

Municipality of Jasper
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 6, 2025 | 1:30pm
Jasper Library and Cultural Centre, Quorum Room

Virtual viewing and participation	Council attendance is in Council chambers at the Jasper Library and Cultural Centre. This meeting was also conducted virtually and available for public livestreaming through Zoom. Public viewing and participation during Council meetings is through both Zoom livestreaming and in-person attendance.		
Present	Mayor Richard Ireland, Deputy Mayor Scott Wilson, Councillors Ralph Melnyk, Kathleen Waxer, Helen Kelleher-Empey, Rico Damota, and Wendy Hall.		
Absent	none		
Also present	Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer Christine Nadon, Director of Protective & Legislative Services Michael Fark, Director of Recovery Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance & Administration Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator Robert Fougere, Resident Sergeant Rick Bidaisee, Jasper RCMP Bob Covey, The Jasper Local Peter Shokeir, The Fitzhugh Jacqui Sundquist, CBC Edmonton 16 observers		
Call to order	Mayor Ireland called the May 6, 2025 Regular Council meeting to order at 1:31pm and began with thanks to the organizers of yesterday’s Red Dress installation on the 600 block of Patricia Street to honour and recognize May 5 th as a National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, 2SLGBTQI+ individuals, and Two-Spirit people (MMIWG2S).		
Additions or deletions to agenda #198/25	MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that Council add the following item to the May 6, 2025 Regular Council meeting agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none">10.1 In-camera – Personal Matter		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of agenda #199/25	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the agenda for the May 6, 2025 Regular Council meeting as amended: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Add 10.1 In-camera – Personal Matter		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of Regular minutes #200/25	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the April 15, 2025 Regular Council meeting as presented.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes #201/25	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the April 22, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Delegations – Robert Fougere	Council received a presentation from resident Robert Fougere who wished to share his concerns regarding parking enforcement.		

#202/25	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the presentation from Robert Fougere for information.			
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors		CARRIED
Correspondence	none			
Order to Remedy Review	Council received information from Administration regarding an Order to Remedy. CAO Bill Given reviewed the legal background information and Director of Protective & Legislative Services Christine Nadon shared steps taken throughout the process and answered Council’s clarifying questions.			
Move In-camera #203/25	MOTION by Councillor Hall to move in-camera at 2:28pm to discuss agenda item: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6.1 Order to Remedy Review 			
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors		CARRIED
	Mr. Given also attended the in-camera session.			
Move out of camera #204/25	MOTION by Councillor Damota to move out of camera at 2:53pm.			
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors		CARRIED
#205/25	MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that Council confirm the Order to Remedy; and			
	That Council direct Administration to provide written confirmation that the order had been complied on the date of inspection by registered letter to the leaseholder as soon as practical.			
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors		CARRIED
	Councillor Wilson left the meeting at 3:01pm.			
Recess	Mayor Ireland called a recess from 3:01pm to 3:11pm.			
Director’s Report – Protective & Legislative Services	Council received a report from Director of Protective & Legislative Services Christine Nadon. The report included information on the residential space renovation project at the Fire Hall; the 2024 Jasper Wildfire After-Action Review; paid parking and sidewalk seating program start dates; staffing updates; and details for Emergency Preparedness Week. Sergeant Rick Bidaisee with the Jasper RCMP was also in attendance to share an update with Council; review service trends; show Council the new body cameras being utilized; and answer any questions.			
#206/25	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the report for information.			
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors		CARRIED
Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre Progress Update	Council received a Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre progress update from Director of Recovery Michael Fark. Highlights include updates on interim housing; demolition permits and the debris removal process; the joint town rebuild; social and economic recovery initiatives; and more.			
#207/25	MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the progress update for information.			

	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Capital Budget Carry Forward to 2025 #208/25	<p>MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the carry forward capital list of incomplete 2024 projects to the 2025 capital budget as presented; and</p> <p>That Council add the completion of site servicing for interim housing to the budget as presented.</p>		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Notices of Motion	none		
Councillor Reports	<p>Councillor Kelleher-Empey attended an Evergreens Foundation meeting last week and also completed the Pathfinders program training.</p> <p>Councillors Hall, Melnyk, and Waxer attended a Recovery Advisory Committee meeting yesterday.</p> <p>Councillor Waxer will be attending two Community Conversations tomorrow.</p> <p>Councillor Melnyk and Councillor Damota were in Hinton on April 24th for a Community Futures West Yellowhead meeting.</p> <p>Councillor Melnyk attended the April 23rd Wildfire Preparedness Information Session.</p> <p>Councillor Waxer and Councillor Melnyk attended NETMA at the Jasper-Yellowhead Museum & Archives.</p> <p>Mayor Ireland spoke at the Seniors’ dinner on April 30th. Councillor Melnyk was also in attendance. Both were also present at Peter Bridge’s retirement party at the Jasper Legion on May 2nd.</p> <p>Mayor Ireland and most of Council met with ATCO on May 1st to receive a presentation on addressing climate risk and enhancing reliability.</p> <p>On May 2nd Mayor Ireland spoke with a group called the “Jasper Ladies Amazing Race” who are annual visitors to Jasper; and also gave welcoming remarks at an ATCO BBQ and training camp with the Oilers Entertainment Group & Oil Kings.</p> <p>Mayor Ireland attended a Jasper Community Team Society meeting on May 5th and spoke with the NAIT Student Association this morning.</p>		
Upcoming events	Council received a list of upcoming events for information.		
Move In-camera #209/25	<p>MOTION by Councillor Damota to move in-camera at 4:09pm to discuss agenda item:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10. 1 In-camera – Personal Matter 		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
	Mr. Given also attended the in-camera session.		
Move out of camera #210/25	<p>MOTION by Councillor Damota to move out of camera at 4:21pm.</p>		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED

Adjournment
#211/25

MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that, there being no further business, the Regular Council meeting of May 6, 2025 be adjourned at 4:22pm.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer