

Municipality of Jasper  
**Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**  
Tuesday, March 12, 2019 | 9:30 am  
Council Chambers, Jasper Library & Cultural Centre

Present	Mayor Richard Ireland, Councillors Jenna McGrath, Rico Damota, Scott Wilson, Bert Journault and Paul Butler
Absent	Deputy Mayor Helen Kelleher-Empey
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 Kathleen Waxer, Director of Community and Family Services Fuchsia Dragon, The Fitzhugh Kirsty Boisvert, Saving Mountains of Plastic Sonja Dickey, local business owner Kirsten Schmitten, Saving Mountains of Plastic Dwain Wacko, local business owner One observer
Call to Order	Councillor McGrath called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.
Approval of Agenda	MOTION by Councillor Journault to approve the agenda for March 12, 2019 as presented. <span style="float: right;">CARRIED</span>
Approval of Minutes	MOTION by Mayor Ireland to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2019 meeting as presented. <span style="float: right;">CARRIED</span>
Business Arising from Minutes	Councillor Damota inquired about the Jasper community housing update, which was hosted by the Alberta Rural Development Network in February. Councillor McGrath and Councillor Butler attended, noting the event was well received and residents are motivated to see housing options move forward.
Brief Updates: Single-Use Item Regulation Bylaw	Administration presented a draft single-use item regulation bylaw and provided answers to councillors' questions. Councillors also suggested edits to the draft bylaw and inquired about the environmental impact of reusable bags.  Representatives from the Saving Mountains of Plastic group also provided recommendations on plastic bag alternatives and made inquiries regarding a lack of fee for plastic bags in the draft bylaw.  Ms. Dickey noted that the business community also must do its part to find alternatives to single-use plastics. Ms. Dickey also noted public engagement and education should accompany this bylaw.

Mr. Wacko noted some challenges his business has had with paper straws, including straw durability and cost. Councillors indicated they were in favour of keeping plastic straws in the bylaw, but discussed the possibility for businesses to request an exemption.

Councillors requested more information regarding plastic bag alternatives and reusable bags.

This item will return for further discussion at the next regular council meeting.

Recess	Councillor McGrath called a recess from 10:49 am to 11:00 am.
Operating Budget 2019	Administration provided answers to councillors' questions regarding the 2019 operating budget. Council noted it may make decisions regarding some of the additional requests pertaining to the operating budget at its March 19 regular meeting. Council will make a decision on the overall operating budget at its April 2 regular meeting.
Policy B-003	Council indicated it would like to discuss policy B-003 Council Member Development Opportunities after councillors have returned from this year's FCM conference. It was also noted while the policy can be updated, the new version should not come into effect until after the next municipal election.
Correspondence: Rural Municipalities of Alberta	Council received a letter from the Rural Municipalities of Alberta, which noted the Municipality of Jasper received a rebate of \$960.94.
Other new business	Councillor Damota inquired about the culture and recreation services and facilities review. Mr. Fercho confirmed the project is open for proposals until April 5. Councillors will have the opportunity to score the proposals.
Council Representation	<p>Councillors Journault and Kelleher-Empy attended a Community Futures meeting, where representatives from the MD of Greenview were appointed to the board.</p> <p>Councillor Butler reminded council there will be a public housing forum on March 14 at the Jasper Activity Centre. Councillor Butler will also attend an Evergreens Foundation Board meeting.</p> <p>Mayor Ireland will attend a Jasper Yellowhead Museum and Archives Board meeting.</p> <p>Councillor McGrath attended a GYPSD community engagement event and a Jasper Municipal Library Board meeting.</p> <p>Administration reminded council they are invited to attend an evacuation exercise on March 13 and 14.</p>
Upcoming Events	Council received a list of upcoming events.

