

Committee of the Whole Meeting
Tuesday, September 9, 2014
Emergency Services Building Meeting Room

Present Mayor Richard Ireland, Deputy Mayor Gilbert Wall, Councillor Dwain Wacko, Councillor Rico Damota, Councillor Brian Nesbitt, Councillor Helen Kelleher-Empy, Mark Fercho, Alice Lettner, Christine Nadon, Nicole Veerman – The Fitzhugh

Absent Councillor Vonna Arsenault

Call to Order The Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:32 am.

Additions & Approval of Agenda 9.1 CAO Hiring Report – Councillor Wacko
9.2 Peter Loughheed Leadership Institute – Councillor Wacko
9.3 Jasper Heritage Rodeo – Councillor Damota

MOTION by Councillor Damota that the items above be added to today's agenda.
CARRIED

MOTION by Councillor Wacko that today's meeting agenda be approved as amended.
CARRIED

Approval of Minutes MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empy that the minutes of the August 26, 2014 committee meeting be approved as presented. CARRIED

Business Arising In response to a question from Councillor Wall, Mr. Fercho advised that discussions with Shaw on the Go WiFi project are in the preliminary stages, and that nothing is ready to be brought back to Council yet. The presentation published in the September 2, 2014 regular meeting agenda is for information only.

In response to a question from Councillor Wacko, Councillor Kelleher-Empy confirmed that the Cavell Nurses Trust group is aware of the difficulty of climbing Mt. Edith Cavell and that alternative hikes are being planned to accommodate everyone.

Jasper Legion Councillors discussed a request from the Jasper Royal Canadian Legion to become exempt of municipal taxes; Council's concern is whether it has the authority to accommodate such a request. Following a brief presentation by Mrs. Lettner, Council discussed facility use, liquor licensing, Municipal Government Act provisions, applicable regulations, community organization status, assessment types and institutional, commercial and provincial taxation processes.

Council agreed to have Mr. Fercho communicate with Legion representatives and inquire about how Council could accommodate the request within the existing legislation and regulations.

Brief Updates None

Goals and Objectives	Mr. Fercho will provide information to Council on the Goals and Objectives once he reviewed the Council Action Plan developed with Mr. Waterworth. Further discussions about the plan will be scheduled once this initial step is complete.
Boulevards	Council is anticipating a report from Director of Operations Bruce Thompson on boulevards. Councillor Nesbitt informed Council that the next Greenspace Advisory Committee meeting will be held on September 22, 2014 and that boulevards and soccer pitches are on the agenda.
CAO Recruiting Report	Council received a written report from Brenda Zinck on the CAO hiring process. The Human Resources Committee will convene after committee meeting to discuss handing the report to Administration for archival purposes.
Peter Lougheed Leadership Initiative	Mayor Ireland will meet with representatives from the Peter Lougheed Leadership Initiative while in Banff next week. Councillor Wacko expects the leadership program may be of assistance to Councillors to help overcome current challenges in our community.
Jasper Heritage Rodeo	Some Councillors did a walk-through of the arena this morning to observe the effects of the Jasper Heritage Rodeo on the facility; representatives of the rodeo committee were invited but did not attend. Council will receive a report from Director of Culture and Recreation Yvonne McNabb at a subsequent meeting.
Upcoming events	<p>Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators Executive Board Meeting – Mayor Ireland to have dinner with the board on Thursday, September 11.</p> <p>Mayor Ireland will be away on September 19; Councillor Kelleher-Empey will attend the Canadian Home Builders Association meeting in his absence.</p> <p>Mayor Ireland will not be attending the AUMA convention; an alternate will be designated and briefed to attend a meeting with the Banff and Canmore Mayors and CAOs.</p> <p>November 6, 2014 – No Stone Left Alone</p>
Adjournment	<p>MOTION by Councillor Damota that the meeting be adjourned at 10:55 am.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>