

**MINUTES OF THE ELECTRONIC REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
of the Town of Whitecourt**  
held on Monday, September 27, 2021 at the Town Office Large Boardroom

Present:	Mayor Chichak; Deputy Mayor Schlosser; Councillors Chauvet, Connell, Hilts, McAree, and Pickard; Chief Administrative Officer Smyl; and Recording Secretary Gallant.
Call to Order & Mayor's Address:	The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm, Mayor Chichak presiding. Mayor Chichak noted that Council was wearing orange shirts in honour of Truth and Reconciliation Day taking place on September 30.
Adoption of Agenda:	<p><u>21-325 Moved by Deputy Mayor Schlosser</u></p> <p>That the Agenda be adopted as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>
Minutes from the September 13, 2021 Electronic Regular Meeting of Council:	<p><u>21-326 Moved by Councillor McAree</u></p> <p>That the Minutes from the September 13, 2021 Electronic Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>
Public Input Session:	There was no one from the public who wished to address Council.
2022 Budget Public Input Session:	<p>The Chief Administrative Officer advised that due to COVID-19, written submissions as part of the 2022 Budget Public Input Session were requested and none were received; however, the public will have another opportunity to submit their comments at an open house in early 2022.</p> <p><u>21-327 Moved by Councillor Hilts</u></p> <p>That Council accept the 2022 Budget Public Input Session as information.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>
Request for Street Closure – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation:	<p>The Chief Administrative Officer noted that a request was received for a street closure and use of Rotary Park for National Day of Truth and Reconciliation and introduced the Director of Planning and Development to provide further information. The Director advised that the group was planning a procession through the downtown then activities in Rotary Park; and that they may not need the entire three hour closure. Council discussed authorizing members to attend the event.</p> <p><u>21-328 Moved by Councillor McAree</u></p> <p>That Council authorize the use of the Town's fire pit and closure of the overflow parking lot in Rotary Park for the Whitecourt Indigenous Friends Society Orange Shirt/National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Event on September 30, 2021; and</p> <p>That Council approve the street closure and procession route for the Whitecourt Indigenous Friends Society Orange Shirt/National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Walk on September 30, 2021, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm subject to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meeting all of the requirements of Policy 31-005 - Parades/Processions/Demonstrations/Events.</li><li>• Obtaining a Temporary Traffic Control Permit; and,</li></ul>

That the Mayor and up to two Council members be authorized to attend the event.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Personnel Policy Manual:

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the Personnel Policy Manual had been updated to be inclusive for all staff and address legislative amendments. The Director of Corporate Services advised that the manual will be presented to staff when adopted.

21-329 Moved by Councillor Connell

That Council accept the recommendation from the Policies and Priorities Committee to approve the proposed Personnel Policy Manual as presented.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council Committees Evaluation:

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that further to reviews at the Policies and Priorities Committee, changes were being proposed to certain Council Committees to reflect current needs.

21-330 Moved by Councillor Pickard

That Council accept the recommendation from the Policies and Priorities Committee and adopt Policy 11-002 – Council Committees as presented.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Policy Manual Review:

The Chief Administrative Officer noted that further to review by the Policies and Priorities Committee, amendments to the Policy Manual were recommended for approval by Council.

21-331 Moved by Deputy Mayor Schlosser

That Council accept the recommendation from the Policies and Priorities Committee and adopt the Town of Whitecourt Policy Manual as presented.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Reports:

Councillor Connell attended the Whitecourt Regional Solid Waste Management Authority meeting, and meetings for the Ad Hoc Building Committee, Economic Development Committee and Policies and Priorities Committee.

Councillor Pickard attended an Eagle Tower Victim Services Board meeting, Whitecourt Regional Solid Waste Management Authority meeting, and the Policies and Priorities Committee.

Councillor Hilts attended meetings for the Economic Development and Whitecourt Tourism Committees.

Councillor McAree attended the Policies and Priorities Committee, and was part of the parade for support at the Whitecourt Healthcare Centre.

Councillor Chauvet attended meetings for the Policies and Priorities Committee, Whitecourt Regional Solid Waste Management Authority, and Airport Advisory Committee; and attended a three day training course for the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board.

Deputy Mayor Schlosser attended the Policies and Priorities Committee meeting, Arbitration meetings, and a Community Services Advisory Board Planning Session.

Mayor Chichak attended planning sessions for Whitecourt Tourism and the Economic Development Committees, an Airport Advisory Committee and Arbitration meetings. The Mayor also met with MLA Long to discuss major issues affecting the community.

21-332 Moved by Councillor McAree

That Council accept the Councillor Reports as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Items of Information:

21-333 Moved by Councillor Pickard

That the following be accepted as information:

- a. Town Accounts – Cheques 76209 – 76349 & reissue of stale dated Cheque 71476;
- b. September 10, 2021 – Letter from Town of Sundre re Councillor Code of Conduct;
- c. September 10, 2021 – Letter from Town of Sundre re RCMP Retroactive Pay;
- d. September 17, 2021 – Press Release re COVID-19 Update for Whitecourt;
- e. September 20, 2021 – Press Release re 2021 Municipal Election – Nomination Day;
- f. September 21, 2021 – Press Release re 2021 Municipal Election Nominations – Official List;
- g. Strategic Priorities Chart;
- h. Mayor’s Calendar; and
- i. Council’s Calendar.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Intermunicipal Agreements (Closed Meeting):

21-334 Moved by Councillor McAree

That the Regular Meeting of Council go into Closed Meeting for Intermunicipal Agreements per Section 21 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act. Time: 4:24pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

21-335 Moved by Mayor Chichak

That Council revert to the Regular Meeting. Time: 4:44pm

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Intermunicipal Agreements:

21-336 Moved by Deputy Mayor Schlosser

That Council allocate \$50,000 from the GST Partnership Reserve for arbitration legal fees.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Adjournment:

21-337 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned. Time: 4:46pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



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Mayor



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Chief Administrative Officer