

Municipality of Jasper
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday, April 28, 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 Danny Frechette, Councillors Ralph Melnyk, Kable Kongsrud, Wendy Hall, and Kathleen Waxer		
Absent	Councillor Laurie Rodger		
Also present	Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer Christopher Read, Director of Community Development Vidal Michaud, Utilities Manager Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator Bob Covey, The Jasper Local 4 observers		
Call to Order	Deputy Mayor Frechette called the April 28, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 9:30am and began with a Traditional Land Acknowledgement .		
Additions/ deletions to the agenda	none		
Approval of agenda #181/26	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk that Committee approve the agenda for the April 28, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillor	CARRIED
Business arising from minutes	none		
Delegations	none		
Correspondence	Mayor Ireland offered congratulations to Director of Community Development Christopher Read who recently received a ten-year long service award from the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators. Mr. Read received his award in the mail and Mayor Ireland received a letter from the association in April to ensure he was aware of the acknowledgement.		
Library & Cultural Centre Subleases	Committee received a report from Mr. Read regarding sublease renewals for Jasper Artists Guild and Habitat for the Arts, both located in the Jasper Library & Cultural Centre.		

#182/26	MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee receive the report for information.			
	FOR	AGAINST		
	6 Councillors	0 Councillor		CARRIED
SKIJORING Update	On January 27, 2026, Committee of the Whole received correspondence and a presentation from James Purdy, organizer of SKIJORING for MS, an annual fundraiser supporting MS Canada. Today, CAO Bill Given reviewed a follow-up report which was requested by Council at that time.			
#183/26	MOTION by Councillor Hall that Committee receive the report for information.			
	FOR	AGAINST		
	6 Councillors	0 Councillor		CARRIED
Canada Day	Committee received recommendations and alternatives regarding the planning and organization of 2026 Canada Day festivities. Mr. Read reviewed past practices, budget considerations, and current resources.			
#184/26	MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee direct Administration to take the lead in the planning and delivery of 2026 Canada Day events to the extent possible using existing resources; and			
	That Committee direct Administration to bring forward a report to discuss future municipal involvement in organizing Canada Day events, prior to the 2027 budget discussions.			
	FOR	AGAINST		
	6 Councillors	0 Councillor		CARRIED
Revised Water Services Bylaw	CAO Bill Given and Utilities Manager Vidal Michaud reviewed updates to the draft Water Services Bylaw. The bylaw was last reviewed at the April 14, 2026 Committee meeting.			
#185/26	MOTION by Councillor Kongsrud that Committee recommend Council give first and second reading to the revised Water Services Bylaw as presented.			
	FOR	AGAINST		
	6 Councillors	0 Councillor		CARRIED
Motion Action List	Administration reviewed the Motion Action List.			
#186/26	MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee approve the updated Motion Action List with the removal of the following items:			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jasper Artists Guild • SKIJORING for MS 			
	And date changes for the following items:			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indigenous Relations Framework 			

