

Municipality of Jasper
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday, July 18, 2017 | 1:30 p.m.
 Council Chambers, Jasper Library & Cultural Centre

Present Mayor Richard Ireland, Deputy Mayor Rico Damota, Councillors Brian Nesbitt, Gilbert Wall and Helen Kelleher-Empey

Absent Councillor Dwain Wacko

Also Present Mark Fercho, Chief Administrative Officer
 Christine Nadon, Legislative Services Manager
 Kayla Byrne, Legislative Services Coordinator
 Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance and Administration
 Janet Cooper, Environmental Stewardship Coordinator
 Michelle McCarry, Energy Associates International
 Jay Manoharan, Energy Associates International
 Nancy Taylor, OUT Jasper
 Mychol Ormandy, OUT Jasper
 Yvonne McNabb, Director of Culture and Recreation
 Paul Clarke, the Fitzhugh
 Four observers

Call to Order Mayor Ireland called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

Add. to Agenda #122/17 MOTION by Councillor Nesbitt– BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council add the following item to the July 18 agenda:

- 8.6 Centennial Park Soccer Field and Irrigation Project – waiver of notice requested

FOR	AGAINST	
5 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Approval of Agenda #123/17 MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda for the regular meeting of Tuesday, July 18, 2017 as amended.

FOR	AGAINST	
5 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Approval of Minutes #124/17 MOTION by Councillor Wall– BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the minutes of the July 4, 2017 regular Council meeting as presented.

FOR	AGAINST	
5 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Presentations: Natural Gas Market Update Energy Associates International’s presentation addressed Jasper’s energy portfolio status regarding both electricity and natural gas; the wholesale natural gas market and storage update; the wholesale electricity market; and various recommendations, which included securing a two to three year fixed price (50% partial hedge for natural gas) starting on November 1, 2017 at a target price of \$2.57/GJ. The Municipality of Jasper’s fixed price for natural gas, which expired

December 31, 2016, was \$3.80/GJ. Council discussed previous contracts and the timing of entering into a new contract.

Business arising Deputy Mayor Damota inquired about the potential land release of Parcel GB. The matter will return for discussion at the next committee of the whole meeting on July 25.

The pilot meet and greet scheduled for July 27 at the Jasper-Hinton airport has been postponed due to weather.

Dept. reports: Council received the written report of the Human Resources Manager for May and June 2017. Chief Administrative Officer Mark Fercho presented the report on behalf of Martha Fleming. The report included information on recruitment and hiring, leaves and general activities. The full report is available on the Municipality's website. Council inquired about staff shortages and daycare enrolment rates.

Env. Stewardship Council received the written report of the Environmental Stewardship Coordinator for May, June and the first two weeks of July 2017. In her report, Janet Cooper highlighted several events, projects and programs, including the verbenone pouches program. The full report is available on the Municipality's website. Council inquired about the former SEED project and unreturned monies associated with it.

Finance and Administration Council received the written report of the Department of Finance and Administration. In her report, Director Natasha Malenchak highlighted accomplished activities, ongoing and upcoming news, and the budget process. The report also included the operating budget revenues and expenses, and the 2015 to 2017 MSI and FGT comparisons. Council discussed gas tax funding.

Bylaw Summary Council received a summary of bylaws currently in force in the Municipality, and those in their various stages of readings.

Bylaw #203 – Tax Rate Bylaw 2017 – 3rd reading #125/17 MOTION by Councillor Nesbitt– BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council read, for the third and final time, Bylaw #203, being a bylaw of the Municipality of Jasper in the province of Alberta to authorize the rates of taxation to be levied against assessable property within the Municipality of Jasper for the 2017 taxation year.

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Bylaw #204 – Ballots 2017– 3rd reading #126/17 MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council read, for the third and final time, Bylaw #204, being a bylaw of the Municipality of Jasper in the province of Alberta to provide for the printing of ballots in lots for the 2017 municipal election.

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RFD – OUT Jasper Rainbow Crosswalk #127/17	MOTION by Councillor Nesbitt – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council support the installation of a rainbow coloured crosswalk in Jasper funded by OUT Jasper. FOR 2 Councillors	AGAINST 3 Councillors	DEFEATED
Recess	Mayor Ireland called a recess from 3:22 p.m. to 3:29 p.m.		
RFD – Special ballot #128/17	MOTON by Councillor Wall – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize a Special Ballot process for the 2017 Municipal Election pursuant to the Local Authorities Election Act. Application for special ballots may be made to the returning officer by the following methods: a) in writing; b) by telephone; c) in person; d) by email. FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
RFD – Advance vote #129/17	MOTON by Councillor Wall – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize an Advance Vote for the 2017 Municipal Election pursuant to the Local Authorities Election Act. FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
RFD – Institutional vote #130/17	MOTON by Councillor Wall – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize an Institutional Vote for the 2017 Municipal Election pursuant to the Local Authorities Election Act. FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Waiver of Notice – 2017 Council Calendar #131/17	MOTON by Councillor Nesbitt – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council agree to waive the two-week public notice period to approve the revised 2017 Council meeting calendar. FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
RFD – 2017 Council Calendar #132/17	MOTON by Councillor Nesbitt – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the attached revised 2017 Council meeting calendar to include the Municipalities 101: The Essentials of Municipal Governance Elected Officials Education Program in Lacombe, Alberta on November 4th and 5th, 2017. FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Notice – Natural Gas Purchase	Council gave notice to authorize the Director of Finance and Administration to enter into a one to four-year contract for the purchase of natural gas. The matter will return for discussion at the next committee of the whole meeting on July 25.		

Notice – Community & Economic Funds	Council gave notice that it will consider requests for funding from groups and individuals who have applied for the Community and Economic Development Funds. The matter will return at the next regular Council meeting on August 1.
Waiver of notice – Centennial field #133/17	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council waive the two-week public notice period with respect to the capital budget for the Centennial Park soccer field and irrigation project. FOR 5 Councillors AGAINST 0 Councillors CARRIED
RFD – Centennial Field #134/17	Motion by Councillor Nesbitt – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the capital budget for the Centennial Park soccer field and irrigation project in the amount of \$420,000. FOR 5 Councillors AGAINST 0 Councillors CARRIED
Correspondence	Council inquired about its policy regarding public correspondence.
Other new bus.	The Evergreens Foundation has awarded the contract for its upcoming project in Edson.
Councillor Reports	Councillor Kelleher-Empey, Deputy Mayor Damota and Mayor Ireland attended two Communities and Bloom receptions on July 12. Councillor Nesbitt attended a Jasper Community Team meeting on July 13. Council’s Human Resources committee met on July 18 to discuss Council’s remuneration and benefits policy. The matter will return to Council at the next committee of the whole meeting on July 25.
Upcoming Events Information Items	Council received a list of upcoming events. Other items discussed were the Municipality’s fire ban, which was announced on the afternoon of July 18; the passing of Edson Councillor Brian Boyce; and a fire smart event at Lake Edith on July 22.
In camera #135/17	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council move in camera to discuss a deliberative and personnel matter at 4:32 p.m. FOR 5 Councillors AGAINST 0 Councillors CARRIED
Revert to public meeting #136/17	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council revert to open meeting at 4:57 p.m. FOR 5 Councillors AGAINST 0 Councillors CARRIED
Adjournment #137/17	MOTION by Deputy Mayor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED THAT, there being no further business, the regular meeting of July 18, 2017 be adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

FOR
5 Councillors

AGAINST
0 Councillors

CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer