

Municipality of Jasper
Committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda
May 12, 2026 | 9:30 am
Jasper Library & Cultural Centre – Quorum Room

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1. Call to order Deputy Mayor Kongsrud to chair meeting

2. Additions to agenda

3. Approval of agenda

3.1 May 12, 2026 Committee of the Whole agenda attachment

4. April 28, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes attachment

4.1 Business arising from minutes

5. Delegations

6. Correspondence

7. New business

7.1 Mayor’s Awards Policy attachment

7.2 Greenspace Vision Plan attachment

7.3 Visitor Paid Parking Revenue Policy attachment

7.4 Housing Reserve Transfer attachment

7.5 Wildfire Utility Repairs Phase 2: Water Utility Rehabilitation attachment

8. Motion Action List attachment

9. Councillor upcoming meetings

[9.1 Council appointments to boards and committees](#)

10. Upcoming events

Alberta/Japan Twinned Municipalities Association Conference – May 22 & 23, Lacombe

[58th Annual Jasper United Church Spring Plant Sale](#) – 10am-4pm, May 29 & 30, Jasper-Yellowhead Museum & Archives

[Federation Canadian Municipalities Annual Conference](#) – June 4-7, Edmonton

11. Adjournment

All regular and committee meetings of Council are video-recorded and archived on YouTube.

AGENDA ITEM 4.1

Municipality of Jasper
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 28, 2026 | 9:30am
Jasper Library & Cultural Centre, Quorum Room

Virtual viewing and participation	Council attendance is in Council chambers at the Jasper Library & Cultural Centre. This meeting was also conducted virtually and available for public livestreaming through Zoom. Public viewing during Council meetings is through both Zoom livestreaming and in-person attendance. Public participation is facilitated through in-person attendance.
Present	Mayor Richard Ireland, Deputy Mayor Danny Frechette, Councillors Ralph Melnyk, Kable Kongsrud, Wendy Hall, and Kathleen Waxer
Absent	Councillor Laurie Rodger
Also present	Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer Christopher Read, Director of Community Development Vidal Michaud, Utilities Manager Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator Bob Covey, The Jasper Local 4 observers
Call to Order	Deputy Mayor Frechette called the April 28, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 9:30am and began with a Traditional Land Acknowledgement .
Additions/deletions to the agenda	none
Approval of agenda #181/26	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk that Committee approve the agenda for the April 28, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented. FOR 6 Councillors AGAINST 0 Councillor CARRIED
Business arising from minutes	none
Delegations	none
Correspondence	Mayor Ireland offered congratulations to Director of Community Development Christopher Read who recently received a ten-year long service award from the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators. Mr. Read received his award in the mail and Mayor Ireland received a letter from the association in April to ensure he was aware of the acknowledgement.
Library & Cultural Centre Subleases	Committee received a report from Mr. Read regarding sublease renewals for Jasper Artists Guild and Habitat for the Arts, both located in the Jasper Library & Cultural Centre.

#182/26	MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee receive the report for information.			
	FOR	AGAINST		
	6 Councillors	0 Councillor		CARRIED
SKIJORING Update	On January 27, 2026, Committee of the Whole received correspondence and a presentation from James Purdy, organizer of SKIJORING for MS, an annual fundraiser supporting MS Canada. Today, CAO Bill Given reviewed a follow-up report which was requested by Council at that time.			
#183/26	MOTION by Councillor Hall that Committee receive the report for information.			
	FOR	AGAINST		
	6 Councillors	0 Councillor		CARRIED
Canada Day	Committee received recommendations and alternatives regarding the planning and organization of 2026 Canada Day festivities. Mr. Read reviewed past practices, budget considerations, and current resources.			
#184/26	MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee direct Administration to take the lead in the planning and delivery of 2026 Canada Day events to the extent possible using existing resources; and			
	That Committee direct Administration to bring forward a report to discuss future municipal involvement in organizing Canada Day events, prior to the 2027 budget discussions.			
	FOR	AGAINST		
	6 Councillors	0 Councillor		CARRIED
Revised Water Services Bylaw	CAO Bill Given and Utilities Manager Vidal Michaud reviewed updates to the draft Water Services Bylaw. The bylaw was last reviewed at the April 14, 2026 Committee meeting.			
#185/26	MOTION by Councillor Kongsrud that Committee recommend Council give first and second reading to the revised Water Services Bylaw as presented.			
	FOR	AGAINST		
	6 Councillors	0 Councillor		CARRIED
Motion Action List	Administration reviewed the Motion Action List.			
#186/26	MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee approve the updated Motion Action List with the removal of the following items:			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jasper Artists Guild • SKIJORING for MS 			
	And date changes for the following items:			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indigenous Relations Framework 			

AGENDA ITEM 7.1

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Subject: Mayor's Awards Policy
From: Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer
Prepared by: Christine Nadon, Director of Protective & Legislative Services
Reviewed by: Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator
Date: May 12, 2026



Recommendation:

- That Committee recommend Council approve the Mayor's Awards Policy as presented.

Alternatives:

- That Committee direct Administration to make the following edits to the policy:
 - ...
 - ...

Background:

In March 2026, following the latest round of Mayor's Recognition Awards, Committee directed Administration to update the criteria for the Mayor's Awards to include a dedicated youth category intended to acknowledge outstanding contributions, achievements, or leadership demonstrated by youth in the community.

Discussion:

The Legislative Coordinator worked with the Youth and Teens Outreach Worker to review the awards criteria and ensure the new policy presented better opportunities for youth recognition. The re-drafting of the policy was also an opportunity to improve the overall content of the policy to match current municipal standards, including a more fulsome policy statement, the awards categories and the composition of the selection committee. Administrative details remain in the administrative procedures, which were also updated to match the new draft policy. The Chief Administrative Officer is responsible for approving the administrative procedures.

Strategic Relevance:

- Strengthen social cohesion to reinforce community belonging
- Nurture relationships that advance the community's interests

Financial:

There are no fiscal implications associated with updating this policy.

Attachments:

Draft Policy B-115: Mayor's Awards

Policy Title: MAYOR'S AWARDS

Policy # B-115

Effective Date: XXXX 1, 2026

Date adopted by Council: XXXX 1, 2026



1. POLICY STATEMENT

The Municipality of Jasper values and acknowledges the exceptional accomplishments, volunteerism, leadership, and community contributions of individuals, teams, groups, and organizations whose actions positively impact the Municipality and enhance community pride.

Presenting awards to community members for their achievements is a vital practice that strengthens the social fabric by recognizing, validating, and celebrating individuals of all ages who go above and beyond. These awards serve as a powerful tool to motivate continued excellence, foster a culture of appreciation, and build lasting community pride.

2. PURPOSE

Through the Mayor's Recognition and Special Awards, Council establishes a transparent and consistent framework to publicly recognize achievements, acts of service, and contributions that reflect positively on the Municipality of Jasper and support a strong, resilient, and engaged community.

3. SCOPE

This policy applies to nominations received from members of the public for consideration under this policy.

4. AWARD CATEGORIES

4.1 Mayor's Recognition Awards

The Mayor's Recognition Award may be presented annually to an individual whose service or achievement at the local, provincial, national or international level has been of singular significance in the areas of:

- Athletics;
- Fine & Performing Arts;
- Distinguished Voluntary Service; or
- Youth Award (under the age of 18) in the above categories.

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4.2 Mayor's Special Awards

The Mayor's Special Award may be presented at the discretion of the Mayor to individuals of any age, with Council concurrence, to recognize:

- Humanitarianism;
- Exceptional achievement in a profession, sports or the arts; or
- An act of heroism or bravery.

5. SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Mayor's Awards Selection Committee consists of the Mayor and Council. The Committee will consider nominations and select award recipients.

6. RESPONSIBILITIES

Council

Review and approve any revisions to this policy, review award recommendations and approve recipients, and support public celebration of award recipients.

Mayor

Serve as the ceremonial lead for municipal recognition awards, recommend recipients for the Mayor's Special Award where appropriate, and present awards on behalf of Council.

Chief Administrative Officer

Review and approve any procedures related to this policy, ensure the policy is administered consistently and transparently, and assign staff resources for annual delivery of the program.

Directors and Managers

Carry out the policy based on established procedures.

AGENDA ITEM 7.2

REQUEST FOR DECISION



Subject: Green Space Vision Plan
From: Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer
Prepared by: Micheal Borland, RPP, Town Planner & Isla Tanaka, Town Planner
Reviewed by: Beth Sanders, RPP, Director of Urban Design & Standards
Courtney Donaldson, Director of Operations & Utilities
Date: May 12, 2026

Recommendation:

- That Committee direct Administration to refer the preparation of a new plan for green spaces to the 2027 budget discussion.

Alternatives:

- That Committee receive the 2003 Town of Jasper – Green Space Vision Plan (GSVP) for information and take no further action.
- That Committee direct administration to implement the 2003 Town of Jasper – Green Space Vision Plan (GSVP).

Background:

- In September 2002, the Town established the Green Space Steering Committee to spearhead and oversee the preparation and implementation of the GSVP.
- The GSVP was presented to and received by Council for information on April 15, 2003, with a recommendation to return on May 20, 2003, for approval. Based on available records, the GSVP was never formally approved or endorsed by Council.
- The GSVP served as a resource document for the 2011 Community Sustainability Plan.
- On April 14, 2026, Councillor Frechette raised an item related to “Townsite Open-space & Trails Plans” and because of the discussion, Committee directed Administration to “circulate the existing 2003 Green Space Vision Plan to all of Council and have this matter return to a future Committee of the Whole meeting”.

Discussion:

The GSVP provides a snapshot of the community’s vision and priorities for green spaces in Jasper in 2003:

- Develop a greater sense of community consensus, pride, purpose and direction for the future of green spaces within Jasper.
- Establish a cost-effective short and long-term direction for the community that promotes the conservation, preservation and enhancement of green spaces.
- Establish conservation, preservation and enhancement program priorities; and
- Allocate roles, responsibilities, timelines, phasing strategies and estimated budgets for the staged implementation and attainment of a ‘shared vision’ for green spaces within Jasper.

Administration has reviewed the GSVP and its key strategic priorities and has found that the Municipality has completed projects in the following priority areas:

Table 1. Strategic priority areas with completed projects	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-use trail and green space development • Boulevard and median enhancements • Integrated site furnishings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town gateway entrances & central spine • Heritage building & park sites • Signage & wayfinding

While the 2003 GSVP remains valuable as a historical reference and many of its priorities have since been implemented, the community context, environmental considerations, and municipal priorities have changed significantly over the past two decades.

Administration believes that preparing a new plan for green spaces would provide Council with an updated and coordinated framework to guide future decisions related to parks, trails, open spaces, and environmental management. Master plan documents of this nature are generally intended to guide decision-making over a 5 to 10-year horizon and are typically reviewed or renewed periodically to ensure they remain relevant and reflective of current conditions and community priorities.

A new plan would allow the Municipality to incorporate current considerations such as FireSmart principles, climate adaptation, active transportation planning, accessibility, ecological management, and evolving community needs into a single strategic document. Developing an updated plan would also provide an opportunity for public engagement and help ensure future investments in green spaces are aligned with Council’s strategic priorities and current operational realities.

Strategic Relevance:

- Leverage recreational and cultural opportunities and spaces to increase community connection.
- Advance initiatives to mitigate the local impacts of climate change.
- Include an environmental lens in decision-making and operational plans.
- Invest in practices and processes which support high quality decision making.
- Provide and maintain the core services and infrastructure that enable the visitor economy.
- Proactively plan and invest in maintenance and management of natural and built infrastructure.

Inclusion Considerations:

Development of a new plan for green spaces would provide opportunities to consider accessibility, equitable access to parks and trails, and diverse community needs through future public engagement and planning processes.

Relevant Legislation:

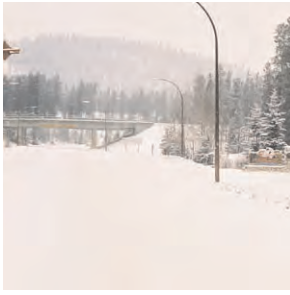
- [Jasper Community Sustainability Plan](#)

Financial:

The recommendation can be carried out within the existing approved budget, and no additional resources are needed. Administration would present costs associated with the development of a new plan at the 2027 budget discussion.

Attachments:

- Town of Jasper – Green Space Vision Plan (2003)



Town of Jasper - Green Space Vision Plan



Medians & boulevards along Connaught Drive

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Historic church site along Geike Street

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North entry into the Town of Jasper

Executive Summary

Green spaces are, by intent, places where people and nature mix. These places are important to many of our ecological and societal goals, including: biological diversity; the protection of water resources; the conservation of soils; recreational support; the enhancement of community and cultural cohesion; and the inter-connection of green spaces to provide aesthetic, interpretive and natural spaces and corridors within our communities.

The goal of the Green Space Vision Plan is as follows:

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The Vision Plan report has been organized into four (4) key sections:

Section 2.0: "Where are we now....?"

Provides an analysis of the community and a 'snapshot' of "Where we are now...?". This chapter reviews past studies and reports and their relevance to future Green Space preservation, conservation and enhancement, and provides a brief outline of research observations and Green Space recommendations.

Section 3.0: "Where do we want to be....?"

Presents a shared vision for the future Green Space preservation, conservation and enhancement to the year 2025, by describing "Where do we want to be...?". This shared vision is based upon the results of the analysis and outcome of a Focus Group Session with the Green Space Steering Committee members (GSSC) and the Vision Building Workshop.

Section 4.0: "How do we get there from here....?"

Looks at achieving the vision or "How do we get there from here...?". It describes an Action Plan and the suggested lead responsibility groups (e.g., community or government) and timelines for the top five (5) strategic priorities.

Section 5.0: Implementation.....The next steps

Presents recommendations related to the next steps in implementing the Green Space Vision Plan.

Communities that have been most successful in their planning and development efforts are those that have a shared vision for the future against which to judge their policies, programs and actions. The shared vision is thought of as a consistency test against which to judge their policies, programs and actions.

Visioning as a strategic planning tool helps a community:

- develop a greater sense of community consensus;
- establish a long-term direction for the community;
- set priorities; and
- allocate responsibilities for implementation.

During the Vision Building Workshop (held in January 2003), participants were engaged in a vision building exercise to determine where they want to be in the year 2025 in regards to Green Space preservation, conservation and enhancement. Once a 'shared vision' was formulated, participants were requested to establish short term (2003 to 2006), medium term (2006 to 2012) and long term (2012, plus) strategic priorities for achieving the vision. From this list, an action plan was established for the five (5) most important strategies - defining the actions, responsibilities and resources needed to achieve these strategic priorities (i.e., the what, who and how?). These strategic priorities were, in order of importance (i.e., most important to least important):

- Defining and Protecting Green Space Areas
- Multi-Use Trail and Green Space Development
- Town Gateway & Central Spine
- Boulevard & Median Enhancements
- Heritage Building & Park Sites

The Green Space Vision Plan has been developed as a 'Guide for Action.' The established short-term action plans describe what actions are needed in order to move the plan forward. Based upon a recommendation of the Green Space Steering Committee, a commitment is required to adopt the plan and provide the required budget and staff resources needed for its implementation.

Many planning exercises flounder at this stage because of a resistance to provide adequate resources to properly implement the plan. The required expenditures should be regarded as strategic community investments that will yield environmental, community, tourism and economic benefits.





Urban forest area adjacent to the Patricia Street walk-ups

Introduction

1.1 Plan Purpose

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Gibbs and Brown Landscape Architects Ltd. were engaged by the Town of Jasper to work with the Green Space Steering Committee (GSSC) in reaching a consensus on a shared vision, strategic priorities and specific action plans for achieving the vision.

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1.2 Background

The Town of Jasper, in cooperation with Parks Canada and the community, have commenced a process for a coordinated and sustainable approach to preserving, conserving and enhancing Green Spaces within the Townsite.

In September 2002, the Town established the Green Space Steering Committee (GSSC) to spearhead and oversee the preparation and implementation the Green Space Vision Plan. In January 2003, key vision building sessions were held with the GSSC and community. The information attained from these sessions was directly used by the Consulting Team and GSSC to establish and complete the Green Space Vision Plan. The specific planning steps undertaken in completing and approving this Vision Plan are summarized in 1.3 - Planning Process for Preparation of the Vision Plan.

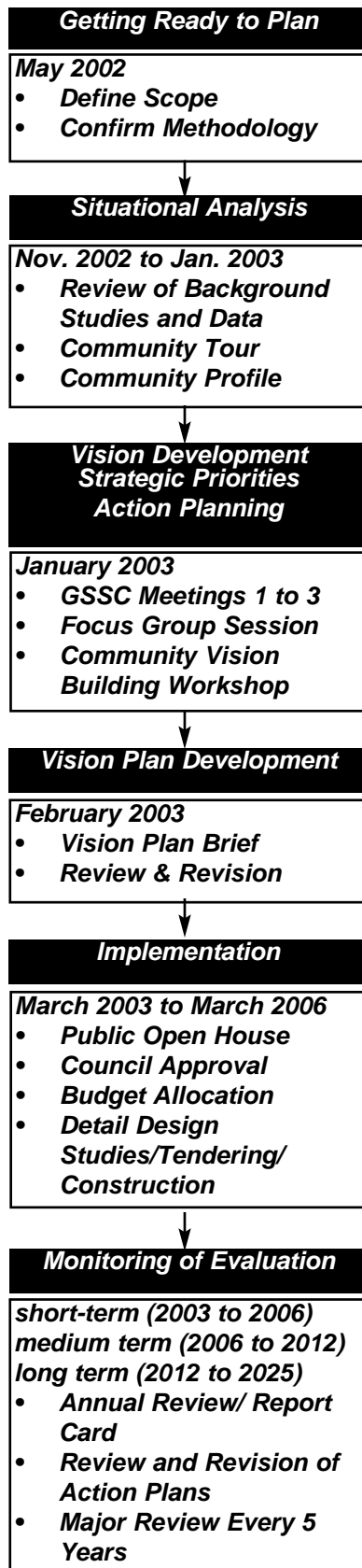


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1.3 Planning Process



1.4 Plan Format

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"Where are we now...?"

2.1 Location

Jasper is located within the heart of Jasper National Park, approximately 360 kilometres west of Edmonton and 25 kilometres east of the British Columbia border. The townsite is sited in the Three Valley Confluence Area of Jasper National Park, which has been carved and defined by the Athabasca, Miette and Maligne Rivers and the Colin, Maligne and Victoria Cross Mountain Ranges. The Three Valley Confluence Area is a montane eco-region of the Park, providing important habitat for many wildlife species.

The Townsite is accessible by vehicle, train and air. The Yellowhead Highway (Hwy 16) provides the major east-west link, extending from Winnipeg in Manitoba to Prince Rupert in British Columbia. The Icefields Parkway (Hwy 93) intersects the Yellowhead Highway at Jasper, providing a north-south link from Lake Louise in Banff National Park to Jasper. The Canadian National Railway has provided a rail connection for people and goods to Jasper since the early 1900's. Northeast of the community a small airfield provides access for small airplanes.

Jasper National Park is an 'all seasons' destination, hosting approximately two million visitors a year. Many of these visitors spend time in the community of Jasper. As identified in the 1997 Municipal Census, Jasper has a population of 4691 people. Many of these residents are employed in the accommodation, food and beverage sector, while the remaining employed by the Canadian National Railway, Parks Canada, construction, finance and personal service sectors.



Map of Jasper - Courtesy of Parks Canada

2.2 Historical Development of the Town of Jasper

The following section highlights the chronological historical development of the Town of Jasper from pre-1900 to the present:

Pre-1900

Early use of the land was by First Nations people who seasonally hunted, fished, gathered plants for food and quarried stone for tools. The fur trade and exploration west brought the first Europeans through the Rocky Mountains and past the location of the present day community of Jasper.

1907

Federal government approved plans for the Trans Continental Railway and established the Jasper Forest Park. Jasper was designated a National Park and was originally served as a railroad divisional point.

1910

Grand Trunk Pacific Railway established a new station and divisional point on a low plateau in the angle formed by the Miette and Athabasca Rivers. The community that formed around the railway was named Fitzhugh, after a vice-president of the company. Park administrators managed the development of the community. Architectural efforts focused on achieving harmony between nature and man-made structures using materials such as stone and wood.

1913

Townsite was beginning to shed its frontier appearance. Fitzhugh was renamed Jasper, after Jasper Hawes, a clerk stationed in the Jasper House fur trading post.

1914

Approximately 125 people were now living within the townsite. A total of 46 lots had been leased and several stores, a school, two churches, and a number of houses had been constructed.

1920's - 1930's

Intense growth caused by the amalgamation of the Grand Trunk Pacific and Canadian Northern railways. During this time, the population of Jasper tripled with the addition of 350 new residents from the former Canadian Northern Railway Station at Lucerne, British Columbia, which was closed as part of the merger. Increased population and tourism created a need for additional



housing and commercial outlets. A number of hotels were constructed including the Athabasca, Astoria and National Hotels, as were the Imperial Bank Building, the original Royal Canadian Mounted Police detachment, the Church of St. Mary and St. George and the Otto Brothers' pool hall. Other significant construction during this period included the new Park Superintendent residence located beside the RCMP station, and a new fire hall situated behind the administration building.

1937

Gravel road was extended from Jasper to Edmonton and a year later the road stretched to Winnipeg. Tourism in Jasper becomes more accessible and less dependent upon the railway.

1940

The Icefields Parkway opens, connecting Jasper to Banff.

1948

Streets and sidewalks were built to serve new residential areas. The program included the installation of sewer and water services and the provision of street lighting. Sidewalks were surfaced with asphalt, and graveled streets received dust-reduction treatment.

1954

Parts of Patricia Street and Connaught Drive were paved. Housing was built for employees of Trans Mountain Oil Pipe Line Limited in Patricia Circle. Improvements to park highways, an upsurge in vacation travel in Canada and increased railway traffic created a new demand for visitor accommodation and homes for park residents.

1965-1969

Street improvement program undertaken between 1965-1969 widened Connaught Drive. This project was accomplished with the co-operation of the CNR, which gave up of possession of a strip of adjoining property. Townsite land area was extended in 1967 by the survey of eight parcels contiguous to those occupied by the Tonquion Motel and Lobstick Motor Lodge. This survey provided sites for the construction of the Jasper Inn, Marmot Lodge, and for an extension to the Lobstick Motor Lodge.

1970

Townsite was extended northerly on the west side of Connaught Drive. The largest site was the Fort Point Lodge, a staff accommodation development. A new gasoline service station with restaurant facili-

ties was constructed or operations by Brewster Transport Limited.

1971

Trijon Planning and Development of Edmonton were awarded the tender to develop garden homes in Cabin Creek East.

1973

An eighty nine mobile home park was developed on the southwest edge of the townsite to help relieve a housing shortage.

1974

Seton General Hospital was built replacing the outdated medical facility.

1977

Jasper Activity Centre opened its doors, providing the community with recreational and meeting facilities.

1981

A new Seniors Lodge, Pine Grove Manor, was built in 1981.

Early 1980's

The Cabin Creek West subdivision was developed. Ninety-one single family and duplex lots were serviced and leased.

Late 1980's

More lots were released in Cabin Creek West. The Jasper Town Plan was completed in 1988.

1990

Stone Mountain Village townhouse project was built.

Early 1990's

Parks Canada responded to concerns about long term affordable housing in the community by releasing land at below market value to a non-profit cooperative housing association. The Built Heritage Resource Description and Analysis was completed in 1992. The Architectural Motif Guidelines for the Town of Jasper was completed in 1993. The Parks Canada Guiding Principles and Operational Policies and Jasper Townsite Landscape Plan were completed in 1994.



1995
Southview Housing Cooperative built forty multi-family units.

1998
Mountain Park Co-op was constructed using the successful multi-family approach introduced in 1995. Also during this year the Jasper Vision Statement was completed.

1999
The Community Action Plan for Elk Management in Jasper National Park was completed.

Early 2000
The Jasper National Park Management Plan was completed in 2000, and the Jasper Community Land Use Plan completed in 2001.



New housing development in the Cabin Creek Area

2.3 Relevant Studies and Plans

This section reviews and assesses all previous completed studies and plans and identifies those principles, strategies and directions that specifically relate to the preservation, conservation and enhancement of Green Spaces within the Town of Jasper.

Jasper Community Land Use Plan (Parks Canada 2001)

The Jasper Community Land Use Plan was completed in 2001 to respond to increased annual visitations to the Park, the resulting demand for commercial and residential growth, and pressures on the existing Town character and ecological integrity of the Park. In accordance with a number of community planning principles, as issued by Parks Canada, the plan identifies planning strategies designed to ensure the maintenance of ecological integrity in Canada's National Parks and Townsites. Related principles, strategies and directions in respect to the Green Space Vision Plan include:

- The Jasper Community Land Use Plan addresses the principle of No-Net-Negative Environmental Impact through a number of key actions, including: the area of the community will be reduced by 20% from 310 to 245 hectares; eleven lots currently zoned commercial will be re-zoned to non-commercial uses, and all necessary infrastructure must be in place before additional commercial growth will occur.
- Conservation plans, including strategies for recycling, energy efficiency, water conservation and waste management, will be a requirement of all development projects.
- Recycling, composting and other related community-based programs will be expanded wherever possible.
- Incentives to encourage long-term conservation of heritage buildings will be implemented.
- The community of Jasper will be a centre for visitors and residents to learn more about Jasper National Park and Canada's system of protected areas. Maintaining open space and using native plant materials in landscaping will protect Jasper's link to the Park. Visitors will learn more about the Park through community-based interpretation and information programs.
- The community's unique character will be preserved and cultivated for both resident and visitor interpretation and appreciation.
 - New development will be compatible with built

heritage resources and will respect and strengthen the visual character and cultural resource integrity of both the Park and community.

- Land zoned Open Space within the community will be protected from development by refining the list of acceptable uses.
- The mature urban forest will undergo succession planting.
- The retention of informal meeting places and facilities will provide opportunities for community focused programs that contribute to the social fabric of Jasper.
- Jasper will be an "eco-community" where sustainable forms of development are demonstrated.
- An environmental management program will be developed for the community, in consultation with locally elected council.
- A set of environmental stressors and indicators will be identified. Baseline data will be acquired and monitored. These indicators may include: air quality, surface water, aquatic resources, soils and terrain, vegetation, wildlife, resource consumption, noise, light, and odours.
- Where possible, education and technology will be used to reduce negative environmental impacts.
- Wildlife corridors adjacent to the community will be protected, maintained and enhanced in order to encourage wildlife to travel around rather than through the community.
- The Open Space District will allow only parks, playgrounds, natural green spaces, riparian zones and accessory buildings required for maintenance of open space.
- The Open Space area contained within the Mobile Home District will be re-examined within the proposed Area Redevelopment Plan.
- Areas within the community that attract wildlife will be modified to reduce habituation.
- Herbicide, fertilizer and pesticide use will continue to be reduced to the greatest extent possible.
- Following the recommendations of the Jasper Townsite Landscape Plan, a program to renew the urban forest with native species will be developed.
- Public areas requiring intensive turf maintenance will be replanted with native species.
- New development and redevelopment will be required to incorporate energy efficient lighting that reduces glare, protects neighbours privacy and is focused downwards of properly shielded.
- Re-contouring slopes along railway embankments to recreate more natural grades.

- Planting groups of native trees and shrubs to screen barren slopes.
- Building upon the gateway character created by railway bridges.
- Early and clear identification of community entrances through roadside signs and pull-offs that provide townsite related information to motorists.
- Visual connections between heritage buildings such as Parks Canada Information Centre, the historic Fire Hall and the Friends of Jasper National Park Building will be maintained and enhanced.
- The historic district plan for Old Town Jasper will include an assessment of the original landscape character of the area.
- The use of native plant materials (in residential areas) will be encouraged (through information brochure campaign – including initiatives to reduce herbicide and pesticide use, etc).
- Fencing standards will be amended to conform with the aims of the Community Action Plan for Elk Management.
- The Community Action Plan for Elk Management and The Bear/Human Conflict Management Strategy will be implemented, monitored and adjusted as required.
- Communications programs aimed at avoiding wildlife conflicts will be delivered to residents, commercial operators and visitors.
- The Cabin Creek riparian zone has been degraded by residential encroachment. A 30 metre setback from Cabin Creek will be enforced, and the riparian zone reclaimed with native species.
- The Cottonwood Creek riparian zone will be protected from the effects of future development.
- The pedestrian and cycle system will be integrated with open space and trailheads, where possible.
- Landscaping, signage and mapping will be used to identify the route as they are developed.
- Improvements to the pedestrian environment in commercial and residential areas will continue to be made to highlight particular routes, to provide a more pleasant visual environment, and to provide areas for gathering. Accessibility considerations will be incorporated into designs.



Strategic Environmental Assessment for the Jasper Community Plan (Golder Assoc. 1999)

In conjunction with the Jasper Community Plan, Parks Canada initiated a Strategic Environmental Assessment to assess and review the environmental implications of the Plan's implementation related to the affects on natural and cultural environments within and surrounding the Townsite. Based on a review of information sources, each section of the Community Plan was reviewed to identify those actions that could result in environmental changes and recommend mitigative measures to reduce or eliminate potential impacts. The impact analysis focused on five key elements;

- Assess the Plan's consistency with regulatory and policy requirements.
- Identify additional initiatives that could be undertaken to enhance future environmental performance of the community as well as identifies other activities not identified in the Plan, but which are likely to occur as a result of Plan recommendations.
- Discuss environmental stresses likely to occur as a result of Plan implementation.
- Discuss both temporal and spatial cumulative effects, and
- Discuss the Plan's responsiveness to trends.

The result of the impact analysis lead to the following related Green Space environmental impacts and considerations:

- Protecting and maintaining open space and the urban forest through successional planting with consideration to wildlife hazard requirements.
- Implement Heritage Tourism Program, including information services and better signage.
- Use public education and technology to reduce negative impacts.
- New development and major redevelopments to submit conservation plans.
- Protect wildlife corridor peripheral to Town.
- Amend Open Space District criteria to remove development provisions.
- Permit changes to sportsfields as required that do not reduce its use as 'open space'.
- Re-examine Open Space area in Mobile Home District through a specific Area Redevelopment Plan approach.
- Apply the Elk Action Strategy to modify areas

within the community that attract wildlife.

- Reduce herbicide and pesticide use.
- Renew urban forest based on recommendation presented Jasper Townsite Landscape Plan.
- Reduce area requiring intensive turf management.
- Rezone parcels from institutional to Open Space with special review and care given to cultural/heritage site (i.e./ Snape's Hill)
- Consider external lighting impacts in new development and redevelopment areas.
- No additional development on the immediate east side of Connaught Drive. *Note: Several considerations (i.e., parking, hostel development) were identified.*
- Strengthen sense of entry into the Town.
- Identify entries to the Town.
- Landscapes for federally owned historic buildings to be based on historic research.
- Historic district plan for Old Town Jasper to include historic landscapes.
- Improve pedestrian environment in Central Business District (CBD).
- Replace non-native with native species.
- Parks Canada to develop information brochures etc. to promote residents' use of native species and reduce pesticide use.
- Develop different standards and styles for street signs, benches, bike racks, etc for residential areas that for CBD.
- Enforce 30 metre setback to protect Cabin Creek riparian zone.
- Protect Cottonwood Creek from future development.
- Encourage public transit and bike paths from adjacent activity areas (i.e. campgrounds, trailheads) and the community.
- Develop pedestrian and cycle trails and improve signage to link to areas within and outside community while avoiding impacts to sensitive wildlife habitats.
- Pave lanes in downtown area and incorporate into pedestrian trail system.
- Install additional bicycle racks in commercial areas.



Jasper Townsite Landscape Plan (Parks Canada – 1994)

The Jasper Townsite Landscape was prepared in response to the growing awareness and need for more environmentally appropriate planning, design and management of open space within the Townsite.

The Plan provides an overview of current conditions and practices and landscape strategies that respond to:

- The character and image of the Townsite.
- Urban areas.
- Wildlife.
- Vegetation (types and availability), and
- Maintenance and Integrated Pest Management.

The Plan also provides an analysis and recommendations for site specific enhancements within the Townsite. This site specific information has been assessed and incorporated into the Green Space Vision Plan, where applicable.

Jasper National Park Management Plan Concept (Parks Canada - 2000)

The Jasper National Park Management Plan Concept was prepared in 1999 to plan and shape the future of Jasper National Park. Key challenges addressed in the Management Plan included:

- Addressing cumulative effects on montane eco-region.
- Focusing tourism (authentic/heritage experience).
- Improving heritage presentation outreach programs.
- Improving presentation of cultural resources.
- Maintaining effective wildlife movement.
- Ensuring transportation corridors contribute to park experience.
- Managing growth in regular and peak seasons.
- Reintroducing natural processes (i.e. fire to help maintain biodiversity).
- Restoring aquatic ecosystems.
- Reducing human-wildlife conflicts.
- Improving the integration of park and regional ecosystem.
- Building strong community – commitment to environment stewardship.

Key actions presented in the Management Plan that relate to Green Space within the Townsite included:

- Implement recommendations from the Elk Action Working Group to restore elk distribution and abundance and reduce elk-human conflicts in and the community.
- In cooperation with other stakeholders, implement an Integrated Pest Management strategy to eliminate or control existing populations of non-native species and reduce long-term use of pesticides.
- Encouragement the use of lighting that is functional and does not detract from the natural environment.
- Adopt the following themes as the basis for evaluating, preserving, and presenting the cultural resources and improving their presentation to the public:
 - Pre-contact human occupation and use.
 - Fur trade exploration.
 - Settlement.
 - Transportation.
 - Tourism and recreation, and
 - Managing a nation park.
- Prepare a comprehensive rehabilitation and use strategy for the Jasper Information Centre National Historic Site.
- Set up a cooperative agreement with the Metis Nation of Alberta to maintain and present cultural resources related to Jasper's Metis history.
- Set up a cooperative agreement with the Jasper-Yellowhead Historical Society to manage the park's archives and artifact collections and to present the themes associated with the park's history.
- Work with the tourism industry to:
 - Prepare marketing strategies.
 - Target appropriate markets and design heritage products and services that meet their needs, and
 - Strengthen the presentation and promotion of appropriate activities in the park.
- Enhance the park's information, interpretative, and educational programs by:
 - Reviewing and improving non-personal media in areas where visitor use is high.
 - Providing leadership and cultivating a strong third-party delivery of heritage programs in the park to create a "community of communicators".
 - Pursuing appropriate opportunities for shared funding, partnership, and sponsorship for the development and delivery of interpretative programs and products, and
 - Using interpretation strategically to achieve predetermined and measurable results.
- Promote an awareness of opportunities to experience and learn about the Rocky Mountain World



- Heritage Site.
- Prepare a comprehensive strategy to deal with wildlife-human conflicts. The strategy will provide for a communications plan, improved garbage and compost handling, and elk management in and around the community.
- Set up an annual process to examine proposed new activities and use, and changes in levels of use based on the following criteria:
 - Impact on the park's resources.
 - Effects on cultural and heritage.
 - Quality of experience.
 - Economic impact.
 - Public safety.
 - Equity and access.
 - Social effects/quality of life.
 - Education and awareness.
 - Level of use: frequency, timing, and quantity.
 - Physical setting.
 - Heritage tourism.
 - Environmental stewardship.
- Continue to participate in key coordinating committees established by other agencies in the regional ecosystem.
- Work with regional tourism partners to expand opportunities for heritage tourism within the region.
- Demonstrate responsible environmental management.
- Implement a water conservation strategy for the community of Jasper.
- Develop communication products and information packages that support shared stewardship initiatives.
- Work with the community and businesses in the shared responsibility of environmental stewardship.

The Jasper Vision Statement (1998)

"Jasper is a small friendly community with a unifying sense of purpose, set in natural splendor of Jasper National Park. Residents value and promote quality services controlled growth affordability, equitable taxation, eligible residency and environmental integrity.

Jasper is represented by locally-elected, accountable residents administering a form of municipal government designed and accepted by the community and Parks Canada Planning and decision-making are characterized by a high degree of local participation which respects both community and National Parks values and authorities.

Development within the community demonstrates a local commitment and ability to plan control and balance growth. Community values emphasize the appreciation and preservation of Jasper's history and traditional architectural scale and character.

Municipal taxes and land rent are fair and equitable and are established by processes acceptable to the community. Combined municipal taxes and land rent costs are equitably distributed among visitors, Parks Canada and the community.

Jasper is a leader in sound environmental practices. Residents and visitors respect the inherent value of Jasper National Park and accept and honour their environmental responsibilities.

Jasper offers accessible services, affordable housing and a safe and supportive living environment for all residents. Seniors, families and young people are provided opportunities and encouragement to participate in the community and to remain in Jasper.

The commitment of all eligible residents is the foundation of Jasper's strong sense of community."

Community Action Plan for Elk Management in Jasper National Park (1999)

The Elk Management Strategy was prepared to establish an approach to managing elk around and within the Town of Jasper. The goal of the Elk Management Strategy is to restore and maintain elk population numbers in the Three Valley Confluence study area to a level that minimizes human safety risks while ensuring natural levels of biological diversity and function.

- Restore natural ecological processes in the study area.
- Reduce elk-human conflicts.

The objective of the Elk Management Strategy is to gradually reduce the winter elk population in the Jasper Townsite/Jasper Park Lodge and surrounding area to approximately 100 elk by April, 2003.

Key short and long term actions proposed in the strategy that relate to Green Spaces within the Townsite include:



- Fencing of large green spaces in Jasper Townsite (recreation grounds and school grounds) to ensure elk do not have access to these big patches of artificial habitat and eliminate the security/safety of these areas for bulk elk during the rut.
- Identification and evaluation of movement corridors within the study area. Quantify time, season and species.
- Launch a more assertive visitor and resident education program to reduce elk-human conflicts and to profile the complexities of the issue and the status of proposed strategies.
- Experiment with the use of dogs for hazing of elk out of areas where elk are not wanted.
- Monitor our actions to determine our success/failures and measure them against the following criteria:
 - Number of elk/human conflicts.
 - Number of elk in the population.
 - Elk response to relocations.
 - Elk response to hazing with dogs.
 - Regeneration of aspen/willow.
 - Amount of available green space in Jasper Townsite.
 - Wildlife connectivity and movement.
 - Viable predator populations.
- Establish guidelines for landscaping to provide fewer attractants for elk, using non-palatable species and native plants and shrubs.
- Discuss and prioritize recommendations from the Jasper Townsite Landscape Plan (Olson report).

2.4 Research Observations and Recommendations

As shown, the Town of Jasper has conducted numerous studies and assessments and established several principles, strategies and directions that respond to increased annual visitation to the Park, the resulting demand for commercial and residential growth, and pressures on the existing Town character and ecological integrity of the Park. These past studies and assessments create an important basis for the Green Space Vision Plan.

The Green Space Vision Plan is the first Town driven planning study, initiated outside previously engaged Parks Canada studies and assessments, to specifically address and establish a direction for Green Space preservation, conservation and enhancement. The review of past studies and assessment helps guide community developed directions and ensure that these directions meet the intent and requirements of Parks Canada.

The *Jasper Townsite Landscape Plan*, *Jasper National Park Management Plan* and *Jasper Community Land Use Plan* are excellent resources related to Green Space preservation, conservation and enhancement. These documents provide a basis that combines technical information (e.g., landscape development, maintenance and operations, and site specific enhancement opportunities) with sustainable and interpretive approaches to Green Space preservation, conservation and enhancement that promotes Jasper's unique community character and cultivates its position as a global leader in "eco-community" living.

All Green Space networks and specific sites should be assessed and enhanced to create a strong and unified character and to provide a diversity of year-round use; natural, cultural and historic interpretation; and sustainable management and operations.

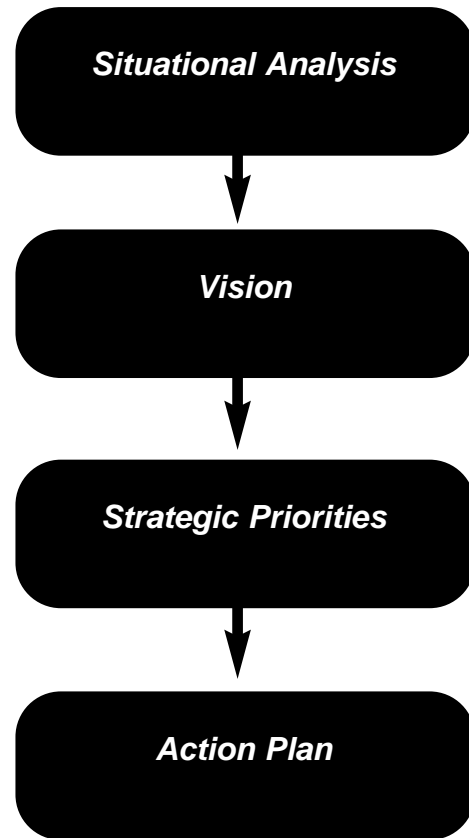


Green Space corridor through the Cabin Creek area



"Where do we want to be....?"

This section of the Plan presents a summary of the vision development that occurred through a Focus Group session with the GSSC and a Vision Building Workshop held in the community on January 23, 2003. A list of the participants in the Focus Group and Vision Building Workshop is provided in the Appendices, along with summary notes. During the Vision Building Workshop, participants were engaged in a group exercise to determine where they want to be in the year 2025 in regards to Green Space preservation, conservation and enhancement. Once a 'shared vision' for Green Space preservation, conservation and enhancement was formulated, workshop groups were asked to establish short term (2003 to 2006), medium term (2006 to 2012) and long term (2012, plus) strategic priorities for achieving the vision. From this list, an action plan was established for the first five (5) most important strategies - defining the actions, responsibilities and resources needed to achieve these strategic priorities (i.e., the what, who and how?).



3.1 Vision Statement

Town of Jasper – A Vision for the Future of Green Spaces

Communities that have been most successful in their planning and development efforts are those that have a shared vision for the future against which to judge their policies, programs and actions. The shared vision is thought of as a consistency test against which to judge their policies, programs and actions.

Visioning as a strategic planning tool helps a community:

- Develop a greater sense of community consensus.
- Establish a long term direction for the community.
- Set priorities; and
- Allocate responsibilities for implementation.

The following vision statement was prepared based upon the information collected from the GSSC focus group and Vision Building Workshop with community participants.

By the year 2025, Green Space areas and corridors will have incurred no further loss in area or linkage, creating a unified, diverse, safe and accessible network of Green Spaces throughout the community of Jasper and outward into Jasper National Park. Green Spaces will have aided in creating a strong sense of place, arrival and theme that reflects and promotes the community's people, landscape, climate, culture, history and sustainable and ecologically based characteristics and 'no-net-negative environmental impact' principles.

Preservation, conservation and reclamation will have been applied in key water course, urban forest and other natural riparian or heritage site areas (i.e., Snape's Hill). Enhancements will have been completed to include a well-integrated system of year-round, reclaimed, accessible, safe and well-defined multi-use network of trails and Green Space areas that have incorporated a diverse and innovative array of features and programs that enhance Jasper's montane and sustainable 'green' community character. These features and programs would include, yet are not limited to:

- *A balance in open space areas between recreational uses and 'restored' landscapes for nature-based and traditional play spaces*

and passive activities and programs.

- *The historic restoration of heritage building park sites and gardens.*
- *Well-defined and interpretive gateways into the community that relate to the character of Jasper and provide an improved 'first impression' of the community.*
- *Interpretive, low-maintenance and aesthetic median and boulevard enhancements.*
- *An integrated interpretive signing and 'way-finding' system.*
- *A well-defined and themed site furnishings strategy for Green Spaces and 'urban' areas.*
- *The use of 'green' technology in the enhancement of Green Spaces.*
- *The development of strategic parking areas that support the temporary or permanent closure of Jasper's main street area, and*
- *The development of a community-based promotional campaign and programs (e.g., native plant nursery, 'green' based seminars and neighbourhood/ business owner programs, 'adopt-a-green space', 'natural neighbour' awards, etc) that create community pride and stewardship, showing the region and world that Jasper is a community that works in harmony with its surroundings and each other to provide a quality of life for all.*



3.2 Achieving the Vision

This section of the plan presents the strategic priorities for achieving the vision. These strategies priorities were developed by the GSSC during a Focus Group session and by participants during the Vision Building Workshop. An overview of the key strategic priorities recorded during the Focus Group and Workshop are presented in Section 3.2.1. A further detailed record of comments received during the Focus Group and Workshop are found in the Appendices. The following headings were prepared to categorize and effectively present the strategic priorities developed by participants:

- Defining and Protecting Green Space Areas.
- Multi-use Trail and Green Space Development.
- Boulevard & Median Enhancements.
- Town Gateway Entrances & Central Spine.
- Heritage Building & Park Sites.
- Park Upgrades & Safety.
- Integrated Site Furnishings, Signing & 'Way-finding' – Developing a well-defined and interpretive Townsite.
- "Eco-Community" Approach – Programs, Interpretation and Marketing.
- Green Space Enhancements in Privately Owned Properties.
- Jasper Main Street Enhancements.

As part of the Vision Building Workshop, participants were asked to assess the strategic priorities and identify the top five priorities for initial implementation. These top five priorities are further illustrated in the Action Plan (Section 4.0). Section 3.2.2 presents the strategic statements established for all of the priority categories, including the top five priorities.

3.2.1 Key Strategic Priorities

The strategic priorities identified during the Focus Group and Vision Building session included:

Defining and Protecting Green Space Areas:

- No loss of green spaces.
- Need to "buy back" private and crown lands to save green space network.
- More natural Green Spaces, natural landscapes, naturalization.
- Lobby Parks Canada to approve dedication of identified green spaces.
- More aesthetically pleasing.

- Find balance between natural and maintained landscapes.
- Variety of activity (multi-use/for all ages/people).
- Reduce "hard" landscape areas with increased "green" development/enhancement.
- More safe & secure environment.
- Diversity of "natural" vs "maintained" green space.
- More trees.
- Creating unified community mood/feel

Multi-use Trail and Green Space Development:

- Improved linkages.
- Pedestrian/bicycle – accessible/safe multi-use walkways & trail linkages.
- More "flow" or network development between green spaces.
- Improve external trail connections into town (i.e. safety, lighting, etc).
- Safe access throughout Town (i.e. vehicular/pedestrian conflicts).
- Interpretive nodes/ seating areas
 - Connector linkages between trails and green spaces.
- Way-finding system.
 - Lists resources/areas of interest and how to get there.

Boulevard & Median Enhancements:

- Revised Medians to lower maintenance
 - Low maintenance.
- No watering.
- Treed Boulevards
 - Low Maintenance.
 - Minimal watering.
 - Minimal fertilizing.
 - Native plant material.
 - River rock.
 - Flowering.
 - No mowing.
 - Uniform design for all in town medians.
 - Protect existing trees.
 - Replace unhealthy trees.
- Pedestrian friendly zones that are appealing and environmentally friendly

Town Gateway Entrances & Central Spine:

- Improved Town entrances.
 - Beautification.
 - Planting.
 - Signage (entrance sign needs more



- thought).
- RR bridges (CN overpasses beautification
- Lighting.
- Interpretive
- Safe areas for tourism access.
- Connaught Drive:
 - Cohesive look/feel.
 - Median treatment needed.
 - Uniform treatment throughout town.
 - Rock, shrubs and trees, no grass.
 - natural.
 - Utilize the berm for site enhancement (visually & audibly screen CN yard).
 - Additional cultural/historical interpretation.
 - Visually screen parking lots.

Heritage Building & Park Sites:

- Preservation of historic sites.
- Safe environment in green space areas (e.g., lighting, toboggan hills, railway crossings, road crossings, general crime prevention).
- Restore information center to its original 1920's state
 - Historical reclamation.
 - Interpretive features.
- Snapes Hill
 - Pedestrian linkages.
 - Historical reference.
 - Interpretive nodes.
 - Forest restoration.
 - Fuel management.
- Parks: (specifically Lions Park, Centennial Park and Fireman's Park).
 - Maintain common use (all parks).
 - Maintain sports fields (all existing).
 - Incorporate gazebo structures.
 - Incorporate bowling green-Historic Park.
 - Utilize benches (all parks).
 - Incorporate Native botanical gardens.
 - Enhance walkways/linkages (all parks).
 - Facilitate appropriate activities (all parks).
- Playgrounds:
 - Open to all ages for more community use (now only "Tot Lots")
 - Naturescapes.
- Tobogganing hill requires safety evaluation and revitalization
- Centennial Park:
 - Assess health of trees replace where necessary.
 - Limit use of non-developed paths.

- Add fitness circuit.
- Ensure proper lighting.
- Ensure safety of play equipment.
- Reclamation of non-major trail ways.
- Robson Park:
 - Keep it green.
 - Street parking only.
 - No more development.
- Lions Park
 - Maintain existing – keep green.
 - Unofficial Trail at base of bench.
- Cabin Creek Green Belt
 - Pedestrian linkage.
 - Natural species.
- Hillside North of Trailer Park
 - Formal trail for linkage (Part of ring-trail system).
 - Natural species zone.
 - Dedicated trail building plan and resources.

Integrated Site Furnishings, Signing & 'Way-finding' - Developing a well-defined and interpretive Townsite:

- An interpretive green space (cultural, history, ecology, etc).
- "Eco-Community" Approach – Programs, Interpretation & Marketing:
- Limitation of commercialization (signage).

"Eco-Community" Approaches, Programs & Education:

- Public education programs (i.e. planting and watering practices).
- Xeriscaping/natural products.
- Less money to operate & maintain.
- Ensure that proper practices administered to preserve trees & landscape.
- Develop local native nursery.
- Resolve off-leash dog areas.
- Overall tree health assessment for replacements.
- Organic grounds keeping:
 - Less water.
 - Less chemical treatments.
- Green up Steam Engine Area
- Eliminate invasion of alien plant materials.
- Town should become a "Green Model":
 - Use of innovative technologies.
 - Address environmental concerns.
 - Utilize solar power.
 - Hydro power.
 - Community involvement.
 - Environmental controls establish and enforced.



- Solar power canopies.
- Info on use of vehicles.
- Litter control.
- Park standards and regulations known and enforced.
- Environmental awareness.
- Community award programs (Adopt-a -Patch, Adopt-a-Green Space, Natural Neighbour Award, Business Awards, Beautification Awards, etc)
- Concentration on keeping Elk away from inside of town.

Green Space Enhancements in Privately Owned Properties:

- Delineation and identification of public vs private space.
- Resolve undeveloped lot issues (unsightly lots) – should they be developed?
- Maintain trees around developments.

Refer to Appendices for participant listed sites requiring enhancement.

Jasper Main Street Enhancements:

- Core of town is anti-automobile, pro pedestrian
 - Cut off vehicle access to Patricia St.
 - Enhance streetscape open blvd. shops
 - Promote pedestrian friendly downtown core

3.2.2 Strategic Priority Statement

The following section presents the strategic statements established for all of the priority categories, including the top five priorities, as selected by the GSSC and community workshop participants. The strategic priorities have been arranged in order of importance (e.g., most important to least important).

Defining & Protecting Green Space Areas:

Defining Green Space areas was seen as the most important priority to all groups that participated in the workshop. As noted in the vision statement, *“By the year 2025, Green Space areas and corridors will have incurred no further loss in area or linkage, creating a unified, diverse, safe and accessible network of Green Spaces throughout the community of Jasper and outward into Jasper National Park. Green Spaces will have aided in creating a strong sense of place, arrival and theme that reflects and promotes the communities people, landscape, climate, culture, history and sustainable and ecologically based characteristics and no-net-negative environmental impact principles.”* The importance of this priority is also reflected in the Parks Canada - Jasper National Park Management Plan, Jasper Townsite Landscape Plan and, Jasper Community Land Use Plan. This priority is recognized as an all-encompassing action in regards to Green Space development in Jasper. As each of the individual actions identified in the Vision Plan are planned, designed and implemented, it is imperative that the following priorities are recognized and incorporated:



Jasper Main Street Area

- Ensure no further loss of identified Green Space or land presently zoned as Open Space within the community.
- Incorporate a specific classification and identification of acceptable uses within Green Space or zoned Open Space to create a balance between natural, heritage and maintained corridors and sites.
- Implement enhancements to Green Space corridors and sites that reflect the either a native species approach that re-introduces natural process and biodiversity (as identified in the Jasper Townsite Landscape Plan) or responds to the historical heritage of the site.
- Maintain a No-Net-Negative Environmental Impact approach in the planning, design, maintenance and operations of Green Space corridors and sites.
- Ensure that future Green Space planning, design, development or re-development deters wildlife access into the community and the potential conflict with residents and visitors.
- Ensure Green Spaces are safe and accessible for all residents and visitors.
- Ensure Jasper 's unique community character is preserved, cultivated and interpreted to build a stronger community focus committed to environment stewardship.
- Integrate into the Community Land Use Plan, Town Bylaws, and other legislative framework the strategic planning and allocation of Green Space areas and corridors, and possible future Green Space (tree) inventories; Tree Bylaws; criteria for naturalization; development requirements and holdback fees to ensure the protection and enhancement of natural areas on private property; maintenance procedures; Green Space resource allocation; public awareness program; and community involvement.

Multi-use Trail and Green Space Development:

To ensure that Green Space areas are preserved and the appropriate linkages within the community are provided, the need for a safe, integrated, accessible and 'green' multi-use trail system offering links to key open space, natural, reclaimed, residential, institutional and commercial areas within the community and trails that extend out to the National Park area, was identified by workshop groups. The trail alignment would utilize both Green Space and neighbourhood areas to create well-defined linkages around the perimeter and east-west through the community and to trails and areas within the National Park (e.g., Highways 93 and 16, Jasper Park Lodge, Old Fort Point, Whistler campground, etc), as shown in Figure 4.2a.

Several key alignment requirements within the community include the Cabin Creek area, Connaught Drive, and northern neighbourhood area. The Cabin Creek area alignment will require an easement allocation on Crown Lands located along the northern section of Cabin Creek Drive. This area has been identified as a possible future residential development area. As identified in the Jasper Community Land Use Plan, the Cabin Creek riparian zone has been degraded by residential encroachment. As a result, Parks Canada has established a thirty (30) metre setback requirement from Cabin Creek. To maintain a trail linkage from the northern edge of Cabin Creek to Connaught Drive, it is suggested that all existing informal 'dirt' trails be removed and replaced with a formal demarked trail (e.g., gravel or wood chip) along one side of the Creek. In conjunction with the trail development a native riparian zone reclamation program could be implemented to mitigate any further disturbances or encroachment into the area. (Refer to Figure 4.1) Connaught Drive is the 'central spine' of the community



Trail and Green Space enhancement required along Cabin Creek

that provides an important link from the Town's north gateway to south gateway from Highways 16 and 93. This link will provide the best opportunity to showcase Jasper and its Green Spaces. To ensure that this alignment is not compromised it is important to establish an easement allocation for the trail along the south-side of Connaught Drive, between the south gateway and the service station at the intersection of 93A. Between the Parks Canada – Train Station Office Building to the north gateway, a thematic trail – The 'Mountain Walk' Interpretive Area, has been suggested. This thematic trail area would incorporate a 'timeline' layout, providing interpretive nodes that present and illustrate key periods in the evolution of Jasper and the Three Valley Confluence Area, and its people, landscape, climate, culture, history and sustainable community living. In addition, natural materials and native reclamation plantings would be introduced to screen views to the CN railway tracks and existing parking areas to create an environment that reflects Jasper's character and montane setting.

Within the northern section of the Townsite there are limited linked Green or Open Space opportunities for trail development. While Connaught Drive provides an opportunity for trail extension along the northeast section of the Townsite, connections along the northwest and central portion of the Townsite are confined to an undeveloped roadway alignment, between the base of the slope and private properties/Crown Lands (north-west), or mature residential housing areas (central). Proposed trail alignments along the northwest section will require an easement along the undeveloped roadway alignment. Proposed trail alignments within the central section will require specific designation (e.g., sidewalk/roadway conversion, signing, etc) improvements to accommodate defined 'trail' extension and use.

Key considerations in the design and development of a multi-use trail system should include, yet not be limited to, the following:

- A hierarchy of trails (e.g., primary, secondary, seasonal, use of various materials related to alignment conditions (wood chip, gravel, shale, asphalt, boardwalk, concrete, paving stone, in regards to type of use, type of area (natural versus 'urban'), micro-climate, erosion conditions), etc), trail heads, and nodes designed for various types of use, having regard for accessibility, sightlines, safety, and the environment. (Refer to the proposed trail map on Figure 4.2a).
- Native plant reclamation.
- Development of a well-defined 'way-finding' (e.g., directional, regulatory, warnings, etc) and interpretive (e.g., natural, cultural, historic, etc) signage system. (Refer to examples in Figure 4.2b).
- The incorporation of open (recreational) and reclaimed space, interpretive/tourism related spaces (e.g., Connaught Drive 'Mountain Walk' Interpretive Area), heritage sites, play areas (e.g., playgrounds, NatureScapes, self-initiated nature programs/activities), rest room stops, centralized parking areas, connections to the downtown, and key points of interest along trails and at trail heads and node areas.
- The development of a trails site furnishing approach that includes: low level lighting, benches, waste receptacles, bollards, sign types, etc).
- The development of a well developed trails management plan, complete with maintenance and operations requirements and procedures.
- The development of a local trails network organization.



Trail and Green Space enhancement required along the west edge of Town

Town Gateway Entrances & Central Spine:

"As we enter cities, we gain our first and often most lasting impression of communities. Consequently, entrances should be informative, pleasurable and civilizing - whether approaching a small town, suburban centre or metropolitan core.... They are critical to the life and form of our cities."
Warren Boeschstein

As observed in Warren Boeschstein's statement, entrances are an important component of creating a sense of arrival and place for communities. This similar observation was also expressed by workshop participants in regards to the two key entry points into the Town of Jasper. In establishing gateways it is important that they guide visitors (e.g., way-finding); confirm destinations; create or enhance landmark development; aid in establishing recognition for community features and points of interest; provide information and interpretation, and relate to the overall character of the community. Presently, there is little recognition of entry into the Town and a lack of cohesion between the two entry points. Connaught Drive provides an existing physical link between the two entry points and is seen as a 'central spine' to the community. It is recommended that enhancements be implemented at the two entry points and along Connaught Drive to provide a continuous and sequential landscape character. As identified in the action, Multi-use Trail and Green Space Development, it is proposed that a 'Mountain Walk' Interpretive Area be incorporated along Connaught Drive, between the Park Canada – Train Station Office Building to the north gateway. This would be supplemented with trail, median and boulevard feature additions (planting, rocks, signing, furnishings, etc) to extend the entire length of Connaught Drive. (Refer to Figures 4.3 a) and b)). Specific gateway entry point enhancements include:

- Native planting (unmanicured).
- Improved entry signing.
- Architectural enhancement to CNR bridge facades.
- Lighting improvements (low level highlighting).
- Interpretive additions and signing.
- Erosion control on side slopes.
- A safe lay-by area for interpretive sign access and photo opportunities.
- Barrier free and age appropriate accessibility.

Boulevard & Median Enhancements:

The maintenance and operations for boulevards and medians is considerable in Jasper - requiring watering, cutting and fertilizing on a regular basis. As identified by workshop participants and in the Jasper Townsite Landscape Plan, it is proposed that medians and boulevards within the Townsite be modified to provide lower maintenance requirements while maintaining or enhancing aesthetics and the opportunity for streetscape additions (low lighting, benches, receptacles, dedicated 'trail' development, etc), native plant and materials (e.g., natural river stone and rock) use and interpretive signing and 'way-finding'. Several options for median and boulevard enhancement have been illustrated on Figure 4.4 a) and b). These could be implemented individually or structured to create a hierarchy of median and boulevard development within the Townsite.

It is noted, that several existing medians and boulevards (e.g., Miette median between Birch Avenue and Turret Street) have 'native' conditions (e.g., plant species, no curbs, 'natural' irregular topography, etc). It is recommended that these areas be protected and enhanced (e.g., replace unhealthy trees, remove exotic species, natural rock and shrub planting additions, etc).



Gateway enhancements needed at the south entrance into Jasper



Heritage Building & Park Sites:

The Town has several developed and undeveloped Heritage Building and Open Space/ Park sites. During the workshop, participants identified specific strategies for the preservation, conservation and enhancement of these sites. Many of the strategies related to the recommendations identified in the Jasper Townsite Landscape Plan. Key Heritage Building & Park site management strategies include, yet are not limited to:

- Create a healthy balance between historical Heritage Building gardens, natural areas and active park spaces.
- Introduce low maintenance, cost-effective native forest and plant communities.
- Define wildlife habitat and corridors.
- Engage the community in planning and maintenance of Green Spaces.
- Utilize advances in technology, and
- Protect and preserve the character of Jasper and its National Park setting.

The following provides a synopsis of strategies identified by participants for key selected sites within the Town of Jasper:

Heritage Building Sites:

It is recommended that all Heritage Building Sites be reviewed and re-designed on a project-by-project basis to reflect and interpret the traditional/historical (early 1900's) style garden and/or natural ecosystem conditions. For example:

Snape's Hill

It is proposed that the ecosystem on Snape's Hill be preserved and enhanced with a defined pedestrian walkway, interpretive nodes with historical and ecosystem information, and forest restoration additions.

Information Centre

It is proposed that the Information Centre be restored to its original 1920's state, complete with traditional plantings and materials, interpretive features and signing, pathway circulation, and architectural additions.

Robson Park (Hospital Field)

It is proposed that the Robson Park site be reclaimed to provide a 'passive' park site complete with seating and picnic areas, entry features, interpretive features and signing and other 'historical' features.

Bowling Green

It is recommended that the Bowling Green be developed as a central gathering space for special events and celebrations. Key redevelopment features include a bandstand/gazebo structure, formal plantings, open and sheltered spaces, site furnishings, etc.

Parks:

Participants recommended that the majority of existing parks (i.e. Lions Park, Centennial Park, Fireman's Park, etc) should maintain their current active or passive use, incorporating site furnishings, native plantings, safe and secure circulation walkways, low level lighting, sheltered areas, innovative and traditional barrier-free/ age variant / recreational environments (e.g., playgrounds, nature-scapes, self-initiated nature programs/activities, fitness circuits, etc). In addition, it was recommended that the existing toboggan hill be evaluated and enhanced to ensure user safety.



Enhance existing playground areas



Integrated Site Furnishings, Signing & 'Way-finding' – Developing a well-defined and interpretive Townsite:

A well-designed signing systems consist of a series of key elements including:

Identification – Confirms destinations, creates landmarks, recognition development (e.g., street numbering, main entrance signs, neighbourhood definitions, public art, architecture).

Information – Communicates knowledge concerning designations, facts and circumstances (e.g., kiosks, symbols, directories).

Directional – Guides people to important destinations. This element is also known as way-finding.

Interpretation – Provides verbal and visual explanations of a particular topic or set of artifacts (e.g., exhibits, architectural theme, etc).

Orientation – Gives people a frame of reference within a particular environment.

Regulatory – Displays regulations related to safety, codes of conduct and regulatory requirements.

Ornamentation – Enhances the environment (e.g., architectural colouration, banners, gateways, etc).

Workshop participants have recommended that a comprehensive signing master plan package be developed for the Townsite that includes the development of a logo/identifier; a system and message hierarchy; nomenclature; message schedule; locations plans; visibility, safety, and fabrication details/specifications; and an integrated promotions/marketing package.

Several signing element themes identified by workshop participants included, yet are not limited to, the following:

- Use of power over the last 100 years.
- Information on the community/people-pictures and memorabilia.
- Origins of Jasper, Jasper National Park and Canada's system of protected areas. For example:
 - Pre-contact human occupation and use.
 - Fur trade exploration.
 - Settlement.
 - Transportation.
 - Metis and First Nations.
 - Tourism and recreation, and;
 - Managing a nation park.
- Identification and interpretation of heritage buildings and restoration.

- Archeological sites & features.
- Cultural resources in Jasper and Jasper National Park.



Existing Parks Canada Signing



"Eco-Community" Approach - Programs, Interpretation and Marketing:

In conjunction with Defining Green Space Areas, workshop participants identified the need for the development of a comprehensive approach that will reflect and promote Jasper as an "eco-community." This approach would introduce programs, educational and interpretive information and an overall marketing strategy to better inform residents and visitors of Jasper's initiative as a leader in "eco-community" living. Key initiatives and ideas included the following:

- Create a nursery to supply a local native plant source.
- Development of a conservation plan that addresses strategies for recycling; energy efficiency; water conservation; elimination of chemical use; plant health, clearing and native plant replacement; removal of non-native plant species; waste management and Green/park space standards, regulations and operations/maintenance.
- Create specific standards and regulations for Green Space and Parks use (i.e. dedicated/green off-leash areas for dog owners).
- Develop 'Green' Technology and urban living approaches that include residents and businesses within the community. Ideas include:
 - Utilize solar power (e.g., solar power canopies).
 - Utilize hydro power.
 - Provide information on use of vehicles to reduce local use within the community.
 - Improve litter control through public awareness campaign and increased use of waste receptacles and recyclers.
 - Parks heritage and environmental awareness programs for both residents, businesses and visitors (resident/business promoted to visitors) .
 - Weeding programs - Adopt-a-Patch.
 - Block watch.
 - "Adopt-a-Green Space."
 - Natural Neighbourhood/ Business Awards.
 - Beautification competitions.
 - Residential recycling, composting and 'NO' herbicide and pesticide use, native plant and materials use (e.g., xeriscaping) programs.
 - The introduction of new energy efficient lighting in residential and Green Space

areas to reduce glare and protect neighbour privacy while providing a safe and secure environment.

- A Green Space management program that will monitor different Green Space areas for various indicators such as: air quality, surface water, aquatic resources, soils and terrain, vegetation, wildlife, resource consumption, noise, light, odours and the impacts of shoulder and winter season human use of Green Space areas.
- Develop an awareness campaign and Green Space planning and design approaches that separate and reduce conflicts between people and wildlife.
- Develop a Heritage strategy that outlines site specific approaches for the preservation, conservation and rehabilitation of Heritage sites and promotion of these sites to visitors through improved information and interpretive services, and enhanced signage throughout the community.
- Support the development of tourism products and programs based on the heritage of Canada's First Nations and Metis.



Example of Sustainable Design used in the development of Hinton's Town Hall

Green Space Enhancements in Privately Owned Properties:

Through the Green Space preservation, conservation and enhancement initiatives and programs introduced by the Town, workshop participants envisioned that home and business owners would participate in enhancing their own properties through native plant materials, increased tree plantings, low maintenance yards, natural materials, and 'green' technology – environmentally friendly products.

Jasper Main Street Enhancements:

To promote an "eco-community" environment and a pedestrian friendly downtown core, workshop participants recommended that Patricia Street be closed to vehicular access. This proposed closure could be monitored and assessed (e.g., effects on business, pedestrian reduction/increases, extension of space, centralized parking issues, etc) through the temporary closure of Patricia Street during peak and shoulder seasons. Based on the results of these temporary closures a decision regarding total closure, service access only, continued temporary closures or no closure can be made.



"How do we get there from here....?"

From the results of the Vision Building Workshop, the top five (5) strategic priorities were selected and identified as short term implementation projects (2003 to 2006). The top five (5) strategic priorities were: Defining Green Space Areas, Multi-use Trail and Green Space Development, Town Gateway Entrances & Central Spine, Boulevard & Median Enhancements and Heritage Building & Park Sites.

The following section conceptually illustrates and provides a suggested action plan for each of these short term priorities. The action plan includes a step by step outline for each task to be completed, the potential lead responsibility groups (e.g., government, municipal or community) for each task, and the task timelines.



ACTION PLAN

TASK	TASK DESCRIPTION	LEAD RESPONSIBILITY	TIMEFRAME
Task 1	Present the Vision Plan to Town Council for approval-in-principle.	GSSC	April 2003
Task 2	Obtain initial funding for detailed master plan requirements for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Multi-use Trail & Green Space Master Plan (approx. \$20,000.00 to \$25,000.00). • A Town Gateway and Central Spine Master Plan (approx. \$20,000.00 to \$25,000.00). • A Boulevard & Median - Enhancement Master Plan (approx. \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00). 	GSSC Town Parks Canada Project Partner Support - trails groups - Chamber of Commerce - business, industry and tour groups -community groups - other special donors Consultant	May 2003
Task 3	Obtain Parks Canada agreement on Vision Plan strategic priorities and actions, and undertake any revisions to current Parks Canada policies and plans.	GSSC Town Parks Canada	May 2003 to December 2003
Task 4	Review and attain with Parks Canada any re-zoning or easement requirements for Green Space preservation, conservation or enhancement.	GSSC Town Parks Canada	May 2003 to December 2003
Task 5	Initiate a review and identification of acceptable uses within Green Space or zoned Open Space.	GSSC Town Parks Canada	May 2003 to December 2003
Task 6	Initiate the Multi-use Trail & Green Space Master Plan to confirm and develop all possible trail routes (based on the suggested trail alignment and hierarchy shown in Figure 4.2a); proposed trail features (i.e. reclamation planting, signing, site furnishings, etc.); and a trails management strategy. The final master plan will provide a proposed implementation strategy, cost estimates and project partnership program (e.g., "Adopt-a-Trail" program) to address long-term trails operations and maintenance. (Note: it is possible that some of this implementation work will be completed by Town Staff). All conceptual planning will be completed with community consultation.	GSSC Town Consultant Community Participation	May 2003 to December 2003
Task 7	Initiate the Town Gateway and Central Spine Master Plan. The plan preparation will include all master plan drawings for both entrances and Connaught Drive ('Mountain Walk' area), including all proposed grading, planting, signing, site furnishing, and lighting features. The final master plan will provide a proposed implementation strategy, cost estimates and	GSSC Town Consultant Community Participation	May 2003 to December 2003



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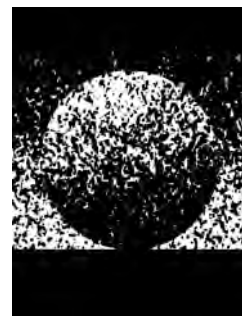
project partnership program. (Note: it is possible that some of this implementation work will be completed by Town Staff). All conceptual planning will be completed with community consultation.

Task 8	<p>Initiate the Boulevard & Median - Enhancement Master Plan. The plan preparation will include all master plan drawings outlining the proposed treatment for each boulevard and median within the Town of Jasper (excluding areas identified in the other master plan projects). The final master plan will provide a proposed implementation strategy, cost estimates and project partnership program. (Note: it is possible that the majority of this implementation work will be completed by Town Staff). All conceptual planning will be completed with community consultation.</p> <p><i>Detailed design/ contract document requirements are undetermined for each project. These requirements depend on the level of information prepared during the master plan; the further requirements of the Town, Parks Canada and other Project Partners involved in the construction process; the level of activity provided by the Consultant during implementation; and the Town's ability to meet the funding requirements for each phase of project development - either through capital, operating, grants or project partner funding.</i></p>	<p>GSSC Town Consultant</p> <p>Community Participation</p>	<p>May 2003 to December 2003</p>
Task 9	<p>Commence the phased implementation of the Multi-use Trail & Green Space Master Plan (four phases estimated - 2004 to 2008), Town Gateway and Central Spine Master Plan (three phases estimated - 2004 to 2007) and Boulevard & Median - Enhancement Master Plan (to be phased each year based on Town Staff ability to fund and implement).</p>	<p>GSSC Town Parks Canada Project Partners</p>	<p>2004 to 2008</p>
Task 10	<p>Initiate a Heritage Building & Parks Site Master Plan (approx. \$20,000.00 to \$25,000.00). The master plan will be completed to identify proposed preservation, conservation and enhancement approaches for each site, complete with a capital cost estimate, operations and maintenance assessment and phasing strategy. The Jasper Townsite Landscape Plan will be a valuable document to review and utilize during the development of the master plan.</p>	<p>GSSC Town Parks Canada Project Partner Support - Chamber of Commerce - business, industry and tour groups -community groups - other special donors Consultant</p>	<p>2004 to 2005</p>
Task 11	<p>Prepare contract documents for each heritage building and park site (as necessary).</p>	<p>GSSC/ Town Parks Canada Project Partners Consultant</p>	<p>2005 to 2025</p>





Cabin Creek Area - proposed trail development and restoration.....

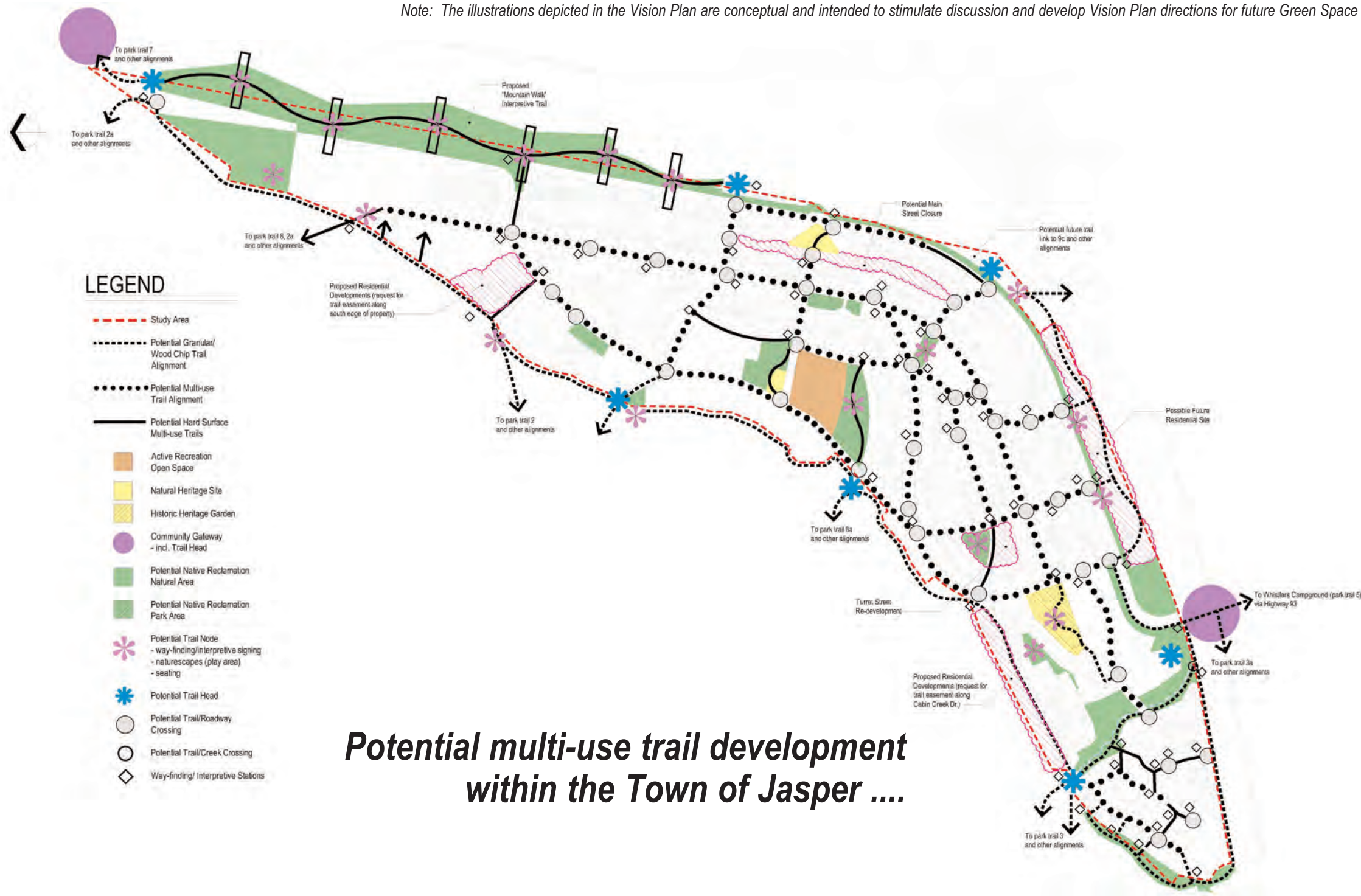


Defining & Protecting Green Space Areas

Figure 4.1

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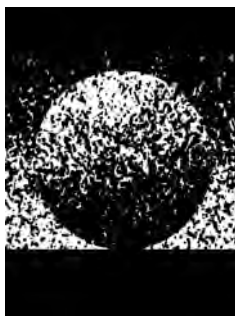
LEGEND

- Study Area
- Potential Granular/Wood Chip Trail Alignment
- Potential Multi-use Trail Alignment
- Potential Hard Surface Multi-use Trails
- Active Recreation Open Space
- Natural Heritage Site
- Historic Heritage Garden
- Community Gateway - incl. Trail Head
- Potential Native Reclamation Natural Area
- Potential Native Reclamation Park Area
- Potential Trail Node - way-finding/interpretive signing - naturoscapes (play area) - seating
- Potential Trail Head
- Potential Trail/Roadway Crossing
- Potential Trail/Creek Crossing
- Way-finding/ Interpretive Stations

Potential multi-use trail development within the Town of Jasper

Multi-Use Trail and Green Space Development

Figure 4.2a



City of St. Albert Urban Trail



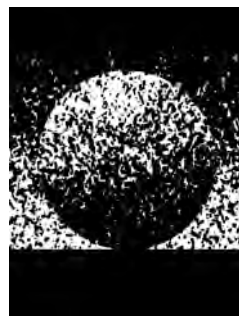
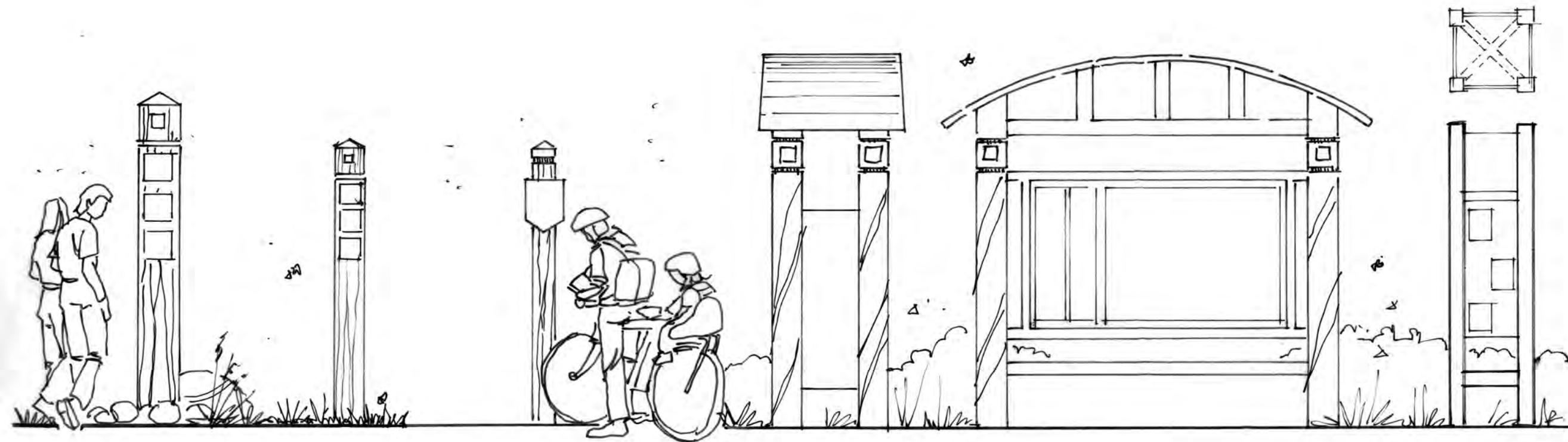
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Syncrude - Sagow Pematsowin Trail and Sacred Circle



Examples of trail types, signing and furnishing features....



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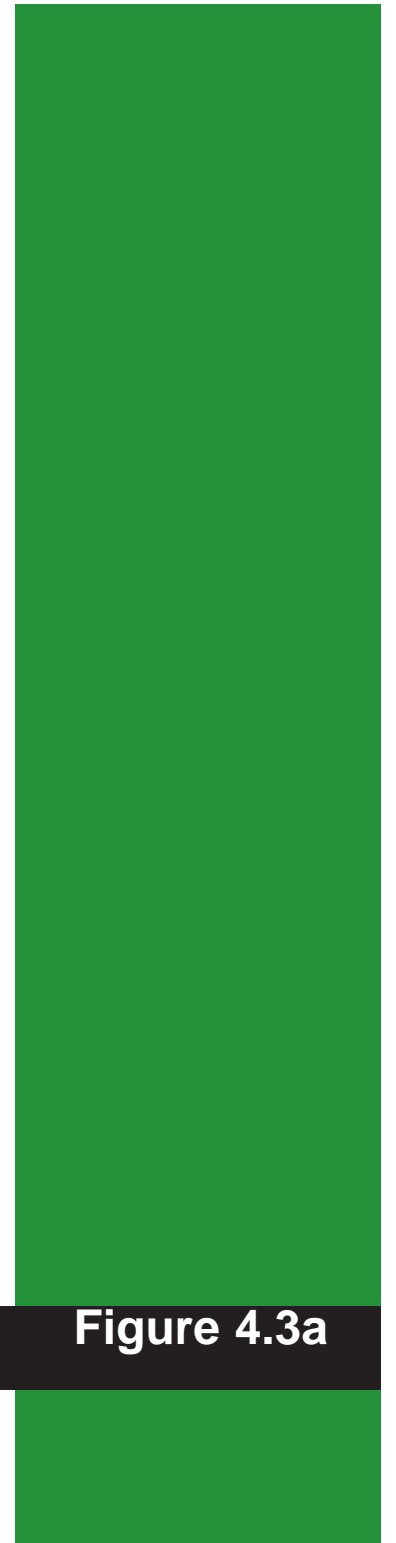
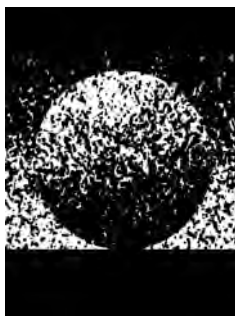


Creating a Sense of Place & Arrival for the Town of Jasper...

Town Gateway Entrances & Central Spine

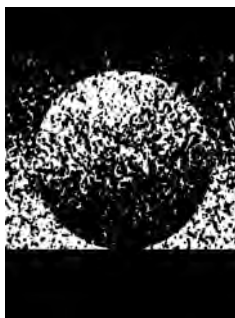
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Creating a strong spine within the Town of Jasper....



Town Gateway Entrances & Central Spine

Figure 4.3b

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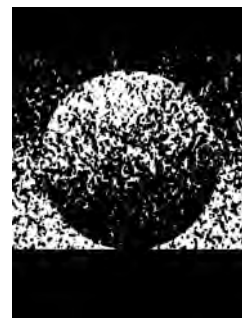
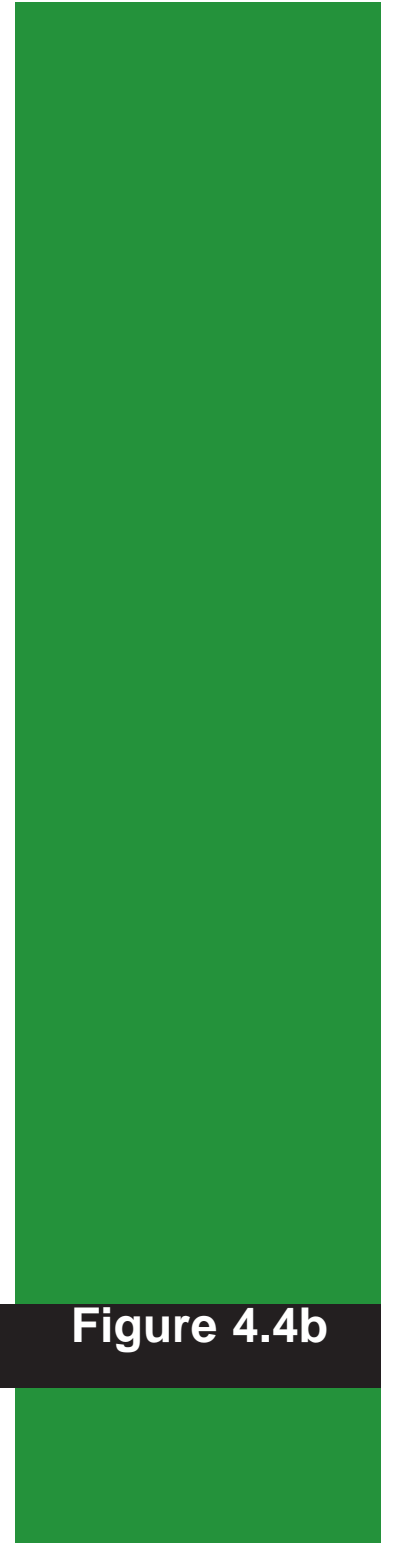
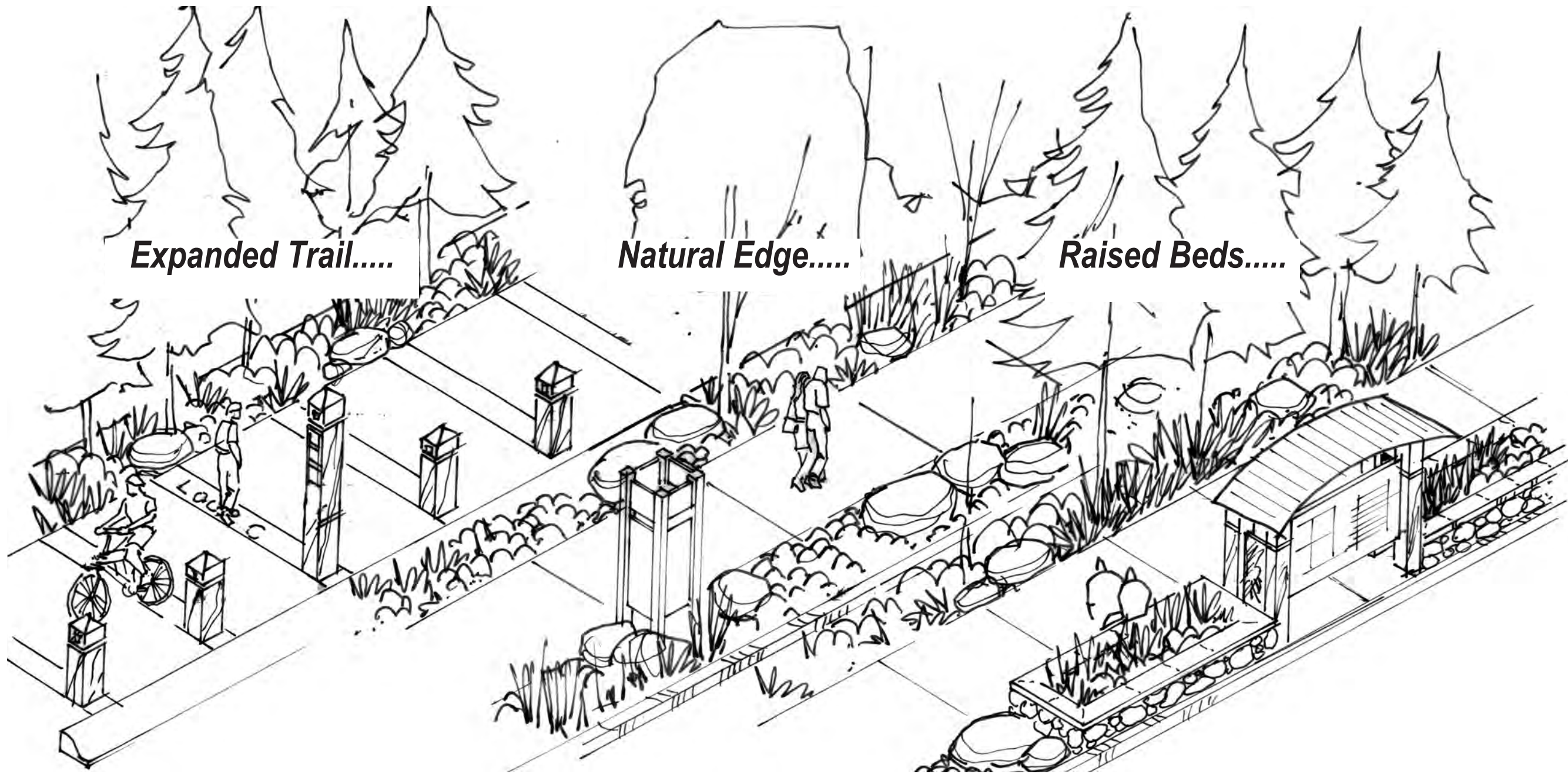
Enhancing Jasper's boulevards & medians....



Boulevard & Median Enhancements

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Boulevard & Median Enhancements

Figure 4.4b

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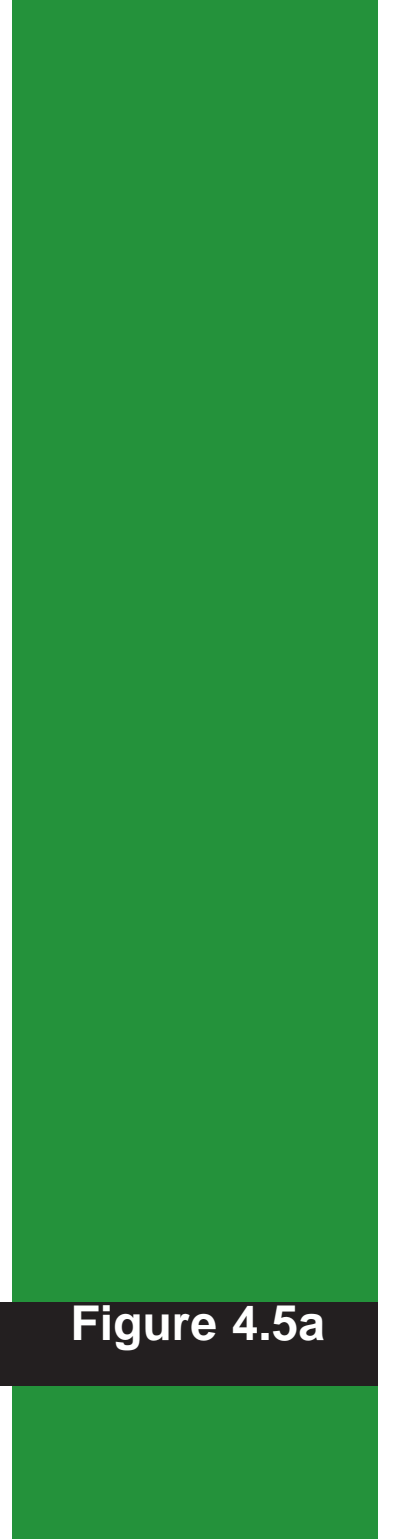


Formalizing our historic gardens.....

Heritage Building & Park Sites

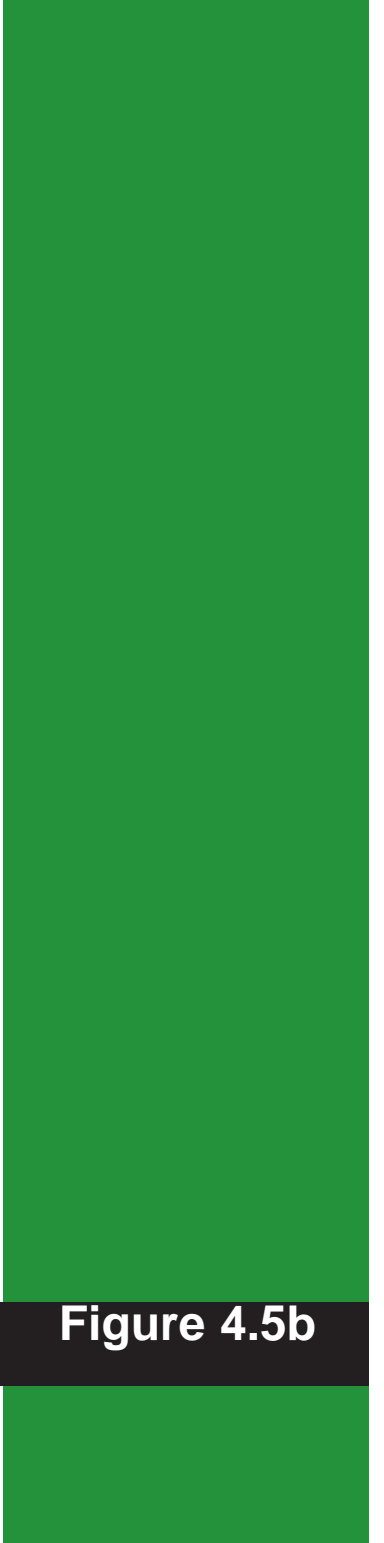
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Naturalizing our playgrounds and parks.....



Heritage Building & Park Sites

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Implementation.....the next steps!

The foregoing Section 4.0 describes what actions are needed in order to move the Town of Jasper Green Space Plan forward. Based upon a recommendation of the Green Space Steering Committee, a commitment is required to adopt the plan and provide the required budget and staff resources needed for its implementation.

Most plans flounder at this stage because of a resistance to provide adequate resources to properly implement the plan.

The required expenditures should be regarded as strategic community investments that will yield the following benefits for the community:

- No further loss of Green Spaces.
- A unified, diverse, safe and accessible network of Green Spaces and a strong sense of place, arrival and theme that reflects and promotes the communities people, landscape, climate, culture, history and sustainable and ecologically based characteristics and no-net-negative environmental impact principles.
- The preservation, conservation and reclamation of key water course, urban forest and other natural riparian or heritage site areas.
- The development of a well-integrated system of year-round, reclaimed, accessible, safe and well-defined multi-use network of trails and Green Space areas that have incorporated a diverse and innovative array of features and programs.
- An increased sense of community pride and identity.

Recommended Next Steps!

5.1 Adoption of Town of Jasper Green Space Vision Plan

The Consulting Team will be submitting the draft plan for review and approval to the Town of Jasper and Green Space Steering Committee.

After review, comment and revision the Vision Plan will be presented to the community for review and comments in March 2003. Upon community approval the plan should be submitted to Town Council for their approval, likely in April 2003.

5.2 Budget

As previously discussed, without an allocation of budget, staff, and further consulting resources the Vision Plan is likely to stall out. Capital expenditures will be required along with funds for more detailed planning and design work. Outside funding sources and programs need to be explored including government

grant programs and private sector contributions. These types of programs work best if there is an established program amount (e.g., \$100,000.00 per year) committed for an initial three (3) year period and additional money is leveraged from other government programs, private and not-for-profit sectors.

Developing project partnerships is another key element in reducing the capital expenditures associated with the plan. Through the development of project partnerships, contributions can be established through matching funds and/or 'gifts-in-kind' such as labour, materials, and equipment. During the preparation of the plan, several potential key project partners were identified. These project partners include, yet are not limited to, the following:

- Federal Government – Parks Canada.
- Chamber of Commerce.
- Local Businesses & Industry.
- Local Tour Operators.
- Local Service & Community Groups (Rotary, Lions, Legion etc).
- Local and Regional Utility Agencies (i.e., Atco, Trans Mountain)
- Jasper Environmental Association.
- Jasper Volunteer Fire Brigade.
- RCMP.
- G.Y.R.D Schools.
- Jasper Tourism Association
- Jasper Culture and Recreation Board.
- FCSS.
- Seton Hospital.
- Canadian National Railway.
- Jasper Park Lodge.
- Friends of Jasper National Park.
- Folk Fest.
- Clubs (Minor sports, Gymnastics, etc).
- Library Board.
- Guides/Scouts/Junior Forest Rangers.
- O.C.A. (Outlying Accommodation).
- Volunteers/ Work Bees/ Youth groups
- Jasper Tourism & Hotels Association
- Jasper-Yellowhead Historical Society.

5.3 Need for Detailed Plans and Implementation

The Town of Jasper has undergone an extensive number of studies, assessments and plans. This plan is one of action. It is important to select one of the identified projects and complete the master plan and implementation requirements. The initial project should be selected as a 'flagship project'. This project should generate community pride and identity and lead to the further funding of subsequent phases of Green Space preservation, conservation and enhancement. There are several actions that will require further planning work to create an



effective approach related to defining Green Space areas and establishing “eco-community” programs, interpretation and marketing.

It is recommended that further detailed planning and design be commenced for the following (in order of importance, as identified by Vision Plan participants):

- A Multi-use Trail & Green Space Master Plan, complete with trail hierarchy of linkages, details and features.
- A Town Gateway and Central Spine Master Plan.
- A Boulevard & Median - Enhancement Master Plan.
- A Heritage Building & Parks Site Master Plan, and
- In conjunction with specific Green Space preservation, conservation and enhancement projects, an integrated site furnishing, signing and ‘way-finding’ manual should be established for all community areas to create an integrated and consistent ‘language’.

During this plan process, the Green Space Steering Committee has been an important coordinating body and ‘working group.’ These members, with representation from other project partners, should continue as a ‘working group’ to ensure that this plan and other proposed detailed planning and design studies are well integrated and effectively and consistently implemented through review and approval of the Town and Parks Canada. It is suggested that the Green Space Steering Committee continue to meet bi-monthly to ensure that each stage of the Vision Plan is attained.

5.4 Phasing

Subject to available budget, these initiatives need to be phased over a number of years consistent with the order of priorities identified within the Vision Plan. It is apparent that defining Green Space areas and ensuring no further loss of Green Spaces is the highest priority and needs to be addressed immediately and in a sustained basis to yield effective results.

5.5 Measuring Success

The Town of Jasper Green Space Vision Plan should be a ‘living’ planning document that is outcome-oriented and responsive to changing needs and circumstances.

Benchmarks needs to be established for how the Vision Plan is achieving its goals and objectives over time.

Specific performance measurement criteria that can be used could include:

- No loss of Green Space areas.

- Vision Plan acceptance by Town Council and Parks Canada.
- The preservation, conservation and enhancement of key community heritage and ecosystem features.
- Physical and visual improvements and additions to community Green Spaces, Open Space, trails, gateways, boulevards, medians and overall Town character.
- Community and business participation in Green Space preservation, conservation and enhancement, and “eco-community” initiatives.
- Ability to implement specific improvement projects within specific timelines and budgets.
- Ability to plan and raise funds for projects.
- Reduction in operations and maintenance costs.

5.5 A Process for Monitoring, Evaluating and Updating the Vision Plan

It is recommended that an annual ‘report card’ be provided each year to provide a brief summary of achieved benchmarks. A systematic review and update of the Vision Plan should be undertaken every three (3) years.



Appendix A - GSSC Meeting #1

Meeting Minutes #1
Green Space Steering Committee
December 4, 2002
Jasper Activity Centre

Present:

Bernard Hughes (Committee Member)
Laurie Buck (Committee Member)
Jurgen Deagle (Committee Member)
Brian Wilson (Committee Member)
Loni Klettl (Committee Member)
Tracy Yachnik (Resource Member)
David Brown (Resource Member)
Neil Wilson (Resource Member)

- 1) Neil Wilson brought the meeting to order a 7:10 pm and introductions were made. The meeting was then turned over to David Brown. The question was put forward "what is the purpose of this committee as there have been other reports done i.e. The Olsen report. It was explained that the desire of this exercise is to end up with a made in Jasper plan that is to be developed by the citizens of Jasper and the plan will set the guidelines for green space/urban forest development in Jasper for years to come.
- 2) The committee reviewed the Green Space plan terms of reference and a budget amount of \$3000.00 was agreed upon and recommended for use by the committee. The amount to be in the Coordinator of Maintenance budget, and the expenditures will be recommended by the committee.
- 3) A chairperson and vice chairperson were elected as per the terms of reference and are as follows:

Chairperson	Jurgen Deagle
Vice Chair	Brian Wilson
- 4) Communications to the press and to the paper will go through Verne Balding. Neil thought he had volunteered to take care of this but will check on it and get back to the committee. Verne will also be involved in the process of setting up of the Public visioning exercise.
- 5) The first motion of the committee to accept the terms of reference was made by Jurgen Deagle and seconded by Laurie Buck and passed, all in favour.
- 6) The term of the committee was then discussed and it was felt the term of this portion of committee duties would run to the end of March at which time there will be a plan on paper ready for presentation to Council.

- 7) The Committee then proceeded to set the date for the public visioning session, which will be January 23/03 from 7pm to 9 pm.
- 8) A date for an open house was also set, for the public to see the plan that will come out of the consultation with the public, resource people, Green Space Committee, Council and the Landscape Architect firm, and that date will be February 20th/03 from 3pm to 9pm. There will be coffee and doughnuts offered.
- 9) The meeting then continued with the agenda prepared by David Brown. He showed an example of a project his company is doing in Inuvik to start everyone off. It was exciting to look at and got the juices flowing. David took the group through a visioning process that started with the following goals
 - Develop a greater sense of community consensus for the future of green space and urban forest renewal areas within Jasper.
 - Establish a cost effective short and long term direction for the community that promotes the conservation, preservation, and enhancement of green spaces & urban forest renewal areas.
 - Establish conservation, preservation and enhancement program priorities and
 - Allocate roles, roles, responsibilities, timelines, phasing strategies and estimated budgets for staged implementation and attainment of a shared vision for green space & urban forest renewal areas within the Jasper.

The visioning continued on to identify the committee's goals and objectives talking about desired positive outcomes and opportunities that will maximize the positive outcomes, concerns about things already in place and opportunities that will minimize the concerns.

Some of the areas of concerns were identified and marked on a map of the town for future reference.

The time allotted for the meeting came all to fast and the committee agreed to meet after the information put forward was documented and organized by David Brown and sent out sometime before Christmas. The information will flow through Neil and be distributed to the committee. David will do it up on a power point presentation for the committee to use.

The following is a record of the positive outcomes and issues to be resolved identified during the Focus Group session:



Positive Outcomes:

Pyramid lake Road, and Snapes Hill

- More natural Green Spaces
- Lobby Parks Canada to approve dedication of identified green spaces
- Conserve Water
- Natural landscapes
- Public education programs (i.e. planting and watering practices)
- Xeriscaping/natural products
- More Manageable
- Naturalization
- Improved linkages
- Delineation and identification of public vs private space
- More Aesthetically Pleasing
- Find balance between natural and maintained landscapes
- Less use of chemicals
- Naturalize
- Less money to operate & Maintain
- Variety of activity (multi-use/for all ages/people)
- Reduce "hard" landscape areas with increased "green" development/enhancement
- Pedestrian/bicycle – multi-use walkways & trail linkages
- Resolve undeveloped lot issues (unsightly lots) – should they be developed?
- More safe & secure environment
- More "flow" or network development between green spaces
- No loss of green spaces
- Diversity of "natural" vs "maintained" green space
- More trees
- Preservation of historic sites
- An interpretive green space (cultural, history, ecology, etc)

Issues to be resolved:

- Ensure that proper practices administered to preserve trees & landscape
- Develop local native nursery
- Snow removal on boulevards – limit ability to plant
- Safe access throughout Town (i.e. vehicular/pedestrian conflicts)
- Safe environment in green space areas (i.e. crime prevention)
- Need to "buy back" private and crown lands to save green space network
- Improve external trail connections into town (i.e. safety, lighting, etc)
- Resolve off-leash dog areas
- Improve safety conditions at Pyramid Avenue,



Appendix B - GSSC Meeting #2

Meeting Minutes #2
Green Space Steering Committee
Monday, January 13, 2003
Summer Fun Office, Jasper Activity Centre

Present:

Loni Klettli, (Committee Member)
Laurie Buck, (Committee Member)
Jurgen Deagle, (Committee Member)
Barney Hughes, (Committee Member)
Burt Journault, (Committee Member)
Neil Wilson, (Resource Member)
Yvonne McNabb, (Resource Member)
Jackie Watters, (Resource Member)

Absent:

Brian Wilson, (Committee Member)
Tracy Yachnik, (Resource Member)
David Brown (Resource Member)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:40 am.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Laurie Buck that the minutes of the meeting held Wednesday December 4th be approved with the following additions: Add Yvonne McNabb to the list of attendees

Welcome:

The committee welcomed Bert Journault to the meeting. Bert has agreed to sit on the committee as a representative of the Jasper Chamber of Commerce.

Vision Workshop:

Reviewed the preparation of the MPH for the public Vision-Building Workshop scheduled for January 23, 2003. An ad will be placed in the Jasper Booster for January 15 if possible and January 22nd announcing the workshop. A community announcement will be forwarded to both local radio stations, and information sheets will be posted on public bulletin boards around town. A fax out will be sent to the following associations:
Jasper Environmental Association, Chamber of Commerce, Jasper Volunteer Fire Brigade, Trans Mountain, Parks Canada, RCMP, Town Bylaw Officer, G.Y.R.D Schools, Jasper Tourism Association, Jasper Culture and Recreation Board, Council, FCSS, Seton Hospital, CN and the Jasper Park Lodge.
Jackie will send this fax out twice, this week and again on the 22nd as a reminder.

Jasper Town Council approved a budget of \$3000 for committee expenses. Coffee and snacks will be

purchased from Shirley Dorin for the Vision-Building Workshop. Number of attendees estimated between 50 – 150 people.

The MPH will be set up to accommodate separate break out groups, facilitated by committee members, similar to the town visioning sessions held previously.

Barney Hughes arrived at 9:50 am.

Vision Plan

Workshop Material:

Committee reviewed the outline and presentation prepared by David Brown, consultant for the Jasper Green Space Committee. Most of the background material requested has been forwarded to David. He is still awaiting the historical data and the elk strategy plan.

The Key Green Space Area map on page 17 of the presentation was reviewed in detail, it was determined that there some green space areas not represented on this map.

The committee identified the following green spaces:

Cemetery
Connaught Drive berm and meridians
Triangle by Sawridge Hotel
Patricia Circle, outside of fence
Access road area by Bear Hill Lodge
Fireman's Park
Toboggan hill area next to the Catholic Church
Bowling Green
School grounds
Athabasca Park (Information Centre)
Area by the old firehall/Source for Sports store on Patricia St.
Area on Connaught Drive by the Friends of Jasper office/AUMA building
Robson Park
Hospital lands (private but to be kept in consideration)
Centennial Park
Meridian on Miette Ave.
Museum lands (private but to be kept in consideration)
Pinegrove Lodge area
Area by churches between Miette Ave. and Geikie St.
Green walkway linking Patricia and Geikie Street.
Lions Park
Snapes Hill
Grounds north on Pyramid Lake Road, across from trailers
Two Cabin Creek West playgrounds



Area between the Diamond Hotel and the walk-ups, south entrance to Cabin Creek West
Area by railway crossing on Hazel Ave.
Industrial Park Area
Two entry ways into the town of Jasper

This list will be forwarded to David Brown. It will be presented to the public at the Vision-Building Workshop in order to allocate areas of priority, and to determine if any areas have been missed.

Key Positive Outcomes:

The committee reviewed in detail the Focus Group Session Key Positive Outcomes on Page 11 of vision workshop presentation. Discussion on shrub planting on meridians, hazards for mowers, traffic visibility etc. It was noted that landscape developers take this into account when preparing a green space plan.

January 23 Meeting:

Committee members requested a meeting with the consultant prior to the workshop to review the presentation, discuss the facilitation of the group exercise, and review material. Neil Wilson stated that the consultant will arrive during the day of the 23rd and will be available to meet with the committee during the day. Neil will organize a meeting time and inform committee members.

Yvonne McNabb informed the committee she would be unable to attend the vision workshop.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.



Appendix C - GSSC Meeting #3

Meeting #3

Thursday January 23, 2003

Summer Fun Office – Jasper Activity Centre

Present:

Loni Klettli, (Committee Member)
Laurie Buck, (Committee Member)
Jurgen Deagle, (Committee Member)
Brian Wilson, (Committee Member)
Neil Wilson, (Resource Member)
Jackie Watters, (Resource Member)
David Brown, Gibbs & Brown (Resource Member)
Jeremy Williams, Gibbs & Brown (Resource Member)
Verne Balding, (Resource Member)
Joe Polisuk, (Resource Member –Parks Canada)

Purpose:

The meeting was called to review the evening's visioning workshop process with the consultant, and to meet with Joe Polisuk, Parks Canada representative, to discuss land development and zoning issues.

Vision Workshop:

This evening's workshop is scheduled to begin at 7:00 pm and run until 9:30. David Brown explained his estimated timetable as follows:

7:00 – 7:15 pm sign in sheet.

7:15 review meeting process, present steering committee and resource people. Spend approximately 15 minutes on the presentation.

7:30 break out into groups of 5 – 10 persons to work on workshop material. Flipchart paper & pens will be provided for each table. Each table will designate a scribe and a spokesperson that will present a summary of the table's ideas/vision. These ideas will be considered and compiled into a green space development long-term plan by the consultant.

Land Development

Zoning: The committee welcomed Joe Polisuk to the table. The following points were reviewed.

- First item of business was confirmation that the committee is using the most recent townsite map. Joe confirmed the map was current.
- Two areas brought to the committee's attention are the land area by Bear Hill Lodge and the grounds across from the Trailer Court on Pyramid Lake Road. These lands are zoned for future development.
- Committee was advised that Parks Canada has been considering establishing criteria for landscaping of hotels and the industrial park.
- Another area for the committee to be aware of

is the reserve land south of Connaught Drive, near the Petrocan Station. This area may be used for future housing development if deemed necessary.

- Discussion on building a trail system throughout and around the townsite. Setbacks from the trail need to be considered in the Cabin Creek riparian zone. Mentioned tying the Whistler Campground to the town trail system.
- Indigenous flora species need to be considered by the committee when developing the landscape plan. A list of acceptable species can be obtained from Kevin Van Tighem, Parks Canada.
- Green space development (all development) is to be approved by the Parks Canada Land Use and Development Committee.
- The area surrounding the AUMA building is not zoned.
- The train station area is private land.
- There are 3 categories of land in the townsite: leased land, land not leased or zoned falling within the townsite i.e. the AUMA Building grounds, and crown land located within town boundaries i.e. Snipes Hill.
- The committee thanked Joe for the information.

Committee Resignation:

Committee accepted with regret the resignation of Barney Hughes. The Terms of Reference state that the Green Space Committee shall consist of not less than 5 and not more than 9 members. Jurgen will announce the committee has an opening at the public Vision-Building Workshop this evening.

Robson Park:

Robson Park has been designated green space area by the committee. Question on a parking lot built on a section of this park across from the library was raised. Verne explained that this was a request that was turned down at the recent Town Council meeting. Robson Park is zoned as open space, development is not allowed.

Committee discussed ways on reaching the public for input and ideas. Jurgen suggested posting a questionnaire on the Municipality of Jasper website.



Appendix D - GSSC Meeting #4

Green Space Steering Committee
February 21, 2003
Old Fire Hall

Present:

Jurgen Deagle (Committee Member)
Brian Wilson (Committee Member)
Loni Klettl (Committee Member)
Tracy Yachnik (Resource Member)
David Brown (Resource Member)
Neil Wilson (Resource Member)
Jackie Watters (Resource Member)

Purpose:

The meeting was called for two purposes: to review the draft presentation, which will be presented to the public, and to identify modifications and submit final draft to Council. David will be seeking committee input on some items.

Jurgen suggested a page-by-page review, with an onus on content rather than typographical editing. David noted that corrections to the table of contents/page numbers have been noted and will be corrected. The committee noted the following corrections:

page 1 - First Column, 2nd paragraph insert "and the public at a vision building workshop" in reaching a consensus...

page 2 - Insert "Public Open House" to February 2003 timeline.

Discussion on the length of the Executive Summary. Decision to condense the summary, provide a briefer review of the plan.

page 3 - Insert "new" station and divisional point...

page 4 - Verify definition of R3 zoning.

page 4 - The committee reviewed and discussed the possibility of condensing or appending the relevant studies section. David Brown explained that all points noted are relevant to the green space enhancement; Parks Canada is a key partner in implementation of the plan. The importance in keeping this section in full is to demonstrate that the vision plan does not contradict Parks Canada viewpoint, and that previous studies undertaken by Parks were taken into consideration.

The studies section will be reviewed and any repetition in the studies will be removed.

page 4 - 2nd column, first paragraph: remove "fish

stockings" from sentence

page 6 - 3rd column, Key actions in regards to Park Visitation... revisit this area, perhaps greater focus on local visitors, simplify this area.

page 7 - 3rd column, action criteria: remove reference to use of dogs for hazing of elk, due to relevancy.

page 9 - Rearrange the list of items in the Vision of 2035 to appear in the following order:

1. A balance in open space areas...
2. The historic restoration of Heritage Building park sites...
3. Well-defined and interpretive gateways into the community...
4. Interpretive, low-maintenance and aesthetic median...
5. An integrated interpretive signing and way-finding system.
6. A well-defined and themed site furnishings strategy...
7. The use of "green" technology...
8. The development of centralized parking areas...
9. The development of Town & community-based promotion campaign and programs...

Pictures - Good pictures! For next draft/finished plan pictures to be labelled and where possible placed on pages relevant to topic.

page 10 - The Green Space Committee received good comments and feedback from the public at the vision session, in spite of low attendance. Priorities and concerns were relevant and similar. The #1 concern is no further loss of green space.

Reduce amount of info in 3.2 Achieving the Vision, perhaps summarize this area.

page 14 - 2nd column, title: insert "and Protecting" to Defining green space areas.

Map of Townsite with draft trail designation was reviewed. Discussed trail locations:

- Easement of trail along Connaught Drive in back of development (future)
- Extension of this trail to the Petro-Canada Station
- Cabin creek area trail still a possibility when trail is being built.
- Easement of trail along back of town, Bear Hill area
- Removal of a few trail heads at west end of town, (changes made on map model) trail heads do not exist.
 - Committee wishes to clarify Snapes Hill designation on map.



Sewer Line Dig

Loni mentioned the sewer line construction. It is a great chance to implement first phase of a trail construction as the area is already disturbed. Keith Shepard (Municipality of Jasper) is in charge of this project. Neil Wilson offered to contact Keith regarding trail implementation during final reclamation of this area.

page 16 - Rename Hospital Field Robson Park.

Open House - Has been tentatively scheduled for Thursday, March 13th from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the old firehall. A formal presentation will be scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

page 19 & 20 - Need to determine lead responsibilities & timeframes. The items to be done in 2003/04 are as follows:

1. Council approval and commitment
2. Establish partnerships
3. Master plan & guidelines

Reminder that comments and typographic errors/comments are due back to David Brown next week, mid week. Review budget section, page 40.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.



Appendix E - Focus Group & Workshop Responses

Focus Group Session
December 4, 2002
Jasper Activity Centre

Present:

Bernard Hughes (Committee Member)
Laurie Buck (Committee Member)
Jurgen Deagle (Committee Member)
Brian Wilson (Committee Member)
Loni Klettli (Committee Member)
Tracy Yachnik (Resource Member)
David Brown (Resource Member)
Neil Wilson (Resource Member)

The strategic priorities identified by the Green Space Steering Committee during the Focus Group session included:

Defining and Protecting Green Space Areas:

- No loss of green spaces.
- Need to “buy back” private and crown lands to save green space network.
- More Natural Green Spaces, Natural landscapes, Naturalization.
- Lobby Parks Canada to approve dedication of identified green spaces.
- More Aesthetically Pleasing.
- Find balance between natural and maintained landscapes.
- Variety of activity (multi-use/for all ages/people).
- Reduce “hard” landscape areas with increased “green” development/enhancement.
- More safe & secure environment.
- Diversity of “natural” vs “maintained” green space.
- More trees.

Multi-use Trail and Green Space Development:

- Improved linkages.
- Pedestrian/bicycle – multi-use walkways & trail linkages.
- More “flow” or network development between green spaces.
- Improve external trail connections into town (i.e. safety, lighting, etc).
- Safe access throughout Town (i.e. vehicular/pedestrian conflicts).

Boulevard & Median Enhancements:

- Snow removal on boulevards – limit ability to plant.

Heritage Building & Park Sites:

- Preservation of historic sites.
- Safe environment in green space areas (i.e. crime prevention).
- Improve safety conditions at Pyramid Avenue, Pyramid lake Road, and Snares Hill.

Integrated Site Furnishings, Signing & ‘Way-finding’ - Developing a well-defined and interpretive Townsite:

- An interpretive green space (cultural, history, ecology, etc).
- “Eco-Community” Approach – Programs, Interpretation & Marketing:
- Conserve Water.
- Public education programs (i.e. planting and watering practices).
- Xeriscaping/natural products.
- More Manageable.
- Less use of chemicals.
- Naturalize.
- Less money to operate & Maintain.
- Ensure that proper practices administered to preserve trees & landscape.
- Develop local native nursery.
- Resolve off-leash dog areas.

Green Space Enhancements in Privately Owned Properties:

- Delineation and identification of public vs private space.
- Resolve undeveloped lot issues (unsightly lots) – should they be developed?

The following is a list of key existing and potential Green Space areas as identified by the Focus Group:

- Cemetery.
- Connaught Drive berm and meridians.
- Triangle by Sawridge Hotel.
- Patricia Circle, outside of fence.
- Access road area by Bear Hill Lodge.
- Fireman’s Park.
- Toboggan hill area next to the Catholic Church.
- Bowling Green.
- School grounds.
- Athabasca Park (Information Centre).
- Area by the old firehall/Source for Sports store on Patricia St.
 - Area on Connaught Drive by the Friends of Jasper office/AUMA building.



- Robson Park.
- Hospital lands (private but to be kept in consideration).
- Centennial Park.
- Meridian on Miette Ave.
- Museum lands (private but to be kept in consideration).
- Pinegrove Lodge area.
- Area by churches between Miette Ave. and Geikie St.
- Green walkway linking Patricia and Geikie Street.
- Lions Park.
- Snapes Hill.
- Grounds north on Pyramid Lake Road, across from trailers.
- Two Cabin Creek West playgrounds.
- Area between the Diamond Hotel and the walk-ups, south entrance to Cabin Creek West.
- Area by railway crossing on Hazel Ave.
- Industrial Park Area.
- Two entry ways into the town of Jasper.

Workshop Strategic Priorities

Vision-Building Workshop Responses

Thursday January 23, 2003

7:00 – 9:30 pm

Location: Jasper Activity Centre – Multi-Purpose Room

Attendance: Neil Wilson, Jackie Walters, Jurgen Deagle, Loni Klettli, Vern Balding, Claudia Read, Christopher Read, Laurie Buck, Sue Horton, Ruddy Horton, Barb Dyck, Alan Westhaver, Art Jackson, Keslin Park, Les Dolan, Joe Polisuk, Brian Nesbitt, Gloria Kaneand, Quinton Winks, Bert Journault.

The strategic priorities identified by the participants at the Vision Building Workshop included:

Defining Green Space Areas:

Specific Strategic Priorities as defined by each workshop group....

- Restoration.
- Preservation.
- Safety.
- Spaces age appropriate for use (Cabin Creek).
- No loss of green space (#1 priority).
- Creating unified community mood/feel (close to Patricia).
- Protection of the Riparian zone by Snapes Hill

and north of the trailer court.

- Established.
- Green spaces.
- Planting more Trees.
 - Established balance between “natural” and “groomed” grounds
- No Lost Green Space (Immediate protection).
 - Maintain some wildlife corridors from north to south through town i.e. Snapes Hill/Cabin Creek and ravine.
 - Dominate use of Native Species.
 - Maintain balance between lost and gained trees.
 - No further loss of green space.
 - Increased self-propulsion:
- Less landscaped hard surface, softer.
- Mix goals for people and environment/nature.

Multi-use Trail and Green Space Development:

Specific Strategic Priorities as defined by each workshop group....

- Walkway/Bikeway-Town loop (Immediate implementation).
 - User friendly linkages between green spaces .
 - Handicap accessibility.
 - Hiking trail Biking trail enhancement incorporate around town and throughout.
 - Cabin Creek Drive to Sawridge, across Connaught to CN Station, 93a to Cabin Creek.
- Cabin Creek to starting-Include lighting.
- Connect to existing trails.
- Town Loop Multi-use Trail System:
 - Around perimeter with access spots .
 - Well signed (good way-finding interpretation).
 - Connects to external trails and internal green spaces.
 - Benches .
 - Garbage receptacles.
 - Safety.
 - Lighting.
 - Signage.
- Some interpretive nodes
 - Connector linkages between trails and green spaces.
 - Way finding signage, benches/accessibility to young and old alike. Linkages to:
 - Campgrounds.



- Jasper park Lodge.
- Fort Park.
- Green Space Linkages:
 - Extensions within town and beyond.
- Trails.
 - Link trails to J.P.L. off highway, linkages to Old Fort Point, Whistler campground, and beyond.
- Signage Enhancement:
 - Signage for connections.
 - Eliminate spider web undefined trail systems.
 - Minimize environmental impact.
 - Reclamation of incorrect path development.
 - Safety.
- Linkages created to facilitate travel (end-end pedestrian/bike link).
- Ring Trail System (Immediate plan with phased implementation).
 - End-end pedestrian linkages built to facilitate multi use transport.
 - Make all existing trails uniform and multi-use user friendly.
 - Utilize leased areas open space to add to uniformity and easy connections.
 - Bottom of Bench Cabin Creek - south of Connaught.
 - Even with development.
- Definition to overall trail system.
 - Links to 93a/93, Campgrounds, Old Fort Pt., New Hostel, HWY 16 and Downtown.
- Way-finding system.
 - Lists resources/areas of interest and how to get there.
 - Maps.
- Perimeter trail should include links to the campground, south edge of town, downtown, and north perimeter...
- Edge of town is already an informal trail – should be made user friendly, i.e.-walkers, bikes...
- Use hard surfaces where needed
- Control erosion problems
- Hotel parking lots/grass spaces, should be used to co-ordinate trail use for human friendly links to downtown.

Boulevard & Median Enhancements:

Specific Strategic Priorities as defined by each workshop group....

- Revised Medians (Immediate implementation)



- Low maintenance.
- No watering.
- Treed Boulevards (Connaught south view primary concern).
 - Low Maintenance.
 - Minimal watering.
 - Minimal fertilizing.
 - Native plant material.
 - River rock.
 - Flowering.
 - No mowing.
 - Uniform design for all in town medians.
- Pedestrian friendly zones that are appealing and environmentally friendly
- Wild Boulevards (Miette @ Birch & Turret).
 - Protect existing.
 - Replace unhealthy trees.
 - Create more.
 - Ensure naturalization.
- South side of Connaught.
 - Natural.
 - Brilliant view (if screen train).
 - Priority in trail development.

Town Gateway Entrances & Central Spine:

Specific Strategic Priorities as defined by each workshop group....

- Improved Town entrances.
 - Beautification.
 - Planting.
 - Signage.
 - RR bridges.
- Lighting.
- Community/Town Entrances (Immediate implementation).
 - Interpretive?
 - If Natural not highly developed.
 - Old road behind Sawridge needs work.
 - Entrance sign needs more thought.
 - Better signage.
 - CN overpasses beautification (painting).
 - Safe parking.
- Safe areas for tourism access.
- Connaught Drive:
 - Cohesive look/feel.
 - Median treatment needed
 - Uniform treatment throughout town
 - Rock, shrubs and trees, no grass

- natural
- East parking lot between AMA, IGA, Amethyst.
 - Trees/shrubs along lot and berm.
- Interpretive features throughout dead zones.
- Look at test plot for info.
- Utilize the berm for site enhancement.
- Block off CN yard.
 - Visually.
 - Audibly.
 - Planting along top of berm for screening.
- Additional cultural/historical interpretation (Connaught).
- Screening of parking lots downtown or all over town
- Enhance Dead Zones:
 - Connaught north end both sides.
 - United church.
 - parking lots.
 - Patricia circle.
 - Walk ups.
- Enhancements
 - Plantings-native/natural more trees.
 - Cleaned up/maintained.
 - Easy maintenance.
 - Naturescapes.
 - Boulders/berms.
 - Unmanicured.
 - Interpretive/historical features.
 - Benches.
 - Barrier free and age appropriate accessibility.

Heritage Building & Park Sites:

Specific Strategic Priorities as defined by each workshop group....

- Restore information center to its original 1920's state (3-5 year implementation)
 - Historical reclamation.
 - Interpretive features.
- Planting enhancements.
- Snapes Hill: (quick start).
 - Pedestrian linkages.
 - Historical reference.
 - Interpretive nodes.
 - Forest restoration.
 - Fuel management.
- Historic resource development.
- Parks: Specifically Lions Park, Centennial Park and Fireman's Park.
 - Maintain common use (all parks).

- Maintain sports fields (all existing).
- Incorporate gazebo structures.
- Incorporate bowling green-Historic Park.
- Utilize benches (all parks).
- Incorporate Native botanical gardens.
- Enhance walkways/linkages (all parks).
- Facilitate appropriate activities (all parks).
- Playgrounds:
 - Open to all ages for more community use (now only "Tot Lots")
 - Naturescapes.
- Tobogganing hill requires safety evaluation and revitalization
- Centennial Park:
 - Assess health of trees replace where necessary.
 - Limit use of non-developed paths.
 - Add fitness circuit.
 - Ensure proper lighting.
 - Ensure safety of play equipment.
 - Reclamation of non-major trail ways.
- Robson Park: (Immediate protection)
 - Keep it green.
 - Street parking only.
 - No more development.
- Safety:
 - Sidewalks.
 - Lighting.
 - Tobogganing hills.
 - Rail Crossings.
 - Road Crossings.
 - Signage.
- Lions Park
 - Maintain existing – keep green.
 - Unofficial Trail at Base of Bench.
- Cabin Creek Green Belt (quick start implementation)
 - Pedestrian linkage.
 - Natural species.
- Hillside North of Trailer Park: (Transitional implementation)
 - Formal trail for linkage (Part of ring-trail system).
 - Natural species zone.
 - Dedicated trail building plan and resources.

Integrated Site Furnishings, Signing & 'Way-finding' – Developing a well-defined and interpretive Townsite:

Specific Strategic Priorities as defined by each workshop group....

- Limitation of commercialization (signage).



- Historical Info:
 - Use of power over the last 100 years.
 - Signage info.
 - Information on the community/people-pictures and memorabilia.
 - Origins of Jasper.
 - Identify old building structures provide info
 - Historical restoration

"Eco-Community" Approaches, Programs & Education:

Specific Strategic Priorities as defined by each workshop group....

- Education.
- Overall tree health assessment for replacements.
- Resolution to off leash area: expand seasonally.
- Organic grounds keeping:
 - Less water.
 - Less chemical treatments.
- Green up Steam Engine Area
- Eliminate invasion of alien specie plant material.
- Town should become a "Green Model":
 - Use of innovative technologies.
 - Address environmental concerns.
 - Utilize solar power.
 - Hydro power.
 - Community involvement.
 - Environmental controls establish and enforced.
 - Solar power canopies.
 - Info on use of vehicles.
 - Litter control.
 - Park standards and regulations known and enforced.
- Start a club for the project implementation.
 - Environmental awareness.
 - Weeding programs-Adopt a patch.
 - Block watch.
 - Increased community involvement and pride.
- Quick start park improvement.
 - Removal of dead fall.
 - Replace unhealthy and dead material.
- Concentration on keeping Elk away from inside of town.
- Green up Dog Run.
- Water conservation.
- Create a nursery.
- Adopt a green space.
- Natural Neighbourhood awards.
- Beautification competitions.

- Resolution
 - "Wild" green spaces are being abused by vehicle traffic.
 - Partnership with Parks to create a native nursery.
- Better water management.

Green Space Enhancements in Privately Owned Properties:

Specific Strategic Priorities as defined by each workshop group....

- Community plan-no parking lot on Hazel R.O.W.
- Maintain trees around developments.
- Pine grove Lodge-no parking, save church space.

Jasper Main Street Enhancements:

Specific Strategic Priorities as defined by each workshop group....

- Close of Patricia street to vehicle traffic.
- Core of town is anti-automobile, pro pedestrian
 - Cut off vehicle access to Patricia St.
 - Enhance streetscape open blvd. shops
- People friendly
- Promote pedestrian friendly downtown core



Appendix F - Open House Comments

OPEN HOUSE
 Thursday March 13, 2003
 3:00 – 9:00 pm
 Location: Old Firehall

Attendance:

- Laurie Buck
- Rick Buck
- Jackie Watters
- John Ogilvy
- Marilyn Kahn
- Edwin
- Tracy Yachimek
- Patti Prowse
- Loni Klett
- Loiuse Jarry
- Christoher Read
- Claudia Read
- Judy Krefting
- George Krefting
- Richard Ireland
- Marilyn Stecyk
- George Andrew

1. Vision Statement

How much do you agree with the Vision Statement as presented? (circle a number):

Strongly Agree - 100% (all responses)

Why?

- Support reclamation, naturalization.
- Support trail system.
- I like the priorities and the intentionality of the plan.

2. Strategic Priorities

Please indicate what you think are the five (5) most important Green Space strategic priorities for achieving the Vision?

- 50% Defining and protecting Green Space areas.
- 100% Developing a multi-use trail and Green Space system.
- 50% Enhancing the Town's gateways.
- 0 Enhancing Connaught Drive.
- 50% Improving the Town's medians and boulevards through expanded trail, naturalization and/or raised beds.
- 0 Enhancing Jasper's heritage park sites.
- 0 Enhancing Jasper's recreational/ play

- 0 ground park sites.
- 0 Developing an integrated site furnishing and signage program.
- 100% Creating programs, interpretative features and marketing that promotes the development of an "Eco-community" within Jasper.
- 0 Improving Green Space areas within private properties.
- 50% Structuring public/private partnerships for financing and implementation of priorities.

3. Identified Strategic Priorities & Action Plan

How much do you agree with the selected strategic priorities and action plan presented (circle a number):

Strongly Agree – 100% (all responses)

Do you have any other comments or suggestions you would like to make regarding the Green Space Vision Plan?

- refer to attache letter.

Open House Evaluation

	Poor	<	<	>	>
Excellent	1	2	3	4	5

- 1. The quality and presentation of information was: (4)
- 2. My opportunity to view the information was: (5)
- 3. My opportunity to speak with project representatives was: (5)
- 4. Any further comments on the presentation
- This has required a great deal of work – Thanks!





AGENDA ITEM 7.3

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Subject: Visitor Paid Parking Revenue Policy
From: Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer
Reviewed by: Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance & Administration
Date: May 12, 2026



Recommendation:

That Committee recommend Council approve the Visitor Paid Parking Revenue Policy as presented.

Alternatives:

- That Committee recommend Council refer the Visitor Paid Parking Revenue Policy back to administration for further refinement.
- That Committee amend the Visitor Paid Parking Revenue Policy and recommend Council approve the amended policy.

Background:

- 2021, the Municipality of Jasper introduced the Visitor Paid Parking (VPP) program as a pilot project.
- 2022, the VPP program was approved by Council as a permanent program.
- December 20, 2022, Council adopted [Policy B-112 Reserves Policy](#), which establishes guidelines for the management and allocation of reserve funds.
- During 2023 budget deliberations, Administration publicly discussed and communicated the use of VPP revenue prior to Council's approval of budget.
- March 3, 2026, Council approved updated Visitor Paid Parking rates for the 2026 VPP season.
- March 10, 2026, Committee directed Administration to develop a draft Visitor Paid Parking Revenue Policy.
- 2026 Visitor Paid Parking program came into effect on May 1.

Discussion:

The Visitor Paid Parking Revenue Policy is intended to provide explicit and formalized Council guidance for the allocation and use of VPP revenue. While administration has discussed revenue allocation with Council during public budget deliberations and has consistently applied practices such as supporting recreation infrastructure debt and public transportation operations, these practices have not been formally established in policy.

During 2026 budget discussions, external stakeholders expressed a desire for increased transparency and a clearer understanding of how decisions regarding VPP revenue are made. This policy responds to those concerns by establishing a defined framework for revenue use and reporting.

The policy clearly demonstrates that the VPP program will operate on a full cost recovery basis, ensuring that all program-related expenses are funded through generated revenue rather than the municipal tax base.

The policy also defines eligible uses of net revenue, including:

- Recreation infrastructure debenture payments,
- Public transportation funding,
- Climate and wildfire resilience initiatives; and,
- Reduction of the municipal tax burden.

By clearly outlining these categories, the policy ensures that spending will be aligned with Council-approved priorities.

In addition to defining eligible uses, the policy formalizes the process for allocating VPP revenue through the annual budgeting process. It requires that budget documents clearly identify total revenue, operating costs, net revenue, and allocations, improving transparency and accountability. Any surplus revenue beyond approved allocations will be directed to the Public Transport and Parking Reserve in accordance with Policy B-112, ensuring consistent financial management.

Overall, the proposed policy formalizes existing practices, improves transparency in financial decision-making, and provides a structured approach to ensuring VPP revenue is managed in alignment with Council priorities.

Strategic Relevance:

- Provide and maintain the core services and infrastructure that enable the visitor economy.
- Improve transportation systems so movement works for residents and visitors.
- Invest in practices and processes which support high quality decision making

Inclusion Considerations:

The policy supports equitable outcomes by reducing municipal reliance on property taxes, which benefits a broad range of residents. It also ensures that visitor-generated revenue contributes to services used by both visitors and the community. Clear and transparent allocation improves public understanding and accessibility of municipal financial decisions.

Relevant Legislation:

- [Policy B-112 Reserves Policy](#)

Financial:

The 2026 approved budget includes a Visitor Paid Parking revenue target of \$1.8 million.

The 2026 budget is currently structured in alignment with the proposed policy. 2026 program revenues first fund program operating costs, including salaries and benefits, contract services, and banking fees. Next, internal reallocations supporting transit (9%) and recreation (31%) to reduce tax impacts. Finally, in accordance with policy B-112, 10% of revenue is allocated to reserves and at year end any remaining surplus would contribute to the Municipality’s overall year-end financial position.

There are no direct financial implications associated with adopting this policy, as it provides guidance on the allocation and reporting of this revenue within existing budget frameworks.

Attachments: Draft – Visitor Paid Parking Revenue Policy

Policy Title: Visitor Paid Parking Revenue

Policy #: B-XXX

Date adopted by Council:



1. POLICY STATEMENT

The Municipality of Jasper will utilize revenue generated through Visitor Paid Parking in a consistent, transparent, and accountable manner. Revenue will be allocated to Council-approved priorities that support municipal infrastructure, transportation services, climate resilience, and financial sustainability while ensuring the Visitor Paid Parking program operates at no cost to the local tax base.

2. SCOPE

This policy applies to all revenue generated through municipal Visitor Paid Parking programs administered by the Municipality of Jasper.

3. STANDARDS

3.1. Cost Recovery for Program Operations

The Visitor Paid Parking program shall operate at no cost to the local tax base.

Revenue generated through the program may be used to fund the administration, operations, and enforcement required to deliver the Visitor Paid Parking program.

Eligible program costs may include, but are not limited to:

- Parking system administration
- Parking operations and maintenance
- Parking payment technologies and infrastructure
- Bylaw enforcement related to paid parking
- Program communications and customer service

3.2. Approved Uses of Net Revenue

After accounting for the Program Operations required to deliver the Visitor Paid Parking program (3.1), net revenue may be allocated only to the following Council-approved purposes:

- Debenture payments related to recreation infrastructure.
- Operational or Capital support for municipal public transportation services.
- Wildfire and climate change resiliency initiatives.
- Reduction of the general municipal property tax burden.

Policy Title: Visitor Paid Parking Revenue

Policy #: B-XXX

Date adopted by Council:



3.3. Allocation of Net Revenue

The allocation of Visitor Paid Parking revenue shall be approved by Council through the annual budgeting process.

The proposed use of Visitor Paid Parking revenue shall be clearly identified within the Municipality's annual budget presented to Council. Budget documents shall be prepared to clearly identify:

- total projected Visitor Paid Parking revenue;
- projected operating costs of the Visitor Paid Parking program;
- projected net revenue available for allocation;
- allocated of net revenue among the approved uses identified in Section 3.2; and
- any planned transfers to reserves.

Any Visitor Paid Parking revenue that exceeds the allocations approved through the annual budget process shall be transferred to the Public Transport and Parking Reserve in accordance with policy B-112.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES

Council

Review and approve any revisions to this Policy.

Approve allocation of Visitor Paid Parking revenue through the annual budgeting process.

CAO

Review and approve any procedures related to this Policy.

Directors and Managers

Carry out the policy based on established procedures.

AGENDA ITEM 7.4

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Subject: Housing Reserve Transfer
From: Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer
Prepared by: Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance & Administration
Reviewed by: Emily Dawson, Finance Manager
Date: May 12, 2026



Recommendation:

That Committee recommend Council allocate \$876,185 of remaining insurance proceeds for 1251 Cabin Creek Drive to the Housing Reserve Fund.

Alternatives:

- That Committee direct administration to revise the allocation approach and return to a future Committee with additional options for the use of insurance proceeds.
- That Committee receive the report for information and take no further action.

Background:

- In 2022 Council approved [Policy B-112 \(Reserves Policy\)](#) which established the Community Housing Reserve.
- In 2024, the Jasper Complex Wildfire destroyed one of the Municipality's housing assets, a single-family residential unit at 1251 Cabin Creek Drive.

Discussion:

1251 Cabin Creek Drive was insured under the municipality's insurance program, and claims were submitted following the event in accordance with policy requirements.

Subsequent to the claims process, the municipality received insurance proceeds totaling \$890,985.00 related specifically to this damaged housing asset. These funds represent compensation for the loss of capital assets and are intended to support recovery and rebuilding efforts. A small amount was used in 2025 in the amount of \$14,800.

The municipality maintains a Housing Reserve Fund, established through council policy and aligned with financial best practices, to support the development, maintenance, and replacement of municipal housing infrastructure. The reserve is a dedicated funding source for housing-related capital projects. The allocation of one-time revenues, such as insurance proceeds, to this reserve aligns with standard municipal financial management practices.

The allocation of insurance proceeds to the Housing Reserve Fund ensures that funds received for the loss of housing assets are retained for their intended purpose—rebuilding and restoring municipal housing capacity. This approach maintains financial integrity by aligning the source of funds with their ultimate use.

Placing the funds in a dedicated reserve rather than applying them directly to general revenues provides greater transparency and accountability. It allows Council to make future, deliberate decisions regarding the timing and scope of housing reconstruction project.

Additional decisions related to the eventual rebuild of 1251 Cabin Creek Drive will be presented to Council separately in future requests for decision.

In conclusion, allocating the \$876,185 in insurance proceeds to the Housing Reserve Fund is a prudent and transparent financial process that ensures the funds are used for their intended purpose.

Strategic Relevance:

- Clearly and simply communicate the facts around our finances.
- Proactively plan and invest in maintenance and management of natural and built infrastructure.
- Manage funding transitions to protect service stability.

Inclusion Considerations:

This request supports the municipality’s commitment to maintaining essential workforce housing by ensuring that insurance proceeds received following the loss of staff accommodation are reinvested directly into rebuilding those assets.

Relevant Legislation:

- [Reserves Policy B-112](#)

Financial:

The recommendation allocates \$876,185 in insurance proceeds to the Housing Reserve Fund. These funds have already been received and are not part of the existing operating budget. No additional tax levy or external funding is required. The allocation will provide a dedicated funding source for future housing rebuild project related to the 2024 wildfire.

The approved 2026 includes \$1,105,000 toward the reconstruction of 1251 Cabin Creek Drive, with insurance proceeds and debenture as the funding sources.

Attachments:

None

AGENDA ITEM 7.5

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Subject: Wildfire Utility Repairs Phase 2: Water Utility Rehabilitation
From: Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer
Prepared by: Doug Olthof, Director of Recovery
Reviewed by: Vidal Michaud, Utilities Manager
Date: May 12, 2026



Recommendation:

- That Committee recommend Council amend the 2026 capital budget to include the Wildfire Utility Repairs – Phase 2 project at an estimated total budget of \$7,630,000, to be funded in part by the Disaster Recovery Program and borrowing; and
- That Committee direct Administration to bring forward a borrowing bylaw when actual project costs and Disaster Recovery Program (DRP) contribution are confirmed.

Alternatives:

- That Committee direct administration to complete repairs on a phased operational basis as funding becomes available.
- That Committee receive the report for information and take no further action.

Background:

- On September 2, 2025 Council adopted the Utilities Master Plan, which identified the need for ongoing investment in water and wastewater infrastructure.
- On April 21, 2026 Council amended the 2026 Capital Budget to include Wildfire Utility Repairs Phase 1, which identified a two-phase approach to addressing wildfire-related utility infrastructure damage.

Discussion:

Phase 2 of the wildfire utility repair program addresses infrastructure within the 700 block of Connaught Drive, the 700, 800, and 900 blocks of Patricia Street, and the 800 block of Geikie Street that sustained direct damage during the 2024 wildfire response and subsequent recovery activities.

It also includes refurbishing aging water and wastewater infrastructure that, while not directly fire-impacted, carries a high risk of failure if left in its current state during the replacement and reconnection of fire-impacted components. This additional work was not required during Phase 1 of the project because the water and sanitary mains in the three neighborhoods included in that phase of work were newer and less susceptible to failure.

Administration is recommending that this work be funded through a combination of DRP funding and a borrowing approach to fund the municipal share of the project costs. Borrowing allows the Municipality to distribute costs over time through utility rates while preserving the Utility Reserve for other planned infrastructure projects identified in the municipality's long-term capital program.

The proposed borrowing strategy also provides flexibility while administration continues to pursue grant funding opportunities from the Government of Alberta and the Government of Canada. If additional external funding sources are identified and secured, administration would reduce the borrowing requirement prior to bringing the borrowing bylaw forward for Council consideration.

Administration anticipates that between \$2 million and \$4 million of eligible project costs may be funded through the DRP. The remaining municipal share is proposed to be financed through debenture borrowing. This figure will be refined as project costs and DRP eligibility are more firmly established.

Administration will continue to pursue additional grant funding opportunities through the Government of Alberta and the Government of Canada.

Delaying Phase 2 would increase project costs due to inflation, eliminate efficiencies gained through coordination with active rebuilding work, and prolong operational risks associated with aging and damaged infrastructure. Completing repairs incrementally through operational budgets would extend timelines significantly and reduce overall construction efficiency.

In summary, proceeding with Phase 2 as a coordinated capital project supports timely infrastructure rehabilitation, improves efficiency during community recovery, and provides a manageable financing strategy that balances current infrastructure needs with long-term financial planning.

Strategic Relevance:

- Provide and maintain the core services and infrastructure that enable the visitor economy.
- Focus on prevention, mitigation and preparation for natural disasters.
- Invest in practices and processes which support high quality decision making.

Inclusion Considerations:

Restoring reliable water infrastructure supports safe and equitable access to essential municipal services for all residents. Timely repairs reduce the likelihood of service disruptions that would add unnecessary additional disruption for residents returning to their homes after rebuilding.

Relevant Legislation:

- [Utility Master Plan](#)
- [Jasper Recovery Framework](#)

Financial:

The estimated total cost of the Wildfire Utility Repairs – Phase 2 project is approximately \$7,630,000.

Repayment of any future borrowing costs would be funded through utility rates over the life of the debenture.

Attachments:

- Map of affected neighbourhoods
- Wildfire Utility Repairs Phase 1 RFD (April 14, 2026)

Attachment 1: Map of Affected Neighbourhoods



Attachment 2: Phase 1 Wildfire Affected Utility Repair RFD

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Subject: Wildfire Utility Repairs Phase 1: Water Service Line Valves
From: Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer
Prepared by: Doug Olthof, Director of Recovery
Reviewed by: Vidal Michaud, Utilities Manager
Date: April 14, 2026



Recommendation:

That Committee recommend Council amend the 2026 capital budget to include the Wildfire-Affected Utility Repairs – Phase 1 project at a total budget of \$2,015,000, funded as follows:

- Disaster Recovery Program: \$1,505,000
- Utility Capital Reserve: \$ 510,000

Alternatives:

- That Committee direct administration to address repairs on a case-by case basis as needed.
- That Committee receive the report for information and take no further action.

Background:

On September 2, 2025, Council adopted the Utilities Master Plan, which identified the need for water service line valve (curb stop) replacements.

A site tour conducted on September 26, 2025, identified damage to of curb stop service valves on all properties within the Cabin Creek subdivision and approximately 90% of damaged properties in other wildfire impacted areas.

Discussion:

The proposed funding supports repairs to wildfire-related damage to municipal water infrastructure in Cabin Creek, Lodgepole, and Miette neighbourhoods. These repairs are required to restore full functionality of the water distribution system and ensure reliable service during ongoing community recovery.

Where eligible, Disaster Recovery Program funding will be utilized to offset costs associated with direct wildfire impacts, allowing the municipality to advance critical repairs while managing financial impacts.

The curb stop service valve work proposed in this RFD represents Phase 1 of a two-phase utility repair program.

Phase 1 – Curb-Stop Service Valves

As a result of firefighting, debris management and utility replacement activities related to the 2024 wildfire, a large majority of curb stop service valves in fire-affected neighbourhoods have been rendered damaged, inaccessible or non-functional.

Damage to valves and related infrastructure has increased operational risk and reduced the ability to isolate sections of the system during maintenance or emergency response. While a number of curb stops have been replaced operationally to date, the remaining scope is too large to address within current operational capacity. Completing this work all at once during the 2026 construction season allows coordination with other reconstruction activities, reducing duplication of effort and limiting additional excavation and disruption to newly rebuilt homes.

An estimated 75% of Phase 1 work is projected to meet to meet the DRP's direct damage eligibility criteria. Deferring the work to a future date has several significant impacts, including inflation of future costs, disruption to rebuild neighbourhoods, loss of DRP eligibility for portions of the work, and a high risk of short-term failures.

Phase 2 – Water and Sanitary Service Rehabilitation

Phase 2 of the program will address remaining fire-affected blocks including the 700 block of Connaught Dr., 700, 800, and 900 blocks of Patricia Street, and 800 block of Geikie Street. These areas require more comprehensive rehabilitation of aged sewer iron water mains prior to re-establishing services.

Phase 2 work is expected to carry total costs in the order of \$7 million. Initial assessments indicate that a more substantial portion of Phase 2 work is anticipated to be ineligible for DRP funding support.

Administration will return to a future meeting with a detailed report on Phase 2 and recommended funding strategies.

In summary, advancing Phase 1 as a coordinated capital project allows the municipality to address widespread infrastructure damage in a single construction window, improving efficiency and reducing impacts to recovering neighbourhoods. The approach maximizes available Disaster Recovery Program funding, limits future cost escalation, and reduces operational risk associated with system failures. Deferring or fragmenting the work would increase financial exposure and prolong service disruptions.

Strategic Relevance:

- Provide and maintain the core services and infrastructure that enable the visitor economy.
- Focus on prevention, mitigation and preparation for natural disasters.
- Invest in practices and processes which support high quality decision making.

Inclusion Considerations:

Restoring reliable water infrastructure supports safe and equitable access to essential municipal services for all residents. Timely repairs reduce the likelihood of service disruptions that would add unnecessary additional disruption for residents returning to their homes after rebuilding.

Relevant Legislation:

- [Jasper Utility Master Plan](#)
- [Jasper Recovery Framework](#)

Financial:

The total Phase 1 Curb-Stop Service Valves project cost is \$2,015,000, with the majority expected to be funded through the Disaster Recovery Program.

The expected municipal contribution is up to \$510,000 and is proposed to be funded through the Utility Reserve. The current projected end of 2026 balance for the Municipality of Jasper's Utility Reserve is \$3,159,918.62. The recommendation to Committee would result in an end of year balance of \$2,649,918.62.

Attachments:

- Map of affected neighbourhoods

MOTION ACTION LIST

SHORT TITLE	REQUESTED (DATE)	RESPONSIBLE (WHO)	COUNCIL MOTION (DESCRIPTION)	TARGET (DATE)	STATUS
Indigenous Relations Framework	July 15, 2025	Director of Community Development	That Committee direct Administration to engage Indigenous Partners and Indigenous residents to develop a strategy based on the framework – and return to a future meeting.	July 2026	
Recovery Advisory Committee Terms of Reference	November 18, 2025	Director of Recovery	That Committee direct Administration to return to a future Committee of the Whole meeting with recommendation regarding potential amendments to the Terms of Reference for the Recovery Advisory Committee.	May 2026	Recommended to be deferred to June 2025
Royal Canadian Legion Branch #31	November 18, 2025	Director of Community Development	That Committee direct Administration to work with the Legion to develop a way forward regarding the Jasper Cenotaph and return to a future Committee of the Whole meeting with recommendations.	June 2026	
2025 Annual Transit Service Update	January 27, 2026	Director of Operations & Utilities	That Committee direct Administration to return to Committee with the results of the 2027-2031 Transit Business Plan prior to July 2026.	June 2026	
Tax Policy – Principles & Engagement Approach	February 10, 2026	CAO and Director of Finance & Administration	That Committee direct Administration to undertake the engagement process, as discussed, on the proposed areas of focus and guiding principles for a Tax Policy and return to a future meeting.	June 2026	
Lot HG (CH) Development	February 24, 2026	Director of Finance & Administration	That Committee direct Administration to bring forward a borrowing bylaw to cover the remaining costs associated with the servicing of parcels HH and HF; and That Committee direct Administration to identify approaches to recoup costs; including interest, if	June 2026	

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			possible; associated with the servicing of parcels HH and HF and return to Committee of the Whole at an appropriate time.		
Alberta Police Funding Model	February 24, 2026	Director of Protective & Legislative Services	That Committee direct Administration to work with the provincial Police Funding Model team to identify which modifiers and subsidies might apply to Jasper and report back at a future meeting.	June 2026	
2027 Paid Parking Program	March 10, 2026	Director of Protective & Legislative Services and Director of Finance & Administration	That Committee direct Administration to explore the feasibility of a year-round visitor paid parking program; including potential winter operating models, and to engage with the community and report back at a future Committee of the Whole meeting.	September 2026	
Visitor Paid Parking Revenue Policy	March 10, 2026	CAO and Director of Finance & Administration	That Committee direct Administration to return to a future Committee of the Whole meeting with a draft visitor paid parking revenue policy.	June 2026	
Mayor's Awards	March 10, 2026	Director of Protective & Legislative Services and Director of Community Development	That Committee direct Administration to update the criteria for the Mayor's Awards to include a dedicated Youth category intended to acknowledge outstanding contributions, achievements, or leadership demonstrated by youth in the community.	June 2026	
Dishware at Multi Purpose Hall	March 24, 2026	Director of Community Development	That Committee direct Administration to return to a future Committee of the Whole meeting with a recommendation regarding the dishware in the Multi-purpose Hall at the Jasper Activity Centre.	August 2026	
Unsolicited Donations	March 24, 2026	CAO and Director of Finance & Administration	That Committee refer the issue of the allocation of any future unsolicited donations to a future Committee of the Whole meeting.	June 2026	
Water Services Bylaw	April 14, 2026	Director of Operations & Utilities	That Committee direct Administration to revise the draft Water Services Bylaw and return to a future Committee of the Whole meeting.	May 2026	Recommended to be removed
2003 Greenspace Vision Plan	April 14, 2026	Director of Urban Design & Urban Standards	That Committee direct Administration to circulate the existing 2003 Greenspace Vision Plan to all of Council and have this matter return to a future Committee of the Whole meeting.	May 2026	

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Canada Day	April 28, 2026	Director of Community Development	That Committee direct Administration to bring forward a report to discuss future municipal involvement in organizing Canada Day events, prior to the 2027 budget discussions.	August 2026	