

Municipality of Jasper
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 27, 2018 | 9:30 a.m.
Council Chambers, Jasper Library & Cultural Centre

Present	Deputy Mayor Jenna McGrath, Councillors Helen Kelleher-Empy, Paul Butler, Bert Journault and Scott Wilson
Absent	Mayor Richard Ireland and Councillor Rico Damota
Also present	Mark Fercho, Chief Administrative Officer Christine Nadon, Legislative Services Manager Kayla Byrne, Legislative Services Coordinator Bruce Thompson, Director of Operations Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance and Administration Greg Van Tighem, Director of Protective Services Moirra McKinnon, Parks Canada Municipal and Realty Services Manager Neil Jones, Bylaw Enforcement Officer Rick Bidaisee, RCMP Sergeant Cindy Alton, Administration Receptionist James Jackson, Tourism Jasper Evan Matthews, the Fitzhugh Bob Covey, the Jasper Local Three observers
Call to order	Deputy Mayor McGrath called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.
Approval of agenda	MOTION by Councillor Journault to approve the agenda for February 27, 2018 as presented. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
Approval of minutes	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empy to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2018 meeting as presented. CARRIED
Cannabis legalization – RCMP	RCMP Sgt. Rick Bidaisee presented information on the legalization of cannabis, which included the proposed changes regarding the consumption, possession and sale of the drug.
Bus. arising from minutes	None.
Brief updates: Cannabis sale and use in Jasper	Council discussed the sale and use of cannabis in Jasper, and inquired about buffer zones, designated smoking areas, and future decisions required of Council. Mr. Fercho will create a list of municipal duties related to the legalization, and a proposed map highlighting where people can and cannot smoke in town.

Recess	Deputy Mayor McGrath called a recess from 10:25 a.m. to 10:40 a.m.
2018 operating budget (Protective Services)	Council inquired about the inclusion of the depreciation amounts. Mrs. Malenchak confirmed, as per Municipal Affairs, the amounts must be included in the operating budget. This item will return at the March 20 regular Council meeting.
2018 operating budget (Operations)	Council inquired about snow removal procedures. This item will return at the March 20 regular Council meeting.
Process for review of non-taxed properties in Jasper	To allow for future discussion on this item, Council requested a list of all non-taxable properties within the Municipality.
Assessment Review Board training	Council discussed the number of people that should be trained for the Assessment Review Board. By legislation, the Municipality should appoint three members, two of which must be citizen members. Ms. Nadon has received three applications from the public. Councillor Butler also expressed interest in serving the Board. Ms. Nadon noted the value of appointing interested applicants, as the Municipality has been without trained members for several years. All applications will be reviewed by Council's Human Resources Committee.
Corres: Municipalities and cannabis – AHS	For information purposes, Alberta Health Services sent a letter about the health impacts of cannabis and the implications of new cannabis legislation.
Too Far Too Fast	For information purposes, Brian Patterson of Too Far Too Fast Canada sent a letter urging municipalities to prevent the opening of legalized cannabis stores.
Other new bus.	None.
Council Rep. on Boards, Meetings	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 McGrath attended a Communities in Bloom meeting and a Collaborative Action Team meeting.
Events	Council received a list of upcoming events.
Adjournment	MOTION by Councillor Wilson that, there being no further business, the meeting of February 27, 2018 be adjourned at 11:25 a.m. CARRIED