

Municipality of Jasper  
**Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**  
Tuesday, January 29, 2019 | 8:00 am  
Council Chambers, Jasper Library & Cultural Centre

Present	Mayor Richard Ireland, Deputy Mayor Jenna McGrath, Councillors Helen Kelleher-Empey, Scott Wilson, Rico Damota, Bert Journault and Paul Butler
Also Present	Mark Fercho, Chief Administrative Officer Christine Nadon, Legislative Services Manager Kayla Byrne, Legislative Services Coordinator Yvonne McNabb, Director of Culture and Recreation Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance and Administration Janet Cooper, Environmental Stewardship Coordinator John Greathead, Director of Operations Ross Derksen, Operations Services Manager Gord Hutton, Buildings and Asset Manager Marc Chalifoux, Utilities Manager Derek Prue, WPHA (presenter) Ron White, WSHL (presenter) Fuchsia Dragon, the Fitzhugh Craig Gilbert, the Fitzhugh 2 observers
Call to Order	Deputy Mayor McGrath called the meeting to order at 8:12 am.
Additions to agenda	Council added the following items to today's agenda: -4.2 Deliberative Matter – Intergovernmental matters -4.3 Deliberative Matter – Intergovernmental matters
Approval of Agenda	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey to approve the agenda for January 29, 2019 as amended. <span style="float: right;">CARRIED</span>
In Camera	MOTION by Mayor Ireland to move in camera at 8:14 am. <span style="float: right;">CARRIED</span>
Revert to Open Meeting	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey to revert to open meeting at 9:25 am. <span style="float: right;">CARRIED</span>
Recess	Deputy Mayor McGrath called a recess from 9:25 am to 9:33 am.
Approval of Minutes	MOTION by Councillor Wilson to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2019 meeting as presented. <span style="float: right;">CARRIED</span>
Presentation: Jasper Jr. Hockey	Derek Prue of the Western Provinces Hockey Association and Ron White of the Western States Hockey League presented information on their proposal for the implementation of a Junior A hockey team in Jasper. The presentation focused on competitive and community advantages. Mr. Prue and Mr. White also discussed the next steps for their proposal.

Councillors inquired about the quality of the arena, ice time, the local impact of a Jasper Junior A team, financial commitments, and timelines for making decisions pertaining to this proposal.

Recess

Deputy Mayor McGrath called a recess from 10:20 am to 10:27 am.

Brief Updates:  
C&R Services &  
Facilities Review

Administration presented updates to the proposed RFP scope of work for the culture and recreation services and facilities review. Councillors suggested edits to the purpose and methodology of the RFP scope of work.

The Community and Family Services (CFS) Department is also preparing to conduct a review of its services. It was noted CFS runs numerous culture and recreation programs; duplications of reviews should be avoided. Mr. Fercho confirmed he is working with Mrs. Waxer, Director of CFS, to create the RFP for the review.

Councillors and administration noted the necessity of determining the level of public engagement for this review.

This item will return for further discussion at the next committee of the whole meeting.

Studded Bicycle  
Tire Rebate  
Program

Mrs. Cooper presented updates to the request for decision regarding a studded tire rebate program. Councillors suggested edits to the administration of the program. This item will return for decision at the next regular council meeting.

Policy F-012

Ms. Nadon presented updates to Policy F-012: Proclamations, Letter of Support and Flag Raising Requests. Regarding external letter of support requests, council indicated it was in favour of supporting these requests in principle at a regular or committee meeting. This item will return for decision at the next regular meeting.

Operations  
Operating and  
Capital Budget

Administration presented highlights of the 2019 operating budget and the new proposed 2019 capital requests for the Operations Department.

Administration provided answers to councillors' questions regarding capital requests. The S-Block parking lot request will return for decision at the next regular meeting. The train engine relocation will remain in the capital request "parking lot" for now; it was also noted Parks Canada requested the train be removed prior to the start of its summer programs which are hosted at the Old Fire Hall. The Patricia and Willow intersection regrading request will also remain in the capital request "parking lot" for the time being.

Meeting extension

MOTION by Mayor Ireland to extend today's meeting at 12:04 pm.

CARRIED

Recess

Deputy Mayor McGrath called a recess at 12:25 pm to 12:33 pm.

Mayor Ireland

Mayor Ireland left the meeting at 12:25 pm.

Following discussions on capital requests, administration provided answers to councillors' questions regarding the Operations Department's proposed operating budget.

Intergov. Forum Agenda	Council discussed agenda items for the upcoming intergovernmental forum and who will sponsor those items.
Correspondence: Alberta Emerald Award Nomination	Council received a request from the Mountain Pine Beetle Ecology Program to provide a letter of recommendation to accompany its nomination of the TRIA Network for an Alberta Emerald Award. With no objections from council, a letter of recommendation will be granted.
Minister's Awards for Municipal Excellence	Council received notice of a call for nominations for the annual Minister's Awards for Municipal Excellence.
Education Symposium	Council received an invitation to attend the Alberta Rural Education Symposium in March.
Other New Business	Councillor Damota inquired about lobbying opportunities and other options for councillors regarding alternate sources of revenue and possible changes to land rent for the Municipality of Jasper. Councillors suggested this item could be included in council's strategic priorities.  Councillor Butler requested the 2018-2019 arena schedule.
Council Representation	Councillor Journault will participate in a teleconference call for the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association.  Councillor Damota will attend a Traffic Advisory Committee meeting. Traffic flow in the community and potential speed zone changes will be discussed.  Deputy Mayor McGrath will be absent from the February 5 regular council meeting. Councillor Kelleher-Empey will attend a Jasper Municipal Library Board on Deputy Mayor McGrath's behalf.
Upcoming Events	Council received a list of upcoming events.
In Camera	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey to return in camera at 1:27 pm.
Recess	Deputy Mayor Mcgrath called a recess from 1:27 pm to 1:33 pm.
Revert to open meeting	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey to revert to open meeting at 1:44 pm. CARRIED
Adjournment	MOTION by Councillor Journault that, there being no further business, the meeting of January 29, 2019 be adjourned at 1:45 pm. CARRIED