

Municipality of Jasper  
**Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**  
 Tuesday, June 9, 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 Kable Kongsrud, Councillors Ralph Melnyk, Wendy Hall, Danny Frechette, Laurie Rodger, and Kathleen Waxer		
Absent	none		
Also present	Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer Beth Sanders, Director of Urban Design & Standards Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance & Administration Doug Olthof, Director of Recovery Lisa Riddell, Community Development Manager Beth Leblanc, Community Outreach Services Manager Joe Campbell, Information Technology Coordinator Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator Tyler Riopel, Tourism Jasper Ben Brunnen, Verum Consulting Paul Butler, Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce 18 observers		
Call to Order	Deputy Mayor Kongsrud called the June 9, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 9:30am.		
Additions/ deletions to the agenda	none		
Approval of agenda #252/26	MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee approve the agenda for the June 9, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillor	CARRIED
Business arising from minutes	none		
Delegations – Verum Consulting’s Jasper Economic Impact and Opportunity	Tyler Riopel, Executive Director of Tourism Jasper, introduced Ben Brunnen of Verum Consulting and explained the need for the report that was prepared. Committee received a presentation from Mr. Brunnen regarding the Jasper Economic Impact and Opportunity Assessment prepared following the 2024 wildfire. Executive Director of Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce Paul Butler assisted in answering Committee questions.		

Assessment  
#253/26

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

That Committee direct Administration to return to a future Committee of the Whole meeting prior to 2026 budget presentations with a report identifying opportunities for Council and the Municipality to support the recommendations and strategic actions in the report presented today.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	1 Councillor (Kongsrud)	CARRIED

Correspondence none

Recess Deputy Mayor Kongsrud called a recess from 11:17am to 11:27am.

Welcoming Week  
2026  
#254/26

MOTION by Councillor Rodger that Committee recommend Council proclaim June 14–20, 2026, as Welcoming Week in Jasper; and

That the proclamation be amended to add to the last preamble:

- “where everyone is valued and has the opportunity to contribute and to share in the benefits”.

FOR	AGAINST	
7 Councillors	0 Councillor	CARRIED

Planning &  
Development  
Advisory  
Committee  
Membership  
#255/26

Committee discussed correspondence received at last week’s Regular Council meeting from Parks Canada regarding the Planning & Development Advisory Committee. Director of Urban Design & Standards Beth Sanders reviewed the role of the advisory committee and future considerations.

MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee recommend Council accept the Jasper Field Superintendent’s invitation for members of Council in their individual capacity to serve as members of the Planning & Development Advisory Committee; and

That the Mayor identify the five individuals to serve as regular members of the committee, two individuals to serve as alternates on the committee, and the chair of the committee.

FOR	AGAINST	
7 Councillors	0 Councillor	CARRIED

External Funding  
Trends &  
Community  
Outreach Services  
Capacity  
#256/26

Committee received a report from Administration regarding changes to funding affecting Community Outreach Services. Beth Leblanc, Community Outreach Services Manager, reviewed the report and answered Committee questions.

MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee receive this report for information; and

That Committee direct Administration to report on options to maintain community social service levels as part of 2027 budget deliberations.

FOR	AGAINST	
7 Councillors	0 Councillor	CARRIED

Councillor Melnyk left the meeting at 12:30pm.

Recess Deputy Mayor Kongsrud called a recess from 12:30pm to 1:30pm.

Regional Assessment Review Board Appointments #257/26 Director of Finance & Administration Natasha Malenchak presented a report regarding the Regional Assessment Review Board to Committee for consideration.

MOTION by Councillor Hall that Committee recommend Council appoint Melissa Delorme from the Town of Hinton as the Designated Clerk for the Regional Assessment Review Board for West Yellowhead for a 1- year term starting June 16, 2026; and

That Committee recommend Council appoint Lyla Mozel from the Town of Hinton as the Designated Chair for the Regional Assessment Review Board for West Yellowhead for a 1- year term starting June 16, 2026.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillor	CARRIED

Information Technology Acceptable Use Policy #258/26 Committee received a draft policy for discussion regarding the acceptable use of technology. CAO Bill Given and Information Technology Coordinator Joe Campbell reviewed the draft policy and answered Committee questions.

MOTION by Councillor Frechette that Committee recommend Council approve the Information Technology Acceptable Use Policy as presented.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillor	CARRIED

Motion Action List Administration reviewed the Motion Action List.

#259/26 MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee approve the updated Motion Action List with the removal of the following items:

- First part of motion for “Lot HG (CH) Development”

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Councillor upcoming meetings Councillor Frechette will be at the Early Childhood Community Conversation tomorrow which is the last one prior to summer break.

Councillor Hall will be at a Recovery Advisory Committee meeting on Thursday and a Climate Caucus meeting later the same day.

Councillor Hall is attending a meeting of the Yellowhead Regional Library Board this Monday.

Councillor Kongsrud attended the Adults & Seniors Community Conversations last Wednesday.

Councillors Rodger and Councillor Kongsrud plan to attend the monthly meeting of the Jasper Municipal Housing Corporation later this month.

Mayor & Council all plan to be at the pancake breakfast for Canada Day on July 1st.

Upcoming Events Council reviewed a list of upcoming events.

Adjournment #260/26 MOTION by Mayor Ireland that, there being no further business, the Committee of the Whole meeting of June 9, 2026 be adjourned at 1:52pm.

FOR  
6 Councillors

AGAINST  
0 Councillors

CARRIED