

Municipality of Jasper
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 28, 2020 | 9:30 am

Electronic Meeting	The April 28, 2020 regular meeting was conducted virtually through Zoom. All meeting attendees participated or observed by electronic means.
Present	Mayor Richard Ireland, Deputy Mayor Helen Kelleher-Empey, Councillors Paul Butler, Bert Journault, Scott Wilson, Jenna McGrath and Rico Damota
Also present	Mark Fercho, Chief Administrative Officer Christine Nadon, Legislative Services Manager Kayla Byrne, Legislative Services Coordinator Greg Van Tighem, Director of Protective Services James Jackson, Tourism Jasper Fuchsia Dragon, Fitzhugh 44 staff members and observers
Call to order	Mayor Ireland called the meeting to order at 9:32 am.
Additions to the Agenda #120/20	MOTION by Councillor Journault – BE IT RESOLVED that Council add the following items to today’s agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4.2 Tourism Jasper Visitor Economy Update
	FOR 7 Councillors AGAINST 0 Councillors CARRIED
Approval of agenda #121/20	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the agenda for the regular meeting of April 28, 2020 as amended.
	FOR 7 Councillors AGAINST 0 Councillors CARRIED
Approval of regular minutes #122/20	MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the April 21, 2020 regular Council meeting as presented.
	FOR 7 Councillors AGAINST 0 Councillors CARRIED
ECC Update	<p>The Director of Emergency Management, Greg Van Tighem, reiterated the ECC is virtually operating under a partial activation; municipal staff currently involved in the ECC are doing so on a part-time basis, and continue to perform their regular duties.</p> <p>Emergency Social Services (ESS), a branch under the municipal ECC, continues to focus on the social impact of the pandemic on the community through numerous programs.</p> <p>The ECC will continue updating its objectives as warranted. A new objective is to provide weekly ECC updates to the public.</p>

The ECC and other community partners, such as Parks Canada, RCMP and Tourism Jasper, are working together to remind visitors now is not the time to visit Jasper.

Councillors asked clarifying questions and requested that an ESS activity report be presented at the next meeting.

Tourism Jasper presentation	Tourism Jasper provided a visitor economy update, highlighting the drop in tourism and what to expect moving forward. General Manager James Jackson also said Tourism Jasper ceased all promotional activity several weeks ago. The organization is encouraging visitors to stay home.
Recess	Mayor Ireland called a recess from 10:45 am until 11:00 am.
Bylaw Summary	Council received a list of bylaws currently in force and those in various stages of readings.
Economic Recovery Task Force Terms of Reference	Council and Administration are still drafting terms of reference for the COVID-19 Economic Recovery Task Force. This item will return for further discussion and consideration at the next Council meeting.
COVID-19 Budget Reductions and Required Service Reductions	<p>The newly established Budget Review Committee has met several times to discuss service cuts required to decrease the municipal budget by \$982,000.</p> <p>This agenda item was deferred until the next Council meeting, where the committee is scheduled to present its recommendations.</p>
Provincial Extensions – Municipal Affairs	Council received notice from the Government of Alberta regarding several provincial deadline extensions. Of note for the residents of Jasper is the property assessment appeal deadline, which has been extended until July 1.
Councillor Reports	<p>Councillor McGrath has been attending the weekly COVID-19 Community Conversations and attended a Jasper Community Team Society meeting.</p> <p>Councillor Kelleher-Empey attended an IRC meeting for Community Futures. The sub-committee will be meeting again to discuss a new federal loan initiative for businesses.</p> <p>Councillor Damota and Mayor Ireland attended a Jasper Partnership Initiative meeting, where the Economic Recovery Task Force was discussed.</p>

Adjournment
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MOTION by Councillor Journault – BE IT RESOLVED that, there being no further business, the regular meeting of April 28, 2020 be adjourned at 11:18 am.

FOR
7 Councillors

AGAINST
0 Councillors

CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer