

Municipality of Jasper
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 20, 2018 | 1:30 p.m.
Council Chambers, Jasper Library & Cultural Centre

Present	Mayor Richard Ireland, Deputy Mayor Paul Butler, Councillors Helen Kelleher-Empey, Jenna McGrath, Bert Journault and Rico Damota		
Absent	Councillor Scott Wilson		
Also present	Mark Fercho, Chief Administrative Officer Christine Nadon, Legislative Services Manager Kayla Byrne, Legislative Services Coordinator Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance and Administration Bruce Thompson, Director of Operations Yvonne McNabb, Director of Culture and Recreation Jeremy Todgham, Fitness and Aquatic Centre Manager Don Smith, Deputy Fire Chief Dave Osborne, Licensing and Enforcement Manager Neil Jones, Bylaw Enforcement Officer Marianne Garrah, Habitat for the Arts Ken Kuzminski, Jasper Royal Canadian Legion Craig Gilbert, the Fitzhugh Ken Hodges Emile Begin		
Call to order	Mayor Ireland called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.		
Approval of agenda #54/18	MOTION by Councillor Journault – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda for the regular meeting of March 20, 2018 as presented. FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of minutes #55/18	MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the minutes of the March 6, 2018 regular Council meeting as presented. FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Presentations	None.		
Business arising from the minutes	Councillor Journault inquired about a full list of bylaws currently in force in the Municipality of Jasper. All current bylaws are available on the municipal website.		
Bylaw summary	Council received a summary of bylaws currently in force in the Municipality.		

Busking pilot project 2018 #56/18

MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve a Busking Permit to Habitat for the Arts for the 2018 Busking Pilot Project #4, prior to determining the future of busking in Jasper.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

CARB – Legion taxation #57/18

MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the administrative steps already taken not to appeal the Composite Assessment Review Board (CARB) decision regarding the Jasper Legion.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

CARB – Legion taxation #58/18

MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct Administration to write-off the Jasper Legion’s municipal taxes for 2015 and 2016, for a total amount of \$13,433.55.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Prior to making this motion Mr. Kuzminski addressed Council, expressing the Legion Board’s wishes to formally settle this matter, to move forward, and to not request a write-off of municipal taxes from years prior to 2015.

CARB – Legion taxation #59/18

MOTION by Councillor Butler – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct Administration to utilize tax payments made to the Municipality by the Jasper Legion toward 2015 taxes to pay the outstanding Alberta School Foundation Fund (ASFF) and Evergreens Foundation taxes due up to and including 2017 for a total of \$5,998.67, with an additional payment due from the Legion of \$406.33, to pay all taxes due up to and including 2017.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

CARB – Legion taxation #60/18

MOTION by Councillor Butler – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council (the Municipality) and the Jasper Legion reach an agreement that the CARB decision is accepted and all taxes owing are settled to the satisfaction of both parties up to and including 2017, and that both parties will agree to not dispute tax matters prior to 2017.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Administration will create a formal agreement and have it signed by both parties.

2018 operating budget #61/18 MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the 2018 operating budget in the amount of \$22,574,283 and remove the allocations, revenue and expense, to the Community and Economic Development Fund.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Council and Administration further discussed various methods of presenting the proposed budget in the future.

Capital budget carry forward to 2018 #62/18 MOTION by Councillor Butler – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve a capital budget carry-forward of incomplete 2017 capital items to 2018, as presented.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Sewer system for hostel and other parcels preliminary design #63/18 MOTION by Councillor Journault – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve a project budget of \$85,808 for the sewer system preliminary design engineering, with a municipal contribution of \$5,389.66.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Mr. Fercho will present more information, including funding agreements, regarding this project as it develops.

Waiver of notice – ARB training #64/18 MOTION by Councillor Butler – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council waive the two-week notice period on a motion to consider appointing two individuals to the provincial Assessment Review Board training in the spring of 2018.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

ARB training #65/18 MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct Administration to send Valerie Glaves and Stephen Eldred to the provincial Assessment Review Board training in the spring of 2018.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

ARB training – Councillor Butler #66/18 MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve a request from Councillor Paul Butler to attend the Assessment Review Board training offered by the Municipal Government Board in April 2018.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Correspondence: Council received a letter from local business owner George Andrew, in which Mr. Andrew opposed the Municipality issuing a business licence to the Jasper Royal Canadian Legion for the purpose of serving food and alcohol on institutional land. Mr. Fercho clarified that non-profits are allowed to operate commercially on institutional land. A broader discussion on non-profit organizations and taxation is planned for a future committee of the whole meeting.

Council received a letter from Prince George residents Ken Hodges and Emile Begin regarding the threat caused by wildfires throughout Jasper National Park. For possible future discussion, Council invited Mr. Hodges and Mr. Begin to present their detailed report at an upcoming committee of the whole meeting.

Other new bus. None.

Councillor reports Councillor McGrath attended a Jasper Community Team meeting, a Collaborative Action Team meeting, and a Jasper Municipal Library Board meeting.

Councillor Kelleher-Empey and Councillor Wilson attended a Community Futures meeting.

Council's Human Resources Committee met to discuss Assessment Review Board applications.

Council and the Municipality hosted the final Community Dinner of the season, which had about 220 people in attendance.

Mayor Ireland requested that a trophy from the Banff-Jasper Relay be displayed at the Jasper Library and Cultural Centre. Mrs. McNabb will submit a work order for this.

Mayor Ireland inquired if a member of Council could speak on his behalf at an upcoming sports banquet. Councillors Kelleher-Empey and Damota will check their schedules.

Upcoming events Council received a list of upcoming events.

In camera #67/18 MOTION by Councillor Butler – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council close the meeting to the public at 4:19 p.m. for agenda item 14.1 Deliberative Matter – new service section – FOIP, S.16.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Mr. Fercho also attended this in camera session.

Revert to open meeting #68/18

MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council revert to open meeting at 5:12 p.m.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Adjournment #69/18

MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED THAT, there being no further business, the regular meeting of March 20 be adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer