

Municipality of Jasper
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 25, 2020 | 9:30 am
Quorum Room, Jasper Library & Cultural Centre

Present	Mayor Richard Ireland, Deputy Mayor Jenna McGrath, Councillors Paul Butler, Scott Wilson and Bert Journault
Absent	Councillors Helen Kelleher-Empey and Rico Damota
Also Present	Mark Fercho, Chief Administrative Officer Christine Nadon, Legislative Services Manager Kayla Byrne, Legislative Services Coordinator Jake Courtepatte, Fitzhugh
Call to Order	Deputy Mayor McGrath called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.
Additions to the Agenda	Council agreed to add the following in camera item to today's agenda: - 12.2 Land Matter
Approval of Agenda	MOTION by Councillor Journault to approve the agenda for February 25, 2020 as amended. CARRIED
Approval of Minutes	MOTION by Councillor Journault to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2020 meeting as presented. CARRIED
Property Tax Receivable	<p>Regarding an outstanding property tax receivable from the province, Councillors indicated their support in principle for retaining the outstanding amount as a receivable and discussed the possibility of recouping costs by paying lower rent payments to the province for municipal use of the provincial building downtown. Administration will craft a draft letter outlining this recuperation proposal.</p> <p>Councillors inquired if a resolution could be made at the 2020 FCM conference regarding constitutional recognition for municipalities. Administration will check the deadline to submit resolutions.</p> <p>Councillors requested more clarity regarding the 5:1 tax rates ratio, as legislated in the Municipal Government Act.</p> <p>This item will return at the next regular Council meeting.</p>
Jasper Streetlight LED Conversion Option	<p>Administration reiterated that the streetlight conversion option offered by ATCO would only replace the current invested high pressure sodium lights. Councillors inquired about how many streetlights would not be included in the conversion option; and inquired about a more holistic street light plan that would also incorporate the street lights on Connaught Drive.</p> <p>This will return for further discussion at a committee of the whole meeting.</p>

Commemoration Park Electrical Sketch	<p>Administration presented a plan for what the electrical system for Commemoration Park could look like. Councillors asked clarifying questions and inquired about user fees. Administration noted it is still inquiring about more funding for this project.</p> <p>This item will return for further consideration at a future meeting.</p>
Correspondence: Municipal Response to HI	<p>Council reviewed the response letter which was sent to Hostelling International regarding property taxation for the organization's Sleepy Hollow Road property.</p>
New Business	<p>Councillor McGrath received feedback from residents regarding the toy machine in the lobby of the Activity Centre; some residents would like to see the machine removed. Councillor McGrath will share a letter she received from a resident regarding the machine.</p>
Councillor Reports	<p>Mayor Ireland and Councillor Wilson will attend a West Yellowhead Waste Management Authority meeting.</p> <p>Councillor McGrath will attend the Rural Education Symposium in Edmonton and will attend a GYPSD Community Engagement Session.</p> <p>Mayor Ireland will give remarks at the 2020 Alberta and Northwest Territories Lifeguard Emergency Response Championships.</p>
Upcoming Events	<p>Council received a list of upcoming events.</p>
In Camera	<p>MOTION by Mayor Ireland to move in camera at 10:27 am to discuss agenda item 12.1 Deliberative Matter: Boards and Committees Discussion – FOIP, S. 22. CARRIED</p>
Revert to Open Meeting	<p>MOTION by Councillor Butler to revert to open meeting at 12:37 pm. CARRIED</p>
Adjournment	<p>MOTION by Mayor Ireland that, there being no further business, the meeting of February 25, 2020 be adjourned at 12:37 pm. CARRIED</p>