

**Committee of the Whole Meeting**  
 Tuesday, January 26, 2016  
 Emergency Services Building Meeting Room

Present	Mayor Richard Ireland, Councillors Brian Nesbitt, Helen Kelleher-Empey, Vonna Arsenault, Gilbert Wall
Absent	Councillors Rico Damota and Dwain Wacko
Also present	Mark Fercho, Christine Nadon, Nicole Veerman (The Fitzhugh)
Call to Order	The Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.
Additions to Agenda	5.5 New Business, Committee of the Whole Chair, Deputy and Acting Mayor Schedule 6.3 Pine Beetle Symposium in Hinton – Councillor Wall
Approval of Agenda	Motion by Councillor Nesbitt that the agenda for today’s committee meeting be approved as amended. <span style="float: right;">CARRIED</span>
Approval of Minutes	Motion by Councillor Arsenault that the minutes of the January 12, 2016 committee meeting be approved as presented. <span style="float: right;">CARRIED</span>
Business Arising	In response to a question from Councillor Nesbitt, Mr. Fercho indicated that no new information was available with respect to the GYPSD sports field.
New Business Committee of the Whole Chair	Following revisions to the municipal Procedure Bylaw (#190), Council determined that the upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting chairperson would be appointed at the end of each committee meeting, and that this practice would become a standing agenda item. The Deputy Mayor and Acting Mayor schedule remains unchanged.
Commercial/ Residential Tax Split	Councillors Kelleher-Empey and Wall requested more information on the commercial to residential tax split; when it was last revisited; what impact would changing the ratio by one point have on residential taxpayers; and how does Jasper compare to other towns and counties in the region. Administration will provide this information at an upcoming meeting, and also report on how the commercial tax rate is applied to residential properties with approved home accommodation. This information should come to Council in conjunction with budget discussions, in advance of Council setting the tax rates for 2016.
Infrastructure Report Card	The Federation of Canadian Municipalities issued a report card on the state of community infrastructure of Canadian municipalities, highlighting insufficient reinvestment rates across the country. The Municipality of Jasper is working on condition assessments to support the development of a detailed Asset Management Plan and shovel-ready projects, increasing our chances of qualifying for provincial and federal infrastructure grants. One question is whether the target reinvestment rates are based on initial or replacement cost of infrastructure, or somewhere in between.

Pine Beetle Symposium	Councillor Wall attended a Pine Beetle Symposium in Hinton on Friday, January 22. Municipal, provincial, federal and industry stakeholders were in attendance, including a Parks Canada representative. The province committed to maintaining current resources to deal with the beetle infestation. The priority for Jasper remains public safety, preserving existing, healthy pine trees and wildfire protection. Funding sources remain undetermined for tree removal in the town site and on private property.
Council Rep. on Boards/ Committees	No updates
Upcoming Events	Pursuant to section 20.2 of the Procedure Bylaw, Council appointed Councillor Nesbitt as the next Committee of the Whole meeting chairperson. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce meeting, Tuesday, February 9, 8:00 a.m. at Cassio's – Jasper National Park Superintendent to speak</li> <li>- 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Icefields Parkway Celebration – Thursday, January 28</li> <li>- ATCO Street Party – Saturday, January 30</li> </ul>
In Camera Deliberative (FOIP)	Motion by Councillor Kelleher-Empey that Council move in camera at 10:19 a.m. CARRIED
Council Reverts to Open Mtg	Motion by Councillor Wall that Council revert to open meeting at 11:41 am. CARRIED
Adjournment	Motion by Councillor Nesbitt that, there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 11:42 am. CARRIED