

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
of the Town of Whitecourt**  
held on Monday, March 27, 2023 at the Forest Interpretive Centre

Present:	Deputy Mayor McAree; Councillors Baker, Chauvet, Lanctot, Lapointe, and Schlosser; Chief Administrative Officer Smyl; and Recording Secretary Grimstad-Davidson.
Absent:	Mayor Pickard.
Call to Order & Mayor's Address:	The Meeting was called to order at 4:03pm; Deputy Mayor McAree presiding. The Deputy Mayor noted that the Minister of Affordability and Utilities would be in Whitecourt on March 29.
Adoption of Agenda:	<u>23-079 Moved by Councillor Chauvet</u> That the Agenda be adopted as presented. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
Minutes from the March 13, 2023 Regular Meeting:	<u>23-080 Moved by Councillor Lapointe</u> That the Minutes from the March 13, 2023 Regular Meeting be adopted as presented. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
Public Input Session:	There were no members of the public wishing to make a presentation.
Visitors and Delegations:	i. Fort Assiniboine Bicentennial Voyageur Canoe Brigade;  The Chief Administrative Officer introduced Dan Moore of the Fort Assiniboine Bicentennial Voyageur Canoe Brigade, who provided information on the planned events for the Athabasca River expedition. Mr. Moore noted that the group plans to leave Whitecourt on July 7, camping at various spots along the river, and arriving at Athabasca on July 13. Mr. Moore requested that the Town provide a pancake breakfast on July 7, 2023 and requested a member of Council bring greetings for the brigade launch.  <u>23-081 Moved by Councillor Chauvet</u>  That Council recognize the presence of Dan Moore of the Fort Assiniboine Bicentennial Voyageur Canoe Brigade. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
Business Arising from Visitors and Delegations:	i. Fort Assiniboine Bicentennial Voyageur Canoe Brigade;  <u>23-082 Moved by Councillor Schlosser</u>  That Council direct Administration to work with the Fort Assiniboine Bicentennial Voyageur Canoe Brigade to provide assistance with a kick-off event in Whitecourt on July 7, 2023. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
Policy 12-027 – Whitecourt Launch:	The Chief Administrative Officer noted that the Policies and Priorities Committee reviewed proposed Policy 12-027 – Whitecourt Launch and introduced the Economic Development Officer. The Economic Development Officer noted that the scoring matrix is currently being developed for presentations.

23-083 Moved by Councillor Baker

That Council accept the recommendation of the Policies and Priorities Committee and adopt Policy 12-027 – Whitecourt Launch.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

National Volunteer Week:

The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the Director of Community Services who provided further details on National Volunteer Week. The Director noted that the theme of 2023 is “Volunteering Weaves Us Together” and noted that nominations would be accepted for the Whitecourt Volunteer Awards Program and that gift cards would be distributed to various community organizations to acknowledge their volunteers.

23-084 Moved by Councillor Lanctot

That Council accept the 2023 National Volunteer Week as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Whitecourt Free Clean Up Week:

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the Free Clean Up Week would be taking place in May, and introduced the Director of Infrastructure. The Director noted that the program is successful in diverting waste from the landfill, both through the efforts of the Take It or Leave It event, and from the sorting of waste that occurs before disposal at the landfill.

23-085 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That Council accept Whitecourt Free Clean Up Week as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2022 Project List:

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the 2022 Project List was updated to the end of December 31, 2022, and introduced the Director of Corporate Services to provide further details.

23-086 Moved by Councillor Lapointe

That Council accept the 2022 Project List as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Whitecourt Trade Fair 2023:

The Chief Administrative Officer noted that the annual Chamber Trade Fair was scheduled for May 13 & 14, 2023 at the Whitecourt Twin Arenas. The Town reserved, three booths to promote Whitecourt Tourism, and initiatives undertaken by the Fire Department and Communities in Bloom.

23-087 Moved by Councillor Schlosser

That Council authorize Council Members to operate the Town Booth at the Whitecourt Trade Fair 2023, scheduled for May 13 and 14, 2023.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Lemonade Day 2023:

The Chief Administrative Officer introduced a request from Community Futures Yellowhead East for the Town to act as a host community for Lemonade Day, taking place on June 17, 2023.

