

**Committee of the Whole Meeting**  
Tuesday, May 27, 2014  
Emergency Services Building Meeting Room

Present	Mayor Richard Ireland, Councillor Gilbert Wall, Councillor Dwain Wacko, Councillor Rico Damota, Peter Waterworth, Yvonne McNabb, Christine Nadon, Nicole Veerman – The Fitzhugh, Bob Covey – The Jasper Local
Absent	Deputy Mayor Brian Nesbitt, Councillor Helen Kelleher-Empey, Councillor Vonna Arsenault
Call to Order	The Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:42 a.m.
Additions & Approval of Agenda	6.4 Business Visitation Study – Councillor Wacko  MOTION by Councillor Damota that the agenda for today’s meeting be approved with the above addition. <span style="float:right">CARRIED</span>
Approval of Minutes	MOTION by Councillor Wacko that the minutes of the May 13, 2014 committee meeting be approved as presented. <span style="float:right">CARRIED</span>
Business Arising	Peter Waterworth indicated he will be meeting with the project contractor at the end of the week to discuss the status of the Exchange Lands.  Councillor Wacko inquired whether the trees planted along the CN railway last year were affected by drought. Mr. Waterworth reported that Parks Canada tree specialists indicated this past winter was a particularly dry one. The irrigation system installed last year is in operation, but the survival rate for new trees in Jasper is around 75%.
Jasper Park Cycling Association request	Yvonne McNabb informed councillors that the Culture and Recreation Board supports the Bike Skills Park project in principle, but identified cost and suitable land as areas of concern. Councillors discussed access, liability, funding and the Parks Canada land release process and associated costs. Councillors expressed support for the initiative in principle, and requested that the matter be added to next week’s regular meeting agenda to discuss land availability outside the town boundary and details of the municipal insurance policy.
Employee Housing	In addition to employee housing, Councillors discussed the need for community housing in general, which is perhaps the broader issue that needs to be addressed. Mr. Waterworth advised that discussions with Parks Canada regarding the library project housing requirements are upcoming. Councillor Wall suggested that housing is a complex issue, from staff accommodation to transitional housing for seniors. Mayor Ireland requested more information on how other communities manage employee housing, and for the matter to be brought back at a subsequent committee meeting.
Museum	Council received a three-year business plan from the Museum Manager at the last regular meeting. Councillors acknowledged the Municipality’s responsibility in

supporting the museum, but also suggested that the current way of doing business is inadequate. Financial statements are untenable, and have been for some time. Councillor Wacko suggested that Council extend an invitation to the Jasper Yellowhead Historical Society Board, through Councillor Arsenault, to meet and have an open conversation about the possibilities to remedy the situation.

Business  
Visitation  
Study

Councillor Wacko informed Council of an opportunity to provide input in a regional economic development study sponsored by Community Futures West Yellowhead.

Adjournment

There being no further business for Council, Mayor Ireland adjourned the meeting at 10:53 am.