

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Town of Whitecourt
held on Monday, January 14, 2019

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

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

Adoption of Agenda: 19-001 Moved by Councillor Schlosser
 That the Agenda be adopted as presented. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Minutes from the December 17, 2018 Special Joint Meeting of Council: 19-002 Moved by Councillor McAree
 That the Minutes from the December 17, 2018 Special Joint Meeting of Council be adopted as presented. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Minutes from the December 17, 2018 Regular Meeting of Council: 19-003 Moved by Councillor Chauvet
 That the Minutes from the December 17, 2018 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Public Input Session: There were no members of the public who wished to address Council.

2019 FCSS Grant Allocations: The Chief Administrative Officer stated that the Manager of FCSS, and the FCSS Program Coordinator were present to provide information on the 2019 Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) Grant Program.

The Manager provided a brief explanation of the FCSS Grant Program's mandate and the criteria. She noted that all applications were reviewed by the Community Services Advisory Board and scored using a scoring formula.

19-004 Moved by Councillor Schlosser
 That Council approve the recommendation from the Community Services Advisory Board to allocate the 2019 FCSS Grant Program funds as follows:

Group Applying	Project	Amount
Lorne's Blanket	Client Navigator	\$4,268.00
Whitecourt Pregnancy Support	Volunteer Staff Training	\$5,509.00
McLeod River Primary Care Network	Whitecourt Connections Event	\$2,000.00
Challenger Baseball	Family Support Programing	\$4,723.00
Community Lunch Box	Volunteer Recognition & Program Coordinator	\$17,500.00
Twice is Nice - Wellspring	Volunteer Coordinator	\$16,000.00
	Total Amount of Grant Funds Awarded	\$50,000.00

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Whitecourt Golf & Country Club Society Loan Bylaw 1544:

The Chief Administrative Officer stated that first reading was given to Bylaw 1544 on November 26, 2018 and advertised in the papers in accordance with the Municipal Government Act. No objections were received during the petition period.

19-005 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That Bylaw 1544 be read a second time.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

19-006 Moved by Councillor Schlosser

That Bylaw 1544 be read a third and final time.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Supplementary Assessment Bylaw 1545:

The Chief Administrative Officer stated that Supplementary Assessment Bylaw 1545 enables the Town to issue supplementary assessments for properties that are constructed during the 2019 calendar year.

19-007 Moved by Councillor McAree

That Bylaw 1545 be read a first time.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

19-008 Moved by Deputy Mayor Hilts

That Bylaw 1545 be read a second time.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

19-009 Moved by Councillor Schlosser

That Council proceed to third and final reading of Bylaw 1545.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

19-010 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That Bylaw 1545 be read a third and final time.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Supplementary Taxation Bylaw 1546:

The Chief Administrative Officer stated that Supplementary Taxation Bylaw 1546 enables the Town to issue supplementary tax notices based on the 2019 Tax Rate Bylaw.

19-011 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That Bylaw 1546 be read a first time.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

19-012 Moved by Deputy Mayor Hilts

That Bylaw 1546 be read a second time.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

19-013 Moved by Councillor Pickard

That Council proceed to third and final reading of Bylaw 1546.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2019 Budget Information Open House:

19-014 Moved by Councillor Schlosser

That Bylaw 1546 be read a third and final time.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Chief Administrative Officer stated Administration recommended the 2019 Budget Information Open House be scheduled for March 6, 2019 and noted that this would be the fourth annual Open House.

Council discussed attendance at the event, and the time, and location of the Open House.

19-015 Moved by Deputy Mayor Hilts

That Council schedule a 2019 Budget Information Open House for Wednesday, March 6 at the Allan & Jean Millar Centre from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., and that all members be authorized to attend.

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

Votes in Opposition of the Motion: Councillors Chauvet and Schlosser.

- MOTION CARRIED.

Special Meeting of Council:

The Chief Administrative Officer stated that Administration was recommending a Special Meeting of Council to be held on Monday, January 21, 2019 from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. to discuss the Intermunicipal Agreements. Due to this Special Meeting, Administration is recommending that the Policies and Priorities Committee meeting be cancelled for January 21, 2019.

19-016 Moved by Councillor Schlosser

That Council approve the Special Meeting to discuss the Intermunicipal Agreement on January 21, 2019 at 3:30 p.m.; and

That Council recommend the Policies and Priorities Committee meeting for January 21, 2019 be cancelled.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Ad Hoc Community Training Needs Analysis Committee Update:

The Chief Administrative Officer stated that the Ad Hoc Community Training Needs Analysis Committee recently submitted a grant application for funding to complete an analysis of current and future training needs and was awarded \$66,000 from the Labour Market Partnership Program to complete the project.

19-017 Moved by Councillor Schlosser

That Council accept the update on the Ad Hoc Community Training Needs Analysis Committee as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2019 Annual Snowmobile Rally – Checkpoint:

The Chief Administrative Officer stated that Whitecourt Woodlands Tourism was hosting a checkpoint at the 2019 Whitecourt Trailblazers Snowmobile Rally on Sunday, February 17; and Council was invited to participate at the checkpoint.

19-018 Moved by Councillor McAree

That Council Members be authorized to attend the 2019 Whitecourt Trailblazers Snowmobile Rally event on Sunday, February 17, 2019.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2019 Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference:

The Chief Administrative Officer stated that the 2019 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference is scheduled in Quebec City from May 30 to June 2, 2019.

19-019 Moved by Councillor Schlosser

That Council authorize the Mayor and two Councillors to the Annual FCM Conference from May 30 to June 2, 2019 in Quebec City.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Brownlee LLP Presents – Emerging Trends in Municipal Law:

The Chief Administrative Officer stated that an invitation was received from Brownlee LLP for Council to attend its Emerging Trends in Municipal Law Seminar in Edmonton on Thursday, February 14, 2019.

19-020 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That Council Members be authorized to attend the Brownlee LLP 2019 Emerging Trends in Municipal Law Seminar on February 14, 2019.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2019 Reynolds Mirth Richards & Farmer Annual Municipal Law Seminars:

The Chief Administrative Officer stated that an invitation had been received from Reynolds Mirth Richards & Farmer LLP for Council to attend its annual Municipal Law Seminar in Edmonton on Friday, February 15, 2019.

19-021 Moved by Councillor McAree

That Council Members be authorized to attend the Reynolds Mirth Richards & Farmer LLP Annual Municipal Law Seminar on February 15, 2019.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2019 Alberta Association of Police Governance Conference:

The Chief Administrative Officer stated that the Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) is hosting its 2019 Annual Conference and AGM on April 5 and 6, 2019 in Medicine Hat.

19-022 Moved by Deputy Mayor Hilts

That Council authorize Councillor Pickard to attend the 2019 Alberta Association of Police Governance Conference in Medicine Hat on April 5 and 6, 2019.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Letter to Federal Government Regarding Bill C-69:

The Chief Administrative Officer stated that an email was received from Canadian Natural, requesting communities to write to the federal government and ask them to pause and review Bill C-69. It was noted that the changes to this Bill could make the regulator process more complicated, time consuming, legally vulnerable and ultimately erode public and investor confidence in Alberta.

19-023 Moved by Councillor Schlosser

That Council authorize the Mayor to forward a letter to the federal government encouraging better consideration of industry and stakeholder concerns, and urging the government to pause and review Bill C-69; and,

That Council authorize the Mayor to forward a letter to the Senate Standing Committee applying to be a witness during public hearings on Bill C-69.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Support for
Extended Producer
Responsibility
(EPR):

The Chief Administrative Officer stated that Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) requested support for the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Project. This project would shift the costs of managing recyclable materials from the municipalities to the producer, and would help to divert recyclables from going to our landfills.

19-024 Moved by Councillor Connell

That Council authorize the Mayor to send a letter of support for the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) project.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Reports:

Councillor Pickard reported that he attended a Town of Whitecourt Library Board meeting, and a Community Services Advisory Board meeting.

Councillor Schlosser reported that he attended the Eastlink Park New Year's Eve Celebrations and noted that they had parked approximately 250 vehicles.

Councillor Connell reported that he attended a Communities in Bloom Committee meeting.

Deputy Mayor Hilts reported that he attended a Community Futures Yellowhead East meeting, a Subdivision and Development Appeal Board meeting, a Communities in Bloom Committee meeting, a Whitecourt Chamber of Commerce meeting, and noted that the Wellspring project was moving forward, and were hoping to have shovels in the ground by the spring.

Mayor Chichak reported that she attended the Olive Tres restaurant, one-year appreciation event, the EastLink Park New Year's Eve Celebration, a Vitalization Grant cheque presentation to Tim Hortons, and Community Crosswalk Program cheques to Central School and St. Mary School.

Councillor Schlosser left the meeting. Time: 8:06 p.m.

19-025 Moved by Councillor Pickard

That Council accept the Councillor Reports as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Schlosser returned to the meeting. Time: 8:08 p.m.

Items of
Information:

19-026 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That Council accept the following items as information:

- a) Town Accounts – Cheques #064774 - #65068;
- b) December 18, 2018 Press Release – 2019 Interim Budget;
- c) January 7, 2019 Press Release – Snow and Ice Control Activities;
- d) January 9, 2019 Press Release – Portion of 50 Avenue Closed;
- e) Eagle Tower Victim Services Appreciation Party;
- f) Mayor's Calendar; and
- g) Council's Calendar.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Adjournment:

19-027 Moved by Councillor McAree

That the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned. Time: 8:16 p.m.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Approved as per Motion 19-033

Mayor

Approved as per Motion 19-033

Chief Administrative Officer