23-088 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That Council recognize June 17, 2023 as Lemonade Day per Policy 11-008 – Salutes of Special Days/Weeks/Events and/or Proclamations; and,

That up to three members of Council be authorized to assist with the lemonade tasting contest and on Lemonade Day; and

That the Town of Whitecourt support the 2023 Lemonade Day by authorizing the Planning & Development Department to work with Community Futures Yellowhead East to issue Lemonade Day Development Permits and Lease Agreements as part of the local program; and

That space be provided free of charge at the Forest Interpretive Centre or other municipal building, subject to availability, for 2023 Lemonade Day related training sessions.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Economic Development Week:

The Chief Administrative Officer stated that a request was received to recognize May 8 – 12, 2023 as Economic Development Week.

23-089 Moved by Councillor Lanctot

That Council recognize the week of May 8 – 12, 2023 as Economic Development Week In Whitecourt, as per Policy 11-008 – Salutes of Special Days/Weeks/Events and/or Proclamations.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Royal Canadian Legion District 8 Spring Rally:

The Chief Administrative Officer noted that an invitation was received from the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 44 to participate in the District 8 Spring Rally on April 23, 2023. The event would include a parade, requiring street closure approvals, along with the laying of wreaths at the Cenotaph, and a reception.

23-090 Moved by Councillor Lanctot

That the Mayor or his designate be authorized to participate in the Royal Canadian Legion District 8 Spring Rally on April 23, 2023; and

That Council approve the closure of 49 Street from 52 Avenue to 53 Avenue; 53 Avenue from 49 Street to 50 Street; and 50 Street from 53 Avenue to the north side of the United Church parking lot, from 9:30am to 10:30am on April 23, 2023, subject to the conditions of Policy 31-005 Parade/Procession/Demonstration/Events.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Whitecourt Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament:

The Chief Administrative Officer noted that the Chamber of Commerce would be holding its annual golf tournament on June 16, 2023.

23-091 Moved by Councillor Lapointe

That Council Members be authorized to participate in the Chamber of Commerce Summer Sol Golf Tournament on Friday, June 16, 2023 at the Whitecourt Golf and Country Club.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Reports:

Councillor Baker attended meetings for Communities in Bloom, the Emergency Advisory Committee, Eagle Tower Victim Services and the Tamarack Health Advisory.

Councillor Chauvet introduced the representative from the Youth Advisory Committee attending the Council meeting, and noted that he had attended meetings for the Policies and Priorities Committee, Economic Development Committee, Lac Ste. Anne Foundation, and the Whitecourt Regional Solid Waste Management Authority.

Councillor Lanctot attended meetings for the Policies and Priorities Committee, Economic Development Committee, and the Whitecourt Regional Solid Waste Management Authority.

Councillor Schlosser attended meetings for the Policies and Priorities Committee, Economic Development Committee, and the Community Services Advisory Board.

Councillor Lapointe attended a Yellowhead Regional Library meeting, Whitecourt Library Board meeting, and a meeting with Community Futures Yellowhead East.

Deputy Mayor McAree attending the Emergency Advisory Committee meeting and the Policies and Priorities Committee meeting.

23-092 Moved by Councillor Schlosser

That Council accept the Councillor Reports as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

23-093 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That the following be accepted as information:

- a) Town Accounts – Cheques 82976 – 83135;
- b) March 16, 2023 – Letter from Alberta Forestry, Parks and Tourism – Approval of Mountain Pine Beetle Grant Funding;
- c) Woodlands County 2023 Media Releases and Public Notices:
  - a. March 16 – County Council March 15 Recap;
- d) Mayor’s Calendar; and
- e) Council Calendar.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

23-094 Moved by Councillor Baker

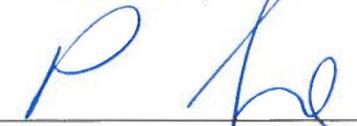
That the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned. Time: 4:50pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Items of Information:

Adjournment:

  
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 Mayor

  
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 Chief Administrative Officer