

Committee of the Whole Meeting
Tuesday, December 23, 2014
Emergency Services Building Meeting Room

Present	Richard Ireland, Vonna Arsenault, Dwain Wacko, Helen Kelleher-Empey, Rico Damota, Brian Nesbitt, Mark Fercho, Christine Nadon, Greg Van Tighem
Absent	Gilbert Wall
Call to Order	Mayor Ireland called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.
Additions & Approval of Agenda	6.4 Museum and Library Funding – Councillor Arsenault 6.5 Budget – Councillor Nesbitt 6.6 Maligne Valley Access Restriction – Councillor Wacko 9.0 In Camera Session – Mayor Ireland MOTION by Councillor Nesbitt to approve today’s agenda as amended. CARRIED
Approval of Minutes	MOTION by Councillor Nesbitt to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2014 committee meeting as presented. CARRIED
Business Arising	In response to a question from Councillor Nesbitt, Mr. Fercho indicated that the office closure pilot was well received by staff, as it allowed them to take time off over the holidays. Feedback from users will be gathered in the new year to determine what impact the closures had on them. Councillor Damota received positive comments following the publication of the library project schedule, and commended Mr. Fercho for his work on the project.
Brief Updates Council Representation on Boards	Councillors discussed their role as Council representatives on various boards and committees. Mayor Ireland encouraged Councillors to bring forward topics of interest to committee meetings for discussion, as required. Councillors agreed to forward known committee and board meeting dates to Mrs. Cahill for inclusion in a calendar of upcoming board and committee meetings.
MoU Jasper Dispatch	Chief Van Tighem presented the Memorandum of Understanding for review and discussion. Council will be requested to formally approve the document at the January 6 regular meeting. Mayor Ireland suggested that Administration review the bylaws and policies outlining signing authorities for the Municipality and bring them forward for review and discussion at an upcoming Committee-of-the-Whole meeting.
Recess	Mayor Ireland called a recess from 10:19 to 10:27 a.m.
Fire Truck Purchase	Fire Chief Van Tighem presented background information on how the Fire Department acquired assets in the past and the current need to replace Engine 2, as planned through the department’s capital asset replacement schedule. Funds for purchasing a

new truck are in reserves, and some funding from Improvement District 12 is available. It is imperative that the Municipality of Jasper purchase a new truck to maintain safety standards for community fire protection and for the safety of our firefighters. A request for decision will be brought to Council at the January 20, 2015 meeting.

Museum and Library Funding Councillor Arsenault sought clarifications on the Municipality's funding and support obligations towards the library and the museum. Municipal Council has the authority to create a Library Board through a municipal bylaw, and has the ability to control, in part or in whole, the operating budget prepared by the board. While Council has no such authority in the museum's operations, it does have an obligation, along with Parks Canada, to preserve the integrity of the archives.

Over the years, Council has requested business and sustainability plans from the museum to ensure municipal funding was used towards a sustainable future for the organization. Council has not received any formal request or presentation from museum representatives for the 2015 budget cycle.

Budget Councillor Nesbitt finds receiving the capital and operating budgets together beneficial, allowing for opportunities to review which sources of funding are used for what purpose, and explore possibilities for funding reallocations. Mayor Ireland suggested that Councillors start drafting motions for any changes to specific items in the operating budget, which Council will approve, reject or amend at the January 6 regular meeting.

Maligne Valley Access Restriction Councillor Wacko expressed concerns with the tardiness of the access restrictions announcement. Council discussed the representation of municipal interests in the backgrounder document distributed with the announcement.

Mountain Pine Beetle Council received, for information, a letter from West Fraser Mills on the Mountain Pine Beetle Epidemic.

In Camera Session Council moved to an in-camera session at 12:05 a.m.

Council reverted to an open meeting at 12:16 pm

Adjournment MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey to adjourn the meeting at 12:16 p.m.
CARRIED