

**Committee of the Whole Meeting**  
Tuesday, February 10, 2015  
Emergency Services Building Meeting Room

Present	Richard Ireland, Vonna Arsenault, Dwain Wacko, Helen Kelleher-Empey, Gilbert Wall, Brian Nesbitt, Mark Fercho, Christine Nadon, Alice Lettner, Bruce Thompson, Mary Darling, Michael Lodge, Nicole Veerman
Absent	Rico Damota
Call to Order	Mayor Ireland called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.
Additions & Approval of Agenda	7.3 Wastewater Treatment Plant – Mark Fercho 7.4 Seniors Housing – Councillor Kelleher-Empey  MOTION by Deputy Mayor Wall to approve today’s agenda as amended. CARRIED
Approval of Minutes	MOTION by Councillor Arsenault to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2015 committee meeting as presented. CARRIED
Presentation	Mary Darling and Michael Lodge from Tourism Jasper presented Jasper’s new brand, <i>Venture Beyond</i> . The purpose of the new brand is to establish a clear vision for the Destination Marketing Organization and its stakeholders, differentiate Jasper from other Rocky Mountain towns and create a brand culture. Additional brand workshops will be held on February 25 (4:00 to 7:00pm) and February 26 (9:00am to 12:00 noon) at the Sawridge Inn and Conference Centre. Mayor Ireland requested a cost estimate for integrating the change in branding for the Municipality.
Recess	Mayor Ireland called a recess from 10:25 to 10:32 a.m.
Business Arising	Councillor Nesbitt expressed concerns with the fact that no boundaries were defined with regards to where a rodeo would have to be held in order to receive \$10K from Council. Mayor Ireland suggested that funds can be set aside in the operating budget, and conditions determined when the time to expend the funding comes.
Brief Updates Library Report	Mark Fercho reported that the project is progressing as per the project schedule released in December 2014. The next progress update will be provided at the March 10 committee meeting.
Christmas Office Closures	Mark Fercho reported that the pilot office closures over Christmas were well received by staff, and that only two transactions occurred during the closure. Given the low impact on service delivery and the positive response from staff, Mr. Fercho recommended that this become regular municipal practice moving forward.
Wastewater Treatment Plant	Bruce Thompson informed Council of the immediate need to purchase a UV treatment display unit and a septage screening unit for the Waste Water Treatment

Plant, and that funds in the utilities reserve may not be able to accommodate the full cost of the request. In answer to a question from Deputy Mayor Wall, Mr. Thompson indicated that planned capital asset replacements and a contingency fund for emergency repairs would be addressed in the upcoming Asset Management Plan, while responsibility for repairs associated with operation of the facility should be outlined in the service contract with United Water. Council will consider a request for decision to approve funding for the equipment at the February 17 regular meeting.

**Seniors Housing** Councillor Kelleher-Empey brought forward a resident's concern regarding the lack of transitional housing for seniors in the community. Councillors agreed that this matter would be better addressed by the Jasper Community Housing Corporation; Councillor Kelleher-Empey will encourage the resident to forward their concerns in writing to the board for consideration.

**Budget** Alice Lettner presented an updated 2015 Operating Budget, proposing a tax increase of 4.64%. The 0.33% increase in the proposed budget accommodates increases as per the new Collective Agreement as well as final figures for the cost of utilities. Councillors discussed the funding model for water, sewer and garbage rates, and the process in place to transfer funds from yearly operating budgets to reserves. Council will consider a request for decision on the 2015 Operating Budget at the February 17 regular meeting.

**Correspondence** Following a letter to the editor in the Fitzhugh regarding recycling programs, Council suggested that releasing information on the municipal recycling programs would be beneficial.

**In Camera Session** In order to discuss matters concerning FOIP, Councillor Nesbitt moved that the meeting move in camera at 12:01 pm. CARRIED

Councillor Wacko moved that Council revert to open meeting at 12:50 pm. CARRIED

**Adjournment** Councillor Nesbitt moved that, there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 12:51 pm. CARRIED