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| Minutes | of the regular meeting of Council of the Municipality of Jasper held Tuesday, January 3, 2012 in the meeting room of the Emergency Services Building. | | |
| Present | Mayor Richard Ireland Councillor Brian Skehill Councillor Rico Damota | Deputy Mayor Mike Day Councillor Brenda Zinck | Councillor Dwain Wacko Councillor Gilbert Wall |
| Also present | George Krefting, Municipal Manager Christine Nadon, Communications Officer Nicole Veerman, Fitzhugh reporter | Verne Balding, Director, Corp. & Leg. Services Greg Van Tighem, Director, Emergency Services 5 observers | |
| Call to Order | The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 1:30 p.m. Mayor Ireland wished those in attendance Happy New Year. | | |
| Additions to Agenda #001/12 | MOTION by Councillor Skehill – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council agree to add the following item to today's agenda: Item 7.2 Emergency Services report | | |
| | FOR 7 councillors | AGAINST 0 councillors | CARRIED |
| Approval of Agenda #002/12 | MOTION by Councillor Zinck – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda for the regular meeting of Tuesday, January 3, 2012 as revised. | | |
| | FOR 7 councillors | AGAINST 0 councillors | CARRIED |
| Approval of Minutes #003/12 | MOTION by Councillor Wall – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 20, 2011 as amended to reflect that Councillors Damota and Wall were in attendance at the meeting. | | |
| | FOR 7 councillors | AGAINST 0 councillors | CARRIED |
| Business Arising | No business arose from the minutes of the December 20, 2012 regular meeting. | | |
| Discussions with Public | Members of the public were present at the meeting, and upon acknowledgement by the Mayor, indicated that they were willing to wait for Agenda Item 0.2 New Off Leash Dog park. | | |
| Department Reports Mun. Mgr. | Council received the monthly, written report of the Municipal Manager for information purposes. in his report, George Krefting highlighted annual operating budget increases, legal costs, advertising, electrical pricing, housing corporation activities, library/cultural centre and Friends of Jasper Childcare update. Council and the Municipal Manager briefly discussed the process for the creation of a legal reserve. In response to questions from Councillors Wall and Damota, Mr. Krefting indicated that the creation of a legal reserve would allow for earmarking of funds for legal issues instead of having them stored in a general reserve. Budget amounts for each department could be reduced closer to actual expenses, since a contingency plan would be in place for unforeseen circumstances. In response to a question from Mayor Ireland regarding funding for the Jasper Community Housing Corporation (JCHC), Verne Balding indicated that it might be prudent to consider that JCHC does not yet have access to land, and therefore may not wish to collect monies for land development. George Krefting indicated that the timeframe for land release is unknown at this point. | | |
| Emergency Services Report | Council received the written report of the Director of Emergency Services. Greg Van Tighem apologized for the lateness of his report, and went on to highlight emergency, full department and command responses, fire prevention inspections, meetings and training, and finances. He advised that discussions with Parks Canada and the Municipality for the emergency services agreement and dispatch are ongoing. | | |

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| Bylaw Summary | Council received, for information purposes, a list of bylaws currently in effect in the Municipality and those in their various stages of readings. | | | |
| RFD Summary | Council received, for information purposes, a list of Requests for Decision either completed or currently in progress. | | | |
| New Off Leash Dog Park | Council received questions from members of the public regarding the proposed areas for an off leash area. Mr. Krefting advised that the current \$7,000 funding for the facility covers cleaning materials and labour only. Turf maintenance and watering costs are separate. Council indicated that it is willing to collaborate with a dog owners' group to determine what the best temporary location would be. Members of the public representing an emerging dog owners' group indicated that the Kinder Morgan land being proposed was unsuitable, given its location which is hard to access for kids and seniors, and concerns about the small size of the proposed temporary locations. Mayor Ireland reiterated that Council's current focus was to find a temporary location, before work starts on parcel R11 in June. Councillor Zinck encouraged the group to get organized, participate in the process and raise funds for their cause, much like the Jasper Local Food Society did to support the Community Gardens project. | | | |
| NOTICE #004/12 | MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council give notice at today's meeting that Council will be asked to approve new off leash locations at the regular Council meeting of February 7, 2012. | FOR 6 councillors | AGAINST 1 councillor | CARRIED |
| | Councillor Wacko indicated that he would like the RFD to be presented only after public consultations are complete. Mayor Ireland indicated that Council is not necessarily required to make a decision at that point, but that is when the matter will come back to Council for review, and as long as a decision is made before June. Mayor Ireland encouraged the group to contact the Municipal Manager to set up a meeting to discuss the matter. | | | |
| Policy E-005 Criminal Record Searches Notice #005/12 | MOTION by Councillor Wacko – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council give notice at today's meeting that Council will be asked to approve the reformat of Policy E-005 – Criminal Record Searches at the regular Council meeting of January 17, 2012. | FOR 7 councillors | AGAINST 0 councillors | CARRIED |
| Wayfinding Signage | Verne Balding asked for approval of proposed wayfinding plan but with some flexibility as, operationally, things are going to change. Mr. Balding presented the draft signage plan and gave an overview of the further steps of implementing the plan. At this point, Mr. Balding is seeking approval of the general direction of the plan development. | | | |
| | Council expressed concern about the proposed hospital route, and requested that signs on the two main entrances direct traffic to Geikie Street instead of down Connaught Drive onto Miette Avenue. Traffic delays during the summer season were a concern. Council also requested Administration to ensure that Hospital signage is consistent with hospital accreditation standards. | | | |
| Notice Wayfinding signage plan Mun portion #006/12 | MOTION by Councillor Skehill – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council give notice at today's meeting that Council will be asked to approve the municipal portion of the joint Municipality of Jasper/Jasper National Park community wayfinding signage plan at the January 17, 2012 regular meeting. | FOR 7 councillors | AGAINST 0 councillors | CARRIED |
| Notice Appts to Greenspace Cmtee #007/12 | MOTION by Councillor Zinck – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council give notice at today's meeting that Council will be asked to appoint individuals to the Greenspace Advisory Committee at the January 17, 2012 regular meeting. | FOR 7 councillors | AGAINST 0 councillors | CARRIED |

Recess Mayor Ireland called for a five minute recess at 3:20 pm.

Reconvened The meeting reconvened at 3:25 p.m.

2012 Operating

Budget MOTION by Councillor Wall – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council establish a Legal Reserve Fund with the initial contribution coming from the unrestricted reserve in the amount of \$20,000, and subsequent Legal Reserve Fund surpluses be allocated to the legal reserve fund until such time as the legal reserve reaches \$50,000. #008/12 The budget amount for 2012 should be adjusted downward by \$15,000.

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| 7 councillors | 0 councillors | CARRIED |

Corp & Leg MOTION by Councillor Skehill – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the 2012 Operating Budget Services for the Jasper Corporate and Legislative Services Department in the following amounts:

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| #009/12 | Total Revenue: | \$137,850 | |
| | Total Expenditures: | \$515,978 | |
| | Total Tax Support: | \$378,128 | |
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| | 7 councillors | 0 councillors | CARRIED |

Cmty Housing MOTION by Councillor Wall – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the 2012 Operating Budget Corp for the Jasper Community Housing Corporation in the following amounts:

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| #010/12 | Total Revenue: | \$ 3,902 | |
| | Total Expenditures: | \$ 36,950 | |
| | Total Tax Support: | \$ 33,048 | CARRIED |

Emergency MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the 2012 Operating Budget Services for the Emergency Services Department in the following amounts:

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| #011/12 | Total Revenues: | \$ 267,601 | |
| | Total Expenditures: | \$ 725,941 | |
| | Total Tax Support: | \$ 458,340 | |
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| | 7 councillors | 0 councillors | CARRIED |

Culture & Recreation MOTION by Councillor Wacko – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the 2012 Operating Budget #012/12 for the Culture and Recreation Department in the following amounts:

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| Total Revenue: | \$1,040,175 | |
| Total Expenditures: | \$2,558,136 | |
| Total Tax Support: | \$1,517,961 | |
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| 7 councillors | 0 councillors | CARRIED |

Environmental MOTION by Councillor Zinck – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the 2012 Operating Budget Services for the Environmental Services Department in the following amounts with fee increases:

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| #013/12 | Water rates: | 1.65% | |
| | Sewage rates: | 4.85% | |
| | Solid waste rates: | 2.50% | |
| | Total Revenue: | \$3,318,433 | |
| | Total Expenditure: | \$4,893,116 | |
| | Total Tax Support: | \$1,574,683 | |
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| | 7 councillors | 0 councillors | CARRIED |

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| Administration #014/12 | MOTION by Councillor Wall – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the 2012 Operating Budget for Administration, including the contingency fund of \$120,270: Total Revenue: \$ 551,173 Total Expenditure: \$ 2,162,727 Total Tax Support: \$ 1,611,554 FOR AGAINST 7 councillors 0 councillors | CARRIED |
| CFS 015/12 | MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the 2012 Operating Budget for Community and Family Services in the following amounts: Total Revenue: \$ 1,372,432 Total Expenditure: \$ 1,726,355 Total Tax Support: \$ 353,923 FOR AGAINST 7 councillors 0 councillors | CARRIED |
| Contributions to Culture #016/12 | MOTION by Councillor Wacko – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the 2012 Operating Budget for Contributions to Culture in the following amounts: Jasper Municipal Library: \$ 145,600 Jasper Yellowhead Museum: \$ 44,290 Creative Campus: \$ 7,500 Funds to match donations: \$ 5,000 Total Tax Support: \$ 202,390 FOR AGAINST 7 councillors 0 councillors | CARRIED |
| Council Projects Fund #017/12 | MOTION by Councillor Skehill – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council increase line 2-11-23-00-210 – Council Projects to \$5,000, and decrease line 2-62-03-00-771 – Economic Development Marketing to \$10,250 in the 2012 Operating Budget. FOR AGAINST 7 councillors 0 councillors | CARRIED |
| 2012 Operating Budget #018/12 | MOTION by Councillor Zinck – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the 2012 Operating Budget in the following amounts: Total Revenue: \$12,821,593 Total Expenditure: \$12,821,593 Total Tax Support: \$ 6,130,027 FOR AGAINST 7 councillors 0 councillors | CARRIED |
| Councillors Reports | Councillor Wacko reported that the Evergreens Foundation has come to an agreement with the County of Parkland with a \$35,000 contribution to the Foundation. The Minister has asked for approval by all other councils. He advised that the geographic location of the County, split by a river, makes this decision sensible. Councillor Wacko advised that he will be away during the time that this matter is dealt with so someone else will have to deal with it. | |
| | Councillor Skehill advised that he had attended a recent Jasper Community Housing Corporation. | |
| Adjournment | There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 4:24 p.m. | |

 Mayor

 Municipal Manager