Municipality of Jasper

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 12, 2024 | 9:30am

Jasper Library and Cultural Centre, Quorum Room

Virtual viewing and participation

Council attendance is in Council chambers at the Jasper Library and Cultural Centre. This meeting was also conducted virtually and available for public livestreaming through Zoom. Public viewing and participation during Council meetings is through Zoom livestreaming and in person attendance.

Present Mayor Richard Ireland, Deputy Mayor Ralph Melnyk, Councillors Kathleen Waxer, Wendy

Hall, Helen Kelleher-Empey and Scott Wilson

Absent Councillor Rico Damota

Also present Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer

Christine Nadon, Director of Protective & Legislative Services

John Greathead, Director of Operations & Utilities Lisa Riddell, Community Development Manager

Jenna McGrath, Community Development Project Coordinator

Amanda Stevens, Communications Manager Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator

Peter Shokeir, The Fitzhugh Bob Covey, The Jasper Local

18 observers

Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Melnyk called the March 12, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 9:30am and began with a <u>Traditional Land Acknowledgement</u>.

Additions/ deletions to the agenda #119/24 MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey that Committee add two pieces of correspondence to the agenda for the March 12, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting:

- 6.1 Correspondence Ana Berenguer
- 6.2 Correspondence Darrell Savage, President Jasper Skatepark Committee

FOR AGAINST 6 Councillors 0 Councillor

cillor CARRIED

Approval of agenda #120/24

MOTION by Councillor Wilson that Committee approve the agenda for the March 12, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting as amended.

FOR AGAINST

6 Councillors 0 Councillor CARRIED

Business arising from February27, 2024 minutes

none

Delegations

Deputy Mayor Melnyk invited any members of the public present in the gallery to use this opportunity to address Council regarding any items on the agenda. No one in the gallery responded.

Correspondence – Ana Berenguer Committee received correspondence from Jasper resident Ana Berenguer. The correspondence was emailed to Mayor & Council on March 1, 2024 and received a response from the Deputy Mayor. It was brought forward today to be formally included in the public record and has been attached to the minutes.

#121/24

MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey that Committee receive the correspondence for information.

FOR AGAINST

6 Councillors 0 Councillor CARRIED

Committee received correspondence from Darrell Savage, President of the Jasper Skatepark Committee, regarding a project fundraising shortfall.

#122/24

MOTION by Councillor Hall that Committee recommend Council approve interim financing of up to \$150,000 for the Jasper Skatepark Committee; and

That Committee direct Administration to recommend appropriate financing methods.

FOR AGAINST

6 Councillors 0 Councillor CARRIED

Men's Shed Location Options Committee received a report from Administration with Community Development Manager Lisa Riddell reviewing options explored for a location of The Men's Shed.

#123/24

MOTION by Councillor Wilson that Committee direct Administration to develop a partnership to create a Men's Shed in one bay of the 3-bay garage at the Activity Centre and return to a future Committee meeting with the proposed partnership agreement.

FOR AGAINST

6 Councillors 0 Councillor CARRIED

2023 Community and Economic Development Report #124/24 Committee received the annual Community & Economic Development Fund Report from Administration with Community Development Project Manager Jenna McGrath providing details on the application process, recipients, and the amounts awarded.

MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey that Committee recommend Council accept the 2023 Community & Economic Development Fund Report for information.

FOR AGAINST

6 Councillors 0 Councillor CARRIED

2022-2023 Utility Receivable/Write-Off Request Committee received recommendations and alternatives from Administration regarding a request from the Jasper United Church concerning their utility bill. The original piece of correspondence was received at the February 13, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting.

#125/24

MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey that Committee direct Administration to set-up a utilities workshop to review the current model within the next three months; and that Committee tables this request to that workshop.

FOR AGAINST

5 Councillors 1 Councillor CARRIED

(Wilson)

Recess

Deputy Mayor Melnyk called a recess from 10:36am to 10:46am.

Municipality of Jasper Library Board Insurance Committee received a request from the library board for the Municipality of Jasper to consider adding them to the municipal insurance policy as an Additional Named Insured (ANI). This would ensure that the organization has appropriate insurance coverage for its operations.

#126/24

MOTION by Councillor Hall that Committee recommend Council approve the Municipality of Jasper Library Board request to be an Additional Named Insured under the Municipality of Jasper insurance policy.

FOR AGAINST

6 Councillors 0 Councillor CARRIED

Potential Amendment to Rates and Fees Bylaw 2024 Committee received a report from Director of Protective & Legislative Services Christine Nadon providing information on a possible amendment to the Rates and Fees Bylaw 2024 which is scheduled for third reading at the March 19th Regular Council meeting. The report was prepared in response to correspondence received from a business owner and discussed at the March 5th Regular Council meeting.

#127/24

MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee receive this report for information.

FOR AGAINST

6 Councillors 0 Councillors CARRIED

Public Statements Policy

Committee received a draft policy for their consideration from the Legislative Committee of Council which last met on March 5, 2024.

#128/24

MOTION by Councillor Hall that Committee recommend Council approve Policy F-112: Public Statements as presented; and

That Committee recommend Council rescind Policy F-011: Non-Standard Crosswalks; and

That Committee recommend Council rescind Policy F-012: Proclamation, Letter of Support and Flag Raising Policy

FOR AGAINST

6 Councillors 0 Councillor CARRIED

Establishment of New Public EV Charging Stations Administration presented recommendations and alternatives to Committee regarding EVenture northwest AB, a community-driven, collaborative program between municipalities seeking to build a level 3 (DC Fast Charger) EV charging network across west/central Alberta.

#129/24

MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee recommend Council approve participation in the EVenture charging network and;

That Committee recommend Council approve the establishment of four new electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in the off-street parking lot adjacent to the public washrooms on Connaught Drive through a licence of occupation for a term of up to 14 years.

FOR AGAINST

6 Councillors 0 Councillor CARRIED

Motion Action List

Administration reviewed the Motion Action List.

#130/24

MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee approve the updated Motion Action List with the removal of the following items:

- Jasper Folk Music Festival 2023
- The Men's Shed
- Jasper United Church Utilities Request

And date changes for the following items:

• Transit Capital Projects

FOR AGAINST 6 Councillors 0 Councillors

CARRIED

Councillor upcoming meetings

Councillor Kelleher-Empey attended a meeting of the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association last Friday. The annual general meeting is scheduled for May31st in Edmonton.

Councillor Kelleher-Empey will be attending an Evergreens Board meeting in Hinton this Friday.

Councillor Wilson will be in Ottawa March 18th & 19th for the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation conference.

Mayor Ireland and Mr. Given will be meeting MP Gerald Soroka and The Association of Mountain Parks Protection and Enjoyment (AMPPE) board tomorrow with the focus of discussion being the Icefields Parkway.

Councillor Melnyk will be attending the Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce breakfast meeting tomorrow morning and a Jasper Yellowhead Historical Society meeting

tomorrow night. He will be in Edmonton Thursday and Friday for the 2024 Spring Municipal Leaders' Caucus to present the Request for Decision which was approved at the February 20, 2024 Regular Council meeting.

Councillor Hall will attend a Jasper Municipal Library Board meeting this evening.

Councillor Waxer will attend the Early Childhood/School Age Community Conversation on Wednesday.

Upcoming Events Council reviewed a list of upcoming events.

Adjournment #131/24

MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey that, there being no further business, the Committee of the Whole meeting of March 12, 2024 be adjourned at 11:24am.

FOR AGAINST

6 Councillors 0 Councillors CARRIED