

Committee-of-the-Whole meeting

Tuesday, November 22, 2016

Present	Councillor Helen Kelleher-Empy (Chair), Mayor Richard Ireland, Councillors Brian Nesbitt, Gilbert Wall, Rico Damota, Mark Fercho (CAO), Beryl Cahill, Admin Off. Natasha Malenchak, Dir. Of Finance, Paul Clark (The Fitzhugh), Angie Thom, Dale Karpluk, Sandy Cox (Jasper Library); Warren Waxer, Wayne Kennedy, Karen Byers (Jasper Museum); Paul Schmidt (Jasper Victims Services); 6 observers
Absent	Councillor Vonna Arsenault, Councillor Dwain Wacko
Call to Order	Councillor Kelleher-Empy called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.
Additions	None
Approval of Agenda	Motion by Mayor Ireland that the agenda for today's committee meeting be approved as presented. Carried
Approval of Minutes	Motion by Councillor Wall that the minutes for the November 8, 2016 meeting be approved as presented. Carried
Presentations Jasper Library	Council received a presentation from the Jasper Library Board Chair Dale Karpluk, Sandy Cox and Angie Thom. The Library is requested a \$25,000 increase in their budget for 2017. Discussion on increased staff time, unspent salary budget and benefits, three year business plan, census data, membership fees, licences, and insurance. etc.
Jasper Museum	Council received a presentation from Warren Waxer, President of the Jasper Museum. The Museum is requesting a \$49,000 increase in order to help the Museum balance its 2017 budget. Mr. Waxer advised Council that the Museum intends to cover this year's loss by pulling funds from the Historical Society's reserve.
Jasper Victims Services	Council received a presentation from Paul Schmidt, Coordinator for Jasper Victims' Services. Mr. Schmidt is requesting a grant from the Municipality of \$11,838. Discussion centred on funds on hand, reporting, victims of trauma, restitution to victims, and funding outlets available to Victims Services. Mr. Schmidt commended RCMP Sgt. Rick Bidaisee on his support of Jasper Victims Services, indicating that the services are located in the RCMP detachment. Additional information to be provided by Mr. Schmidt at the Budget Open House on Monday, November 28 th at the Library.
Recess	Council took a five minute recess at 11:11 am.
Cmtee Reconvened	The committee reconvened at 11:25 a.m.
Business arising	CAO Mark Fercho provided the committee with an update on the agreement with ATCO for natural gas services, which will undergo various processes in order to come to a final agreement acceptable to all.

RCMP relocation – the CAO indicated that the rezoning is now complete, according to Parks Canada. Some discussion ensued regarding the RCMP current location with thoughts that maybe a residential community reserve might be established. CAO to obtain a copy of the development plans which are online. CAO to also locate the planning document. A question arose regarding the former Shell Station location and the possibility of using the lot for parking. CAO to check into and report back.

Appointments To Boards & Committees Applications were received by the Human Resources Committee for the Culture and Recreation Boards and for the Library Board as of the deadline date of November 9th. One position is open on the Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee but no application has been received as of the deadline.

A request for decision will be received by Council as Notice at the December 6th, 2016 regular meeting and then again at the December 20th 2017 regular meeting for approval, amendment or rejection.

Correspondence Correspondence received between CN EcoConnexions and the Municipality regarding local tree planning project.

Council Reports Mayor Ireland advised that the Municipality has received a formal offer to host the Tour of Alberta again. Proposal is that the Tour will absorb the first \$50,000 and the Municipality along with Tourism Jasper would contribute the balance. It is hoped that Council will consider supporting this sooner than later. This will be discussed at the upcoming Partnership committee meeting. Parks Canada will need to commit but only for granting permission and gifts-in-kind. CAO advised that \$50,000 is included in the Administration budget for this purpose.

Upcoming Events Upcoming events are listed in today's agenda package. GPRC officials and local representatives will meet on Wednesday, November 23 in the Jasper Library Council Chambers to discuss the proposed Culinary Arts course. Mayor Ireland, Councillors Wall and Kelleher-Empey, along with CAO Mark Fercho will attend.

Nomination For Chair Of the next Cmtee mtg Councillors nominated Councillor Wacko to chair the next committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 13, 2016.

Adjournment Motion by Councillor Nesbitt that, there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 12:12 p.m.