

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Town of Whitecourt**
held on Monday, March 11, 2024 at the Forest Interpretive Centre

Present:	Deputy Mayor Chauvet; Councillors Baker, Lanctot, Lapointe, and Schlosser; Chief Administrative Officer Smyl; and Recording Secretary Grimstad-Davidson.
Absent:	Mayor Pickard and Councillor McAree.
Call to Order & Mayor's Address:	The Meeting was called to order at 4:00pm; Deputy Mayor Chauvet presiding.
Adoption of Agenda:	<u>24-061 Moved by Councillor Schlosser</u> That the Agenda be adopted as presented. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
Minutes from the February 26, 2024 Regular Meeting:	<u>24-062 Moved by Councillor Lanctot</u> That the Minutes from the February 26, 2024 Regular Meeting be adopted as presented. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Public Input Session:	There were no members of the public wishing to make a presentation.
National Volunteer Week Initiatives 2024:	The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the Director of Community Services to provide highlights of activities planned for Volunteer Week 2024. <u>24-063 Moved by Councillor Lapointe</u> That Council be authorized to attend the You've "Bean" Great event on Tuesday, April 16, 2024. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
2024 Sport Hosting Program Application:	Councillor Baker declared a possible conflict of interest as she is on the organizing committee for the U18AA Provincial Championships and vacated Council Chambers. Time 4:06pm. The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the Economic Development Officer to review an application recommended for approval under the Sport Hosting Program. <u>24-064 Moved by Councillor Lanctot</u> That Council accept the recommendation from the Economic Development Committee and allocate \$3,500 from the 2024 Sport Hosting Program to Whitecourt Minor Hockey to host the U18AA Provincial Championship event from March 29 to April 2, 2024. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Councillor Baker returned to the Council Chambers. Time 4:08pm.
Lemonade Day 2024:	The Chief Administrative Officer advised that Lemonade Day is being hosted by Community Futures Yellowhead East on June 15, 2024. <u>24-065 Moved by Councillor Schlosser</u> That Council recognize June 15, 2024 as Lemonade Day per Policy 11-008 – Salutes of Special Days/Weeks/Events and/or Proclamations; and,

That three members of Council be authorized to judge booths on Lemonade Day;

That the Town of Whitecourt support Lemonade Day 2024 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 Lemonade Day 2024 related training sessions.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Whitecourt Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament:

The Chief Administrative Officer noted that the annual Whitecourt & District Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament was planned for June 21, 2024.

24-066 Moved by Councillor Lapointe

That Council Members be authorized to participate in the Whitecourt & District Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament on Friday, June 21, 2024 at the Whitecourt Golf and country Club.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Appointment of Deputy Mayor:

The Chief Administrative Officer indicated that Deputy Mayor Chauvet's term as Deputy Mayor expires March 31, 2024, and a new Deputy Mayor would need to be appointed.

24-067 Moved by Councillor Baker

That Council appoint Councillor Braden Lanctot to serve as Deputy Mayor from April 1 to June 30, 2024, as recommended by the Mayor.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Reports:

Councillor Lanctot attended the Budget Information Open House.

Councillor Schlosser attended the Budget Information Open House and a Youth Advisory Committee Meeting.

Councillor Lapointe attended the Budget Information Open House and meetings for the Youth Advisory Committee and Yellowhead Regional Library.

Councillor Baker attended a meeting for Eagle Tower Victim Services Society.

Deputy Mayor Chauvet attended the Alberta Coordinated Action for Recycling Enterprises (CARE) Conference and a workshop with the Lac Ste. Anne Foundation.

24-068 Moved by Councillor Lanctot

That Council accept the Councillor Reports as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Items of Information:

24-069 Moved by Councillor Lapointe

That the following items be accepted as information:

- a) Town Accounts – Cheques 87262 – 87411;
- b) February 23, 2024 Letter from Minister of Municipal Affairs re Fire Services Grant;
- c) February 29, 2024 Letter from Minister of Municipal Affairs re Budget 2024;

- d) Letter from Municipal Affairs re ICF Survey;
- e) Tamarack Health Advisory Zoom Invite re Healthcare Retention and Recruitment;
- f) Town of Whitecourt 2024 Press Releases:
 - i. February 28 – Whitecourt Town Council Update;
- g) Woodlands County 2024 Press Releases:
 - i. February 28 –February 28 Council Recap;
- h) Mayor’s Calendar; and
- i) Council Calendar.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Adjournment:

24-070 Moved by Councillor Baker

That the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned. Time: 4:31pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer



OFFICIAL AFFIRMATION

I, Braden Lanctot, do affirm that I will diligently, faithfully, and to the best of my ability, execute according to the law, the office of Deputy Mayor for the Town of Whitecourt, for the period of April 1 – June 30, 2024.

AFFIRMED BEFORE ME at the Town of)
Whitecourt, in the Province of Alberta)
this 11 day of March, 2024.)



Paul Chauvet)
Deputy Mayor – Town of Whitecourt)



Braden Lanctot