

**Committee of the Whole Meeting**  
Tuesday, March 24, 2015  
Emergency Services Building Meeting Room

Present	Richard Ireland, Gilbert Wall, Dwain Wacko, Helen Kelleher-Empey, Rico Damota, Brian Nesbitt, Mark Fercho, Bruce Thompson, Kathleen Waxer, Christine Nadon, Nicole Veerman (The Fitzhugh)
Absent	Vonna Arsenault
Call to Order	Mayor Ireland called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.
Additions & Approval of Agenda	6.2 Commemorative Post and Garden – Councillor Nesbitt 6.3 Urban Forest Management Plan – Councillor Nesbitt 6.4 Heritage Master Plan – Deputy Mayor Wacko 6.5 Input on upcoming governance review interviews – Deputy Mayor Wacko 6.6 Strategy for meeting with MP Eglinski on April 14 – Deputy Mayor Wacko  MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey to approve today’s agenda as amended. CARRIED
Approval of Minutes	Under item 8.0, Council representation on various boards, “MPL” should read “MP”.  MOTION by Deputy Mayor Wacko to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2015 committee meeting as amended. CARRIED
Business Arising	None
Brief Updates	Mr. Fercho presented the Strategic Plan Quarterly Update to Mayor and Council, highlighting progress made for each of Council’s priorities. Councillors elected to schedule a plan review discussion for the last committee meeting in September, leaving enough time to update the document for organizational meeting, as required. Council requested that plan updates be posted on the website for the public to view.
Strategic Plan Report	
Commemorative Post and Garden	Councillor Nesbitt, in collaboration with Mr. Thompson, presented a draft plan showing what a Japanese commemorative garden could look like. Councillors expressed interest in developing a multicultural garden in Robson Park, adjacent to the Library and Cultural Centre. Mayor Ireland suggested that the Greenspace Advisory Committee contribute to the planning process and present recommendations on what the project could involve.
Urban Forest Management	Mr. Fercho is working with Parks Canada to determine how Jasper as a community will address urban forest management and the pine beetle threat.
Heritage Management	Deputy Mayor Wacko received a proposal from a resident on a Heritage Management Plan, and inquired how to best direct the correspondence. Mayor

Plan	Ireland suggested emailing Council and copying Mr. Fercho was the best approach.
Land Use and Planning Interviews	Deputy Mayor Wacko expressed interest in providing input to Councillors who will participate in the Land Use and Planning review interviews. Mayor Ireland requested that Councillors forward any issues to be raised to Councillors Wall and Kelleher-Empey before Monday.
Recess	Mayor Ireland called a recess from 10:28 to 10:35 a.m.
Meeting with MP Eglinski	Deputy Mayor Wacko inquired whether Council should discuss and strategize before meeting with MP Eglinski; Mayor Ireland will circulate potential discussion topics to Council by email.
Correspondence	None
Council Representation on Boards	<p>Councillor Wall attended an Evergreens Foundation event last week where \$12.2M in provincial and federal funding was announced for the Edson facility, leaving a shortfall in funding of \$18M. Given the large amounts of funding discussed on this board, Councillor Wall suggested that other councillors and perhaps administrators should also attend the next Evergreens Foundation meeting.</p> <p>Councillor Damota indicated that the Communities in Bloom committee would like to improve the appearance of alleyways in residential areas. The Environmental Stewardship Coordinator, in collaboration with the Operations Department, will provide additional information on what could be done, based on previous experiences with clean-up and “take it or leave it” events.</p> <p>Mayor Ireland and Mr. Fercho attended the Mayors’ Caucus in Edmonton two weeks ago. Amendments to the Municipal Governance Agreement (MGA) have been formalized and a bill has come forward, presenting items with a broad consensus. Other items, such as revenue sources and tourism-based community status, will likely come forward in the fall, unless a provincial election creates delays. The end of 2016 is the target for a new MGA.</p> <p>The Tour of Alberta Local Organizing Committee is still looking for a Volunteers Director.</p>
Upcoming events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provincial budget announcement scheduled for March 26</li> <li>- Mayor’s Poetry Challenge, Monday, March 30</li> </ul>
In Camera Session	<p>MOTION by Councillor Damota that Council move to an in-camera session at 11:00 a.m. to discuss personnel and deliberative matters.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION by Councillor Wall that Council revert to an open session at 4:37 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
Adjournment	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey to adjourn the meeting at 4:37 p.m.

CARRIED