

Municipality of Jasper
Special Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 22, 2020 | 9:30 am

Electronic Meeting	The June 22, 2020 special 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 and Jenna McGrath
Absent	Deputy Mayor Scott Wilson and Councillor Rico Damota
Also present	Mark Fercho, Chief Administrative Officer Kayla Byrne, Legislative Services Coordinator Neil Jones, Licensing and Enforcement Manager Pattie Pavlov, Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce Joanne McQuarrie, Fitzhugh 27 staff members and observers
Call to order	Mayor Ireland called the meeting to order at 9:31 am.
Approval of agenda #182/20	MOTION by Councillor Journault – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the agenda for the special meeting of June 22, 2020 as presented. FOR 5 Councillors AGAINST 0 Councillors CARRIED
Commercial use of public space bylaw	<p>On June 9, 2020, Council approved a trial boardwalk program for all commercial operators. To move forward with the program, staff required some clarification on the following questions:</p> <p>Question: Can the expanded area include parking spaces converted into a seating area or retail space?</p> <p>Direction from Council: Yes, businesses can convert the parking space into a commercial use area.</p> <p>Question: Should a business be permitted to expand and utilize a number of parking spaces in front of other businesses if they gain consent?</p> <p>Direction from Council: Yes, with consent from neighbours and the building owner.</p> <p>Question: If the use of the parking space expands from a walk-around boardwalk to a seating or retail area, are raised platforms required or can users simply step down and step up?</p> <p>Direction from Council: A step down and step up is permissible within the premises of the business. The sidewalk or walk-around must remain flush with the curb.</p>

Question: Are businesses required to obtain a permit and abide by the permit conditions in order to conduct commercial business on public space?

Direction from Council: A permit is required with adherence to minimum requirements and a recognition of maximum flexibility within that.

Question: If a business is using public space for commercial purposes without a permit or outside a permit's approval, should bylaw attempt to gain compliance and/or use enforcement?

Direction from Council: Yes, compliance first with the opportunity for enforcement particularly if the business is offside the minimum requirements of the permit.

Question: The intent of the program is social distancing. Should the determination of social distancing to issue or deny permits be through municipal staff or should this be subject to the applicant?

Direction from Council: The Municipality of Jasper will follow, at all times, the Alberta Health Services standards for social distancing. Applicants must demonstrate that they will be in compliance with Alberta Health Services social distancing requirements.

Council also discussed a request from the Jasper Economic Recovery Task Force to waive this year's permit and use fees for sidewalk seating and the boardwalk pilot project. Council agreed that the fees outlined in the Commercial Use of Public Spaces Bylaw will remain in place, however, businesses may request a payment deferral until September 1, 2020.

Administration also noted it expects to move forward with speed limit reductions in the downtown core in the near future. Possible changes to parking limits, also in the downtown core, is expected to be discussed at the next Council meeting.

EV charging station proposal

Council gave notice that it could make a decision on an electric vehicle charging station proposal at its next meeting.

Adjournment #183/20

MOTION by Councillor Butler – BE IT RESOLVED that, there being no further business, the special meeting of June 22, 2020 be adjourned at 11:08 am.

FOR
5 Councillors

AGAINST
0 Councillors

CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer