Minutes of the regular meeting of the Municipal Council of July 19, 2016 in the Jasper Library and

Cultural Centre.

Present Mayor Richard Ireland, Councillor Helen Kelleher-Empey

Councillor Vonna Arsenault Dep. Mayor Rico Damota Councillor Dwain Wacko Councillor Brian Nesbitt

Absent Councillor Gilbert Wall

Also present Mark Fercho, CAO Beryl Cahill, Administrative Officer

Christine Nadon, Communications Manager: Paul Clarke, The Fitzhugh

Martha Fleming, Human Resources Manager Gord Hutton, Grounds Manager

Janet Cooper, Env. Stewardship Coordinator

Cathy Jenkins, Municipal; Services Mgr., Parks Canada

Former JID Board and Council members - Gloria Kongsrud, Brenda Zinck,

Mike Day, John Ogilvy, David Baker, Videographer

Hugh Lecky, Tekarra Colour photography Former Municipal Manager George Krefting

Former Municipal Realty Services Manager, Parks Canada, Barry Romanko

Leo Arsenault

Call to order The Mayor called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

Additions None

Approval of Agenda

MOTION by Councillor Arsenault – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda

for the July 19, 2016 regular meeting as presented.

#108/16 FOR AGAINST

6 councillors 0 councillors Carried

Approval of Minutes MOTION by Councillor Nesbitt – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the minutes

of the July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 regular meeting as presented.

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Presentation 15<sup>th</sup> Anni-versary of Municipality Of Jasper Mayor Ireland advised those present that today, July 19<sup>th</sup>, is the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Municipality of Jasper, and provided some history on the vote for local government in 2001. The Mayor recognized a number of retired councillors who were present and who were instrumental in attaining local governance in Jasper: Gloria Kongsrud, Brenda Zinck, John Ogilvy, Mike Day, and retired Municipal Manager

George Krefting.

The Mayor advised that videographer David Baker will be filming today's Council meeting in its entirety.

Also of note is the fact that today's meeting was the first time the Municipal Council has held a regular public meeting in the new Library and Cultural Centre.

Mayor Ireland also indicated that the Municipality will hold a "soft opening" with tenants on Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, followed by a grand opening on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Gloria Kongsrud and Brenda Zinck expressed their delight with the new facility. Cathy Jenkins expressed gratitude, on behalf of Supt. Alan Fehr, for the great working relationship between the Municipality and Parks Canada.

Mayor Ireland also recognized former Municipal Realty Services Manager Barry Romanko.

Recess Council recessed at 1:40 pm in order for formal photographs to be taken by Hugh Lecky.

Meeting Reconvened The meeting was reconvened by the Mayor at 1:50 pm.

Business Arising from Minutes

No business arose from the minutes of the July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 regular meeting.

Department Reports Env. St/ship

Council received, for information purposes, a written report from the Environmental Stewardship Coordinator. In her report, Janet Cooper highlighted the mountain pine beetle programme, the recently awarded Environmental Stewardship awards, work continuing in the recycling programme at the campgrounds, the local Food Society activities, amongst others. The full report can be viewed on the Municipality's website www.jasper-alberta.com.

# Finance &

Council received, for information purposes, a written report from the Director of Administration Finance and Administration. In her report, Natasha Malenchak highlighted the administration office renovations taking place, the relocation of various employees to other spaces in the facilities, funding for capital projects, and MSI funding amongst other. Mayor Ireland requested details of why the assessor made adjustments on commercial appeals. Mrs. Malenchak will discuss this further with the assessor. The full Finance and Administration report can be viewed on the Municipality's website www.jasper-alberta.com.

### Exchange Lands update

Grounds Manager Gord Hutton provided Council with an update on the exchange lands (junior/senior high school land and the bowling green), indicating that the majority of the subgrading work is complete, and trenching for power and irrigation is ongoing. CAO Mark Fercho advised Council that this area will not be a full soccer pitch, rather a permanent piece of flat grass and more like the bowling green used to be.

#### Human Resources

Council received a verbal report from the Manager of Human Resources. Martha Fleming reported that there have been 25 job postings to date in 2016, and 15 since the last reporting period. A number of applications have been received for the Assistant Fire Chief position, with more expected by the end of today. Ms. Fleming congratulated Peter Merkley on his promotion to Driver Solid Waste full-time, and advised Council that Randall Riddell, who occupied the term position as Facility Programmer, has now left the Municipality's employ on the return of Barb Dyck to her full-time position.

The Human Resources Manager reported that a policy on respectful workplace was passed recently. The Municipality was invited to participate, along with other members of the AUMA in a wage and compensation survey. Results will be available to all participating communities in September at no charge.

#### Bylaw **Summary**

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

## RFD JAG & **IOTAD** lease fee exemption

MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council approve the request from It Only Takes a Dream (IOTAD) for six months of lease fee exemption for July to December 2016, and six months of lease fee deferral with interest for January to June 2017, repaid in instalments beginning January 2018;

2. Council approve the request from the Jasper Artists Guild (JAG) for one month of lease fee exemptions.

Councillor Wacko indicated that, due to a pecuniary interest with his wife's art business, and under section 172 of the Municipal Government Act, he would stay for the discussion but not participate, and remove himself from the vote on the JAG portion of the voting if one takes place.

Discussion took place on the above request with the CAO updating Council on the current leases with the two groups in the new library, advising that leases were negotiated when the building was completed. New letters were then received from the groups – one from JAG requesting a one-month lease fee exemption, and from IOTAD requesting a six-month exemption.

Motion Withdrawn Due to the extended delays caused by the contractors on this facility and the potential of legal action, Council was not in agreement with the above motion. Councillor Kelleher-Empey withdrew the motion.

Naming of Library #110/16 MOTION by Councillor Wacko – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council agree to name the renovated old RCMP detachment and former library, and new additions that now comprise the new library building complex, the "Jasper Library and Cultural Centre".

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Correspondence None

Other New Business None

Councillors' Reports

Councillor Damota thanked everyone for attending the Communities in Bloom activities, indicating that the community looked beautiful, and also congratulated Bruce Thompson and his team for doing the follow-up cleaning of streets every week.

Mayor Ireland advised that he attended a meeting of the Jasper Community Housing Corporation on July 12<sup>th</sup> where an applicant was selected to do the preliminary planning for proposed developments at Pine and Turret, and also on Parcel GH. The Mayor had also attended another meeting on changes to the Municipal Government Act the previous week.

Information Items Upcoming events: July 21 – PDAC meeting – Skate Park and Bike Skills Park -

CAO to attend this meeting which will be on rezoning

and discretionary permits.

Adjournment #111/16

MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED THAT, there being no further

business, the meeting be adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

FOR AGAINST

6 councillors 0 councillors Carried

Mayo
Chief Administrative Office