meeting; and the Special Meeting of Council.

Councillor Connell reported that he attended the Council Planning Session.

Councillor Chauvet reported that he attended the Whitecourt Woodlands Tourism meeting, a Golden Triangle Trail meeting, the Council Planning Session, the Whitecourt Trailblazers Snowmobile VIP and Media Ride, and an Eastlink Park cheque presentation.

Councillor McAree reported that he attended a Special Meeting of Council; the Council Planning Session; a Youth Advisory Committee meeting; and a Protective Services Committee meeting.

Deputy Mayor Hilts reported that he attended the Council Planning Session, and attended a meeting to review the Wellspring Family Resource and Crisis Centre Affordable Housing Project.

19-040 Moved by Councillor McAree

That Council accept the Councillor Reports as information.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Items of Information:

19-041 Moved by Councillor Schlosser

That Council accept the following items as information:

- a) Town Accounts – Cheques #065069 - #065387;
- b) Letter from Mayor Akihiro Ishida, Town of Yubetsu, thanking the Town of Whitecourt for its hospitality during the visit to Whitecourt in October;
- c) Letter dated December 13, 2018 from Honourable Feehan, Minister of Indigenous Relations, thanking the Mayor for her participation in the First Nations and Metis Settlement consultation;
- d) Letter dated December 17, 2018 from Honourable Anderson, Minister of Municipal Affairs, regarding the Municipal Sustainability Initiative;

- e) Letter dated December 19, 2018 from Mayor Rennie, Woodlands County, regarding annexation application;
- f) Letter dated January 3, 2019 from Honourable Sigurdson, Minister of Seniors and Housing regarding the 2019 Minister's Seniors Service Awards;
- g) Letter dated January 7, 2019 from the Alberta Order of Excellence;
- h) Letter dated January 11, 2019 from Honourable Anderson, Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding the Gas Tax Fund;
- i) Letter dated January 14, 2019 from Metrix Group LLP regarding 2018 Audit Planning;
- j) Letter dated January 15, 2019 from Honourable Anderson, Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding the 18th Annual Minister's Awards for Municipal Excellence;
- k) Letter dated January 15, 2019 to the Senate of Canada regarding Bill C-39;
- l) Letter dated January 15, 2019 to Honourable Sohi, Minister of Natural Resources requesting a meeting to discuss Bill C-69;
- m) Letter dated January 16, 2019 from Honourable Anderson, Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding the Municipal Sustainability Initiative funding for Library, Arts and Cultural Centre;
- n) Letter dated January 17, 2019 to the Prime Minister of Canada regarding Bill C-39;
- o) Letter dated January 17, 2019 to AUMA supporting the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Project;
- p) Letter dated January 24, 2019 to Mayor Rennie, Woodlands County regarding Whitecourt Fire Department Pumper #4 and Woodlands County's commitment;
- q) January 15, 2019 Press Release – SemCAMS welcomed as new sponsor;
- r) Woodlands County Minutes for November 27, 2018;
- s) Mayor's Calendars; and
- t) Council's Calendar.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting recessed. Time: 7:25 p.m.

The meeting reconvened. Time: 7:34 p.m.

19-042 Moved by Councillor Pickard

That the Regular Meeting of Council go into a Closed Meeting to discuss Intermunicipal Relations as per Section 21 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act and Whitecourt Regional Solid Waste Management Authority as per Section 27 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act. Time: 7:35 p.m.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Chichak joined the meeting via teleconference. Time: 7:36 p.m.

Chief Administrative Officer Smyl was present during the Closed Meeting to provide administrative advice on the items.

19-043 Moved by Councillor Schlosser

That Council revert to the Regular Meeting. Time: 8:20 p.m.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Adjournment:

19-044 Moved by Councillor McAree

That the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned. Time: 8:21 p.m.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Approved as per Motion 19-046

Mayor

Approved as per Motion 19-046

Chief Administrative Officer