MINUTES OF THE REGULAR POLICIES AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

held on Monday, September 19, 2022

Present:

Deputy Mayor Chauvet; Mayor Pickard; Members Baker, McAree, Lanctot, Lapointe, and Schlosser; Acting Chief Administrative Officer Grande; and Recording Secretary Gallant.

Call to Order:

Deputy Mayor Chauvet called the meeting to order. Time 1:00pm.

Adoption of Agenda:

22-050 Moved by Member Lanctot

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Minutes - Regular Meeting of the Policies and Priorities Committee June 20, 2022: 22-051 Moved by Member McAree

That the Minutes of the June 20, 2022 Regular Policies and Priorities Committee Meeting be adopted as presented.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Public Input Session:

There were no members of the public wishing to make a presentation.

Land Use Bylaw 1506-11 – Rezone Lot G, Plan 1584NY from M-2 to M-1: Councillor McAree abstained from voting as he was not present for the Public Hearing on August 15, 2022.

The Acting Chief Administrative Officer noted that a Public Hearing had been held August 15, 2022 regarding the application to rezone a property in west Whitecourt. She introduced the Director of Planning and Development and the Development Officer who provided further details on the application, and reviewed information presented during the Public Hearing process.

22-052 Moved by Member Schlosser

That the Policies and Priorities Committee forward a recommendation to Council to adopt Land Use Bylaw 1506-11.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Joint Use and Planning Agreements: The Acting Chief Administrative Officer reported that the Municipal Government Act requires municipalities to enter into Joint Use and Planning Agreements with all school boards that operate within their municipal boundaries. It was noted that Administration will be scheduling meetings with the school boards to complete the agreements by the June 2023 deadline.

22-053 Moved by Member Lanctot

That the Policies and Priorities Committee accept the Joint Use and Planning Agreements as information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council Committees Evaluation: The Acting Chief Administrative Officer noted that per policy, the Committee is to annually review the efficiency and effectiveness of all Council Committees. Administration completed a review of the policy, and proposed amendments were presented for the Committee's consideration.

The Committee discussed external committee appointments.

22-054 Moved by Member McAree

That the Policies and Priorities Committee forward a recommendation to Council that appointed Council Members to external committees that manage Town-owned infrastructure should only be required to attend the annual general meetings or meetings at the request of the Chair.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Committee discussed memberships and objectives of internal and external committees.

22-055 Moved by Mayor Pickard

That the Policies and Priorities Committee recommend that Council adopt Policy 11-002 – Council Committees as presented, and that Council Committees Evaluation be added to the 2023 Council Planning Session Agenda.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Town of Whitecourt Policy Manual Review: The Acting Chief Administrative Officer noted that Administration completed its annual review of the Town of Whitecourt Policy Manual, and presented amendments to select policies for the Committee's review.

The Committee discussed using inclusive language throughout the manual, and asked that Administration revise policies as required.

22-056 Moved by Member Baker

That the Policies and Priorities Committee forward a recommendation to Council to adopt the Town of Whitecourt Policy Manual as amended.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Adjournment:

22-057 Moved by Member Schlosser

That the Regular Meeting of the Policies and Priorities Committee be adjourned. Time: 1:56pm.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chair

Chief Administrative Officer