

Minutes	of the regular meeting of Council of the Municipality of Jasper held Tuesday July 7, 2015, 2015 in the meeting room of the Emergency Services Building.		
Present	Mayor Richard Ireland Councillor Rico Damota Councillor Vonna Arsenault	Deputy Mayor Dwain Wacko Councillor Helen Kelleher-Empey Councillor Gilbert Wall	
Absent	Councillor Brian Nesbitt		
Also present	Yvonne McNabb, Director, Culture & Recreation Beryl Cahill, Administrative Officer Christine Nadon, Communications Manager Nicole Veerman, The Fitzhugh 6 observers		
Approval of Agenda #217/15	MOTION by Councillor Wall – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda for the regular meeting of Tuesday, July 7, 2015 as presented.		
	FOR 6 councillors	AGAINST 0 councillors	Carried
Approval of Minutes #218/15	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Tuesday, June 16, 2015 as presented.		
	FOR 6 councillors	AGAINST 0 councillors	Carried
Business Arising	No business arose from the minutes of the June 16, 2015 regular meeting.		
Presentations	None		
Bylaw Summary	Council received, for information purposes, a summary of bylaws currently in force in the Municipality, and those in their various stages of readings.		
Notice WCB Surplus Distribution	<p>Council received notice of a request for decision regarding a rebate which the Municipality has received (\$23,202.95) from the Workers’ Compensation Board. WCB rebates are based on investments combined with positive operating results in the previous year. The amount varies from year to year, and may not be applicable in some years, and is not a guaranteed source of income for the Municipality.</p> <p>Council is being requested to approve the setting up of a restricted funds account to use the funds for health and safety training, specialty health and safety equipment, or wellness programmes for municipal staff. Council was advised that, in previous years, any rebates have been deposited into an administration account called “Other Revenue”.</p> <p>Mayor Ireland requested information on what the Municipality’s total contribution is. Yvonne McNabb will provide further information, and the request will be presented at the July 21st, 2015 regular meeting for decision.</p>		
Jasper Legion Tax Relief	Council received an e-mail from Ken Kuzminski, President of the Jasper Legion, requesting that Council give further consideration to the Legion’s request for tax and utility relief. Council also received a list of 12 individuals who had written letters on the Legion’s behalf, supporting this request.		

Ken Kuzminski was present at the meeting, as well as other supporters of the Legion, to discuss the Legion’s status regarding taxes and utilities. Also discussed was the status of other legions around the province. Council requested Administration to provide further information and this item will be placed on the July 14th committee meeting agenda for further discussion. Council Damota invited the Legion members to attend the committee of the whole meeting.

Other New Business Councillor Wall requested an update on the exchanged lands be provided at the committee of the whole meeting on July 14th, 2015.

Councillor Reports Councillor Arsenault attended the Hakone delegation activities, the recently held twinning conference, and Canada Day festivities. Will attend the July 10th meeting with Minister Kelly Leitch.

Councillor Damota advised that the Communities in Bloom judges will be coming to Jasper at the end of July. Also congratulated Christine Nadon and Mark Fercho on the new town website recently launched.

Councillor Kelleher-Empey attended a recent meeting of the WYWMA board, the Hakone activities, and twinning conference. Also to attend the lunch with Minister Kelly Leitch July 10th.

Deputy Mayor Wacko attended a meeting of the CFS board to discuss the proposed changes to the board structure. Recommendations to come to Council shortly.

Mayor Ireland attended a meeting with Tourism Jasper on “Venture Beyond”, as well as a number of Tour of Alberta organizing committee meetings. Also attended the Mayors’ Caucus meetings in Strathmore. The mayors passed a motion re. changes to the taxation for seniors’ lodging. He reported that the Jasper Partnership committee has met on a number of occasions. The Mayor attended a reception of the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce at Jasper Park Lodge, as well as taking part in the Hakone delegation activities, twinning conference and Canada Day festivities.

Chamber Manager Pattie Pavlov commented briefly on a successful Canada Day, and on the upcoming lunch with Minister Kelly Leitch.

Information Items Upcoming events:
 July 16th – Retirement dinner, Banff, for Alan Latourelle
 July 19th – Robin Campbell – Appreciation Open House, Edson

Adjournment #219/15 MOTION by Deputy Mayor Wacko – BE IT RESOLVED THAT, there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 councillors	0 councillors	Carried

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer