

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL  
of the Town of Whitecourt**  
held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at the Forest Interpretive Centre

**Present:** Mayor Pickard, Deputy Mayor Lanctot; Councillors Baker, Chauvet, Lapointe, McAree and Schlosser; Chief Administrative Officer Smyl; and Recording Secretary Spivak.

Councillor Baker attended via telephone.

**Call to Order:** The Meeting was called to order at 4:00pm; Mayor Pickard presiding.

**2023 Budget Public Open House Input Summary:** The Chief Administrative Officer noted that further to the Budget Information Open House on February 22, 2023, several comments received were reviewed as part of the budget process.

23-095 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That Council accept the 2023 Budget Public Open House Input Summary as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**2023 Final Budget:** The Chief Administrative Officer advised that since the adoption of the Interim Budget in December 2022, Administration has reviewed options to reduce the rate for the 2023 Budget. He advised that a 1.29% decrease was proposed for the Interim Budget, and introduced the Director of Corporate Services to provide further details.

23-096 Moved by Councillor Lapointe

That Item 7 – Administrative Building Reserve Contribution be reduced from \$85,000 to \$42,500.

Votes in Favour of the Motion: Councillors Lapointe and Schlosser.

Votes in Opposition of the Motion: Mayor Pickard, Deputy Mayor Lanctot, Councillors Baker, Chauvet, and McAree.

- MOTION DEFEATED.

23-097 Moved by Mayor Pickard

That Item 7 – Administrative Building Reserve Contribution be reduced from \$85,000 to \$0.

Votes in Favour of the Motion: Mayor Pickard, ~~Deputy Mayor~~ Councillors McAree, Councillors Baker and Lapointe.

Amended by  
Motion 23-105,  
April 11, 2023

Votes in Opposition of the Motion: ~~Deputy Mayor Lanctot~~, Councillors Chauvet, ~~Lanctot~~, and Schlosser.

- MOTION CARRIED.

**2023 Final Budget  
(Closed Meeting):**

23-098 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That Council go into Closed Meeting to discuss 2023 Final Budget per Sections 16, 17, 21 and 24 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act.  
Time: 4:44pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting recessed. Time: 4:45pm.

The meeting reconvened. Time: 4:53pm.

23-099 Moved by Mayor Pickard

That Council revert to the Regular Meeting. Time: 5:07pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

23-100 Moved by Councillor Schlosser

That the 2023 amended Budget be forwarded to Council for adoption at the next Regular Meeting of Council.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2022 Estimated  
Operating Surplus:

The Chief Administrative Officer stated there was a budget surplus in 2022 and introduced the Director of Corporate Services to provide further information.

23-101 Moved by Councillor Schlosser

That Council accept the 2022 estimated operating surplus item as information and recommend that the surplus funds be allocated to the GST Partnership Reserve for \$59,563.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

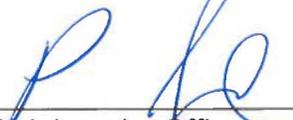
Adjournment:

23-102 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned. Time: 5:12pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

  
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Mayor

  
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Chief Administrative Officer