

Municipality of Jasper  
**Regular Council Meeting Minutes**  
 Tuesday, April 21, 2026 | 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 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 Kathleen Waxer, Ralph Melnyk, Kable Kongsrud, Laurie Rodger, and Wendy Hall.		
Absent	none		
Also present	Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer Christine Nadon, Director of Protective & Legislative Services Doug Olthaf, Director of Recovery Emily Dawson, Finance Manager Leanne Pelletier, Housing Manager Lucas Sherwin, Development Planning Manager Marley Pollock, Town Planner Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator Ann Thomas, Resident Gregory Deagle, Resident Darrell Savage, Resident Troy Birtles, Accurate Assessment Group Ltd. Stefa Andrew, Oliver Andrew & George Andrew, Astoria Hotel Bob Covey, The Jasper Local 46 observers		
Call to order	Mayor Ireland called the April 21, 2026 Regular Council meeting to order at 1:30pm and began with a <a href="#">Traditional Land Acknowledgement</a> .		
Additions or deletions to agenda	none		
Approval of agenda #167/26	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the agenda for the April 21, 2026 Regular Council meeting as presented.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of Regular minutes #168/26	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the April 7, 2026 Regular Council meeting as presented.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of Committee of the Whole minutes #169/26	MOTION by Councillor Frechette – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the April 14, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Business arising from minutes	none		
Delegations – Mayor’s Recognition Awards	Mayor & Council were grateful for the opportunity to acknowledge community members with Recognition Awards after considering all nominations submitted by their fellow residents. Their efforts and accomplishments have made a significant contribution to the Municipality of Jasper and they are an inspiration to all fellow community members.		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gregory Deagle – Fine &amp; Performing Arts</li> </ul>		

- Darrell Savage – Distinguished Voluntary Service
- Ann Thomas – Distinguished Voluntary Service

Delegations – Accurate Assessment Group Ltd. #170/26 Council received a presentation from Troy Birtles of Accurate Assessment Group Ltd. detailing the 2025 assessments of properties in the Municipality of Jasper. MOTION by Councillor Frechette – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the presentation from Accurate Assessment Group Ltd. for information.

FOR	AGAINST	
7 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Delegations – Stefa Andrew & Oliver Andrew As a member of the public approached the presenter’s table, Councillor Rodger declared a conflict of interest and recused himself from the meeting at 2:48pm. He has a close family member who holds a mortgage on the property referenced in Item 6.2 of today’s agenda.

Stefa Andrew and Oliver Andrew of the Astoria Hotel both spoke as delegations regarding Item 6.2 on today’s agenda. They both shared their concerns and hopes for an extension to secure financing. George Andrew was also present, but chose not to speak as a delegation today. He had spoken at the April 7, 2026 meeting regarding the same subject.

Councillor Rodger returned to the meeting at 3:08pm

Recess Mayor Ireland called a recess from 3:08pm to 3:17pm.

Correspondence none

Director’s Report – Protective & Legislative Services Council received a department update from Director of Protective & Legislative Services Christine Nadon. Highlights included a review of work accomplished in major projects for the Fire Department; staffing; service trends; upcoming Emergency Preparedness Week events; and more. The Protective Services team is leading the internal Incident Management Team engagement, training and preparedness for the 2026 hazard season.

#171/26 MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the report for information.

FOR	AGAINST	
7 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

2025 Tax Recovery Auction Councillor Rodger left the meeting at 3:42pm due to a conflict of interest which was declared earlier in the meeting.

CAO Bill Given gave a brief overview of the report for this item which was first included in the April 7, 2026 Regular Council meeting agenda package. The item had to be deferred to today’s meeting due to a loss of Quorum that day.

Council continued to discuss the issue and Mayor Ireland referenced the Municipal Government Act to assist in Council’s understanding of the options available.

Recess Mayor Ireland called a recess from 4:23pm to 4:38pm.

2025 Tax Recovery Auction continued #172/26 MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve that properties, subject to 2025 Tax Recovery Notification List be offered for sale by way of public auction; and

That the auction be held in the Council Chambers of the Municipality on Thursday, June 11, 2026, at 2:00pm MDT in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Government Act, and that reserve bids for properties be set at their 2026 assessed values.

#173/26	MOTION by Councillor Kongsrud – BE IT RESOLVED that Council amend motion #172/26 by changing June 11, 2026 to September 17, 2026.	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 1 Councillor (Ireland)	CARRIED
#174/26	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve that properties, subject to 2025 Tax Recovery Notification List be offered for sale by way of public auction; and			
	That the auction be held in the Council Chambers of the Municipality on Thursday, September 17, 2026, at 2:00pm MDT in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Government Act, and that reserve bids for properties be set at their 2026 assessed values.			
		FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 1 Councillor (Ireland)	CARRIED
	Councillor Rodger returned to the meeting at 5:07pm.			
Jasper Off-Site Levies Bylaw 2026 #175/26	MOTION by Councillor Frechette – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the third time, Bylaw #276, being a bylaw of the Municipality of Jasper in the province of Alberta with respect to the determination and collection of off-site levies for the development or redevelopment of residential and non-residential properties within the Town of Jasper.			
		FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
	Councillor Hall did not participate in the vote as she was absent for the public hearing for the bylaw which took place March 24, 2026.			
JMHC Connaught Below Market Housing Loan Guarantee Bylaw #176/26	MOTION by Councillor Rodger – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the first time, Bylaw #278, being a bylaw of the Municipality of Jasper in the province of Alberta to authorize a loan guarantee for the Jasper Municipal Housing Corporation.			
		FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
#177/26	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the second time, Bylaw #278, being a bylaw of the Municipality of Jasper in the province of Alberta to authorize a loan guarantee for the Jasper Municipal Housing Corporation.			
		FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Wildfire Utility Repairs Phase 1: Water Service Line Valves #178/26	MOTION by Councillor Rodger – BE IT RESOLVED that Council amend the 2026 capital budget to include the Wildfire-Affected Utility Repairs – Phase 1 project at a total budget of \$2,015,000, funded as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disaster Recovery Program: \$1,505,000</li> <li>• Utility Capital Reserve: \$510,000.</li> </ul>			
		FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Purchase of 1249 Cabin Creek Drive #179/26	MOTION by Councillor Frechette – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the purchase of 1249 Cabin Creek Drive for \$355,000 as presented.			
		FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED

Notices of Motion     none

Councillor Reports     Councillor Frechette attended an Early Childhood/School Age Community Conversation last week and shared that residents were concerned with the low number of educational assistants at the local schools.

Councillor Waxer was in Edmonton last week for a three-day Alberta Seniors & Community Housing Association convention. She also attended the Jasper Pride & Ski Festival VIP event on Friday night.

Upcoming events     Council received a list of upcoming events for information.

Adjournment  
#180/26     MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that, there being no further business, the Regular Council meeting of April 21, 2026 be adjourned at 5:19pm.

FOR  
7 Councillors

AGAINST  
0 Councillors

CARRIED

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer