

Municipality of Jasper
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 20, 2024 | 9:30 am

Virtual viewing and participation	Due to the Jasper Wildfire Complex and subsequent evacuation this meeting was conducted virtually and available for public livestreaming through Zoom. All meeting attendees participated or observed by electronic means.		
Present	Mayor Richard Ireland, Deputy Mayor Helen Kelleher-Empey, Councillors Kathleen Waxer, Ralph Melnyk, Scott Wilson, Wendy Hall and Rico Damota.		
Absent	none		
Also present	Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer Beth Sanders, Director of Urban Design & Standards Bernd Manz, Interim Director of Operations & Utilities Michael Fark, Director of Recovery Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator Vaughn Bend, Doug Renwick & Tamara Wuttunee-Campbell, Aquatera Peter Shokeir, The Fitzhugh 27 observers		
Call to order	Mayor Ireland called the August 20, 2024 Regular Council meeting to order at 9:34am and began with a moment of silence to honor Morgan Kitchen, the Calgary firefighter who died in service to the community of Jasper while battling the Jasper Wildfire Complex.		
Additions or deletions to agenda	none		
Approval of agenda #343/24	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the agenda for the August 20, 2024 Regular Council meeting as presented.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of Regular minutes #344/24	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the July 16, 2024 Regular Council meeting as presented.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of Special meeting minutes #345/24	MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the August 13, 2024 Special meeting as presented.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Correspondence	Council received correspondence from the Consulate General of Japan in Calgary; Town of Ponoka; City of Medicine Hat; City of Grande Prairie; and District of Chetwynd all expressing concern for Jasper following the beginning of the wildfire.		
#346/24	MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the correspondence for information.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Aquatera Annual Update	Council received the annual update from Aquatera representatives Vaughn Bend, Doug Renwick, and Tamara Wuttunee-Campbell highlighting Jasper performance results; past and upcoming capital projects; asset maintenance; operational improvements; environmental performance; and Aquatera’s response to the Jasper Wildfire Complex. The professionalism and support from Utilities Manager Vidal Michaud was acknowledged and highly appreciated; as was the exemplary		

	actions of the operators of the facility during the emergency.		
#347/24	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the presentation for information.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Temporary Relaxation of RV Parking Regulations	Council received recommendations and alternatives from Administration to provide flexibility to residents as they re-enter Jasper and begin the community’s recovery.		
#348/24	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the temporary relaxation of RV parking regulations from August 16, 2024, to September 15, 2024, as proposed.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Planner and Administration Assistant Positions	Council received a report from Administration, prepared by the newly appointed Director of Urban Design & Standards Beth Sanders.		
#349/24	MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the establishment of the following positions to support the recovery and rebuilding efforts for the municipality: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Four (4) full-time planner positions; and• One (1) administrative assistant position.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Motion Action List	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the updated Motion Action List as presented; and		
#350/24	That Council direct Administration to continue updating the Motion Action List and forward to Council on a bi-weekly basis until the resumption of Committee of the Whole meetings.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Recess	Mayor Ireland called a recess from 11:00am to 11:05am.		
Council Remuneration Review Committee	MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that Council rescind motion #332/24 that Council approve the Council Remuneration Review Committee Terms of Reference as presented; and		
#351/24	That Council direct Administration to conduct a review of council remuneration and present recommendations at a future meeting.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Notices of Motion	none		
Councillor Reports	Councillor Damota shared his thanks to the reception centres which received Jasper evacuees and the City of Edmonton.		
	Councillor Hall shared her thanks to the Mayor and Administration in Valemount and all the residents who welcomed Jasper evacuees.		
	Councillor Kelleher-Empey echoed Councillor Hall’s thanks to Valemount and added in the Towns of Edson and Hinton for all of their assistance, especially for		

the seniors. She also thanked Sue and Keith Henderson at the Jasper Legion for everything they continue to do for residents and the welcome back.

Councillor Waxer shared her thanks to the Jasper Community Team Society (JCTS) for all of their continuing work, the Province of Alberta for the grant provided for the JCTS, and to the City of Charlottetown for their support.

Mayor Ireland acknowledged there is no end to the people to thank but wanted to mention the Grande Prairie and Calgary reception centres, the Province of Alberta, Parks Canada, the Jasper Volunteer Fire Brigade, and all of the fire fighters that came from around the world to offer their help. The family of Morgan Kitchen, made the ultimate sacrifice.

Upcoming events	Council received a list of upcoming events for information.		
Move In-camera #352/24	MOTION by Councillor Damota to move in-camera at 11:33am to discuss agenda item: <ul style="list-style-type: none">9.1 Land Use Planning Discussions Update FOIP s. 21		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
	Mr. Given, Ms. Sanders and Ms. Acorn also attended the in-camera session.		
Move out of camera #353/24	MOTION by Councillor Waxer to move out of camera at 12:43pm.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Adjournment #354/24	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED that, there being no further business, the Regular Council meeting of August 20, 2024 be adjourned at 12:44pm.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer