

Municipality of Jasper
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 9, 2019 | 9:30 am
Quorum Room, Jasper Library & Cultural Centre

- Present Mayor Richard Ireland, Deputy Mayor Bert Journault, Councillors Helen Kelleher-Empey, Jenna McGrath, Paul Butler, Rico Damota and Scott Wilson
- Also Present Mark Fercho, Chief Administrative Officer
Kayla Byrne, Legislative Services Coordinator
Greg Van Tighem, Director of Protective Services
Neil Jones, Licensing and Enforcement Manager
Fuchsia Dragon, Fitzhugh
Craig Gilbert, Fitzhugh
- Call to Order Deputy Mayor Journault called the meeting to order at 9:31 am.
- Approval of Agenda MOTION by Councillor Damota to approve the agenda for July 9, 2019 as presented. CARRIED
- Approval of Minutes MOTION by Councillor McGrath to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2019 meeting as presented. CARRIED
- Business Arising Councillor Damota inquired if the discussion on winter sidewalk usage for cyclists could return at a future meeting.
- Director Reports: Protective Services The Director of Protective Services provided various highlights and updates from the department, including bylaw statistics on tickets and warnings. Mr. Jones provided answers to councillors' questions regarding bylaw interactions and provided answers to questions regarding the enforcement capabilities held by Bylaw Services officers.
- Councillors requested more details on ticket trends and warnings from the past few years. This information will be presented at a future meeting. Mr. Van Tighem provided answers to questions regarding fire prevention inspections. Councillors thanked the Protective Services Department for all its work on emergency preparedness for the community.
- Speed Limits and Signage Councillors discussed various options for speed limits, signage and feedback from residents pertaining to this item. Some councillors presented their own speed limit proposals. It was noted council passed a motion in March resolving that all speed limits within Jasper be reduced to 30 km/h with the exception of Connaught Drive and Sleepy Hollow Drive to remain 50 km/h.
- Mr. Jones reiterated the Traffic Advisory Committee's recommendation to reduce speed limits to 30 km/h throughout town with the exception of the outer edges of Connaught Drive to remain 50 km/h. Councillors requested that the various options for speed limits, as proposed by councillors, return to be voted on at the next regular meeting. Councillors also requested that the Traffic Safety Bylaw return for second reading at the next regular meeting.
- Recess Deputy Mayor Journault called a recess from 11:03 am to 11:12 am.

S Block Parking Lot Use	Administration presented various potential uses for the S Block Parking Lot. Councillors discussed the various options and indicated “Option 5 – Paid Parking 2” as the closest preferred option for the parking lot. Mr. Fercho noted the design approval from Parks Canada for this project is pending. This item will return for further discussion at a future meeting.
Fair and Equitable Taxation	Administration sought direction on whether to bring the draft Taxation of Hosting International Property Bylaw to the next regular meeting for first and second reading. Councillors confirmed they were in favour of moving forward with this bylaw, and discussed a letter from the Jasper Downtown Hostel regarding the taxation of the Hosting International Jasper Hostel. This letter along with a response from council will be included in the next regular agenda package.
Correspondence: Speed Limits, New Four-Way Stop	Council received a letter from resident Susan Young-Leslie regarding speed limits throughout town, and the Geikie Street and Balsam Avenue intersection.
Other new business	<p>Councillor McGrath inquired if the free youth recreation passes included racquetball at the Activity Centre. Administration confirmed the free youth passes include the pool, bouldering wall and fitness centre, but not racquetball.</p> <p>Mayor Ireland circulated a photo of a solar-powered crosswalk from Crossfield, Alberta. The crosswalk has flashing lights when in use. Mayor Ireland inquired if this is something that could be researched as a potential option for Jasper.</p> <p>Councillor McGrath noted she received a complaint from a resident regarding a stop sign that may have been knocked down near Elyson Florals. Administration will look into this item.</p>
Council representation	Councillor McGrath will be absent from the July 23 meeting.
Upcoming Events	Council received a list of upcoming events.
Adjournment	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey that, there being no further business, the meeting of July 9, 2019 be adjourned at 12:33 pm. CARRIED