

Municipality of Jasper
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 19, 2020 | 9:30 am

Electronic Meeting	The May 19, 2020 regular meeting was conducted virtually through Zoom. All meeting attendees participated or observed by electronic means.		
Present	Mayor Richard Ireland, Councillors Paul Butler, Bert Journault, Helen Kelleher-Empey, Jenna McGrath and Rico Damota		
Absent	Deputy Mayor Scott Wilson		
Also present	Mark Fercho, Chief Administrative Officer Christine Nadon, Legislative Services Manager Kayla Byrne, Legislative Services Coordinator Greg Van Tighem, Director of Protective Services Yvonne McNabb, Director of Culture and Recreation Neil Jones, Licensing and Enforcement Manager Lisa Daniel, Childcare Services Manager Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance and Administration Fuchsia Dragon, Fitzhugh 59 staff members and observers		
Call to order	Mayor Ireland called the meeting to order at 9:33 am.		
Contacting Council	Mayor Ireland reminded all meeting observers despite the virtual nature of meetings, Council may still be contacted through usual means like email, phone the online Feedback Portal on the municipal website or through correspondence and presentation requests. Mayor Ireland reminded residents they are being heard; and encouraged that meetings remain an environment of mutual respect.		
Additions to the Agenda #149/20	MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED that Council delete the following item on today’s agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 14.1 Human Resources Matter – FOIP, S. 24;• and that agenda item 10.19 Budget and Service Reductions – Vanessa Hugie be accurately titled as 10.19 Sidewalk Expansion – Vanessa Hugie.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of agenda #150/20	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the agenda for the regular meeting of May 19, 2020 as amended.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED

Approval of regular minutes #151/20	MOTION by Councillor Journault – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the May 12, 2020 regular Council meeting as presented.			
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ECC Update	<p>The ECC is switching from response mode to recovery mode, and is now meeting twice a week for brief meetings rather than four times a week.</p> <p>Emergency Social Services has been deactivated – a typical first step as ECCs move into recovery mode. All ESS services are now being managed by staff in the Community and Family Services Department as a part of everyday duties.</p> <p>The Bylaw Department is working with the business community and Alberta Health Services (AHS) in an effort to reinstate the sidewalk seating opportunities for some businesses.</p> <p>The ECC is still encouraging visitors to save their travels to Jasper until at least June 1.</p> <p>Councillors inquired about the reopening of playgrounds. Mr. Van Tighem noted the ECC is reviewing provincial directives and working with the Operations Department regarding the possibility of reopening local playgrounds. There is no reopen date yet.</p>			
Business Arising	<p>Councillors recognized that some argumentative debate took place at the last meeting. Some councillors apologized and acknowledged the uncertainty of today's times can be emotional for all.</p> <p>Mayor Ireland noted he did not return to the May 12 meeting following the in camera session due to technical difficulties.</p>			
Culture & Recreation Report	<p>The Director of Culture and Recreation presented a departmental report, highlighting recent updates pertaining to facilities, equipment and services. Mrs. McNabb noted the department is looking at the possibility of reopening the tennis courts at the Jasper Activity Centre and the skate park, which have been closed due to the pandemic.</p> <p>Mrs. McNabb also gave a brief update on the Jasper Arena slab and boards project, the pool and the waterslide.</p> <p>Councillors inquired about facilities and services.</p>			
Bylaw Summary	Council received a list of bylaws currently in force and those in various stages of readings.			
Tax Rate Bylaw – 1 st reading	MOTION by Councillor Butler – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the first time Bylaw #227, the Taxation Rates Bylaw 2020, being a bylaw of the Municipality of			

#152/20 Jasper in the province of Alberta to authorize the rates of taxation to be levied against assessable property within the Municipality of Jasper for the 2020 taxation year.

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Tax Rate Bylaw – 2nd reading #153/20 MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the second time Bylaw #227, the Taxation Rates Bylaw 2020, being a bylaw of the Municipality of Jasper in the province of Alberta to authorize the rates of taxation to be levied against assessable property within the Municipality of Jasper for the 2020 taxation year.

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Central Business District – Sidewalk Seating Following a discussion on possible and feasible options to expand visitor and resident safety by enhancing opportunities for social distancing, Council directed staff to return to the next meeting with a report focusing on how proposed expansions might impact emergency responses in the downtown core, general traffic flow, and what it would look like to reconfigure traffic.

The Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce (JPCC) is also contacting businesses which could be affected by any proposed changes. The results of the JPCC survey will be discussed at a future Council meeting.

Council acknowledged should this project be approved, it must be implemented in a timely manner to support businesses.

Council received a few letters opposing temporary sidewalk expansions, which were included in the agenda package.

Recess Mayor Ireland called a recess from 11:16 am – 11:25 am.

Wildflowers Childcare Daycare and Out of School Care Re-opening Council gave notice that a request regarding the reopening of Wildflowers Childcare Daycare and Out of School Care will return at the next meeting. Councillors inquired about grant funding; best health protocols for reopening; the number of children ready to return; and other funding possibilities.

To help make a decision, councillors indicated they would like to hear feedback from the community on the role a municipal daycare plays – or doesn't – in the community's economic recovery.

Appointments to Regional MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED that Council appoint Stephen Eldred to the LARBs and CARBs established under the West Yellowhead Regional Assessment Review Board for a term commencing immediately until April 30,

Assessment
Review Board
#154/20

2023;

That Council appoint Terri Williams as the Designated Clerk for the West Yellowhead Regional Assessment Review Board for a one year term starting immediately until July 1, 2021;

And that Council appoint Nigel Knight as the Designated Chair of the West Yellowhead Regional Assessment Review Board for a one-year term starting immediately until July 1, 2021. The Designated Chair's remuneration and expenses will follow the Town of Hinton's Council Remuneration Policy #052.

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2020 Busking
Program
#155/20

In response to a request from Habitat for the Arts for its annual summer busking program, Council made the following motion:

MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve an annual busking permit to Habitat for the Arts.

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Service
Reductions &
Sidewalk
Expansions

Council received numerous letters in response to its May 5 decision which directed administration to commence the implementation of municipal workforce and service reductions and received some letters regarding possible expansions in the downtown core.

Councillors thanked residents for engaging and reassured their comments are being heard; and reiterated letters intended to be included in the public agenda package should be addressed to "Mayor and Council".

Other New
Business:

Councillors indicated they would like more communication on what bylaw enforcement looks like; and indicated the possible halt to tire chalking in the downtown core.

Councillor
Reports

Councillor McGrath will continue attending the weekly Community Conversations and will attend the Jasper Community Team Society AGM. Councillor McGrath also noted Tidy up Tuesdays, a Communities in Bloom initiative, have resumed for the season.

Councillor Kelleher-Empey has been attending Community Futures meetings to discuss grant opportunities for businesses and non-profits that were unable to qualify to receive the Canada Emergency Business Account.

Upcoming Events

Council received a short list of events.

Adjournment
#156/20

MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that, there being no further business, the regular meeting of May 19, 2020 be adjourned at 1:17 pm.

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Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer