

Committee of the Whole Meeting
 Tuesday, April 28, 2015
 Emergency Services Building Meeting Room

Present	Richard Ireland, Gilbert Wall, Dwain Wacko, Rico Damota, Brian Nesbitt, Vonna Arsenault, Mark Fercho, Christine Nadon, Martha Fleming, Lavinia Henderson, Nicole Veerman (The Fitzhugh), Troy Birtles, Assessor
Absent	Helen Kelleher-Empey
Call to Order	Mayor Ireland called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.
Additions & Approval of Agenda	No additions MOTION by Councillor Wall to approve today's agenda as presented. CARRIED
Approval of Minutes	MOTION by Councillor Arsenault to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2015 Committee meeting as presented. CARRIED
Presentation Assessment Services	Council received a PowerPoint presentation from Troy Birtles, Assessor with Accurate Assessments. Mr. Birtles provided the highlights of the Municipality's assessment, the duties of the assessor, history comparisons, taxable assessment changes by comparison, re-inspection cycle, and an overview of the areas including new construction and market inflation.
Business Arising	None
Right to a Health Environment	Council discussed a request for support for the right to a health environment. Background information is available in today's agenda. Council agreed to receive the request at the May 5 th regular meeting by way of notice.
Shaw Go WiFi	Council held a brief discussion on the proposal by Shaw to install free wifi in the Municipality. Council received responses to questions through the public engagement process. Various documents can be viewed on the Municipality's website – www.jasper-alberta.com in the agenda package for this meeting. Council will receive the request at the May 5 th regular meeting by way of notice.
Applications for Economic Development Fund	Council received applications for the Economic Development Fund from the Jasper Pride Festival Society, IOTAD Habitat for the Arts, and Jasper Heritage Folk and Blues Festival for a total of \$11,650. Council discussed funding available (\$5,000). The fund has two separate rounds for applications – March and September. Councillor Nesbitt questioned the status of the Economic Development Reserve Fund with \$15,000. Acting Finance and Administration Director, Lavinia Henderson will clarify amount available and applications will be presented at the May 5 th regular meeting by way of motion.

Minister's Awards for Municipal Excellence	<p>Council discussed the possibility of making a nomination for the Minister's Awards in Municipal Excellence. Five categories are available:</p> <p>Innovation Award – recognizes a leading practice embodying the first use of an idea in a municipal context in Alberta.</p> <p>Larger Municipalities Award – recognizes the creative practices developed by municipalities with a population over 500,000.</p> <p>Partnership Award – recognizes a leading municipal practice involving consultation, co-ordination, and co-operation with other municipalities, jurisdictions, or organizations.</p> <p>Smaller Municipal Award – recognizes the innovative practices developed by communities with less than 3,000 residents.</p> <p>Safe Communities Award – recognizes a leading practice that promotes or improves public safety in municipalities.</p> <p>Outstanding Achievement Award – recognizes a municipality or municipal partnership that has helped to inspire action and change that has benefitted local government practices in Alberta. This award, selected by a review committee, recognizes the best submission from the other categories.</p>
Mayor's Award for the Arts Raven about the Arts	<p>Deadline for nominations is May 29th. Communications Manager Christine Nadon was requested to look into this and report back to Council.</p> <p>Mayor's award for the Arts will be referred to the next Committee meeting, May 12.</p>
Councillors' representation on various boards, etc.	<p>Councillor Arsenault advised that she will attend the Alberta Library Conference May 1-3 at Jasper Park Lodge, and will also attend a meeting of the Library Trustees Association.</p> <p>Councillor Wall advised that a memorial will be held for Ernie Wheele on Saturday, May 2nd in Jasper. Also, all councillors, CAO and Communications manager will attend the Advocacy training in Canmore May 14/15.</p> <p>Mayor Ireland advised that the Thinking Mountains conference will be held May 5th where the Mayor will bring formal greetings and welcoming remarks.</p> <p>Mayor Ireland also advised that he will present the "State of the Municipality" address at the Chamber meeting May 12th.</p> <p>Councillor Damota advised that the Communities in Bloom committee requires a new chairman as the previous chairman has stepped down. Also, a CFS meeting is scheduled for April 29th.</p> <p>CAO Mark Fercho advised that the sidewalk seating pilot programme is going very well. Waiting for Parks approval. Sixteen applicants. One negative comment from a resident regarding perceived congestion on sidewalks in summer.</p>

Personnel (FOIP) In Camera	Motion by Councillor Wall that Council move in camera at 11:41 a.m.	Carried
Council reverts to open meeting	Motion by Councillor Nesbitt that Council revert to open meeting at 12:16 p.m.	Carried
Adjournment	Motion by Councillor Arsenault that, there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 12:17 p.m.	Carried