



**Committee of the Whole Minutes**

**September 19, 2023, 8:30 a.m.  
1600 2nd Street NE  
Three Hills, AB T0M 2A0**

Council Present: Faye McGhee, Councillor  
Debbie Penner, Councillor  
Jerry Wittstock, Reeve  
Carrie Fobes, Councillor  
Laura Lee Machell-Cunningham, Councillor  
Wade Christie, Councillor  
Kenneth King, Deputy Reeve

Staff Present: Mike Haugen, Chief Administrative Officer  
Kinza Barney, Director of Corporate Services  
Jenna Kester, Economic Development Intern  
Carolyn Van der Kuil, Legislative Services Coordinator

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**1. Call to Order**

Deputy Reeve King called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

1.1 Approval of Agenda

**Additions to the Agenda:**

2.5 Letter of Support to Province Regarding Renewable Energy Pause

3.3 Advice from Officials (Section 24- FOIP)

1.2 Approval of Minutes

1.2.1 Approval of the July 18, 2023, COW Meeting Minutes

**Resolution: CW039**

**Moved by:** Councillor McGhee

That the Committee of the Whole approves the adoption of the minutes of the July 18, 2023, Committee of the Whole meeting, as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2. New Business**

2.1 2023 Post-Election Alberta Tourism Advocacy Summit

**Resolution: CW040**

**Moved by:** Councillor McGhee

That the Committee of the Whole postpone this agenda item until later in the meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Resolution: CW047**

**Moved by:** Councillor McGhee

That the Committee of the Whole recommends allowing any member(s) of Council to attend the 2023 Post-Election Alberta Tourism Advocacy Summit in Calgary on Monday September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2.2 Review of Affordable Housing Funding Programs – Proposed RMA Resolution

**Resolution: CW041**

**Moved by:** Councillor Cunningham

That the Committee of the Whole recommend that Council support the proposed resolution being put forward by Wheatland County regarding a review of Affordable Housing Funding Programs.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2.3 Kneehill County Grant Program Review

The Chair called for a recess at 9:47 a.m. and called the meeting back to order at 10:00 a.m. with all previously mentioned members present.

**Resolution: CW042**

**Moved by:** Reeve Wittstock

That the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to move forward with the revised grant policies as discussed.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2.4 Ward Boundary Review

**Resolution: CW043**

**Moved by:** Councillor McGhee

That the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council Option 2 that utilizes internal resources for a Ward Boundary Review for Division 4 and Division 6, with the objective of placing the entire Hamlet of Torrington within a single ward boundary.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2.5 Letter of Support to Province regarding Renewable Energy Pause

**Resolution: CW044**

**Moved by:** Councillor Cunningham

That the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to direct Administration to send a letter of support to the Premier, Executive Council, and local MLA regarding the moratorium on renewable energy approvals.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3. Closed Session**

The Chair called for a recess at 10:52 a.m. and called the meeting back to order at 11:00 a.m. with all previously mentioned members present.

**Resolution: CW045**

**Moved by:** Councillor Fobes

That this meeting goes into closed session at 11:01 a.m. for the following reason(s):

Legal Advice (FOIP- Section 27)  
Personnel (FOIP- Section 17)  
Advice from Officials (FOIP-Section 24)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

12:30 p.m. - meeting recessed to allow return of public.

12:30 p.m. - meeting resumed.

**Resolution: CW046**

**Moved by:** Councillor Fobes

That Council return to open meeting at 12:30 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

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Kenneth King, Deputy Reeve

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Mike Haugen, CAO