

Municipality of Jasper
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday, September 5, 2023 | 1:30 pm
 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 Rico Damota, Councillors Helen Kelleher-Empey, Kathleen Waxer, Scott Wilson, Ralph Melnyk, and Wendy Hall		
Absent	none		
Also present	Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance & Administration Christine Nadon, Director of Protective & Legislative Services Amanda Stevens, Communications Manager Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator Henry Penn & Laura Lynes, The Resilience Institute Peter Shokeir, The Fitzhugh Bob Covey, The Local 11 observers		
Call to order	Mayor Ireland called the September 5, 2023 Regular Council meeting to order at 1:30pm and began with a Traditional Land Acknowledgement including an acknowledgment of the change of name to the Otipemisiwak Métis and recognizing the establishment of the Jasper House District within the voting structure of the Otipemisiwak Métis.		
Additions/ Deletions to agenda #374/23	MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that Council add the following items to today’s agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10.1 In-camera - Strategic Communication 10.2 In-camera - Legal matter 6.8 Discussion on the 2022 Operating Surplus 		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of agenda #375/23	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the agenda for the September 5, 2023 Regular Council meeting as amended.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of Regular minutes #376/23	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the August 15, 2023 Regular Council meeting as presented.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of Committee of the Whole minutes #377/23	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the August 22, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of Legislative Committee minutes #378/23	MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the August 29, 2023 Legislative Committee meeting as presented.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Correspondence	none		

Delegations – Resilience Institute	Council received a presentation from Dr. Henry Penn and Laura Lynes of The Resilience Institute. The Municipality of Jasper is currently undertaking a Climate Risk Assessment (CRA) as part of The Municipal Climate Change Action Centre’s (MCCAC) Climate Resilience Capacity Building Program. The CRA will support the community in identifying and planning for climate hazards such as severe drought, high intensity rainfall, extreme heat, and severe storms. This work is being undertaken by The Resilience Institute (TRI) with the support of Associated Engineering (Associated).		
#379/23	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the presentation for information.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Rail Safety Week #380/23	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council proclaim the week of September 18-24, 2023 as Rail Safety Week.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA) Grant Application #381/23	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve an application to the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA) for grant funding toward a new ten-year Wildfire Mitigation Strategy.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
	Councillor Damota was not at the table for the vote but did return immediately following.		
September 26th Committee of the Whole Meeting Quorum & Alberta Municipalities Convention #382/23	MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that Council cancel the September 26, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting due to a lack of quorum.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Reallocation of Capital Funds #383/23	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the deletion of the purchase of a 4x4 1-ton pickup truck and a ¾ ton pickup truck, and reallocate capital funds to proceed with the purchase of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a new tractor and implements for winter sidewalk maintenance; and • a 10-ton dump truck for snow removal operations. 		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Jasper Recreation Complex Renovation Phase 2 Borrowing Bylaw 2023 2nd Reading #384/23	MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that Council give second reading to bylaw #256, the Jasper Recreation Complex Renovation Phase 2 Borrowing Bylaw 2023.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Wastewater Treatment Facilities Borrowing Bylaw 2023 2nd Reading #385/23	MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that Council give second reading to bylaw #255, the Wastewater Treatment Facilities Borrowing Bylaw 2023.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Recess	Mayor Ireland called a recess from 2:50-3:00pm.		

Director's Report – Finance & Administration	Council received a report from Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance & Administration, sharing highlights of the department's work including major projects in information technology; budget and planning; grant applications; business licensing; communications & engagement; and a summary of the operating budget to date.		
#386/23	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the report for information.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Discussion on the 2022 Operating Surplus	After receiving the Director's Report from the Director of Finance & Administration, Council was satisfied that a report would be coming forward to the September 12 th Committee of the Whole meeting which would provide a better opportunity for discussion regarding the operating surplus in the 2022 budget.		
Notices of Motion	none		
Councillor Reports	<p>Councillor Melnyk reported that the 2023 Homecoming hosted by the Museum was a success and thanked everyone at the Municipality who provided support. Mayor Ireland attended the reception at the Museum as well as the dinner at the Jasper Activity Centre.</p> <p>Mayor Ireland and Councillor Melnyk attended the 100th Anniversary celebration of Locomotive 6015.</p> <p>Last week Mayor Ireland met virtually with the Mayors of Banff & Canmore to discuss their ongoing initiative to pursue a tourism-based communities' designation from the Government of Alberta.</p> <p>Mayor Ireland and Councillor Waxer attended a celebration at the museum on August 24th to commemorate Ukrainian Independence Day and the history of Ukrainians in Jasper.</p>		
Upcoming events	Council received a list of upcoming events for information.		
In-camera #387/23	<p>MOTION by Councillor Hall to move in-camera at 5:18pm to discuss added agenda items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10.1 In-camera - Strategic Communication, FOIP s.27 • 10.2 In-camera - Legal matter, FOIP s.17 		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Move out of camera #388/23	MOTION by Councillor Wilson to move out of camera at 5:27pm.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Adjournment #389/23	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED that, there being no further business, the Regular Council meeting of September 5, 2023 be adjourned at 5:28pm.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer