

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Town of Whitecourt
held on Monday, June 26, 2023 at the Forest Interpretive Centre

Present:	Mayor Pickard; Deputy Mayor Lanctot; Councillors Baker, Chauvet, Lapointe, and McAree; Chief Administrative Officer Smyl; and Recording Secretary Grimstad-Davidson.
Absent:	Councillor Schlosser.
Call to Order & Mayor's Address:	The Meeting was called to order at 4:00pm; Mayor Pickard presiding.
Adoption of Agenda:	<u>23-210 Moved by Councillor Chauvet</u> That the Agenda be adopted as amended by adding "State of Local Emergency Declaration" as Item 10(b). - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
Minutes from the June 12, 2023 Regular Meeting:	<u>23-211 Moved by Councillor McAree</u> That the Minutes from the June 12, 2023 Regular Meeting be adopted as presented. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
Public Input Session:	There were no members of the public wishing to make a presentation.
Emergency Fireguard Grant Program:	The Chief Administrative Officer stated that grant funding is available for construction of an emergency fireguard for communities at risk of wildfires and introduced the Director of Community Safety to provide further information. The Director noted that Woodlands County had reviewed the Expression of Interest from Alberta Forestry, Parks, and Tourism and advised the Ministry that they would be prepared to enter into a partnership for the planning and assessment of the fireguard but that the Province should spearhead the project. <u>23-212 Moved by Councillor Baker</u> That Council enter into an agreement with Alberta Forestry, Parks, and Tourism for the planning and assessment work required for an Emergency Fireguard around the community of Whitecourt under the Emergency Fireguard Grant Program. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
Off-Site Levy Annual Review – 2023 Report:	The Chief Administrative Officer noted that further to review by the Policies and Priorities Committee, the 2023 Off-Site Levy Annual Review was being brought forward for Council's consideration, and introduced the Director of Planning and Development to provide further details. The Director advised that there were no projects completed or added in 2022 that would change the funding requirements, so the allocation amounts have only changed to reflect cost of living increases. A major review of the Off-Site Levies would be taking place in the future. <u>23-213 Moved by Councillor McAree</u> That Council accept the recommendation from the Policies and Priorities Committee and adopt the Off-Site Levy Annual Review – 2023 Report and proposed Off-Site levy rates for 2024. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Asset Management Implementation Plan Update and Policy 13-002 – Asset Management:

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that further to the Asset Management Plan Update at the Policies and Priorities Committee, the Plan and Policy 13-002 – Asset Management, was being brought forward for Council’s review and introduced the Directors of Corporate Services and Planning and Development.

23-214 Moved by Councillor Lanctot

That Council accept the recommendation from the Policies and Priorities Committee to adopt Policy 13-002 – Asset Management and accept the Asset Management Implementation Plan Update as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2023 20 Year Capital and Major Maintenance Plan:

The Chief Administrative Officer noted that further to the review of the 20 Year Capital and Major Maintenance Plan at the Council Planning Workshop and Policies and Priorities Committee, the Plan was being brought forward for approval and introduced the Director of Corporate Services.

23-215 Moved by Councillor Lapointe

That Council accept the recommendation from the Policies and Priorities Committee and adopt the 2023 20 Year Capital and Major Maintenance Plan.

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

Votes in Opposition of the Motion: Councillor Baker.

- MOTION CARRIED.

Capital Regional Assessment Services Commission Recruitment for Assessment Review Board Panelists:

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the Capital Regional Assessment Services Commission is seeking Assessment Review Board panelists and applications must be submitted to the Commission by August 31.

23-216 Moved by Deputy Mayor Lanctot

That Council accept the Capital Regional Assessment Services Commission request for additional panelists as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Alberta Municipalities 2023 Convention:

The Chief Administrative Officer indicated that the annual Convention hosted by Alberta Municipalities would be taking place in Edmonton September 27 – 29, with information sessions taking place on September 26.

23-217 Moved by Councillor McAree

That Council be authorized to attend the 2023 Alberta Municipalities Convention and education sessions from September 26 – 29, 2023.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

State of Local Emergency Declaration:

The Chief Administrative Officer stated that a State of Local Emergency (SOLE) had been declared on June 21 as a result of localized flooding, and introduced the Director of Community Safety. The Director noted that a Council resolution is required to terminate the SOLE; stating that the water levels have receded and evacuation areas are no longer required. The Director advised that Administration will be working with the Disaster Recovery Program for funding assistance.

23-218 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That the State of Local Emergency, declared June 20, 2023, be terminated. Time 4:24pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Reports:

Councillor Chauvet attended the Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament and an Economic Development Committee meeting.

Councillor Baker attended meetings for Communities in Bloom, FireSmart, Eagle Tower Victim Services Support Society, and the Tamarack Health Advisory. She also attended Party In The Park, National Indigenous Peoples Day and the Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament.

Councillor Lapointe attended the Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament, Party In The Park, National Indigenous Peoples Day, Lemonade Day, and a Community Futures Yellowhead East meeting.

Councillor Lanctot attended meetings for Economic Development Committee, and the Municipal Planning Commission, along with the Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament, Party In The Park, National Indigenous Peoples Day, and Lemonade Day.

Mayor Pickard attended an Economic Development Committee meeting, the Northern Alberta Elected Leaders meeting, Party In The Park, National Indigenous Peoples Day, Business Support Network, and the Alberta Municipalities Summer Leaders Caucus. The Mayor also attended the opening game of the Edmonton Riverhawks, where the organization was recognizing host and evacuated communities from the forest fires.

23-219 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That Council accept the Councillor Reports as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Items of Information:

Councillor Baker discussed the possibility of applying to the Victim Services Regional Board.

As Amended by Motion 23-227, July 17, 2023

23-220 Moved by Councillor ~~Schlusser~~ Chauvet

- a) Town Accounts – Cheques 834009 – 834189;
- b) Victim Services Regional Board;
- c) Strategic Priorities Chart;
- d) Town of Whitecourt 2023 Press Releases:
 - i. June 9 – Festival Park Construction Update;
 - ii. June 19 – Flood Watch in Effect for McLeod River in Whitecourt;
 - iii. June 19 – Flood Watch in Effect for McLeod and Athabasca Rivers in Whitecourt;
 - iv. June 20 – McLeod and Athabasca Rivers Flood Watch Update for Whitecourt – State of Local Emergency Declared;
 - v. June 20 – McLeod and Athabasca Rivers Flood Watch for Whitecourt – Update as of 11:15am;
 - vi. June 20 – McLeod and Athabasca Rivers Flood Watch for Whitecourt – Update as of 5:30pm;
 - vii. June 21 – McLeod and Athabasca Rivers Flood Watch Update for Whitecourt;
 - viii. June 21 – McLeod and Athabasca Rivers Flood Watch for Whitecourt – Update as of 6:00pm;

- ix. June 21 – Public Notice – Festival Park Closed to the Public;
- x. June 22 – McLeod and Athabasca Rivers Flood Watch for Whitecourt – Update as of 4:00pm
- e) Joint Town of Whitecourt/Woodlands County Press Release:
 - i. June 13 – Power Generation Project;
- f) Woodlands County 2023 Media Releases and Public Notices:
 - i. June 10 – Notice of Special Council Meeting – June 12;
 - ii. June 10 – Update EWF035 (Shining Bank Fire);
 - iii. June 11 – Update EWF035 (Shining Bank Fire);
 - iv. June 12 – Update EWF035 (Shining Bank Fire);
 - v. June 13 – Notice of Special Council Meeting – June 14;
 - vi. June 13 – Update EWF035 (Shining Bank Fire);
 - vii. June 14 – Update EWF035 (Shining Bank Fire);
 - viii. June 15 – Woodlands County Council Appoints Councillor Kusch as Reeve;
 - ix. June 15 – Update EWF035 (Shining Bank Fire);
 - x. June 16 – Update EWF035 (Shining Bank Fire);
 - xi. June 19 – Road Closure – Hwy 32 at Groat Creek;
 - xii. June 20 – Evacuation Alerts – Athabasca River, Flats Road and McLeod River;
 - xiii. June 20 – One-Lane, Alternating Traffic – Hwy 32 at Groat Creek;
 - xiv. June 20 - Temporary Road Closure - Twp 593A Near McLeod River Tubing Put In;
 - xv. June 21 – Multiple Road Closures through Woodlands County;
 - xvi. June 21 – Road Closures West Mountain Rd & Flats Rd;
 - xvii. June 22 – Evacuation Update - Flats Rd, Twp Rd 620A & Old Ferry, Cutbanks, West Mountain Rd 12:09am;
 - xviii. June 22 – Evacuation Update - Flats Rd, Twp Rd 620A & Old Ferry, Cutbanks, West Mountain Rd 9:56am;
 - xix. June 22 – Evacuation Order McLeod Expanded Day 2;
 - xx. June 22 – West Mountain Road Reopening;
 - xxi. June 22 – Old Ferry Road Evacuation Update Re-Entry;
- g) Mayor’s Calendar; and
- h) Council Calendar.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Closed Meeting:

23-221 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That Council go into Closed Meeting to discuss the Dangerous Dog Bylaw per Section 17 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act and Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework per Section 21 of the FOIP Act Time: 5:03pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting recessed at 5:04pm.

The meeting reconvened at 5:08pm.

23-222 Moved by Deputy Mayor Lanctot

That Council revert to the Regular Meeting. Time: 5:21pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

23-223 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That Council accept the Dangerous Dog Bylaw 1436 as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Dangerous Dog
Bylaw 1436:

Intermunicipal
Collaboration
Framework:

23-224 Moved by Councillor Lapointe

That Council accept Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Adjournment:

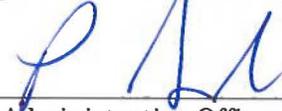
23-225 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned. Time: 5:22pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer