

Municipality of Jasper  
**Regular Council Meeting Minutes**  
Tuesday, June 2, 2020 | 9:30 am

Electronic Meeting	The June 2, 2020 regular meeting was conducted virtually through Zoom. All meeting attendees participated or observed by electronic means.
Present	Mayor Richard Ireland, Deputy Mayor Scott Wilson, Councillors Paul Butler, Bert Journault, Helen Kelleher-Empey, 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 Neil Jones, Licensing and Enforcement Manager Pattie Pavlov, Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce Joanne McQuarrie, Fitzhugh 65 staff members and observers
Call to order	Mayor Ireland called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.
Approval of agenda #162/20	MOTION by Councillor Journault – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the agenda for the regular meeting of June 2, 2020 as presented.  FOR 7 Councillors  AGAINST 0 Councillors  CARRIED
Approval of regular minutes #163/20	MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the May 26, 2020 regular Council meeting as presented.  FOR 7 Councillors  AGAINST 0 Councillors  CARRIED
ECC Update	<p>The ECC continues to meet for brief meetings twice a week.</p> <p>The ECC is promoting mask-wearing in public when keeping a two-metre distance from others is difficult. Through the province’s Masks for Albertans, a free program, the ECC is expecting a shipment of non-medical masks. Once received, the ECC will coordinate the distribution of masks to residents.</p> <p>New signs encouraging physical distancing and other public health messaging will be placed at the town’s entrances. Information on safe relaunch guidelines has also been distributed to businesses.</p> <p>The ECC is working with the Rotary Club of Jasper to install several hygiene stations throughout the community.</p> <p>The ECC is also discussing how to safely reopen municipal playgrounds, tennis courts and the skate park.</p>

Councillors inquired about the reopening of facilities like playgrounds and the beach volleyball courts at the fitness centre. Staff confirmed playgrounds require regular inspections as a part of routine operations and that more information on the reopening of these facilities is expected later this week.

Business arising from the minutes

Councillors requested that the notes from the Childcare Services Manager's May 19 report on the reopening the daycare, early learning and out-of-school care programs be a part of the public record. Those notes can be found on the [municipal website](#).

Enhancing Guest Experience While Social Distancing

Mrs. Pavlov presented the results of the JPCC's Enhancing Guest Experience While Social Distancing Survey. Out of 135 businesses surveyed, 55 were in favour of expanding seating or pedestrian walkways, 27 were opposed and 27 were open to the idea if some compromises are met.

Public Spacing in Public Places

Council directed staff to proceed with a boardwalk program, similar to that of Canmore's, under the existing Commercial Use of Public Spaces Bylaw.

The program will allow Patricia Street and Connaught Drive businesses to use the parking spaces in front of their business. It will be up to businesses whether they would like to build boardwalks, at their own expense, or maintain existing parking spaces in front of their businesses.

The possible reconfiguration of driving lanes, parking lanes and speed limits to accommodate physical distancing in the downtown core is expected to be discussed further at a future Council meeting

Bylaw Summary

Council received a list of bylaws currently in force and those in various stages of readings.

Recess

Mayor Ireland called a recess from 11:17 am until 11:25 am.

Correspondence: Outdoor Beach Volleyball

Council received a letter inquiring about the reopening of the outdoor volleyball courts at the Jasper Fitness and Aquatic Centre. Administration is discussing the best course of action for reopening some things and is hoping to have more clarity later in the week.

Shop Local

Council received a letter inquiring about municipal practices to shop local. Administration noted the Municipality has an agreement with Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) to buy things like paper and cleaning supplies at a discounted rate; items that are required quickly or that are not needed in bulk are often purchased at local stores. Councillors indicated they would like to further discuss the municipal Procurement Policy at a future meeting.

Water in the Jasper Community Garden

Council received a letter requesting that the irrigation line at the Jasper Community Garden be turned on. Administration is discussing the best course of action for reopening some things and is hoping to have more clarity later in the week.

Public Spacing in Public Places Council received several letters about public spacing in public places.

Wildflowers Childcare and Out of School Care Council received two letters regarding funding to reopen the Wildflowers Daycare. Council voted in favour of reopening the daycare at its last meeting.

Councillor Reports Councillor McGrath continues to attend the weekly COVID-19 Community Conversations and attended the Jasper Community Team Society annual general meeting.

Councillors Kelleher-Empey and Wilson attended a Community Futures meeting. Councillor Kelleher-Empey also attended a collaborative event, which focused on the impact of COVID-19 on the regional mountain communities.

Councillor Damota suggested Council meet as the Strategic Priorities Committee in the near future.

Mayor Ireland attended Tourism Jasper’s town hall meeting, which addressed reopening and recovery plans. Mayor Ireland has also be interviewed by several media outlets regarding the gradual reopening of Jasper services.

Upcoming Events Council received a short list of events.

Adjournment #164/20 MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that, there being no further business, the regular meeting of June 2, 2020 be adjourned at 11:55 am.

FOR	AGAINST	
7 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer