

**Committee of the Whole Meeting**  
 Tuesday, February 23, 2016  
 Emergency Services Building Meeting Room

Present	Mayor Richard Ireland, Deputy Mayor Helen Kelleher-Empy, Councillors Vonna Arsenault, Dwain Wacko, Gilbert Wall, Rico Damota	
Absent	Councillor Brian Nesbitt	
Also Present	Mark Fercho, Bruce Thompson, Yvonne McNabb, Dave Osborne, Neil Jones, Christine Nadon, Paul Clarke – The Fitzhugh	
Call to Order	Deputy Mayor Kelleher-Empy called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.	
Additions to Agenda	11.5 In Camera session – HR matter (Councillor Damota)	
Approval of Agenda	Motion by Councillor Wall to approve the agenda as amended.	CARRIED
Approval of Minutes	Motion by Mayor Ireland to approve the February 9, 2016 committee meeting minutes as presented.	CARRIED
Business Arising	None	
Jasper Skateboard Park	<p>At the last regular meeting, Council received a presentation by the Jasper Skatepark Committee, seeking support to improve the current facility. Their request included the designation a permanent site, support fundraising efforts, and identification of a municipal staff member to liaise with the group.</p> <p>Finding a site that can accommodate the required infrastructure (namely drainage), provide enough visibility and community involvement to keep the area inviting, and the possibility of co-locating the skateboard park with a bike skills park are areas of concern. Mr. Fercho will designate a staff member to work with the group, and find answers to Council's questions around site selection and other concerns.</p>	
Water System Report	Mr. Thompson provided an information report on the regulations surrounding the municipal water system, including water testing and risk management. The Municipality of Jasper is subject to provincial and federal regulations.	
Sidewalk Seating – Public Survey	Ms. Nadon presented an overview of the results of an online survey conducted earlier this year on the 2015 Sidewalk Seating Pilot Project. Residents are generally in favour of the initiative, and highlighted areas of concern including pedestrian traffic flow, cleanliness, appearance of sidewalk seating areas and business equity. Complete survey results and a summary document are available on the municipal website.	

Sidewalk Seating – Business Survey	Mr. Osborne presented the results of an online survey completed by participating businesses, and indicated that restauranteurs felt the program was worthwhile and would like to see it continue in 2016. Complete survey results and a summary document are available on the municipal website.
Commercial Use of Public Space	Mr. Fercho presented the initial draft of a Commercial Use of Public Space Bylaw, which would regulate activities such as sidewalk seating, farmers’ markets, busking, mobile vendors and special events, and set the fee structure for each permit. Details for each activity would be included in the permits, allowing more flexibility to adapt to different circumstances. Mr. Fercho requested input from Council on the draft bylaw, and will also consult with lawyers and with Parks Canada prior to another review by Council. The goal is to enact the bylaw prior to the upcoming summer season. One area of concern is whether retailers should also have the opportunity to use public land for commercial purposes, as opposed to restaurants only.
Community & Economic Dev. Funds	Council discussed the proposed policy and administrative procedures, which will be considered for approval at the March 1 regular meeting. Councillors discussed eligibility criteria and financial documents required for each application.
East End Bus Society	Mayor Ireland received correspondence from a group of seniors who will be visiting Jasper on Wednesday, June 8. Their visit may coincide with Seniors Week (to be confirmed) and is an opportunity to build connections with Jasper seniors.
Council Rep. on Boards	Councillor Arsenault attended a municipal library board meeting, and will be attending a regional library meeting in Spruce Grove.  Councillor Wall informed councillors that the Evergreens Foundation issued an RFP for the Edson project, which is a significant step forward.
Upcoming Events	Jasper Partnership Meeting, March 16
Next Chair	Councillor Wall will chair the March 8 Committee of the Whole meeting.
In Camera HR (FOIP)	Motion by Mayor Ireland to move in-camera to discuss an HR matter at 11:48 a.m. CARRIED
Revert to Open Mtg	Motion by Councillor Wacko that Council revert to open meeting at 12:14 p.m. CARRIED
Adjournment	Motion by Mayor Ireland that, there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 12:14 p.m. CARRIED