

**MINUTES OF THE ELECTRONIC SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Town of Whitecourt
held on Monday, November 16, 2020**

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

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. Mayor Chichak presiding.

Mayor Chichak thanked everyone who had reached out to Council to discuss the mask issue, and provided clarification on the bylaw approval process.

Bylaw 1560 – Temporary Mandatory Face Coverings: The Acting Chief Administrative Officer introduced Bylaw 1560. First and second readings were given on November 9, 2020 and the bylaw was forwarded to a Special Meeting of Council for deliberation.

Mayor Chichak gave each Councillor an opportunity to speak to the issue of a face covering bylaw. It was noted that many strong opinions have been expressed on both sides of the issue, and that there is a frustration that the Province should be instituting a mask bylaw if it feels it would be effective, rather than downloading that responsibility to individual municipalities.

20-377 Moved by Councillor Hilts

That Council give third and final reading to Bylaw 1560.

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

Votes in Opposition of the Motion: Deputy Mayor Pickard, Councillor Chauvet.

- MOTION CARRIED.

Adjournment: 20-378 Moved by Councillor McAree

That the Special Meeting of Council be adjourned. Time: 3:57pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer