Municipality of Jasper

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 27, 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 Wendy Hall, Councillors Kable Kongsrud, Ralph Melnyk, Kathleen Waxer, and Laurie Rodger
Absent	Councillor Danny Frechette
Also present	Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer Courtney Donaldson, Director of Operations & Utilities Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance & Administration Lisa Riddell, Acting Director of Community Development Emily Dawson, Finance Manager Erin Toop, Transit Manager Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator Angie Thom, Municipality of Jasper Library Board Ornesto Tassoni, The Evergreens Foundation Nancy Robbins, Community Futures West Yellowhead Steve Pavlov & Ron McGaffin, Jasper-Yellowhead Museum & Archives Peggy Munn, Jasper Heritage Folk & Blues Society Grace Kohn & Jacqui McColl, Habitat for the Arts Rowan Bell-Marusich, Jasper Pride Festival Society Oliver Andrew & Logan Ireland, UpLift! Mural Festival 15 observers
Call to Order	Deputy Mayor Hall called the October 27, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 9:30am.
Additions/ deletions to the agenda	Councillor Rodger requested that an item be added to the agenda to discuss the angle parking on Pyramid Road.
Approval of agenda #461/26	MOTION by Councillor Kongsrud that Committee approve the agenda for the October 27, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting as amended: • Add 11.1 Angle Parking on Pyramid Road FOR 6 Councillors — AGAINST 0 Councillor — CARRIED
Business arising from minutes	none
Delegations	none

Correspondence	none		
Municipality of Jasper Library Board	Committee received a funding request from the Municipality of Jasper Library Board. Director of Library Services Angie Thom delivered the presentation and answered Committee questions.		
#462/26	MOTION by Councillor Kongsrud that Committee receive the presentation for information; and That Committee refer the Municipality of Jasper Library Board $248,000 funding request to the 2027 budget discussions.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
The Evergreens Foundation	Committee received a presentation from Ornesto Tassoni of the Evergreens Foundation regarding funding for the Seniors' Alpine Traveller Bus.		
#463/26	MOTION by Richard Ireland that Committee receive the presentation for information; and That Committee refer the Evergreens Foundation $10,000 funding request to the 2027 budget discussions.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Community Futures West Yellowhead	Committee received Nancy Robbins to present the Community Futures West Yellowhead funding request. The presentation is included in the agenda package.		
#464/26	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk that Committee receive the presentation for information; and That Committee refer the Community Futures West Yellowhead $10,000 funding request to the 2027 budget discussions.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Recess	Deputy Mayor Hall called a recess from 10:25am to 10:31am.		
Jasper-Yellowhead Museum & Archives	Committee received a presentation from Steve Pavlov and Ron McGaffin with a funding request for the Jasper-Yellowhead Museum & Archives.		
#465/26	MOTION by Councillor Kongsrud that Committee receive the presentation for information; and		

That Committee refer the Jasper-Yellowhead Museum & Archives $50,000 funding request to the 2027 budget discussions.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Jasper Heritage Folk & Blues Society

Committee received a funding request from the Jasper Folk & Blues Society with Assistant Director Peggy Munn in attendance.

#466/26

MOTION by Councillor Melnyk that Committee receive the presentation for information; and

That Committee refer the Jasper Heritage Folk & Blues Society $20,000 funding request to the 2027 budget discussions.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Habitat for the Arts

Committee received a presentation from Grace Kohn & Jacqui McColl of Habitat for the Arts with a funding request for consideration.

#467/26

MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee receive the presentation for information; and

That Committee refer the Habitat for the Arts funding request in the amount of $10,000 and a request of waiver of rental fees for municipal facilities for up to four times per year to the 2027 budget discussions.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Jasper Pride Festival Society

Committee received a presentation from Rowan Bell-Marusich of the Jasper Pride Festival Society requesting in-kind donations from the Municipality.

#468/26

MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee receive the presentation for information; and

That Committee refer the Jasper Pride Festival Society $8085 funding request to the 2027 budget discussions.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

UpLift! Jasper Mural Festival

Mayor Ireland declared a conflict of interest and recused himself as he has a close family member who is one of the organizers of the UpLift! Jasper Mural Festival.

Due to internet connectivity problems the meeting was recessed for lunch a few minutes early.

Recess

Deputy Mayor Hall called a recess from 11:57am to 1:00pm.

UpLift! Jasper Mural Festival	Committee received a presentation from Oliver Andrew and Logan Ireland of the UpLift! Mural Festival requesting funding in 2027.
#469/26	MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee receive the presentation for information; and That Committee refer the UpLift! Mural Festival $25,000 funding request to the 2027 budget discussions.

FOR	AGAINST	
5 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Mayor Ireland rejoined the meeting at 1:22pm.

Transit Quarterly Report	Committee received a Transit Quarterly Report from Transit Manager Erin Toop. Director of Operations & Utilities Courtney Donaldson was also in attendance to assist with Committee questions.
#470/26	MOTION by Councillor Kongsrud that Committee receive the report for information.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillor	CARRIED

Councillor Rodger stated his question was answered during this report and he no longer required his requested agenda item 7.10 Transit Ridership Reporting.

Angle Parking on Pyramid Road	Councillor Rodger shared concerns about potential of further angle parking being implemented along Pyramid Road.
#471/26	MOTION by Councillor Rodger that it not be done until it comes back to Council for approval.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillor	CARRIED

Motion Action List	Administration reviewed the Motion Action List. Due to an internet outage; and the attendance of three Councillors via Zoom, quorum was lost at 1:52pm. The three Councillors present in Council Chambers waited for thirty minutes as per Bylaw #190 the Procedure Bylaw. The Chair called the meeting adjourned at 2:22pm.