

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

Electronic Meeting	The June 9, 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-Empy, 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 Angie Lemire, Jasper Library Board Joanne McQuarrie, Fitzhugh 49 staff members and observers
Call to order	Mayor Ireland called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.
Additions to the agenda #165/20	MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED that Council add the following item to today’s agenda: 4.3 Jasper Day – Councillor Damota FOR 6 Councillors
	AGAINST 0 Councillors
	CARRIED
Approval of agenda #166/20	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empy – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the agenda for the regular meeting of June 9, 2020 as amended. FOR 6 Councillors
	AGAINST 0 Councillors
	CARRIED
Approval of regular minutes #167/20	MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the June 2, 2020 regular Council meeting as presented. FOR 6 Councillors
	AGAINST 0 Councillors
	CARRIED
ECC Update	Council received a weekly update from the Emergency Coordination Centre (ECC), which focused on the Masks for Albertans program, sanitation stations, current closures of municipal infrastructure, an update on the reopening of the Wildflowers Childcare daycare, the reopening of the Connaught Drive washrooms and a notice the ECC will be preparing to disband. A more detailed account of the update is available on the municipal website .

Councillors inquired about the reopening of facilities and resources needed to reopen municipal playgrounds, tennis courts and the skate park.

Council requested that a summary of Alberta's relaunch stages be included in the upcoming agenda packages as a standing item for information.

Jasper Library Board financial review

As per the Libraries Act, the Municipality of Jasper Library Board is required to have a financial review each year. Once the annual review has been presented and accepted by the Library Board it is then sent to Council for information.

The board had a surplus of about \$13,458 at the end 2019, largely due to a \$7,800 donation from the Friends of the Jasper Library

Jasper Day

Councillor Damota suggested the community should have a local annual celebration called Jasper Day near the end of the summer. Council will further discuss this item in the future.

Business arising from the minutes

Councillors inquired about the boardwalk program which was discussed at the June 2 meeting. Council further discussed the logistics of the program and possible advantages and disadvantages for some businesses. To further clarify its direction on the program, Council passed the following motion:

2020 boardwalk program #168/20

MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve a direction to staff to proceed with a boardwalk program, similar to that of Canmore's, under the existing Commercial Use of Public Spaces Bylaw open to all commercial operators as a trial period until October 16, 2020.

FOR	AGAINST	
5 Councillors	1 Councillor (Councillor Butler)	CARRIED

Council also directed Administration to look into the logistics of hosting market-style events that would allow local vendors to sell their products. The intent of this request is to advance a solution to provide equity for commercial operators who cannot or choose not to participate in the boardwalk program.

Bylaw Summary

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

Appointments to Regional Assessment Review Board #169/20

Council originally appointed members to roles on the board on May 19, however, to accommodate a staffing change at the Town of Hinton office, Council must rescind its original motion.

MOTION by Councillor Journault – BE IT RESOLVED that Council rescind motion #154/20 passed on the May 19, 2020 Council meeting, which appointed Stephen Eldred, Terri Williams and Nigel Knight to respective roles for the West Yellowhead Regional Assessment Review Board.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Other new business Councillor McGrath inquired if street sweeping could take place on Wednesday to accommodate the Communities in Bloom Tidy up Tuesday program.

Council directed staff to come up with kind notes which would welcome and thank visitors for coming to Jasper while also encouraging them to respect local rules and Alberta Health guidelines. The intent is for notes to be left on visitors' windshields. Similar kindness note initiatives have started in the British Columbia communities of Revelstoke and Invermere.

Councillor reports Councillor McGrath continues to attend the weekly COVID-19 Community Conversations.

Councillor Kelleher-Empey attended an IRC meeting for Community Futures.

Mayor Ireland has spoken to several media outlets regarding the relaunch of the community.

Upcoming events Council received a short list of events.

Adjournment #174/20 MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED that, there being no further business, the regular meeting of June 9, 2020 be adjourned at 11:14 am.

FOR
6 Councillors

AGAINST
0 Councillors

CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer