

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**of the Town of Whitecourt**  
held on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at the Forest Interpretive Centre

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

Deputy Mayor Lapointe attended by the meeting by telephone.

**Absent:** Councillor Baker.

**Call to Order & Mayor's Address:** The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm. Mayor Pickard presiding.

**2024 Interim Budget:** The Chief Administrative Officer reported that the proposed 2024 Interim Budget was valued at \$98,245,884, and would require a 3.77% increase. He introduced the Director of Corporate Services to provide an overview of the budget.

The Director of Corporate Services provided a brief summary of the 2024 Interim Budget, and it was noted that Directors were present to discuss budgets for each of their departments.

Council reviewed details of the proposed 2024 Interim Budget.

23-379 Moved by Councillor Lanctot

That Council defer the 2024 Interim Budget to the December 18, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting recessed. Time: 5:37pm.

The meeting reconvened. Time: 6:07pm.

23-380 Moved by Councillor Schlosser

That the Special Meeting of Council go into Closed Meeting for the 2024 Interim Budget per Sections 16, 17, 21 and 24 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act. Time: 6:08pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

23-381 Moved by Councillor Schlosser

That Council revert to the Special Meeting. Time: 6:15pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

23-382 Moved by Councillor Lanctot

That Council defer the 2024 Interim Budget to the December 18, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**2024 Interim Budget (Closed Meeting):**

Adjournment:

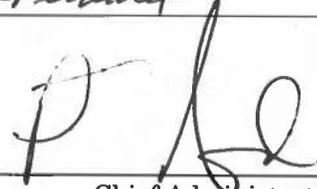
23-383 Moved by Councillor Chauvet

That the Special Meeting of Council be adjourned. Time: 6:16pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



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Mayor



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Chief Administrative Officer