Municipality of Jasper

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 | 1:30pm

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 Ralph Melnyk, Kable Kongsrud, Kathleen Waxer, and Danny Frechette.
Absent	Councillor Laurie Rodger
Also present	Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator 9 observers
Call to order	Mayor Ireland called the October 20, 2026 Regular Council meeting to order at 1:31pm. On behalf of Council, municipal administration and the community of Jasper, the Mayor extended deepest condolences to the families and loved ones of those who lost their lives at CFB Wainwright, and heartfelt thoughts and support to those who were injured or traumatized, and to all who have been touched by this tragedy.
Additions/ deletions to agenda #446/26	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council delete the following item from the October 20, 2026 Regular Council meeting agenda: • 10.1 Human Resources Committee Report – ATIA s.22(2) FOR 5 Councillors / AGAINST 0 Councillors / CARRIED
Approval of agenda #447/26	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the agenda for the October 20, 2026 Regular Council meeting as amended. FOR 5 Councillors / AGAINST 0 Councillors / CARRIED
Approval of Regular minutes #448/26	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the October 6, 2026 Regular Council meeting as presented. FOR 5 Councillors / AGAINST 0 Councillors / CARRIED
Approval of Committee of the Whole minutes #449/26	MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the October 13, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented. FOR 5 Councillors / AGAINST 0 Councillors / CARRIED
Business arising from minutes	none
Delegations	none
Correspondence	none
Economic Development Capacity & Funding #450/26	MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council request approval from PrairiesCan to redirect currently unallocated funding under the Community Economic Development & Diversification funding agreement to support an Economic Development function for Jasper. FOR 5 Councillors / AGAINST 0 Councillors / CARRIED

Councillor Frechette joined the meeting at 1:41pm.

Extension of Parks Canada Land Rent Relief #451/26	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorize the Mayor to write to the Government of Canada requesting that the Municipality of Jasper's land rent remission provided under the Jasper National Park of Canada Rent and Fee Remission Order be extended from March 31, 2027 to March 31, 2029.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Rural Renewal Stream #452/26	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council advocate to the Government of Alberta for an increased allocation under the Rural Renewal Stream for 2027 to better support Jasper's workforce and economic recovery needs; and That Council consider appointing one member of Council to the Jasper Rural Renewal Steering Committee in accordance with Policy A-107, Council Representation on External Boards and Committees.

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6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Notices of Motion	none
Councillor Reports	Councillor Waxer was at the Jasper Artist Guild gala opening for the Dark Sky Festival this past Friday. Mayor Ireland attended a Forever Canadian rally in Edmonton on October 17th in Edmonton. He was able to connect with Prime Minister Mark Carney; Minister Eleanor Olszewski; and others during the visit. Councillor Frechette plans to participate in a Community Futures West Yellowhead meeting on October 21st.
Upcoming events	Council received a list of upcoming events for information.
Adjournment #453/26	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that, there being no further business, the Regular Council meeting of October 20, 2026 be adjourned at 1:50pm.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer