

Minutes Of the regular meeting of Council of the Municipality of Jasper held Tuesday, April 19, 2016 in the meeting room of the Emergency Services Building.

Present Deputy Mayor Helen Kelleher-Empy Councillor Vonna Arsenault
 Councillor Dwain Wacko Councillor Rico Damota
 Councillor Gilbert Wall Councillor Brian Nesbitt

Absent Mayor Richard Ireland

Also present Mark Fercho, CAO Christine Nadon, Communications Mgr.
 Natasha Malenchak, Dir., Finance & Admin Martha Fleming, Human Resources Mgr.
 Yvonne McNabb, Dir., Culture & Rec. Kathleen Waxer, Dir., CFS
 Janet Cooper, Env. Stewardship Coordinator Greg Van Tighem, Dir., Protective Services
 Troy Birtles, Accurate Assessment Services Michael Epp, Auditor
 Paul Clark, Reporter, The Fitzhugh

Call to Order Deputy Mayor Kelleher-Empy called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Approval of Agenda #056/16 MOTION by Councillor Nesbitt – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda for the regular meeting of Tuesday, April 19, 2016 as presented.
 FOR 6 councillors AGAINST 0 councillors Carried

Approval of Minutes #057/16 MOTION by Councillor Wall – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Tuesday, April 5, 2016 as presented.
 FOR 6 councillors AGAINST 0 councillors Carried

Presentations Council received a presentation from Michael Epp, Auditor with Hawkings Dumont on the 2015 audit recently conducted by his company. In the opinion of the auditor, the Municipality has received a clean report. Some discussion took place on revenue, expenses, annual surplus, net financial assets, and results which are consistent with budget.

Recess Deputy Mayor Kelleher-Empy called for a two-minute recess at 2:08 p.m.

Meeting reconvenes Deputy Mayor Kelleher-Empy reconvened the meeting at 2:11 p.m.

Assessor Troy Birtles Council received a presentation from Troy Birtles, assessor with Accurate Assessment Group who provided an overview of the assessment process and a list of dates by which various assessment process will take place. Mr. Birtles advised that Council that there will be a slight increase in the non-resident assessment base (1%) due to increases in revenues for hotels. Some discussion on commercial assessment, home accommodations, monthly and nightly rentals, and the method by which they are assessed.

Recess Deputy Mayor Kelleher-Empy called for a five minute recess at 2:44 p.m.

Meeting reconvenes Deputy Mayor Kelleher-Empy reconvened the meeting at 2:49 p.m.

Business Arising From Minutes Deputy Mayor Kelleher-Empy advised Council that the Museum is working on their business plan which will be presented to the Museum board on May 9th. Presentation to Council will occur after acceptance by the Museum board. No specific date at this time.

Department
Reports
Cult/Rec Report

Council received the written report of the Culture and Recreation Director for information purposes. In her report, Yvonne McNabb highlighted installation of the water treatment system at the Arena and the difficulty being experienced in finding contractors to do the work. The Pool shutdown is in progress, with work on the air handling unit and the very old infrastructure. Mrs. McNabb thanked the staff for their help with the recently held Volunteer Appreciation Banquet. Sports field repairs are completed and waiting for approval from Minor Sports on whether they are satisfied with the work.

CFS Report

Council received the written report of the CFS Director for information purposes. In her report, Kathleen Waxer highlighted the recently developed Diversity project, the Go Girl conference, activities of the Collaborative Action Teams, and work with the seniors' society in writing funding proposals and a calendar of events for the Fitzhugh.

Councillor Brian Nesbitt suggested that the new CAT structure enables better documentation of emerging trends, allowing CFS to respond very positively.

Protective
Services

Council received the written report of the Protective Services Director for information purposes. In his report, Greg Van Tighem highlighted the upcoming FireSmart initiative with a work bee in the Aspen Gardens area, behind Bear Hill Lodge, and a batch of vegetation between homes and Pyramid Lake Road. No date yet but will happen in late May. Work will also be done at Lake Edith. Also, on May 18th, a Beetle and fire protection presentation will be held in an Open House format. The new fire truck is now in operation.

Bylaw Summary

Council received, for information purposes, a list of bylaws currently in force in the Municipality, and those in their various stages of readings.

Bylaw #193
Commercial Use
of Public Space
3rd reading
#058/16

MOTION by Councillor Arsenault – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council give third and final reading to Bylaw #193, being a bylaw of the Municipality of Jasper in the Province of Alberta, to control and regulate the use of streets and public spaces in the Municipality, and to restrict and regulate activities on, adjacent, or near streets and public spaces. NB. Parks Canada certification has been received.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 councillors	0 councillors	Carried

FCM Resolution
by City of Victoria
re. Federal Bill of
Environmental
Rights
#059/16

MOTION by Councillor Arsenault – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council support the following resolution passed by the City of Victoria Council on January 14, 2016 as follows:

“THAT (The City of Victoria) Council endorse the following resolution for consideration at the 2016 Annual Convention of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, requesting that the motion be considered by delegates at the Annual Convention in Winnipeg, rather than referred to Directors at a Board meeting, in order to encourage debate among representatives from all member local governments;

AND THAT Council direct staff to forward the resolution to all members of local governments of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities requesting favourable consideration and resolution of support;

AND WHEREAS municipalities are the governments that are nearest to the people and the natural environment and understand that a health environment is inextricably linked to the health of individuals, families, future generations and communities;

AND WHEREAS federal policy affects municipalities' abilities to deliver the best environmental conditions for their citizens, including protecting the natural assets such as air, water and soil, and enhancing community quality of life;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT FCM requests that the Government of Canada enact federal environmental rights legislation that:

- Recognizes the right of every resident to live in a health environment, including the right to clean air, clean water, safe food and resilient, fully functioning ecosystems;
- Provides for public participation in decision-making on issues regarding the environment and access to environmental information;
- Provides access to justice when environmental rights are infringed, and
- Includes provisions for whistle-blower protection.

AND THAT Council requests the Mayor to write to the Federal Government regarding the resolution."

FOR	AGAINST	
6 councillors	0 councillors	Carried

Waiver of Notice
Cancellation of
Cmtee-of-Whole
meeting May
10/16
#060/16

MOTION by Councillor Wacko – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council agree to waive the two week notice period in order to cancel the May 10th 2016 committee-of-the-whole meeting so that emergency services training my take place.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 councillors	0 councillors	Carried

Cancellation of
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MOTION by Councillor Wall – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council agree to cancel the May 10th, 2016 committee-of-the-whole meeting in order for emergency services training to take place.

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6 councillors	0 councillors	Carried

Notice
Speed Zone
Changes

Council gave notice that, at the next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 3rd, 2016, Council will be requested to consider changes to certain speed zones for approval, amendment or rejection.

New business

Councillor Damota requested that council remuneration and election processes for 2017 be added to the next committee meeting scheduled for April 26th, 2016. Councillor Kelleher-Empey requested that the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway AGM in May in Edmonton be added to the COW agenda, together with any resolutions to be brought forward.

Councillors’
reports

Councillor Arsenaault attended the recently held Volunteer Appreciation Banquet with other councilors, a meeting of the Yellowhead Library committee, and will attend the May 10th Council meeting where the Mayor will give his “State of the Municipality” report.

Councillor Wacko a recently held Culture & Recreation Board meeting where one of the members asked whether the board was filling its role. The Board will be reviewing its terms of reference soon. Councillor Wacko will also attend a Seniors’ Collaborative Action Team meeting.

Councillor Damota will attend upcoming Communities in Bloom meetings starting soo, as well as Jasper Community Housing Committee meeting on May 27.

Deputy Mayor Kelleher-Empey attended an Economic Development conference in Kannaskis, a museum meeting, a community futures meeting, the Volunteer Appreciation Banquet, a conference call with the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association. She will also attend a museum board meeting this evening, and will attend a meeting of the Community Futures Board next Thursday.

Information Items	Upcoming Events – April 21 – Assessment Open House – Gallery Mtg Room 4-6 pm April 21 – NETMA meeting Apr 30 Rugby Tournament – Pedal Bike Decorating Contest May 3 – GPRC Culinary School meeting – 10-12 noon May 6 – Jasper High School Cap & Gown – Mayor to attend May 10 – Chamber of Commerce dinner meeting May 18 – Fire and Beetle presentation
FOIP matter Council moves in camera #062/16	MOTION by Councillor Wall – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council move in camera to discuss a FOIP matter at 3:55 p.m. FOR 6 councillors AGAINST 0 councillors Carried
Council reverts to open meeting #063/16	MOTION by Councillor Arsenault – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council revert to open meeting at 4:40 p.m. FOR 6 councillors AGAINST 0 councillors Carried
Adjournment #064/16	MOTION by Councillor Nesbitt – BE IT RESOLVED THAT, there being no further business, Council agrees to adjourned the regular meeting at 4:41 p.m. FOR 6 councillors AGAINST 0 councillors Carried

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer