

## Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 28, 2016 | 9:30 a.m.

Council Chambers, Jasper Library & Cultural Centre

Present	Mayor Richard Ireland, Deputy Mayor Rico Damota, Councillors Brian Nesbitt, Helen Kelleher-Empey, Dwain Wacko and Gilbert Wall
Absent	Councillor Vonna Arsenault
Also Present	Mark Fercho, Christine Nadon, Kayla Byrne, Yvonne McNabb, Martha Fleming, Natasha Malenchak, Bernie Kreiner (Municipal Consultant) and Paul Clarke (the Fitzhugh)
Call to Order	Councillor Kelleher-Empey called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.
Additions & Approval of Agenda	Councillor Damota requested to add an in camera item, HR (FOIP).  MOTION by Councillor Nesbitt to approve today's agenda as amended. <span style="float: right;">CARRIED</span>
Approval of Minutes	MOTION by Deputy Mayor Damota that the minutes of the February 14, 2017 meeting be approved as presented. <span style="float: right;">CARRIED</span>
Council remuneration and part-time or full-time mayor	Bernie Kreiner of Pinecrest Service Station Ltd. presented a report regarding Council remuneration and whether the Mayor position in Jasper should be full-time or part-time. For the report Mr. Kreiner obtained relevant information from 15 comparable communities. The report found: Jasper's monthly honorarium rates for Mayor and Council are generally in line with other communities; Jasper's per diem rates for longer meetings and all day commitments are lower than others, while the rates for shorter meetings are higher; allowable expense rates are in line with comparable communities; Jasper does not require a full-time mayor, but increased administrative support would be beneficial.
Recess	Councillor Kelleher-Empey called a recess from 10:16 to 10:25 a.m.
Business Arising	Councillor Wall said he received negative comments through email and social media after comments he made at the Feb.14 committee meeting regarding the busking pilot project. Councillor Keller-Empey inquired about a timeline regarding the pilot project; CAO Mark Fercho indicated more information would be presented to Council in March.  Mayor Ireland commended Mrs. Beryl Cahill for the additional details provided in the Feb.14 committee meeting minutes.

Remuneration /mayor full or part-time	Council requested to discuss Mr. Kreiner's report in further detail at the next committee meeting on March 14.
Elected mayor versus appointed	Council discussed whether Jasper's Mayor should be elected or appointed. Councillors agreed that this is a question for the electorate, suggesting the question be added to the ballot during the next municipal election or to the next resident satisfaction survey.
Deputy Mayor and Acting Mayor positions	Council discussed the appointment of Councillor Damota as Deputy Mayor and Councillor Kelleher-Empey as Acting Mayor for the rest of Council's term, ending in October 2017. A decision will be made at the next regular council meeting on March 7.
Community and Economic Development Fund:	Council discussed the Community and Economic Fund for 2017. More information on the Fund will be presented at the next committee meeting on March 14.
Correspondence/Info. Items	Mayor Ireland commended Christine Nadon on her storytelling at a fundraiser on Feb. 23. Her story discussed the Municipality and the benefits of serving it.
Council Rep. on Boards, Meetings	Councillor Wall noted that the closing date for the CAO position at the Evergreens Foundation was Feb. 28.  Councillor Nesbitt noted that the Jasper-Yellowhead Museum & Archives is in the final stages of its hiring process for a new manager. He will also attend a Community Team meeting on March 6.
Upcoming Events	Council received, for information, a list of upcoming events.
Nomination of Next Chair	Councillor Wacko was nominated as the chairperson for the next Committee-of-the-Whole meeting.
Recess	Councillor Kelleher-Empey called a five minute recess at 11:33 a.m.
HR issue/ in camera	MOTION by Deputy Mayor Damota that council move in camera to discuss an HR matter at 11:38 a.m. <span style="float: right;">CARRIED</span>
Committee reverts to open meeting	MOTION by Councillor Nesbit that Council revert to open meeting at 12:09 p.m. <span style="float: right;">CARRIED</span>
Adjournment	Motion by Councillor Wacko that, there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 12:10 p.m. <span style="float: right;">CARRIED</span>