

Minutes	of the regular meeting of Council held Tuesday, January 6, 2015 in the ESB meeting room.		
Present	Mayor Richard Ireland Councillor Helen Kelleher-Empy Councillor Rico Damota	Deputy Mayor Gilbert Wall Councillor Brian Nesbitt Councillor Vonna Arsenault	
Absent	Councillor Dwain Wacko		
Also Present	Mark Fercho, CAO Alice Lettner, Dir. Finance & Admin Nicole Veerman, The Fitzhugh	Beryl Cahill, Admin. Officer Christine Nadon, Mgr Communications Greg Van Tighem, Dir., Protective Services	
Call to Order	The Mayor called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm		
Approval of Agenda #001/15	MOTION by Councillor Nesbitt – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda for the regular meeting of Tuesday, January 6, 2015 as presented.		
	FOR 6 councillors	AGAINST 0 councillors	CARRIED
Approval of Minutes #002/15	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empy – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Tuesday, December 16, 2014 as presented.		
	FOR 6 councillors	AGAINST 0 councillors	CARRIED
Business Arising	None		
Presentations	None		
Department Reports	None		
Bylaw Summary	Council received, for information purposes, a summary of bylaws currently in force, and those in their various stages of readings.		
Notice Council Mtg Calendar	Council received a proposal for a Council Meeting Calendar. The new format will allow a very visual calendar format to set dates for meetings for the full year, including when Council activities such as the AUMA and FCM conferences are occurring, as well as budget meetings and Organizational meeting date. The proposed calendar will be brought forward at the January 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2015 regular meeting for approval, amendment or rejection. The proposed calendar can be viewed in the agenda package on the Municipality’s website.		
2015 Operating Budget	MOTION by Councillor Arsenault – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the 2015 Operating Budget as presented for a total budget of \$14,416,589. with tax support of \$6,837,977 representing a tax increase of 4.37%.		
	Council discussed various aspects of the proposed budget such as impact on departments, restricted funds, replacement costs, and the sustainable long-term budgeting model that the Municipality will be getting into this year. Council also discussed the merits of passing an interim budget at this time. Councillor Arsenault agreed to a friendly amendment proposed by Deputy Mayor Wall.		
#003/15	MOTION by Councillor Arsenault – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the 2015 Operating Budget as presented, as an interim budget, for a total budget amount of \$14,416,589 with tax support of \$6,837,977 representing a tax increase of 4.37%.		
	FOR 6 councillors	AGAINST 0 councillors	CARRIED
Jasper Dispatch Services #004/15	MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the Municipality to enter into the attached Memorandum of Understanding with Parks Canada for Jasper Dispatch Services.		
	FOR	AGAINST	

6 councillors

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Correspondence None

Other New Business None

Councillors' Reports Councillor Arsenault advised that she had assisted the Museum board with their inventory, and will attend tonight's board meeting. Three newly appointed members will join the Library board this evening.

Information Items Council received a letter from the Seniors' Society thanking Council for its donation of \$750 from the 2014 pancake breakfast revenue.

Upcoming events A list of upcoming events was available in the agenda package for today's meeting. Councillor Kelleher-Empey advised that a Community Futures meeting will be held shortly.

Mayor Ireland thanked all staff for their help with the recent bus accident that happened on January 5<sup>th</sup>.

Adjournment #005/15 MOTION by Councillor Nesbitt – BE IT RESOLVED THAT, there being no further business, the regular meeting of Tuesday, January 6, 2015 be adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

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6 councillors

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0 councillors

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Mayor

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