

**MUNICIPALITY OF JASPER
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING**

DATE: Tuesday, August 25, 2015
 PLACE: **ESB meeting room**
 TIME: **9:30 a.m.**

A G E N D A

- 1.0 Call to Order
- 2.0 Additions to Agenda
- 3.0 Approval of Agenda
 - 3.1 August 25, 2015
- 4.0 Approval of Minutes
 - 4.1 August 11, 2015.. .. attachment
- 5.0 Busking
 - 5.1 Alberta Culture Days attachment
 - 5.2 Busking discussion
- 6.0 Request Waiver of Lease Fees
 - 6.1 IOTAD attachment
 - 6.2 JAG attachment
- 7.0 Business Arising from Minutes
- 8.0 Strategic Plan update attachment
- 9.0 Brief Updates
 - 9.1 Legion Update verbal
- 10.0 CFS Board
 - 10.1 Collaborative Changes Kathleen Waxer
- 11.0 Correspondence/Information items
- 12.0 Council Representation on Various Boards, upcoming meetings
- 13.0 Upcoming Events
 - 13.1 Sept 15 – Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce dinner meeting
 - Sept 17 - NETMA
 - Sept 22-25 – AUMA convention, Calgary
 - Sept 25-27 – Alberta Culture Days – Raven About the Arts
 - Oct 5 – All Candidates’ Forum, Jasper Activity Centre
 - Oct 15 - Ambassadors’ Gala
 - Oct 19 – Federal Election
 - Oct 30 – Robson Sisters’ Hallowe’en, Robson House
- 14.0 Adjournment

Agenda Item: 3.1

Committee of the Whole Meeting
 Tuesday, August 11, 2015
 Emergency Services Building Meeting Room

Present	Acting Mayor Gilbert Wall, Vonna Arsenault, Helen Kelleher-Empey, Brian Nesbitt, Rico Damota
Absent	Richard Ireland, Dwain Wacko
Also present	Mark Fercho, Yvonne McNabb, Christine Nadon, Nicole Veerman
Call to Order	Acting Mayor Wall called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.
Approval of Agenda	Motion by Councillor Arsenault that today's agenda be approved as presented. CARRIED
Approval of Minutes	Motion by Councillor Damota that the minutes of the July 28, 2015 committee meeting be approved as presented. CARRIED
Business Arising from Minutes	Councillor Kelleher-Empey informed Council that around 70 individuals are expected for the Edith Cavell Nurses Trust BBQ to be held on Monday, August 24. Mrs. McNabb will confirm whether Centennial Park is available for the event. In answer to questions from Councillors Nesbitt and Damota, Mr. Fercho and Ms. Nadon indicated that information for the general public on the Tour of Alberta would soon be released, after work on securing additional parking areas and communicating with affected businesses is completed.
Policy E-009 Health & Safety	Mrs. McNabb presented a revised Health & Safety policy, now including a provision for a Health & Safety Reserve Fund, to allocate the Workers Compensation Board surplus cheque specifically to health and safety initiatives. General reserve funds policies are hard to find. Mr. Fercho and Mrs. McNabb will work together to determine best practices for establishing and managing reserve funds.
Brief Updates	None
Correspondence	None
Representation on Boards and Committees	Councillor Damota is facing scheduling challenges with attending the Communities in Bloom meetings, and will bring the matter forward at the next organizational meeting. Acting Mayor Wall informed Council that the Evergreens Foundation hired Gail Dunn to manage the organization's human resources. The Evergreens Foundation has over 100 staff members, and never had a human resources position before.

- Upcoming Events
- Library Tour on Tuesday, August 18 – meet at 11:45 a.m. in front of the building
- In Camera Session
- MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey that Council move to an in-camera session at 10:07 a.m. to discuss a deliberative matter. CARRIED
- MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey that Council revert to an open session at 10:44 a.m. CARRIED
- Adjournment
- There being no further business, Councillor Damota moved that the meeting be adjourned at 10:45 a.m. CARRIED



August 20, 2015

Dear Mayor and Council,

Since the beginning of Culture Days in 2009 we have been honoured to provide residents and visitors a glimpse of the art and music that lives in Jasper. The annual Artists in the Streets for Culture Days program has always been fun and invited and welcomed to the streets. And the artists were always paid by the Culture Days funding...artists were registered and assigned locations in agreement with bylaw and businesses to ensure safety and flow of pedestrians as well as maxing enjoyment.

This year when I put in my request to bylaw to repeat the program...I added that we received \$0 this year from Culture Days. Which means we cannot pay artists to perform in the streets. So, when we asked to place artists in the streets this year - we asked that they be allowed to put out a hat – to actually busk. This is not something they did in the past as they were paid. This is not something we had asked for before. But this is something that we have noted before that can be regulated and licensed and enhances our streets and even creates summer jobs.

Habitat is willing to assist in any way we can to see Jasper have dedicated spaces for busking. Should this evolve we would be willing to create calendars and schedule artists as part of what Habitat brings to town!

This letter is asking *in particular* that we allow a trial run of approximately 5 locations for Culture Days Sept 26 and Sept 27 this year, between 1 and 5 pm.

Marianne Garrah
Jasper Community Habitat for the Arts



August 12, 2015
Municipality of Jasper
Jasper, AB T0E1E0

Honourable Mayor and Municipal Council,

It is with great anticipation that the possible opening day for the new Library and Cultural Centre is now within 8 weeks of this letter. The Jasper Community Habitat for the Arts, founded in 2009, has consistently endeavoured to offer Jasper arts patrons and instructors a variety of ways to engage the community in programs ranging from song writing to pottery, from theatre games to filmmaking.

In 2012 we were invited to become part of the new cultural building and to prepare for that we closed the established site in the vacant courthouse and aggressively sought partnerships, sponsors and grants in preparation of the opening dates of 2013, then 2014. The delays of the past 2+ years have resulted in loss of momentum, weakening of many of those partnerships/sponsorships and even declining of grants.

The first incarnation of the Habitat saw sustainability within 18 months. Volunteer base was getting stronger, users were growing in number and we saw over 1500 people play, create, dance, laugh, sing, write, see films and art...in 2011. Projection of that growth would see Habitat not only create new jobs for local art and culture instructors but offer residents ways to engage in community for both recreation and health. Instead, we are literally starting again when the doors open this fall.

As a registered nonprofit with the Companies act in Alberta we have struggled to maintain the costs of both the legal and financial record keeping required for the last few years when programming was not sustainable. These costs continue despite diminished ability to conduct programming in a dedicated space. Failure to maintain the nonprofit status on paper would mean another step backwards.

We are fortunate to have strong volunteer directors who have seen this idea through to this date, constantly educating and staying connected to current trends in the cultural industry. We continue to see partnerships being nurtured. Funding, however, is at a standstill as we have no lease at this time. Funding, as you may know, also requires up to a year to be approved. And then the process of creating programs, buying tools and supplies for those programs moves forward. Much of the equipment secured for the initial 2013 opening date has become obsolete.

For these reasons, and others mentioned in the previous letter sent to the Municipality to support their grievances with the delays in construction, we ask for your consideration that the first 12 months of our lease be rent free.

Sincerely,

Marianne Garrah

David Baker

JAG

JASPER ARTISTS GUILD



August 18, 2015

Municipality of Jasper
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Jasper, AB T0E1E0

Honourable Mayor and Municipal Council,

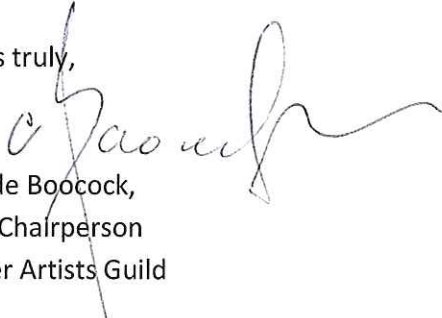
Jasper Artists Guild is a valued community organization, which since its foundation fifteen years ago, has skillfully and professionally promoted visual fine arts in Jasper.

After three years on-the-move, to six different locations, and with JAG's exciting imminent relocation into the Jasper Library & Cultural Centre, we await a lease agreement from the Municipality of Jasper.

The past three years proved very demanding for our guild, as the short duration of each of our rental agreements disqualified the society from any staffing grants, so all the work fell solely on volunteers. JAG members volunteer a minimum of 96 hours per year, with the core members often putting in over 200 hours/year. As you can imagine, the merry-go-round of locations was confusing to our faithful public, and near to impossible to determine for one-time viewers. The minimal traffic resulted in very poor sales. It is with financial trepidation that JAG asks for your consideration that the first 8 months of our lease, from October 1, 2015 until May 31, 2016, be rent free as a fall move will be extremely taxing financially. This grace period will also give all leaseholders and the Municipal council time to promote this new multi-purpose cultural space.

We really look forward to our renewed partnership with the Municipality of Jasper.

Yours truly,


Claude Boocock,
Vice-Chairperson
Jasper Artists Guild

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Agenda Item: 6.2