

Municipality of Jasper  
**Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**  
Tuesday, February 13, 2018 | 9:30 a.m.  
Council Chambers, Jasper Library & Cultural Centre

Present	Deputy Mayor Jenna McGrath, Councillors Rico Damota, Helen Kelleher-Empey, Paul Butler, Bert Journault and Scott Wilson
Absent	Mayor Richard Ireland
Also Present	Mark Fercho, Chief Administrative Officer Christine Nadon, Legislative Services Manager Gord Hutton, Buildings and Asset Manager Bruce Thompson, Director of Operations Rob Friberg, University of British Columbia Moirra McKinnon, Parks Canada Municipal and Realty Services Manager Sasha Berrington, Tourism Jasper Ken Kuzminski, Jasper Legion Keith Henderson, Jasper Legion George Andrew, local business owner Evan Matthews, the Fitzhugh One observer
Call to Order	Deputy Mayor McGrath called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.
Additions to Agenda	None.
Approval of Agenda	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey to approve the agenda for February 13, 2018 as presented. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
Approval of Minutes	MOTION by Councillor Butler to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2018 meeting as presented. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
Mountain Pine Beetle Community Resilience Project	Rob Friberg of the University of British Columbia presented information regarding the proposed Mountain Pine Beetle Community Resilience Project, which through interviews and focus groups seeks to work with Jasper community leaders and stakeholders to identify practical strategies for strengthening community resilience to the pine beetle infestation.
Bus. arising from minutes	None.
Brief Updates: Aquatic Centre steel column repairs	Gord Hutton, Buildings and Asset Manager, presented a request for decision to Council requesting the expenditure of \$58,687 from the Recreation restricted fund, noting the project is of high importance as it is an Occupational Health and Safety item. This item will

return for waiver of notice and request for decision at the next regular meeting of Council.

Operations  
Department  
capital budget  
parking lot items

Council discussed various items in the capital budget parking lot for the Operations Department.

Recess

Deputy Mayor McGrath called a recess from 11:05 a.m. until 11:13 a.m.

Legion taxation –  
CARB decision

Council discussed the Composite Assessment Review Board (CARB) decision to exempt the Jasper Legion from paying taxes for the 2016 assessment year. Council also heard from Ken Kuzminski and Keith Henderson on behalf of the Legion, and local business owner George Andrew. Items for Council to consider in the future include appealing the CARB decision, considering the status of the outstanding taxes, and enacting provisions of the MGA to impose taxes on the Legion. The matter will return for discussion at a future meeting.

Hakone sister city  
relationship

Council discussed the status of the Municipality's sister city relationships with Hakone, Japan and Wickenburg, Arizona. Council's Hospitality and Twinned Communities Committee will meet in the following weeks to discuss future plans. The matter will return for discussion at an upcoming committee of the whole meeting.

Corres:  
MLA letter  
campaign – police  
funding

Without objection from Council, Administration will send a letter to MLA Eric Rosendahl regarding the funding model for policing services.

Other new bus.

Councillor Butler inquired about the Seniors Society's bus service and its request for the Municipality to take over bus operations. Mr. Fercho said this will be included in the Transportation Master Plan.

Council Rep. on  
Boards, Meetings

Councillor Journault will attend a Jasper-Yellowhead Museum and Archives Board meeting.

Councillor Kelleher-Empy will attend an Investment Review Committee meeting and a Community Futures meeting.

As a Community Futures board member, Councillor Wilson will attend the Economic Developers Alberta conference in Banff. Due to the dates of this conference, Councillor Wilson will be absent from the March 20 Council meeting.

Councillor Butler met with a University of Alberta class to discuss his background in local politics and business.

Councillor McGrath will attend the Alberta Library Conference in April.

Events	Council received a list of upcoming events.	
In camera	MOTION by Councillor Damota to close the meeting to the public at 12:16 p.m. for agenda item 13.1 Legal Matter – overdue tax matter – FOIP, S. 16.	CARRIED
Revert to open meeting	MOTION by Councillor Butler that Council revert to open meeting at 1:17 p.m.	CARRIED
Adjournment	MOTION by Councillor Journault that, there being no further business, the meeting of February 6, 2018 be adjourned at 1:17 p.m.	CARRIED