

MUNICIPALITY OF JASPER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
July 8, 2025 | 1:30 pm
Jasper Library & Cultural Centre – Quorum Room
[Municipality of Jasper Strategic Priorities 2022-2026](#)



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1 CALL TO ORDER

2 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2.1 Regular meeting agenda, July 8, 2025 attachment

Recommendation: That Council approve the agenda for the regular meeting of July 8, 2025 as presented.

3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 Regular meeting minutes, June 17, 2025 attachment

Recommendation: That Council approve the minutes of the June 17, 2025 Regular meeting as presented.

3.2 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes, June 24, 2025 attachment

Recommendation: That Council approve the minutes of the June 24, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented.

4 DELEGATIONS

5 CORRESPONDENCE

6 PUBLIC HEARING

6.1 CALL TO ORDER

6.2 Public Hearing Agenda, June 17, 2025 attachment

Recommendation: That Council approve the agenda for the Public Hearing of June 17, 2025 as presented.

6.3 Public Hearing Agenda - Land Use Policy Amendments to Increase Residential Density

[attachment](#)

6.3.1 Presentation by Administration – completed on June 17, 2025

6.3.2 Public Presentations

6.3.3 Close the Public Hearing

6.3.4 Motions arising

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6.4 Adjournment

Recommendation: That, there being no further business, the Public Hearing of July 8, 2025 be closed at

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7 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre Progress Update attachment

Recommendation: That Council receive the report for information.

7.2 Jasper Wildfire Recovery Strategic Priorities attachment

Recommendation: That Council adopt the Wildfire Recovery Strategic Priorities as presented for planning purposes.

7.3 Director's Report – Operations & Utilities attachment

Recommendation: That Council receive the report for information.

7.4 Advertising Bylaw 2025 attachment

Recommendation: That Council give first reading to bylaw #271, the Advertising Bylaw 2025; and

That Council select August 5, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. in the Quorum room as the date, time and location for the public hearing.

7.5 Climate Change Adaptation Action Plan attachment

Recommendation: That Council approve the Climate Adaptation Action Plan as presented.

7.6 Jasper Wildfire Recovery Needs Assessment Report – [Committee of the Whole Agenda Package](#)

Recommendation: That Council receive the report for information and direct Administration to incorporate the Wildfire Recovery Needs Assessment Report findings in future work planning.

7.7 Extended Producer Responsibility Discount

Recommendation: That Council implement a discount for all residential recycling customers for the period of July 1, 2025, through to October 1, 2026, in recognition of the Extended Producer Responsibility program and contract.

7.8 Utilities Emergency Capital Funding Request

Recommendation: That Council approve the allocation of \$305,000 from the Utility Capital Reserve for repairs to Water Production Pump 2 and the Water Treatment Plant Entrance Slab Failure.

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8 NOTICES OF MOTION

9 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

10 UPCOMING EVENTS

Council Summer Break – No Meetings July 22, July 29

[Stories of Resilience: Voices from Jasper Exhibition Opening](#) – 6:30-8:30pm, July 25, Jasper Art Gallery

First Regular Council Meeting after break – 1:30pm, August 5

11 ADJOURNMENT

Recommendation: That, there being no further business, the regular meeting of July 8, 2025 be adjourned at

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Please note: All regular and committee meetings of Council are video recorded and archived on YouTube.

Municipality of Jasper
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 17, 2025 | 1:30pm
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 is through Zoom livestreaming or in person attendance and participation during Council meetings is through in person attendance.		
Present	Mayor Richard Ireland, Deputy Mayor Scott Wilson, Councillors Helen Kelleher-Empey, Kathleen Waxer, Rico Damota, Ralph Melnyk, and Wendy Hall.		
Absent	none		
Also present	Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer Beth Sanders, Director of Urban Design & Standards Michael Fark, Director of Recovery Leanne Pelletier, Housing Manager Lucas Sherwin, Town Planner Isla Tanaka, Town Planner Michael Boreland, Town Planner Marley Pollock, Town Planner Amanda Stevens, Communications Manager Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator Isaac Goebel, Decore Hotels Gus Vlahos, Resident Gilly Thomas, Resident Dave Neilson, Resident Wendy Niven, Resident Shelley Koebel, Resident Sheila Couture, Resident Peter Shokeir, The Fitzhugh Bob Covey, The Jasper Local 30 observers		
Call to order	Mayor Ireland called the June 17, 2025 Regular Council meeting to order at 1:30pm and began with a Traditional Land Acknowledgement .		
Additions or deletions to agenda	none		
Approval of agenda #292/25	MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the agenda for the June 17, 2025 Regular Council meeting as presented.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of Regular minutes #293/25	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the June 3, 2025 Regular Council meeting as presented.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes #294/25	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the June 10, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Delegations	none		
Correspondence – Jasper Park	Council first received the correspondence regarding congestion at fuel stations from the Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Jasper through email		

Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Jasper	on June 7th. It was discussed at the June 10th Committee of the Whole meeting, but was received too late to include in the agenda package. Committee directed that it be added to today's agenda and asked Administration to report back on any efforts made so far to deal with congestion at fuel stations.		
#295/25	MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the correspondence for information.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
#296/25	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to gather direction from a traffic engineering firm for dealing with the congestion issues at the open fuel stations in town.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Correspondence – Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce	Council received correspondence from the Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce regarding town values and a future town plan.		
#297/25	MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the correspondence for information.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Correspondence – Tourism Jasper	Council received correspondence from Tourism Jasper regarding town values and a future town plan.		
#298/25	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the correspondence for information.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre Progress Update	Council received a Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre progress update from Director of Recovery Michael Fark. Highlights include information on interim housing; debris management; the joint town rebuild; applications for the Accessory Dwelling Unit Incentive Program; the Recovery Pathfinders Program; social and economic recovery initiatives; the Contractor's Camping Program; and more.		
#299/25	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the progress update for information.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Values to Guide the Development of Jasper's Town Plan	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the values of "belonging, connection, nature, responsible, thriving and inclusive" as information; and		
#300/25	That Council direct Administration to incorporate the values of "belonging, connection, nature, responsible, thriving and inclusive" in the creation of Jasper's Town Plan, fulfilling the requirements of a community plan under the Canada National Parks Act and a municipal development plan under Alberta's Municipal Government Act.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Mayor Ireland called a recess from 2:21pm to 2:30pm.			

Public Hearing Process Land Use Policy Amendments to Increase Residential Density	Mayor Ireland called the Public Hearing to order at 2:30pm and reviewed the order of process. Director of Urban Design & Standards Beth Sanders and Housing Manager Leanne Pelletier presented on behalf of Administration. They were assisted by Town Planners Lucas Sherwin, Michael Boreland, Isla Tanaka, and Marley Pollock.
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Mayor Ireland confirmed with Administration that the nine written submissions received from the public will be attached to the meeting minutes; and the [DRAFT- What We Heard Report](#) has been added to the Engage Jasper website along with [today's presentation slides](#).

Members of the public were given an opportunity to make presentations with a three-minute time limit with additional time for questions from Council. The following individuals each shared their concerns and asked questions of Council and Administration:

- Isaac Goebel, Decore Hotels
- Gus Vlahos, Resident
- Gilly Thomas. Resident
- Dave Neilson, Resident
- Wendy Niven, Resident
- Shelley Koebel, Resident
- Sheila Couture, Resident

Council was given another opportunity to ask questions of Administration.

#301/25	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED that Council adjourn the Public Hearing at 4:31pm; to reconvene at the July 8, 2025 Regular Council meeting at 1:30pm; and That further feedback from residents must be submitted by 4pm on July 7, 2025. FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
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Notices of Motion	none
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Councillor Reports	Councillor Waxer met with the Communities in Bloom Committee on Thursday. They are preparing for Stewardship Day scheduled for June 24th. Councillor Hall attended a Yellowhead Regional Library Board meeting yesterday and plans to attend the Transit Facility Grand Opening tomorrow. Councillors Hall, Melnyk, Kelleher-Empey, Damota, Waxer, and Mayor Ireland were together this morning for an Indigenous Relations workshop with Mark Young. Councillors Melnyk and Damota will be at a Community Futures West Yellowhead meeting this Thursday. Councillor Kelleher-Empey will be in Hinton next Monday for the Evergreens Foundation strategic planning session. Mayor Ireland spoke at the Filipino flag raising event on June 12th at Commemoration Park and took part as a panelist on a Rural Resiliency Forum through the University of British Columbia on Saturday.
Upcoming events	Council received a list of upcoming events for information.

Adjournment
#302/25

MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED that, there being no further business, the Regular Council meeting of June 17, 2025 be adjourned at 4:37pm.

FOR	AGAINST	
7 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

From: [Cindy Alton](#)
To: [Emma Acorn](#)
Subject: Residential Density - and Parking Policy
Date: June 10, 2025 6:04:20 PM

Written Submission #1
June 17, 2025 Public Hearing

I believe we should utilize the space we have along Connaught at both the east end of town, and West End of town for High Density Apartment buildings, with parking onsite. We have already established temporary housing there, so it only makes sense. We also need to provide an affordable, seasonal housing complex for Staff that are here for just that. It needs to be managed and fair for the wages in Jasper. A place that people can be proud to live in.

Parking has always been an issue in Jasper. The reason the parking is an issue is because there have been variances allowed for commercial space and it has now become a residential issue. Let's solve both housing and parking issues. We have already received grant money for those residents that want to add additional dwelling units, so this will provide additional options.

Once the development of the new RCMP building is underway, we can start to build more townhouses , condos for people wanting to own their own home.

Jasper is a remote, beautiful, place to live. The idea of people living here without needing a vehicle, just doesn't make any sense. Let's not forget that we are remote, and need vehicles for appointments out of town, bulk shopping trips, getting away, etc.

The transit system has already been established for tourists to help alleviate the congestion in town. This program is new, and we will need to see the data from this to see how well it is working.

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Long Term Resident

June 12, 2025

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

I'm writing as a long-time resident of Jasper who cares deeply about the unique character and sense of community we've built here. One of the things that makes our town so special is its small-town feel—the kind of place where neighbours know each other, local businesses are part of the social fabric, and the skyline remains as familiar and welcoming as the people in it. It gives us all that sense of belonging.

That's why I'm concerned about the recent discussions and developments proposing the construction of 4- to 6-story buildings. While I understand the need to plan for the future, I believe such large-scale growth threatens to fundamentally change what makes Jasper such a special place to live. Increased density and taller buildings may lead to more traffic, noise, and congestion, and risk undermining the tight-knit atmosphere that residents value so much. Our connection to each other and nature are important values to maintain.

I respectfully ask that future development plans prioritize maintaining the small-town charm, scale, and character of our community. Growth can happen in ways that respect our town's identity—through thoughtful design, lower-rise buildings, and community-first planning. Jasper is a small town with a small population that is thriving and inclusive. I would like to see it stay that way.

Thank you for your attention and for your continued service to our town. I hope you'll consider these concerns seriously as decisions are made about Jasper's future.

Sincerely

Kimberley Stark

Brooklyn Rushton
45 Stone Mountain Village
Jasper, Alberta

Dear Mayor Ireland and Members of Council,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed densification measures under consideration as part of the Jasper Land Use Policy update.

Jasper has faced a persistent housing crisis for years, and the wildfire has only intensified this challenge. In many ways, we have been given a reset button, an opportunity to rebuild not just homes, but a stronger, more inclusive, and more sustainable community. This is a once-in-a-generation moment to make decisions that can transform Jasper's future and the livability of our community for future generations.

As a young adult wanting to build a future in this fantastic community, I urge Council to take bold, progressive action by advancing the following policy directions:

- **Support a wider variety of housing types** across residential districts, including secondary suites, garage suites, duplexes, fourplexes, rowhouses, apartment buildings, and multi-unit dwellings, even in areas traditionally zoned for single-detached homes.
- **Increase the number of dwellings allowed per lot** in low-density zones, to create more flexibility for homeowners during their rebuild and greater availability of long-term housing.
- **Modernize parking requirements** by decoupling the number of required parking spaces from the number of residential units. There are many innovative and efficient parking approaches being used around the world that Jasper can learn from. Flexible solutions, such as shared or off-site parking, reduced minimums in walkable areas, increasing/incentivizing public and active transportation, and angled parking, can help unlock the potential for more housing while still managing local transportation needs.

The housing decisions made now will have major impacts on Jasper's future. I urge you to adopt progressive, future-oriented policies that prioritize long-term community resilience, affordability, and livability, for those rebuilding today, and for the generations to come.

Thank you for your time and your leadership.

Sincerely,

Brooklyn Rushton

Recipient: Jasper Municipal Council
Sender: Paula Ferguson
Subject: Jasper Land Use Policy proposals

June 14, 2025

Dear Mayor and Council,

I would like to express my concern as to the hastiness with which this meeting was scheduled and the lack of notice to the public. In the Committee of the Whole Meeting, Director Sanders indicated that public notice protocol was not followed yet Council elected to proceed without even an understanding of how this event was advertised or their procedural obligations when addressing residents' concerns.

I am also disappointed that Council opted to accept the “values” as presented as there seems to be no input from the business community with reference to the importance of the tourism economy in Jasper. Any town planning needs to include residents, businesses and keep mindful the importance of visitors to our local economy.

There were very limited options for displaced residents to participate in the process as most of the meeting times did not consider time zone changes of the diaspora. With no demographic data presented, how is the input from less than 100 attendees statistically relevant or representative of the community at large?

As for the proposed changes, I appreciate trying to simplify the present zoning, but I have major concerns regarding balancing the desire to have more housing options and compounding the already problematic parking congestion. For example, board #4 suggesting that garden and garage suites in Cabin Creek West where local Transit Buses and courier services struggle to navigate with cars parked on both sides. This problem is exacerbated during the winter months when cars park further from the sidewalk.

Board #5 proposed policy changes would likewise have a significant negative impact on parking. Lots of sufficient size could have a duplex both with secondary suites and this has worked on the past on the 700 block of Patricia and on-site parking was provided for these units. Six units would ruin the character of neighborhoods and Jasper as a whole.

Also, while providing the flexibility to have a Secondary Suite and/or a garage suite or garden suite would not impact site coverage or parking if limited to 20% of site coverage, to

have both a garage suite and garden suite does not seem logical nor feasible. Would each then be 10% of lot coverage? What about parking? What about soft landscaping requirements? This option on board #10 seems ill conceived in my opinion and the existing policy should stand.

Boards #13 and #14 would not only have parking implications but undermine the aesthetics and small-town charm that sets Jasper apart from other tourist towns. I do not support any 6-storey buildings and to place them at the periphery of town where fire risk is the greatest is a recipe for disaster. I would likewise be concerned about 3 floors of apartments over a commercial operation, especially a restaurant where a grease fire or gas leak could prove lethal to residents.

I would hope that the master plan would also include options for seniors looking to downsize and wanting an option in town. This would open single family homes for young families and allow longtime residents to remain in Jasper. Row housing with greenspace would be ideal for this demographic. I had heard some time back that this idea was proposed for behind the new RCMP detachment building.

In summary, while I appreciate the intent to simplify Land Use Policy, there are limitations to densification based on lot sizes, back-alley access and parking limitations. I fear that the small-town charm of Jasper will be forever changed. Jasper needs seasonal housing more than having a 3-6 plex on a residential lot.

Respectfully,

Paula Ferguson
Formerly 728 Patricia Street
Jasper, AB

From: [Patrick](#)
To: [Emma Acorn](#)
Subject: To Council, ADUs for Housing Jasper Residents only
Date: June 16, 2025 12:24:30 PM

Dear Council,

I am writing to you to express my concern about the Municipality of Jasper seeking to increase the supply of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) in Jasper while making zero effort to ensure that any existing or new ADU is exclusively used for housing Jasper residents.

- Both the current or proposed policy do not include any limitation on how many ADUs can be PHAs or which ADUs can be PHAs.
- There is nothing in the current or proposed policy that would prevent 100% of all ADUs to be used as PHAs.
- It is disingenuous to ask for public opinion on increasing the supply of ADUs under the guise that those ADUs will be used for housing Jasper residents while there is no policy to ensure a single ADU is used for housing Jasper residents.
- Public funds are being used to house Jasper residents while there is nothing stopping Jasper residents who live in ADUs from being evicted at the end of their lease so that their landlord can use the ADU as a PHA. This is happening currently.

I am pleading to council to, at a minimum, ask Parks/MOJ for a moratorium that would stop all new PHAs from being approved to put a stop to the leak of the very limited Jasper rental housing supply. Beyond that I am also pleading to the council that any changes to the land use policy include some form of cap or limit to the total number of PHAs allowed in Jasper. In my opinion that cap should be the number of PHAs licences there were on July 21st 2024.

Please be aware that I am aware that the ADU grant program will have stipulations that prevent the unit from being PHA for 10 years. That grant program is wholly independent of the Land Use Policy and does not make any impact on my concerns about the Land User Policy's lack of control on PHAs. In fact that program only heightens my concerns as we are publically funding construction of ADUs that will be turned to PHAs in the near future. This is akin to converting the new publically funded seniors home to a hotel in 10 years.

Thanks,
Patrick

From: [Warren Waxer](#)
To: [Emma Acorn](#)
Subject: Residential density and parking
Date: June 16, 2025 2:33:13 PM

Comments for Public hearing on Residential Density and Parking:

While increasing residential density is a reasonable goal in Jasper, if careful consideration is not given not parking there will be negative consequences.

At the density before the fire there was inadequate parking in many areas of town.

I can only speak for my area of Cabin Creek West where R2 designation caused pretty well all driveway and on-street parking to be full by the end of the day and not all houses had extra suites. The move to encourage addition of extra suites in houses and above garages will only add to a maxed-out parking situation.

Some system of parking allotment per house must be instituted and enforced to ensure all residents are allowed their fair share of public parking. It is a great idea to reduce car use in town put at present and for the near future, unless measures are taken, more density will create greater demand for parking and the resulting neighbourhood conflict.

Thank you,
Warren Waxer

From: [K Forster](#)
To: [Emma Acorn](#)
Subject: Comments re residential density and parking policy
Date: June 16, 2025 2:34:54 PM

Hello,

I am unable to make the council meeting and would like to express my concerns with the proposal density and parking that the town is planning.

While I am supportive of increasing housing to accommodate the people who need/want to live here, I do not think that over building and saturating a very limited housing market is a good idea.

The proposal I saw doesn't address parking at all in a realistic way. While Jasper is a bike friendly town, and now has transit, the reality is most people want to be able to drive where and when they want and to park near their homes, most families have more than one vehicle. I live in the Cabin Creek area and it has always had parking issues, increasing multiple density housing down here will just be a nightmare, of increased traffic and parking. The idea of a community parking lot is just ridiculous....there is NO land anywhere near Cabin creek or the west end that would be available for this. I do not want to park on the east end of town and take transit to my home. Ever.

Further to parking, for all these new apartment developments, underground parking is a no brainer and should/must be part of the plans.

Jasper has a very limited footprint. Increasing density means more traffic and noise, overcrowding and a lack of privacy. I am used to living within a small footprint, but the proposed increase to the housing will make me feel like a rat in a cage. Speaking with others, I know I am not alone in this. There will be a lack of privacy, and the very limited amount of green space within the town will be further reduced. No one wants to live in a concrete jungle.

I would like to be able to see the mountains, and not have my viewscape just be an urban footprint.

I also think that the proposals will saturate the market, there are currently the new buildings at the walks ups, the new building going up along connaught drive and the proposed 6 story apartments at the back of town. That should be enough to accommodate the workers, should it not? Because I believe that rental costs are about to explode here and not too many people will be able to afford the rents (see paragraph below)

I am very concerned about the future of jasper, I am hearing that rebuilds in Cabin creek are coming in at 1.5 - 2.8 million dollars.....and that is just for what they had. Who is going to be able to afford to 1. Rent the proposed additional cottage houses etc...and 2. I am hearing that insurance companies and declining insurance to anyone who is renting to tenants or the ones who still have insurance are being asked to pay a very substantial premium....this doesn't solve the housing issue, this just drives people from living here. These will just cause displacement and reduced affordability. Does this mean there will just be a bunch of empty buildings?

I feel that council and the town should tread very cautiously with their ideas for the future of Jasper. Let's make it a town we still like to live in. Not living on top of each other.

Thank you, Kim Forster

To: Mayor and Council, Municipality of Jasper
From: Patricia Place Condominium Volunteer Board
Subject: Concerns Regarding Land Use Policy Changes

Dear Mayor and Council,

The Patricia Place Condominium Volunteer Board recognizes the need to increase capacity in our community, and we appreciate the opportunity for thoughtful post-wildfire rebuilding and the creation of new housing in Jasper.

That said, with the potential for increased density and population, we would like to respectfully request that the Municipality investigate and address several potential impacts on existing infrastructure and community livability. Specifically:

- **Sidewalk connectivity:** There are several existing sidewalk connectivity issues in Jasper. One notable example is the 200-metre gap in the sidewalk on the south side of Patricia Street, between Ash Avenue and Willow Avenue. This forces pedestrians and individuals using mobility aids to cross mid-block to reach the existing sidewalk on the north side—where no crosswalk currently exists. With significant multi-family housing in the area and many young families, this gap presents a clear safety risk. We suggest:
 - Installing a marked crosswalk across Patricia Street at or near Ash Avenue.
 - Including the construction of the missing sidewalk segment in the municipality's capital planning.
- **Transportation and mobility planning:** Increased density should not automatically result in greater vehicle congestion. We recommend identifying and investing in alternate transportation infrastructure—particularly transportation infrastructure that supports bicycling and walking between west Jasper and downtown.
- **Utility capacity:** We ask the Municipality to confirm that underground utility systems, including water and sanitary, can support new development loads, and to proactively address any required upgrades. An example of a potential issue in our area is the capacity / condition of the existing lift station at Patricia Place Condominiums.
- **Developer contributions:** We support clear requirements for developers of larger multi-family or mixed-use projects to contribute to infrastructure improvements necessitated by their developments.
- **Utility company coordination:** Residents of Patricia Place have experienced repeated unannounced access and service work from utility providers such as Telus and Rogers on private leaseholds. This raises concerns about liability and safety. We ask that the Municipality establish a clear point of contact for

managing such access, ensure communication with affected residents, and develop an enforcement framework for non-compliant third-party contractors.

- **Municipal works coordination:** Residents of Patricia Place have recently experienced unannounced access by Municipal contractors that resulted in damage to our property (ripped up sod etc). This raises concerns about accountability, liability and safety. We ask that the Municipality coordinate future projects with us beforehand.

We thank you for your time and attention to these matters and for your continued efforts on behalf of the Jasper community. We would be happy to provide additional information or meet to discuss these concerns further.

Sincerely,

Patricia Place Condominium Volunteer Board



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June 17, 2025 Public Hearing
Written Submission #9

June 16, 2025

Mayor Richard Ireland and Council
The Municipality of Jasper

Dear Mayor and Council:

RE: Public Hearing: Land Use Policy Amendments to Increase Residential Density

Please accept the following as a submission to the Public Engagement Process with respect to the above-noted issue.

There can be little doubt that Jasper has experienced a serious housing shortage for as long as most of us can remember. Council is right to see opportunity following the 2024 wildfires to mitigate this longstanding barrier to stability and prosperity for residents.

The range of amendments being recommended is very broad. Some measures could, if adopted, lead to consequences beyond what may thus far have been considered and discussed.

With that in mind, on behalf of its membership, Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce offers the following perspective and recommendations for Council's consideration

Balance is Essential

Expansion of housing in the C2 district could certainly be a way to increase residential development. However Jasper's commercial district is small and, barring expansion of the town boundary, possibly the only space where a modest expansion of commercial floorspace could be accommodated. It has been clear for a long time that Jasper is under-built in commercial accommodation. A modest increase would invigourate our economy and support resident services.

A better balance between commercial Hospitality and Service offerings would benefit Jasper over the long term. Balance between commercial and residential development is essential. It's important that in our determination to solve Jasper's long-term housing shortage, we do not overbuild, or build in areas better suited to other uses.

We'd like to suggest that Council support a discussion around increasing Jasper's commercial accommodation inventory and that this use of limited space in the commercial district may be more appropriate and beneficial than residential use.

Existing Residential Neighbourhoods are Important

With extensive areas within the townsite having been made ready for residential development, we should begin conversations now about utilizing those spaces for high-density housing once interim housing begins to demobilize. In our view, the greatest housing need in Jasper is for affordable

medium- and high-density accommodations suitable for seasonal workforce. The newly-serviced areas are ideally suited for this use. We think it important that this conversation begin early so residents can be aware of development potentials in these areas when making decisions about density increases in established neighbourhoods.

Development of more appropriate, higher-density housing for seasonal workforce in new areas, if thoughtfully planned, could essentially eliminate the need for the “staff-house” paradigm that we have all come to know and detest. This would improve livability in established residential areas while increasing housing availability for long-term residents.

With considerable potential availability for higher-density housing in new areas, it seems that over-compensating by substantially increasing development in established neighbourhoods and the commercial district may be short-sited and have unintended long-term consequence.

We recommend that a forward-looking inventory of in-process and potential medium and high-density housing units be assembled and communicated for the benefit of residents and developers.

Fiscal Considerations are Critical

As we consider efforts to increase housing options and availability, consideration must be given to the fiscal framework that supports municipal services and infrastructure. Some of the residential expansion options being considered will likely come with considerable infrastructure cost. How that cost will be borne should be part of the conversation. Integral to that conversation should be recognition that Jasper already has a considerable proportion of restricted-equity housing and as more is likely in the next few years, this factor may evolve to become more of a conundrum for the community.

The 2022 *Tourism-Based Communities Costs and Fiscal Capacities Report* makes it clear that the commercial assessment base cannot be relied on to support increasing infrastructure and service costs. Now more than ever, it will be critical that Council review its fiscal funding framework to inform decision-making relative to recovery and rebuild. We recommend such a review begin soon.

In conclusion, we thank you for your consideration of the above-noted recommendations. Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce remains committed to being a valuable partner in the community as we navigate the recovery and rebuild journey together. Please do not hesitate to contact us for further information or discussions.

Sincerely,



Paul Butler
Executive Director

Municipality of Jasper
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 24, 2025 | 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 is through Zoom livestreaming or in person attendance and participation during Council meetings is through in person attendance.		
Present	Mayor Richard Ireland, Deputy Mayor Wendy Hall, Councillors Kathleen Waxer, Helen Kelleher-Empey, Ralph Melnyk, and Scott Wilson		
Absent	Councillor Rico Damota		
Also present	Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer Beth Sanders, Director of Urban Design & Standards Courtney Donaldson, Director of Operations & Utilities Michael Fark, Director of Recovery Doug Olthaf, Housing & Social Recovery Manager Mona El Dabee, Energy & Environment Manager Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator Peter Shokeir, The Fitzhugh Jacqui Sundquist, CBC Edmonton Bob Covey, The Jasper Local 4 observers		
Call to Order	Deputy Mayor Wilson called the June 24, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 9:30am.		
Additions/ Deletions to agenda #303/25	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk that Committee amend the agenda for the June 24, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting by adding the following item: <ul style="list-style-type: none">11.1 In-Camera item – Land & Legal Matter		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of agenda #304/25	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey that Committee approve the agenda for the June 24, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting as amended: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Add 11.1 In-Camera – Land & Legal		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Business arising from June 10, 2025 minutes	none		
Delegations	none		

Correspondence	none						
Advertising Bylaw 2025	Committee received a draft advertising bylaw from Administration for consideration. Due to there currently being no print newspaper in Jasper, there is a need for a bylaw to outline the methods used by the Municipality of Jasper to give notice to the public as per the Alberta Municipal Government Act.						
#305/25	<p>MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee recommend Council give first reading the to the Advertising Bylaw 2025; and</p> <p>That Committee recommend Council select August 5, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. in the Quorum room as the date, time and location for the public hearing.</p> <table><tr><td>FOR</td><td>AGAINST</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>6 Councillors</td><td>0 Councillors</td><td>CARRIED</td></tr></table>	FOR	AGAINST		6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED
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#306/25	<p>MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee direct Administration to return to the August 5th Public Hearing with proposed amendments based on an email distribution list to be subscribed by local residents or groups</p> <table><tr><td>FOR</td><td>AGAINST</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>6 Councillors</td><td>0 Councillors</td><td>CARRIED</td></tr></table> <p>Deputy Mayor Wilson recused the Chair to Alternate Deputy Mayor Ralph Melnyk for personal reasons at 10:21am.</p>	FOR	AGAINST		6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED
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Recess	Alternate Deputy Mayor Ralph Melnyk called a recess from 10:21am to 10:28am.						
Health & Safety Policy	Committee received a draft updated Health & Safety Policy from the Health & Safety Committee and Senior Leadership Team. The current policy was approved in 2012 and an update is needed to meet legislative requirements. CAO Bill Given and Director of Operations & Utilities Courtney Donaldson reviewed the draft and answered Council questions.						
#307/25	<p>MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee direct Administration to revise Policy E-109 and return to a future Committee meeting.</p> <table><tr><td>FOR</td><td>AGAINST</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>5 Councillors</td><td>0 Councillors</td><td>CARRIED</td></tr></table> <p>Alternate Deputy Mayor Melnyk returned the Chair to Deputy Mayor Wilson who returned to the meeting at 10:49am.</p>	FOR	AGAINST		5 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED
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Climate Change Adaptation Action Plan	Director of Urban Design & Standards Beth Sanders and Energy & Environment Manager Mona El Dabee presented the Climate Change Adaptation Action Plan to Committee for consideration.						

#308/25	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk that Committee recommend Council approve Jasper's Climate Adaptation Action Plan as presented.			
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors		CARRIED
Alberta Municipalities Award #309/25	<p>Committee received a request from Administration regarding award nominations for the work undertaken during the 2024 Jasper Wildfire Complex.</p> <p>MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee authorize Administration, by resolution, to submit an Alberta Municipalities award nomination recognizing leadership during the 2024 Jasper Complex Wildfire for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dedicated Senior Team Award for the Municipality of Jasper Senior Leadership Team. 			
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors		CARRIED
	Mayor Ireland left the meeting at 11:34am.			
#310/25	<p>MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee authorize Administration, by resolution, to submit an Alberta Municipalities award nomination recognizing leadership during the 2024 Jasper Complex Wildfire for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Award of Excellence for Mayor Richard Ireland. 			
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors		CARRIED
Recess	<p>Deputy Mayor Wilson called a recess from 11:35am to 11:42am.</p> <p>Mayor Ireland returned to the meeting at 11:42am.</p>			
Jasper Wildfire Recovery Needs Assessment Report	<p>Director of Recovery Michael Fark and Housing & Social Recovery Manager Doug Olthaf presented the Jasper Wildfire Recovery Needs Assessment Report to Committee. Mr. Olthaf reviewed how the results were gathered and the plan for an ongoing assessment of needs.</p>			
#311/25	<p>MOTION by Councillor Hall that Committee recommend Council receive the report for information and direct Administration to incorporate the Wildfire Recovery Needs Assessment Report findings in future work planning.</p>			
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors		CARRIED
2025 Extended Producer Responsibility Discount	<p>Committee received a request for decision from Administration with Ms. Donaldson reviewing the report and answering questions about the program and future considerations.</p>			

#312/25	<p>MOTION by Councillor Melnyk that Committee recommend Council implement a discount for all residential recycling customers for the period of July 1, 2025, through to October 1, 2026, in recognition of the Extended Producer Responsibility program and contract.</p> <p>FOR 6 Councillors</p> <p>AGAINST 0 Councillors</p> <p>CARRIED</p>
<p>Utilities Emergency Capital Funding Request #313/25</p>	<p>Committee received an urgent request from the Operations & Utilities Department with Ms. Donaldson sharing the background and relevant timelines and costs.</p> <p>MOTION by Councillor Melnyk that Committee recommend Council approve the allocation of \$305,000 from the Utility Capital Reserve for repairs to Water Production Pump 2 and the Water Treatment Plant Entrance Slab Failure.</p> <p>FOR 6 Councillors</p> <p>AGAINST 0 Councillors</p> <p>CARRIED</p>
Motion Action List	Administration reviewed the Motion Action List.
#314/25	<p>MOTION by Councillor Hall that Committee approve the updated Motion Action List with the removal of the following item:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Change Adaptation Plan • Utility Rate Model • Wildfire Recovery Strategic Priorities • Correspondence – Congestion at Fuel Stations <p>And date changes for the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grande Yellowhead Public School Division Joint Agreement <p>FOR 6 Councillors</p> <p>AGAINST 0 Councillors</p> <p>CARRIED</p>
Councillor upcoming meetings	<p>Mayor Ireland will be speaking at the Diploma Ceremony for École Desrochers Graduates this afternoon and will also be visiting the Interim Housing BBQ gatherings this evening.</p> <p>Councillor Melnyk will be attending a sub-committee meeting for the Jasper-Yellowhead Historical Society to assist in planning the 100th anniversary celebration of the summing of Mount Alberta.</p> <p>Councillor Waxer was in attendance, along with Mayor Ireland, at the National Indigenous Peoples Day celebrations which took place at the Jasper Activity Centre this past Friday.</p> <p>Councillor Hall will be attending a Recovery Advisory Committee this Thursday. She was also present last week for the grand opening of the Municipality's Transit Facility in the Operations Compound.</p>
Upcoming Events	Council reviewed a list of upcoming events.

Move In-camera
#315/25

MOTION by Councillor Waxer to move in-camera at 12:39pm to discuss agenda item:

- 11.1 In-Camera – Land & Legal Matter

FOR

6 Councillors

AGAINST

0 Councillors

CARRIED

Mr. Given, Mr. Fark, and Ms. Donaldson also attended the in-camera session.

Move out of
camera
#316/25

MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey to move out of camera at 12:57pm.

FOR

6 Councillors

AGAINST

0 Councillors

CARRIED

Adjournment
#317/25

MOTION by Mayor Ireland that, there being no further business, the Committee of the Whole meeting of June 24, 2025 be adjourned at 12:57pm.

FOR

6 Councillors

AGAINST

0 Councillors

CARRIED

JASPER RECOVERY COORDINATION CENTRE (JRCC)

- July 8, 2025

PROGRESS UPDATE

JRCC EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **Interim Housing:** 260 households (510 individual residents) have moved into Interim Housing as of July 3rd, 2025. Site servicing has begun on additional in-town interim housing sites. Paving and landscaping is under way on existing in-town interim housing sites. Interim housing residents at Marmot Meadows will be provided with "Recovery Passes" for the regional transit system, which will launch later this month.
- **Demolition Permits:** 100% of demolition permits issued, 98% physical debris removed, 99 close-out permits issued, and 185 soil testing reports submitted for Parks Canada review.
- **Town Rebuild:** 419 pre-application meetings since the end of October 2024, over 2,400 emails and phone calls responded to from lessees and contractors since the beginning of December. 185 Development Permits, and 56 Building Permits have been issued since August 2024.
- **Social Recovery:** A schedule of events and activities has been established for the 1-year commemoration of the 2024 Jasper Wildfire. An official commemoration will take place on July 22nd in Commemoration Park. The Healing Through Fire program will launch on July 23rd. A cohort of 8 Pathfinders will complete training on July 9th, bringing the total number of Pathfinders who have completed the training program to 40.
- **Economic Recovery:** Working group reviewing charter objectives. Pop-up Village: Sea can to support displaced artists delivered to site. Temporary quieter generator installed while ATCO infrastructure being installed. Interim Industrial Park: Adriano Laundry's sea can facility has been delivered and is undergoing utility tie-ins.
- **Communications:** Applications are open for the Jasper rebuild laydown site application. Supporting Social Recovery on one-year commemorative events.

INTERIM HOUSING

- As of July 3rd, 2025, 260 interim housing units are occupied by 510 residents. A further 19 households (56 residents) are in various stages of lease-signing and move-in processes with the Canadian Red Cross.
- 141 applicant households have not received offers of housing and 94 more are on a waitlist for options that better suit their needs (unmet needs = 235 households)
- 49 of 51 long-term campsites at Whistlers campground are currently occupied. These include 37 residential occupants and 12 business occupants.
- Additional landscaping activities, including hydro-mulching, paving and the installation of additional access staircases, have commenced on all interim housing sites.
- Site servicing work has begun on one of the sites selected for additional interim housing, with units scheduled to arrive and be ready for occupation in August 2025.

DEBRIS MANAGEMENT

- **Demolition permits:** 100% of demolition permits have been issued.
- **Physical debris removal complete by Spring 2025:** Over 98% of lots having debris removed. Sampling analysis and administrative work continues to ensure sites are clean and safe for rebuild.
- **Confirmatory soil sampling:** 185 reports have been submitted; 114 have been confirmed contamination-free and passed for Certificate of Completion; 25 are currently returned for more information; the remainder are under review or awaiting other CoC requirements.
- **Demolition Close-out Permits:** 99 close-out permits have been issued.
 - 88 residential properties
 - Alpine Village and Tekarra Resort, 1 of 5 cottages at Lake Edith, and 7 of 34 commercial properties in town .
- While the post-debris removal sampling process occurs, lessees can submit development permit applications for review and approval; however, building permits cannot be issued until the demolition close-out permit is finalized.

JOINT TOWN REBUILD

- **Development activity:**
 - 419 pre-application meetings since October 28, 2024, over 2,400 emails/phone calls answered between December 1, 2024, and June 27, 2025, from lessees and contractors.
 - 185 Development Permits issued since August, including rebuilds of 40 fire-impacted homes, 3 multi-plex homes, 1 condo complex, 1 apartment building, 3 outlying hotels, 6 commercial properties, 1 cabin and 1 other structure at Lake Edith
 - 56 Building Permits issued since August, including rebuilds for 4 in-town commercial properties, 1 outlying hotel, 7 in-town residential properties, 1 apartment building, and 1 condo complex
- **Streamlining development review and approvals**
 - 42% of permit applications received since August are complete and conforming.
 - For development permits issued in June, it took 34 business days on average to approve complete and conforming applications. For incomplete/non-conforming applications, it took 70 business days. Timelines for permit issuance and regularly updated on the Parks Canada - Jasper Recovery webpage.
- **Community support**
 - 31 applications received for Accessory Dwelling Unit Incentive Program.
 - July 8, 2025—part 2 of Council's public hearing to recommend Land Use Policy changes about residential density and parking to Superintendent.

SOCIAL RECOVERY

- **Commemoration of 1 Year post-wildfire:** the JRCC is finalizing a calendar of events and activities associated with the 1-year commemoration of the Jasper Wildfire. The commemorative week will centre around the official recognition of the anniversary on July 22, 2025, which will be followed by a community talking circle facilitated by Elder Bruce Cutknife.
- **Recovery Pathfinders:** A cohort of 8 pathfinders will complete their training later this month, bringing the total number of Jasperites who have completed the training to 40. Pursuit has committed to providing funding for the full scope of the program through 2027, with additional support already received from the Jasper Rotary Club, Samaritan's Purse, and Arc'teryx.
- **Healing Through Fire:** The JRCC is collaborating with Parks Canada Visitor Experience and Indigenous Relations teams as well as Indigenous partners to present a resident-focused program that helps Jasperites process the wildfire recovery experience through the lenses of Indigenous Knowledge and scientific insights. It will begin on July 23, 2025.

ECONOMIC RECOVERY

- Working group is assessing business recovery needs in relation to established objectives, ensuring alignment and adjusting as required.
- Commerce Continuity Initiative (CCI):
 - Pop-Up Village: Artisan sea can delivered- space for artisans who lost commercial space and art to participate. Interior setup underway and terms of use are being finalized. Wayfinding signage and placemaking elements being developed.
 - Interim Industrial Park: Adriano Laundry sea cans are being installed and prepared for operational use.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Applications for the Contractor Camping Program continue to come in. We have received 8 applications thus far.
- Supporting Social Recovery on one-year commemorative events.
- JRCC meet and greet is planned for July 22 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm at the Activity Centre in the Multipurpose hall.
- Jasper rebuild laydown site application is available. We have received 11 applications thus far. The first round of allocation of laydown space will be done in the coming weeks.

AGENDA ITEM 7.2

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Subject: Jasper Wildfire Recovery Strategic Priorities
From: Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer
Prepared by: Michael Fark, Director of Recovery
Date: July 8, 2025



Recommendation:

- That Council adopt the Wildfire Recovery Strategic Priorities as presented for planning purposes.

Alternatives:

- That Council take no further action.

Background:

On February 11, 2025 Administration brought to Council a draft set of wildfire recovery specific strategic priorities for consideration to be included in the Jasper 2022-2026 strategic priorities. Council directed Administration to consult and solicit feedback from the Recovery Advisory Committee (RAC) on the draft priorities.

On July 4, 2025, Council reviewed the feedback received from the RAC on the wildfire recovery specific strategic priorities during a dedicated workshop.

Discussion:

On July 4, 2025 Council held a workshop to consider RAC feedback on the wildfire recovery strategic priorities proposed by Administration. Attached as Schedule A are the strategic priorities for wildfire recovery as determined by Council during the workshop. If adopted by Council for planning purposes, the wildfire recovery strategic priorities will guide the work of MoJ staff engaged in recovery activities, including those working in partnership with Parks Canada through the Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre.

These wildfire recovery priorities will serve as a focused enhancement to Council's existing 2022–2026 Strategic Priorities. Together, the two sets of priorities provide a comprehensive and cohesive framework to guide municipal administration in both ongoing municipal service delivery and wildfire recovery efforts.

Council's Strategic Priorities will be reviewed in the early new year, following the October 2025 municipal election. The tactics and implementation of the strategic priorities will be further developed through the Recovery Framework and ongoing municipal operations.

Strategic Relevance

- Take proactive steps to reduce the risk of people becoming vulnerable and respond when they are vulnerable.
- Strengthen our voice by partnering with those who share our interests.
- Recognize the fundamental importance of our tourism economy.
- Take active and strategic steps to advance Jasper's interests.

Inclusion Considerations:

Adding wildfire recovery specific strategic priorities to the 2022-2026 strategic priorities of Council will serve to ensure that recovery initiatives undertaken by MoJ staff and recovery partners are comprehensive, adaptable, and community-driven, and that Jasper's recovery efforts address both immediate needs and the long-term sustainability of the community.

Relevant Legislation:

- Jasper Strategic Priorities 2022-2026

Financial:

All work related to Jasper Wildfire Recovery are carried out by municipal staff as part of their regular duties or by recovery partners as an in-kind contribution to Jasper's recovery. Any additional expenditures that may arise would be subject to the regular Council budget approval process.

Attachments:

Schedule A: Wildfire Recovery Strategic Priorities of Council

Jasper Strategic Priorities 2022-2026

Community Health	Housing	Relationships	Environment	Organizational Excellence	Advocacy	Wildfire Recovery
To foster a healthy community, we....	To address housing, we...	To maintain strong relationships, we...	To demonstrate care for our environment we...	To advance organizational excellence we....	To advocate with, and on behalf of, our community we...	To further Jasper's recovery we...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take proactive steps to reduce the risk of people becoming vulnerable and respond when they are vulnerable. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build our internal capacity to advance our housing priorities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nurture our most important relationships which are those within our organization. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Value the unique opportunities and responsibilities arising from our location inside a National Park and World Heritage Site. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Empower our staff by investing in the training and tools they require. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen our voice by partnering with those who share our interests 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with others to support the delivery, operation and transition out of interim housing opportunities.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote and enhance recreational and cultural opportunities and spaces 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invest in infrastructure to support housing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communicate and engage with residents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus on prevention, mitigation, and preparation for natural disasters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entrust our staff to develop healthy relationships with the people they serve. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contribute our voice to support community, industry, and partners in their advocacy efforts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify opportunities to promote resilient rebuilding efforts while increasing the supply and diversity of permanent attainable housing.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enable and facilitate events that provide opportunities to increase community connections. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invest in developing community focused housing units. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage other municipalities, orders of government and advocacy associations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase opportunities for active transportation and transportation alternatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proactively plan for and invest in the maintenance and management of our natural assets and built infrastructure. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase awareness and understanding of our unique conditions with other orders of government and funders. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborate with industry partners and other governments to foster a comprehensive, sustainable economic recovery for a more resilient destination.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Embrace our growing diversity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate others in developing diverse housing options 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome the expertise, innovation, creativity and commitment of community members, groups, and associations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include an environmental lens into our decision making and operational plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure residents receive quality service that provides strong value for dollar. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursue the acquisition of tools and authorities to enhance service delivery, equity and affordability. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify opportunities to foster resilience and increase the capacity of community members to recover and heal from the trauma of the wildfire.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leverage and create opportunities for greater inclusion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore increasing the number of units available for municipal staff accommodation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue along the path of Reconciliation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examine our services to ensure they are providing the expected environmental benefits. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursue alternative revenue sources and equitable distribution of costs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take active and strategic steps to advance Jasper's interests, including the acquisition of land-use planning and development authority and attaining Resort Municipality Status. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure recovery planning and implementation is driven by local needs and empowers residents and businesses to meaningfully participate in rebuilding their community.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognize the fundamental importance of our tourism economy. 						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commit to an adaptive recovery approach based on regular public reporting and feedback.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Courtney Donaldson

Director of Operations and Utilities

May – July 2025

Major Projects

- Utility Master Plan final draft is complete and will be presented to council soon. The UMP guides future investment in infrastructure projects and off-site levies.
- Transit Garage project and Bulk Water station projects are complete.
- The Activity Centre East Parking Lot Project design team was in Jasper on July 4th, and construction is expected to take place in late July or early August.
- The Ops compound office renovation is starting imminently and will feature expanded office and touchdown space, along with upgraded HVAC, washroom, and new flooring throughout.
- The skatepark project is nearing completion of flatwork – landscaping, including irrigation.
- Stewardship day was a major success with a coordinated effort from Parks and the Municipality.
- Concrete and asphalt repairs have commenced in both fire-damaged and non-fire-damaged areas.

Staffing

- Plumber hired and started on June 16.
- HD Mechanic hired in late May, filling a vacancy that was open for approximately two years.
- Asset Coordinator filled and started on July 2.
- Construction Coordinator (DRP funded – 2 year term hired and started on July 7.
- Administrative Assistant, hired and starts July 17, filling a vacancy which has been open for over a year.
- Program Coordinator (backfill for the Construction Coordinator – 2-year term) hired and starts on July 22.
- All Grounds positions were successfully filled this year for the first time in several years.
- Operations and the Arena team are exploring the possibility of position sharing.
- On June 23, the department initiated a department-wide on-call procedure launched on June 23rd. This will reduce redundancies and provide the organization and community with a single point of contact for after-hours emergencies.
- Hiring and onboarding tasks have been substantial during this period; there remain two open positions that require recruitment and updates to position descriptions (MW I/II/Trades position and Solid Waste/Recycling Operator)

Service Trends

- Extensive workload related to utility coordination, placement, and projects in multiple areas.
- The underpass and several other areas/projects have been selected for beautification and revitalization.
- Working towards standards for FAC/CCC and other municipal engineering standards and project delivery.
- Have split up the grounds crew into two, to allow one for regular maintenance and the other for specialized projects.
- Have a new service contract agreement with Parks Canada for execution, which will replace the MOU and extension-style agreements for grounds maintenance at various Parks Canada properties.
- Formalizing service agreements with Fairmont and Pursuit for recycling services will bring in new revenue.
- Continuing to support the pop-up village needs and the interim industrial park.
- The Cabin Creek utility project has the roads and grounds team clearing select impediments from the easement.

Communications & Engagement

- Working with fire-impacted residents on municipal approvals for projects.
- Communities in Bloom – Have worked with CIB to secure a grant for beautification and engaging community gardeners and enthusiasts throughout June and July.

MUNICIPALITY OF JASPER
Bylaw #271

**BEING A BYLAW OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF JASPER IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
TO ESTABLISH ALTERNATIVE METHODS FOR ADVERTISING STATUTORY NOTICES.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 606 of the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000, cM-26, Council must give notice of certain bylaws, resolutions, meetings, public hearings or other things by advertising in a newspaper or other publication circulating in the area, mailing or delivering a notice to every residence in the affected area, or by another method provided for in a bylaw under section 606.1;

AND WHEREAS, pursuant to section 606.1 of the *Municipal Government Act*, Council may, by bylaw, provide for one or more methods, which may include electronic means, for advertising proposed bylaws, resolutions, meetings, public hearings and other things referred to in section 606;

AND WHEREAS, there are no newspapers or other publications circulating in the area;

AND WHEREAS Council deems it appropriate to establish alternative advertising methods, and is satisfied that the advertising methods set out in this Bylaw are likely to bring matters to the attention of substantially all residents in the area in an accessible, cost-effective and timely manner;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Municipality of Jasper in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

1. CITATION

1.1 This bylaw may be cited as the “Advertising Bylaw 2025.”

2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 In this bylaw:

2.1.1 “Act” means the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000 cM-26, as amended;

2.1.2 “CAO” means the Chief Administrative Officer of the Municipality of Jasper or their designate;

2.1.3 “Convenience Copy” means a Statutory Notice that is provided for the public in another format than outlined in section 3.2.1 of this bylaw;

2.1.4 “Statutory Notice” means a notice of a proposed bylaw, resolution, meeting, public hearing or other thing required to be advertised by the *Municipal Government Act*.

3. ADVERTISING METHOD

3.1 Unless otherwise advertised in accordance with the Act, all Statutory Notices shall be advertised in accordance with this bylaw.

3.2 Statutory Advertisements shall be:

3.2.1 Posted prominently on Municipality of Jasper’s official website for a period of fourteen (14) days;

3.2.2 Where the Municipality of Jasper advertises Statutory Notices in accordance with section 3.2.1 of this bylaw, a Convenience Copy may be produced in a different format or with altered content, by the following means:

3.2.2.1 Municipal social media accounts;

3.2.2.2 Notice boards at municipal facilities;

3.2.2.3 Other means deemed appropriate by the CAO.

4. SEVERANCE

4.1 If any section of the bylaw is found to be invalid, it shall be severed from the remainder of the bylaw and shall not invalidate the whole bylaw.

5. COMING INTO FORCE

5.1 This bylaw shall come into force and effect on the final day of passing thereof.

READ a first time this day of 2025.

READ a second time this day of 2025.

READ a third time and finally passed this day of 2025.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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Municipality of Jasper Climate Adaptation Action Plan

DRAFT – July 2, 2025

Acknowledgements

The Municipality of Jasper respectfully acknowledges that the Municipality of Jasper is on Treaty 6 and 8 Territories as well as The Jasper House Métis District. This land is the Traditional Territory, meeting ground, gathering place, travelling route and home for the Dane-zaa, Aseniwuche Winewak As'in'î'wa'chî Ni'yaw, Nêhiyawak, Anishinaabe, Secwépemc , Stoney Nakoda, Mountain Métis and Métis.

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Introduction

PROJECT BACKGROUND

A Climate Adaptation Action Plan aims to enhance a municipality's resilience to changing climate conditions and enable a community to better adapt, manage, and prepare for climate hazards. The Municipality of Jasper is developing a five-year Climate Adaptation Action Plan, which will provide the foundation to guide climate adaptation efforts, including mitigation measures to reduce the severity of climate hazard impacts, and enhancing preparedness and resilience across the community. The goal is to reduce the impacts of climate hazards on our community.

In February 2023, through the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre's (MCCAC) Climate Resilience Capacity Building Program, the Municipality received \$80,000 to move forward with a climate resiliency capacity building project. In March 2023, the Municipality selected The Resilience Institute as the lead contractor in partnership with Associated Engineering and the Prairie Adaptation Research Collaborative to develop a Climate Risk Assessment Report. Action and implementation planning was outside the scope of that assessment.

To structure and advance Jasper's resilience journey, Associated Engineering recommended that the Municipality develop a Climate Adaptation Action Plan specifically targeting the highest risks as identified in their assessment. Wildfires, wildfire smoke, extreme heat, freezing rain, and glacial recession are the highest risks that could impact Jasper's built, natural, social and economic systems. On February 27, 2024, Committee of the Whole received the Climate Risk Assessment Report for information and directed Administration to "return to a future Committee meeting with recommendations on developing a Climate Change Adaptation Action Plan".

To learn more about Jasper's local climate hazards please visit our 2024 Climate Risk Assessment Report ([Jasper's Climate Risk Assessment Report](#)).

As we all remember, in July 2024, over 20,000 people were evacuated from the town, campgrounds, backcountry areas and other facilities in and around the municipality of Jasper and Jasper National Park following an evacuation order issued on July 22, 2024. Two days following the evacuation order, the massive wildfire quickly moved from the surrounding forest and entered the municipality of Jasper, destroying around one third of the town's structures. This disaster caused severe disruption to Jasper's built, natural,

social and economic systems, significantly impacting individuals and families, local businesses, the broader community, and the surrounding region.

On August 27, 2024, Committee of the Whole recommended that Council direct Administration to proceed with developing a five-year Climate Adaptation Action Plan with internal resources and present the plan at a future Committee of the Whole Meeting in spring 2025.

Two resources were used to develop this Climate Adaptation Action Plan. First, *Climate Resilience Express: A Community Climate Adaptation Planning Guide*, created by the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre (MCCAC) and the All One Sky Foundation, lays out four steps that provide a flexible approach to climate adaptation planning that can be tailored to a community's needs.¹ Second, ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI) has an abundance of knowledge and guidance on climate adaptation planning, particularly their Milestone Framework.²

It is important to note that when the word “mitigate” or “mitigation” is used in Jasper’s Climate Adaptation Action Plan, it is being used as per its English definition of “to make something less harmful”³, for example, implementing and encouraging FireSmart principles or prioritizing wildfire prevention, and not necessarily in the sense of reducing climate change by reducing the flow of heat-trapping greenhouse gases into the atmosphere, as the term is now often used in climate literature.⁴

SCOPE

A climate adaptation action plan identifies a clear vision, goals, and objectives, as well as a list of adaptations, inclusive of financial implications, to help the community adapt to climate risks while meeting community needs. Drawing on the basic milestone framework prepared by ICLEI, see Figure 1 below, Jasper is completing milestone 3 - PLAN.

¹ https://mccac.ca/wp-content/uploads/CRE_Planning-Guide_Final.pdf

² <https://icleicanada.org/our-work/adaptation/>

³ <https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/mitigate>

⁴ <https://science.nasa.gov/climate-change/adaptation-mitigation/>



Figure 1 - ICLEI Basic Milestone Framework

The impacts, as well as the results of Jasper's Climate Risk Assessment Report from milestone 2 - RESEARCH, are used to define, assess and prioritize the actions needed to prepare and adapt to Jasper's local priority climate hazards, and formulate a Climate Adaptation Action Plan. These priorities have been developed into short-, medium- and long-term actions to address significant impacts. The Climate Adaptation Action Plan includes an examination of the constraints and drivers that affect our ability to implement the actions.

Figure 2 below indicates the main activities in each of the five milestones. According to ICLEI, Canadian local governments should be familiar with the milestone process, as it is also central to the Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) program offered in partnership by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and ICLEI.⁵

⁵ <https://icleicanada.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Guide.pdf>

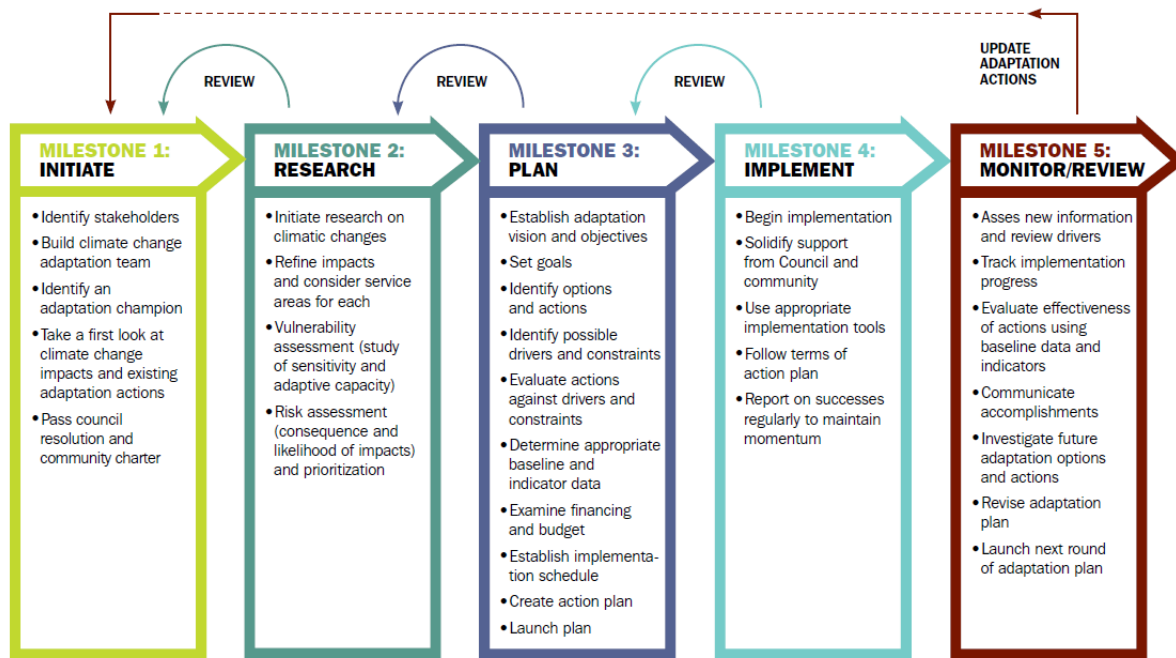


Figure 2 - ICLEI Milestone Framework

Figure 3 below illustrates the MCCAC's Climate Resilience Express' four-step approach to climate adaptation planning. The scope of this Plan falls under Step 3 "Action plan" of MCCAC's framework.⁶

⁶ https://mccac.ca/wp-content/uploads/CRE_Planning-Guide_Final.pdf

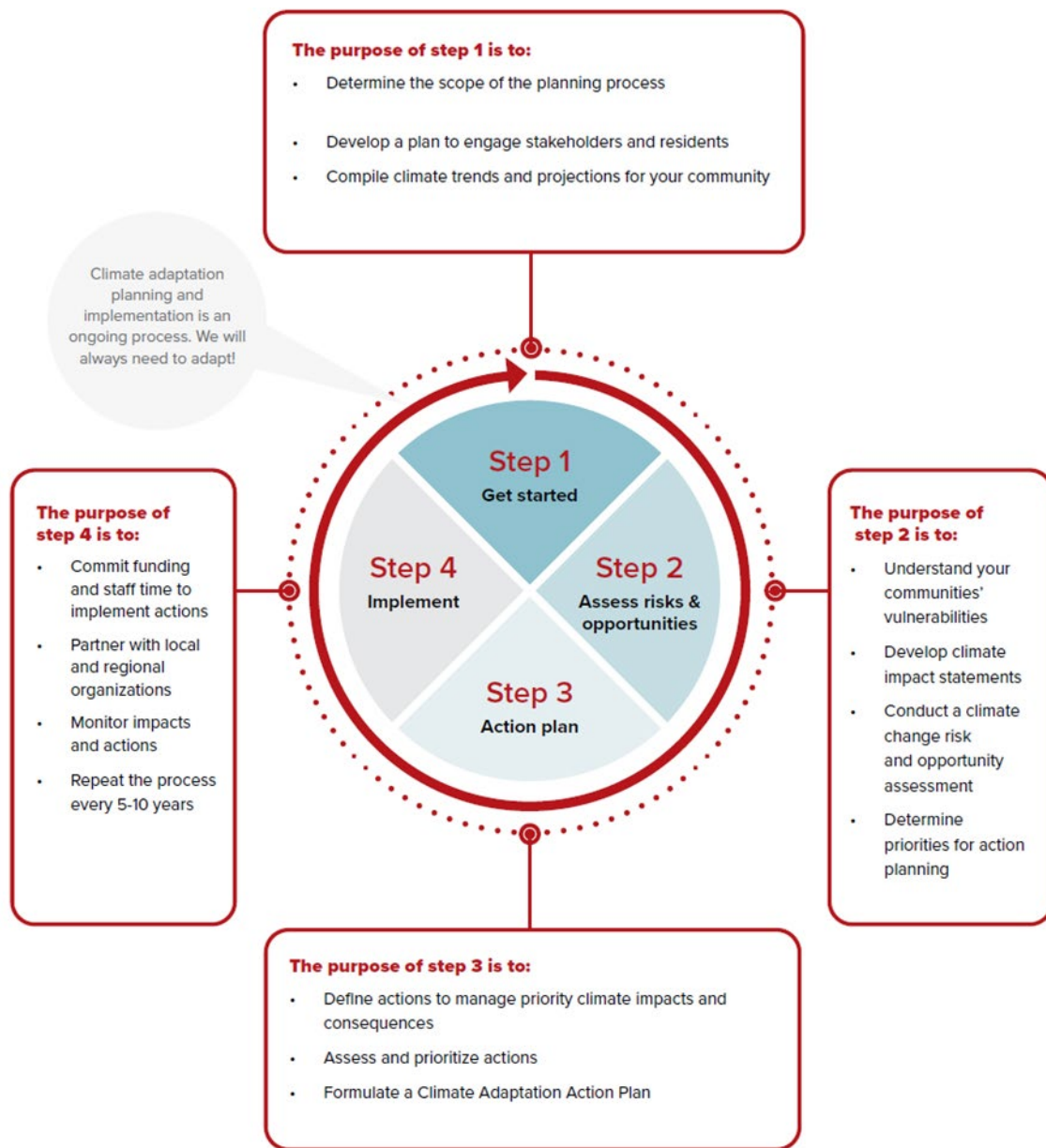


Figure 3 - Climate Resilience Express' four step approach to climate adaptation planning

THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENTS IN CLIMATE ADAPTATION

As the Municipality of Jasper knows, local governments are already dealing with the impacts of climate hazards in their communities.

As local governments are responsible for key service areas that are affected by climate hazards (i.e. infrastructure, parks and recreation, health and transportation), they are on the front lines and have a responsibility to respond through strategic adaptation planning.

Municipal decision makers have a unique opportunity to develop a tailored approach to anticipate, plan, prepare for and reduce the negative impacts of climate hazards in their communities.

There are many reasons that local governments are well positioned to plan for climate hazards:

- Preparing for climate hazards is a matter of risk management and good governance.
- Local governments can tailor climate adaptation strategies to their local circumstances and to the unique set of climate hazard impacts they expect to face.
- Anticipatory adaptation planning can increase future benefits and reduce future risks associated with climate hazards by decreasing vulnerabilities.

ICLEI identifies five key mechanisms available to local governments to utilize and drive local climate adaptation actions:

1. land use and urban planning;
2. licensing and regulation;
3. facilitation, advocacy and leadership;
4. community service delivery, community development and civic engagement; and
5. workforce development.

Through these mechanisms local governments can use direct and indirect influences to support and foster communities that can mitigate and adapt to climate hazards. Table 1 lists some benefits and challenges associated to climate adaptation planning.

Table 1 - ICLEI Benefits and Challenges of Adaptation Planning

BENEFITS OF ADAPTATION PLANNING	CHALLENGES OF ADAPTATION PLANNING
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Insurance against future risk• Reducing vulnerability• Creating opportunities• Lower long-term costs• Reduced risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Degree of uncertainty• Nature of scientific information (constantly changing)• Benefits of advance planning may only appear when impact occurs• Limited resources and/or political support

COSTS OF INACTION

The National Research Council's National Guide for Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) Fires (the Guide) recommends how to build and maintain wildfire-resilient buildings.⁷ It details how to build with non-combustible materials and to control surrounding vegetation. The Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction and SPA Risk LLC prepared, for The National Research Council of Canada, an Impact Analysis for Mitigating Wildland-Urban Interface Fires. The impact analysis shows that satisfying the Guide's recommendations can cost less than \$5 per square foot for typical residential construction in WUI areas in Canada and, according to The Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction and SPA Risk LLC, \$1 spent to make a new home fire-resistant can ultimately save owners, tenants and society up to \$34 as follows:⁸

- \$10 in reduced fire damage to buildings
- \$8 worth of life safety and avoided cases of PTSD
- \$7 in reduced personal property damage
- \$7 in lower insurance premiums
- \$1 less dislocation cost ("additional living expense")
- \$1 less indirect business interruption and environmental impacts

Figure 4 illustrates Canada's costliest natural disasters in terms of insurance payouts (in 2023 \$ CAD), caused by extreme weather events, which resulted in billions of dollars in damages as well as unprecedented human and ecological impacts.

⁷ <https://nrc-publications.canada.ca/eng/view/ft/?id=3a0b337f-f980-418f-8ad8-6045d1abc3b3>

⁸ https://www.iclr.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/WUI-NRC-Summary_2021_E2.pdf

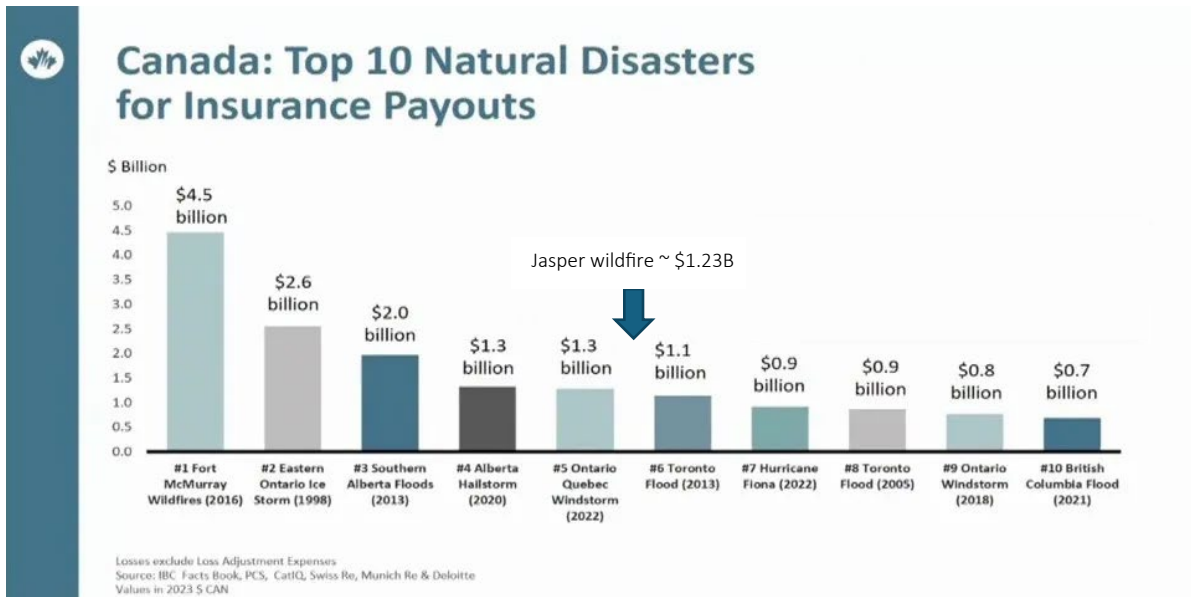


Figure 4 - Canada's Costliest Natural Disasters (Source: IBC Fact Book, PCS, CatIQ, Swiss Re, Munich Re & Deloitte)

In 2024, Canada's costliest insured catastrophic losses, caused by extreme weather events, resulted in an estimate \$8.5 billion dollars in damages. The Jasper wildfire, was the third most costly event of the year and stands as the second costliest fire event in Canadian history, with insured damage now estimated to be \$1.23 billion (an increase from initial estimates of \$880 million), according to Catastrophe Indices and Quantification Inc. (CatIQ).⁹

According to ICLEI, as mentioned in The Cost of Doing Nothing Primer Document¹⁰, and as seen in Jasper the following are some examples of direct costs as a result of extreme weather events:

- Damage to hard infrastructure and buildings
- Increased wear and tear resulting in increased operations and maintenance costs
- Physical and mental health impacts
- Damage to ecosystems

⁹ <https://www.ibc.ca/news-insights/news/insurance-bureau-of-canada-provides-jasper-wildfire-recovery-update>

¹⁰ <https://icleicanada.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/CODN-Primer.pdf>

The below are examples of indirect costs as a result of extreme weather events:

- Disruption/interruption of service delivery
- Workers not able to get to work
- Rising insurance premiums
- Long-term physical and mental health impacts

Heat events are responsible for the greatest loss of life in terms of weather-related natural disasters according to data compiled from the Canadian Disaster Database (CDD, 2022). Figure 6 below shows the top seven deadliest weather-related natural disasters across Canada between 1900 and 2021.¹¹

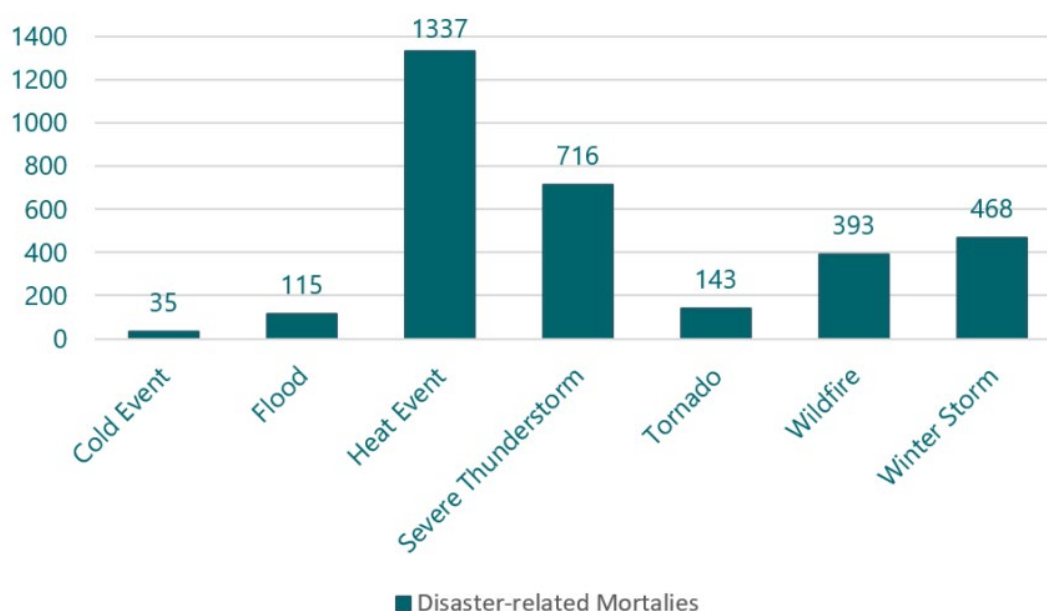


Figure 5 - Sum of Disaster-related Mortalities in Canada by Category (Source: CDD, 2022)

According to ICLEI, appropriate allocation of resources to adapt municipal assets, infrastructure and services will reduce risk and build resilience. The following four ICLEI Canada National Impact Statements relate to the Municipality of Jasper's local climate.

1. Increasing frequency of extreme weather events leading to damage to homes, infrastructure, power outages, safety and additional clean-up costs.

¹¹ <https://icleicanada.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/CODN-Primer.pdf>

2. Increasing winter precipitation and freezing rain events leading to dangerous road and sidewalk conditions and increased liability for injury and property damage.
3. Increasing frequency of extreme heat resulting in negative health outcomes, particularly to vulnerable populations, from reduced air-quality and increased heat-stress.
4. Increasing frequency of extreme weather events resulting in loss of ecosystem services.

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Vision, Principles, Goals and Objectives

Jasper is a municipality that anticipates potential climate related impacts and makes informed decisions that enhance the resilience of our community for the well-being of all and the preservation of our built, natural, social and economic systems.

VISION

A vision helps local governments embarking on the adaptation planning process to:

- Establish what a climate resilient community looks like.
- Articulate where we would like to see our community in the future.
- Serve as a reference point throughout the planning process and while implementing adaptation actions.

The vision statement above is a summary of the following text from the Jasper Community Sustainability Plan and Council's 2022-2026 strategic priorities that align with climate adaptation:

Jasper is a small, friendly and sustainable community set in the natural splendour of Jasper National Park.

Jasper is a community in which individual and collective actions respect and integrate the values of environmental stewardship, economic health, social equity, cultural vitality and participative governance.

Jasper residents value and promote quality services, affordability, eligible residency, controlled growth, and environmental responsibility. Community values emphasize the appreciation and preservation of Jasper's history, architectural scale and character.

~ Jasper Community Sustainability Plan.¹²

¹² <https://jasper-alberta.ca/p/sustainability-plan>

Community Health:

Take proactive steps to reduce the risk of people becoming vulnerable and respond when they are vulnerable.

Recognize the fundamental importance of our tourism economy.

Relationships:

Communicate and engage with residents.

Environment:

Value the unique opportunities and responsibilities arising from our location inside a National Park and World Heritage Site.

Focus on prevention, mitigation, and preparation for natural disasters.

Include an environmental lens into our decision making and operational plans.

Organizational Excellence:

Proactively plan for and invest in the maintenance and management of our natural assets and built infrastructure.

~ Council Strategic Priorities 2022-2026¹³

PRINCIPLES

The following principles were considered to help guide the Climate Adaptation Action Plan:

- Balance of immediate and long-term needs
- Actions are within the Municipality's control and influence
- Responsive to community needs
- Recognizing existing work

¹³ <https://www.jasper-alberta.ca/p/strategic-priorities>

GOALS

Jasper's adaptation goals set the expectations of the Climate Adaptation Action Plan and are phrased in reference to our local climatic hazards that can threaten our community. The goals act as high-level intentions which our community will strive towards.

- Increase public awareness of Jasper's local climate hazards and its projected impacts on our community.
- Increase technical capacity to mitigate and prepare for climate hazards.
- Increase adaptive capacity of built, natural, human and economic systems in our community.

OBJECTIVES

Jasper's Climate Adaptation Action Plan was developed to identify appropriate, realistic and achievable actions. The Climate Adaptation Action Plan takes into account Jasper's unique standing as a Specialized Municipality within a National Park to address the risks of our local climate hazards and represents the path towards achieving our vision.

- Reduce the impacts of wildfires, wildfire smoke and extreme heat to public health and safety.
- Increase public awareness of the health risks associated with extreme heat and wildfire smoke.
- Create conditions to minimize health and safety risks to municipal staff working outdoors.
- Improve air quality and cooling systems at public facilities.
- Monitor, maintain and improve the diversity and resilience of urban trees and forests.
- Design, construct, and maintain infrastructure that is resilient to climate hazards.
- Continue to improve community preparedness and resilience to respond to climate hazards.
- Identify funding for climate resilience supportive projects/programs that take into account financial planning & priorities.
- Improve energy conservation.

Vulnerability Assessment and Risk Assessment

In February 2024, the Resilience Institute, with their project partners, the Prairie Adaptation Research Collaborative and Associated Engineering, provided the Municipality of Jasper with a Climate Risk Assessment Report. This report met the criteria for ICLEI's Milestone 2 – Research.

Link to report:

https://jasper.municipalwebsites.ca/UploadFiles/Docs/MunicipalityofJasperClimateRiskAssessmentReportApril2023Final_bnMHpG.pdf

Climate Hazard Descriptions

The climate hazards applicable to Jasper, as identified in Jasper's Climate Risk Assessment Report, are listed and described below. Jasper's top five priority climate hazards are underlined and highlighted in grey.

Climate hazards are weather related events that can cause harm, loss of life, injury, or other health impacts, as well as damage or loss to property, infrastructure, livelihoods, service provision or environmental resources, and may be referred to as extreme weather events.

- ***Drought:*** *A prolonged period of abnormally low rainfall, leading to a shortage of water.*
- ***Lightning:*** *Occurrence of natural electrostatic discharges of short duration and high voltage within clouds, or between clouds and the ground.*
- ***Localized Flooding:*** *Rapid increases in water level, particularly in low lying areas and along drainage networks, seen during periods of short-duration high-intensity rainfall or rapid melting of snow or ice. Also know as pluvial flooding.*
- ***River/Creek Flooding:*** *River water levels exceeding the top of bank and spilling onto surrounding lands typically driven by longer duration heavy rainfall. Also know as fluvial flooding.*
- ***Wildfires:*** *A large, destructive fire that spreads quickly over forests or grasslands.*

- **Wildfire Smoke:** A mix of gases and fine particles from burning trees and plants, buildings and other material.
- **Hail:** Pellets of frozen rain which fall as showers.
- **Freezing Rain:** Rain that freezes on impact with the ground or solid objects.
- **High Winds:** A period of abnormally strong, sustained winds.
- **Extreme Heat:** Summertime temperatures that are much hotter and/or humid than average.
- **Extreme Cold:** Winter temperatures that are much colder than average.
- **Heavy Snow:** A period of intense, sustained snowfall.
- **Freeze-Thaw Cycle:** The fluctuation of air temperature between freezing and non-freezing temperatures.
- **Ecoregion Shift:** A change in the climatic conditions of an area, affecting the health and presence of native ecoregions (ecological features and plant and animal communities).
- **Avalanches:** A mass of snow, ice, and rocks falling rapidly down a mountainside.
- **Glacial Recession:** A shrink in glacier size because more material melts, evaporates, or erodes than is replenished.¹⁴

Change in Climate Hazard Likelihood

As mentioned in Jasper's Climate Risk Assessment Report, under section 4 "Risk Assessment Results", risk is driven by the consequence of different climate hazards and their likelihoods. Many climate hazards will see an increase in how likely they are to occur between historical data and 2050. Particularly, for the region Jasper is in, the largest shifts in likelihood are for wildfires, wildfire smoke, freezing rain, extreme heat (days above +30°C), and glacial recession.

Figure 7 is taken from the section "Determining Climate Hazards" in Jasper's Climate Risk Assessment Report and indicates the change in climate hazard likelihood for Jasper.

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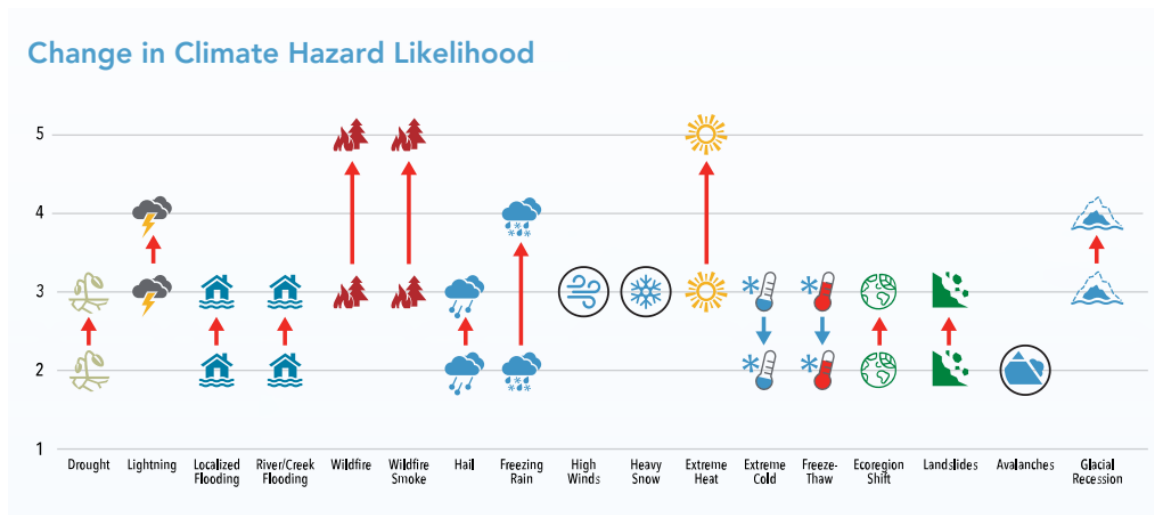







Figure 6 - Jasper's Change in Local Climate Hazard Likelihood

Not all impacts have the same severity of consequence, and therefore, each impact was assessed individually through the risk assessment process. Different criteria were used to assess impacts to the built, natural, social, and economic systems.

Local Climate Hazard Priorities

Based on the research conducted as part of the Climate Risk Assessment Report, the climate hazards presenting very high risks to the Municipality of Jasper in the 2050s are wildfire, wildfire smoke, extreme heat, freezing rain and glacial recession. A summary of some of the highest risk impacts of these hazards is shown in Table 2.

Table 2 - Climate Impact Statements – Top Hazards

Top Hazards	Top Impacts
	Wildfire <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk of a Jasper developing a poor reputation within the international tourism market • Damage to buildings and community member homes • Power outages cause disruptions, especially for essential services
	Freezing Rain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased risk of automobile accidents and injuries/death • Slow traffic flow, making tourism opportunities less appealing
	Glacial Recession <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical damage to infrastructure and the built environment • Reduced water supply • Glacier-related tourism is less appealing
	Extreme Heat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health impacts or death, especially for vulnerable populations (chronic health conditions, elderly, children) • Reduced participation in outdoor recreation • Increased wildlife/human interactions as animals seek out water and food sources
	Wildfire Smoke <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serious health implications, especially for those with respiratory problems • Impacts on tourism sector due to less interest in outdoor activities

Community Engagement

In May 2025, the Department of Urban Design and Standards (UDS) sought input from the residents of Jasper for the development of the Climate Adaptation Action Plan. Although the participation rate was low due to time constraints, the community's initial input on the subject was important to understand and helped initiate community engagement. The results of the survey can be viewed in Appendix A.

Some interesting findings from the survey are listed below:

- ❖ **47%** of respondents viewed Jasper's Climate Risk Assessment Report
- ❖ **92%** of respondents would like to learn more about wildfires
- ❖ **73%** of respondents claim having taken actions or are currently taking actions to implement FireSmart principles and are preparing an emergency plan.
- ❖ **87%** of respondents are willing to implement adaptation measures to become more resilient to climate hazards
- ❖ **87%** of respondents mention financial barriers as a main barrier to implementing adaptation measures
- ❖ **Built** and **social** systems scored higher priorities when asked which systems the respondents believed the Municipality of Jasper should prioritize.
- ❖ **73%** of respondents answered yes when asked if the Municipality of Jasper should increase community access to areas of respite and recovery to escape wildfire smoke and extreme heat.
- ❖ **87%** of respondents answered yes when asked if the Municipality of Jasper should continue to update municipal buildings to be more resilient to climate.
- ❖ **100%** of respondents answered yes when asked if the Municipality of Jasper should continue to provide information or guidelines that encourage climate resiliency for homes, business and properties from climate hazards.
- ❖ **80%** of respondents answered yes when asked if the Municipality of Jasper should provide incentives to help residents and businesses protect themselves and their property from climate hazards.
- ❖ **93%** of respondents answered yes when asked if the Municipality of Jasper should deliver educational programs to residents to help support climate adaptation actions (e.g. FireSmart, climate resilient landscaping, passive homes, etc.).

Additionally, an interesting finding from the survey was how people would like to receive information. When asked how they would like to receive information about climate adaptation strategies, **92%** of respondents chose “Social Media”, see Figure 8 below.

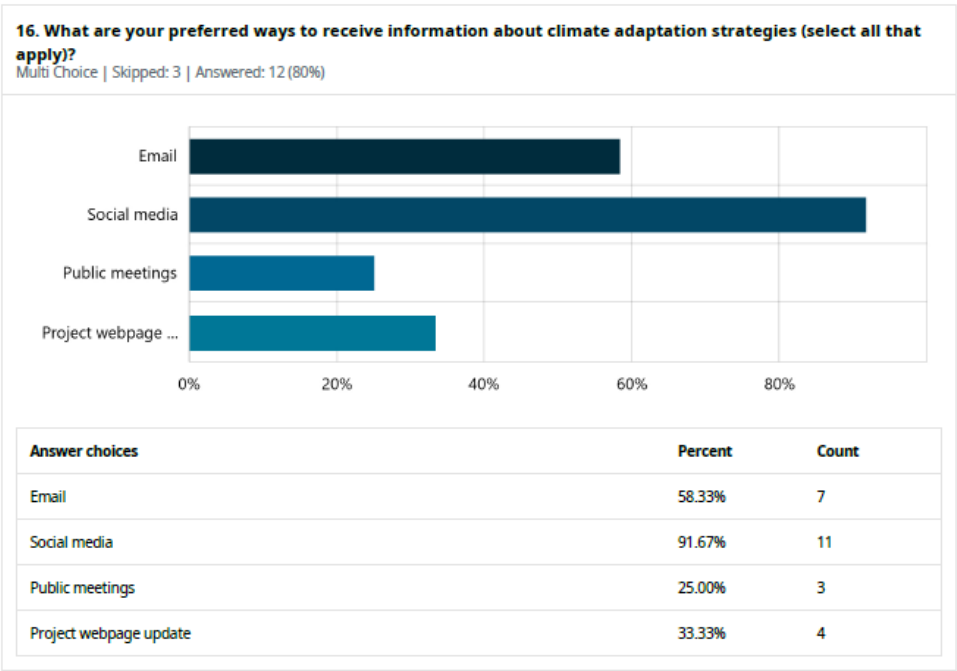


Figure 7 - Preferred Ways to Receive Information About Climate Adaptation Strategies

Action Identification and Prioritization

Identifying and Selecting Adaptation Options

Based on Jasper's high priority climate hazards identified through the risk assessment in Milestone 2 (wildfire, wildfire smoke, extreme heat, freezing rain and glacial recession) and the community's objectives, adaptation options were developed to **mitigate**, prepare and overcome the risks.

The options are broken down into short-, medium- and long-term timelines, and reflect our community's vision and previously identified objectives. Adaptation options include a wide range of actions and likely involve some combination of the following:

- Modifying policies, plans, practices and procedures
- Building new or upgrading existing infrastructure
- Improving community awareness and public education
- Varying and/or diversifying options

There are many factors that affect the type of actions our community can include in our final adaptation plan, including the resources that are available and the extent of our community's vulnerability to specific climate hazards.

Constraints that may influence implementation were considered when selecting adaptation actions, such as:

- Lack of available information
- Cost
- Staff capacity
- Number of departments involved
- Need for external resources
- Competing or short timelines
- Provincial or territorial legislation

Drafting the Climate Adaptation Action Plan

After having considered drivers and constraints, the actions identified in Appendix B were attributed descriptive information to move the Climate Adaptation Action Plan from a general list of adaptation actions to a more formalized plan for each action.

For each action it was important to identify the following parameters:

- System: what will be the system associated with implementing this action (built, natural, social, economic or general)
- Climate hazard: what priority climate hazard does the adaptation action relate to
- Priority: high, medium or low priority action
- Action type: plan, program, policy, project, partnership or engagement
- Responsible departments: this will be the departments involved with planning and/or charged with implementing the action
- Timeline: is the action implemented or initiated, in the short-, medium-, or long-term
- Cost: what is the anticipated scale of costs (\$, \$\$, \$\$\$)
- Partner: who is needed to support action implementation, both within the community and externally

Actions attributed a short-term timeline might include actions that can be done quickly, for a low cost or as part of routine operations. Whereas actions with a long-term timeline might require changes to by-laws, planning documents, or an increase to a departments operating budget.

The Climate Adaptation Actions by System

The Municipality of Jasper's Climate Adaptation Action Plan, see Appendix B, groups actions by systems affected by climate hazards (Figure 9), either the BUILT, NATURAL, SOCIAL, or ECONOMIC system. GENERAL is noted if an action contributes to multiple systems.



Figure 8 - Systems Affected by Climate Hazards

For each adaptation action the climate hazard addressed is indicated, followed by the descriptive information mentioned in the above section “Drafting the Climate Adaptation Action Plan”. The provided information indicated in the table should allow municipal decision makers to prioritize and plan for the implementation phase of the climate adaptation action plan.

Some examples of high priority, short term actions, which are aligned with MCCAC's Adaptation Actions to Implement Climate Resilience¹⁵, and can have a great impact on the Municipality's resilience, relate to:

- ❖ Wildfire prevention
- ❖ Backup power systems for critical infrastructure
- ❖ FireSmart building upgrades
- ❖ HVAC system upgrades

¹⁵ https://greenmunicipalfund.ca/resources/adaptation-actions-implement-climate-resilience?_cldee=mMI_5CuzCz_a_isl_ncFtBfTgoPmtmFn8MrOZ1Y0YPHqgwjOa4wucSaycxXe9CrM&recipientid=contact-b466e4186439ef1180e5005056a3e2c0-cc34f8687f9844408ba98cd6b003313f&esid=f19abaa6-bc4a-f011-80e9-005056a3e2c0

- ❖ Cooling centres and clear air shelters
- ❖ Park and public space management to include shade structures and cooling spaces
- ❖ Education campaigns and strategies

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Next Steps: Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluating

Jasper's Climate Adaptation Action Plan outlines 28 key actions meant to kickstart the Municipality on a path towards preparedness and resilience to climate hazards. The next step in the climate adaptation planning process is implementation, recall milestone 4 – IMPLEMENT in Figure 2, and following that is milestone 5 – MONITOR/REVIEW. For effective continuation of this Plan, the following items should be considered:

- Dedicate staff time and resources
- Commit funding
- Monitor and evaluate implementation results
- Regional collaboration

A successful aspect of implementation is reaching a point where integrating climate resilience into our community strategies, plans, policies, programs, projects, and administrative processes is routine and customary.

Glossary

Adaptation includes any initiative or action, taken in response to actual or anticipated climate hazard impacts, that lessens the effects on built, natural, and social systems.

Actions can include:

- monitoring;
- research, and other information gathering;
- education;
- capacity building;
- changes to infrastructure;
- creating new policies and regulations;
- developing economic, and other incentives;
- and ensuring governance considers climate hazards.

Climate is the average weather in a place over a long period of time, typically decades or longer..¹⁶

Climate hazards are weather related events that can cause harm, loss of life, injury, or other health impacts, as well as damage or loss to property, infrastructure, livelihoods, service provision, or environmental resources and may be referred to as extreme weather events.

Disaster is severe alterations in the normal functioning of a community or a society due to hazardous physical events interacting with conditions of social vulnerability, leading to widespread negative human, material, economic, or environmental effects that require an immediate emergency response to satisfy critical needs and may require external support for recovery..¹⁷

Extreme Weather Event is an event that is rare within its statistical reference distribution at a particular place; it would normally be as rare as or rarer than the 10th or 90th percentile..¹⁸

¹⁶ <https://orcca-craco.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/008.pdf>

¹⁷ <https://orcca-craco.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/008.pdf>

¹⁸ <https://icleicanada.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Guide.pdf>

Heat wave is a period of temperatures higher than what is normally expected (based on historic climate averages). Heat waves may span several days to several weeks.¹⁹

Resilience is the ability of a system to anticipate, absorb, accommodate, or recover from the effects of a hazardous event in a timely and efficient manner, including ensuring the preservation, restoration, or improvement of its essential basic structures and functions.

Risk is considered as the probability of a climate hazard multiplied by the consequence of that event.

Sensitivity is the degree to which the community will be affected when exposed to a climate hazard and reflects the ability of the community to function when a hazard occurs.

Systems are the built, natural, social/human or economic networks that provide services or activities within a municipality.²⁰

Urban heat island is an urban area that has consistently higher temperatures than surrounding areas. This effect is due to factors of the urban environment such as lack of vegetation, and low reflectivity of building and road materials.

Vulnerability is the degree to which a system is susceptible to, or unable to cope with, adverse effects, including climate variability and extremes. Vulnerability is a function of both the sensitivity and the adaptive capacity of a given sector.²¹

Weather is the state of the atmosphere at a given time and place, with respect to variables such as temperature, moisture, wind velocity, and barometric pressure.²²

¹⁹ <https://orcca-craco.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/008.pdf>

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Appendix A—Climate Adaptation Action Plan Survey

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Appendix B—Climate Adaptation Actions by System

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