

Municipality of Jasper
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 27, 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 Scott Wilson, Councillors Kathleen Waxer, Wendy Hall, Helen Kelleher-Empey, Rico Damota and Ralph Melnyk		
Absent	none		
Also present	Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer Christine Nadon, Director of Protective & Legislative Services Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator Henry Penn & Laura Lynes, The Resilience Institute Jeff Wilson, Resident Peter Shokeir, The Fitzhugh Bob Covey, The Jasper Local 44 observers		
Call to Order	Deputy Mayor Wilson called the February 27, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 9:30am.		
Additions/deletions to the agenda	Mayor Ireland noted that a member of the public wished to address Committee and requested the addition of item: <ul style="list-style-type: none">5.1 Delegations - Jeff Wilson		
Approval of agenda #94/24	MOTION by Councillor Hall that Committee approve the agenda for the February 27, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting as amended: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Add 5.1 Delegations - Jeff Wilson		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillor	CARRIED
Business arising from February 13, 2024 minutes	Director Nadon noted the motion numbers had been corrected after a mistake had been discovered in the order.		
Delegations – Jeff Wilson	Resident Jeff Wilson shared his support for the Municipality’s Transit system. He referenced Item 7.5 on today’s agenda and credited Council for their forward thinking and planning as the Provincial Government made recent announcements on efforts to increase tourism. Councillor Kelleher-Empey joined the meeting at 9:39am.		

Correspondence	none			
Climate Resilience Capacity Building Program	Committee received a Climate Risk Assessment Report from Administration with Henry Penn & Laura Lynes of The Resilience Institute presenting on Jasper's future climate adaptation challenges.			
#95/24	MOTION by Councillor Hall that Committee receive the attached Climate Risk Assessment Report for information; and That Committee direct Administration to return to a future Committee meeting with recommendations on developing a Climate Change Adaptation Action Plan.			
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillor		CARRIED
Paid Parking Correspondence	Director of Protective & Legislative Services, Christine Nadon, reviewed correspondence received in July 2023 regarding paid parking and resident parking on the 500 block of Geikie Street.			
#96/24	MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee accept the report for information.			
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillor		CARRIED
Recess	Deputy Mayor Wilson called a recess from 10:50am to 11:00am.			
Jasper Hotel Association Request	Ms. Nadon shared an update with Committee as she has met with Richard Cooper of the Jasper Hotel Association, and Tyler Riopel of Tourism Jasper; separately, to address concerns on engagement and communications during incidents such as wildfires.			
#97/24	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey that Committee accept the report for information.			
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillor		CARRIED
2023 Property Tax Receivable/Write-Off Request #98/24	MOTION by Councillor Damota that Committee recommend Council direct Administration to write off Property Tax receivable for Roll 500000 (Provincial Building) for half of the amount levied in the amount of \$32,678.23.			
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillor		CARRIED
Transit Fleet Facility Procurement #99/24	Administration reviewed the municipal transit service and the successful application for a federal capital grant to support the municipality in procurement of transit capital items. During the 2024 budget discussions while the capital plan was approved including a number of transit related items, Administration was directed to return to Council with more information before initiating procurement processes.			

MOTION by Councillor Damota that Committee recommend Council direct Administration to issue the Transit Fleet Facility Request for Proposals.

FOR	AGAINST	
3 Councillors	4 Councillors	DEFEATED
(Councillors Damota, Melnyk, and Kelleher-Empey)		

#100/24

MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee direct Administration to issue the Transit Fleet Facility Request for Proposals.

FOR	AGAINST	
4 Councillors	3 Councillors	CARRIED
(Councillors Damota, Melnyk, and Kelleher-Empey)		

Recess

Deputy Mayor Wilson called a recess from 12:39pm to 12:45pm.

Sidewalk Seating
Fees 2024

Committee received a report from Administration detailing the value of an on-street paid parking stall in the commercial district. Also included in the report was a draft Rates and Fees Bylaw for consideration. This bylaw would allow for increases to the Sidewalk Seating Fees and Business Licensing Fees.

#101/24

MOTION by Councillor Melnyk that Committee recommend Council approve increasing the Sidewalk Seating fee for the use of the parking lane to \$1,850 per stall in 2024 and \$2,050 per stall in 2025.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	1 Councillor	CARRIED
(Mayor Ireland)		

#102/24

MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee direct Administration to bring the proposed Rates and Fees Bylaw for first and second reading at the March 5, 2024 Regular Council meeting.

FOR	AGAINST	
7 Councillors	0 Councillor	CARRIED

Motion Action List

Administration reviewed the Motion Action List.

#103/24

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

- Paid Parking Correspondence
- Crisis Team Jasper Society
- Jasper Hotel Association Request

And date changes for the following items:

- Clean Energy Improvement Program
- Jasper Folk Music Festival

- Habitat for the Arts

FOR	AGAINST	
7 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Councillor upcoming meetings	Councillor Waxer took the opportunity to thank Administration and the Operations for the hosting of NETMA on February 21, 2024.
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Upcoming Events	Council reviewed a list of upcoming events.
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Adjournment #104/24	MOTION by Councillor Hall that, there being no further business, the Committee of the Whole meeting of February 27, 2024 be adjourned at 1:21pm.
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FOR	AGAINST	
7 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

