

Municipality of Jasper  
**Regular Council Meeting Minutes**  
 Tuesday, December 17, 2019 | 1:30 p.m.  
 Quorum Room, Jasper Library and Cultural Centre

Present Mayor Richard Ireland, Deputy Mayor Paul Butler, Councillors Scott Wilson, Jenna McGrath, Bert Journault and Rico Damota

Absent Councillor 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  
 John Greathead, Director of Operations  
 Yvonne McNabb, Director of Culture and Recreation  
 Greg Van Tighem, Director of Protective Services  
 Kathleen Waxer, Director of Community and Family Services  
 Lisa Riddell, Community Development Manager  
 Fuchsia Dragon, Fitzhugh  
 One observer

Call to order Mayor Ireland called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

Approval of agenda #260/19 MOTION by Councillor Journault – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the agenda for the regular meeting of December 17, 2019 as presented.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Approval of regular minutes #261/19 MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the December 3, 2019 regular Council meeting as presented.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Department reports: Culture and Recreation The Director of Culture and Recreation presented a department report, highlighting ongoing facility and equipment updates, programs and services. It was noted the swimming pool is expected to open on December 21 while the completion of the slide is expected by the end of January.

Finance and Administration The Director of Finance and Administration presented a department report, highlighting the budget process, the annual audit and other Administration and IT news.

Family Resource Networks – Waiver of Notice #262/19 A waiver of notice was requested due to the complexity of the application process for this funding.

MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that Council waive the two-week

notice period necessary to make a decision on the Expression of Interest (EOI) regarding Family Resource Networks.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Family Resource Networks #263/19 MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to apply to the Expression of Interest (EOI) to act as a HUB for the Family Resource Network that will form within our proposed network area (Jasper, Hinton, Edson, Yellowhead County and possibly Grande Cache) and to deliver Spoke services within the community.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Interim Operating Budget 2020 #264/19 MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED that Council provisionally approve the 2020 interim operating budget as presented to allow for continued municipal service provision into 2020, until the final 2020 operating budget is formally approved, and direct Administration to make expenditures only within the limits contained within the previously approved 2019 operating budget.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

In order to present a proposed motion, Mayor Ireland requested that Deputy Mayor Butler chair the meeting.

External Groups #265/19 MOTION by Mayor Ireland – BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to make no expenditures to external groups in 2020 prior to approval of the 2020 operating budget.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Mayor Ireland resumed as chair of the meeting.

Recess Mayor Ireland called a recess from 2:59 pm until 3:08 pm.

2020 to 2024 Capital Budget #266/19 MOTION by Councillor Butler – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the 2020 capital budget as presented with the exception of all of the items on page 36 of the December 17 regular meeting agenda plus the slab and boards from page 35 which will require further approval by separate Council resolution, which approved expenditures total \$1,746,500.

FOR	AGAINST	
5 Councillors	1 Councillor (Councillor McGrath)	CARRIED

Replacement of Arena slab and boards  
MOTION by Councillor Butler – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the addition of the replacement of slab and boards (including contingency) to the 2020 capital budget for a total budgeted expenditure of \$1,470,000.

Some councillors indicated they would like to postpone making a decision on this item until the next regular meeting.

Postponing a decision on the Arena slab and boards replacement #267/19  
MOTION by Councillor Butler – BE IT RESOLVED that Council postpone consideration of the replacement of the arena slab and boards until the January 7, 2020 regular meeting.

FOR	AGAINST	
5 Councillors	1 Councillor (Councillor Wilson)	CARRIED

Recess  
Mayor Ireland called a recess from 4:21 pm until 4:27 pm.

Electric Vehicle Charging Centre for Jasper  
Council gave notice that a request for decision regarding a Jasper electric vehicle charging station will return at a future meeting. Administration presented a report proposing a joint effort by the Municipality of Jasper, Tesla and ATCO, with an open invitation to other EV charger providers to work together to bring Level 3 EV charging to Jasper.

This item will be discussed further at a future committee of the whole meeting.

Councillor Wilson  
Councillor Wilson left the meeting at 5:04 pm.

Appointments to Boards and Committees #268/19  
MOTION by Councillor Journault – BE IT RESOLVED that Council appoint the following individuals to Council’s boards and committees:

Applicant	Board or Committee	Term
Lorena Alonso	Jasper Municipal Library Board	Jan. 1, 2020-Dec.31, 2022
Joyce Melnyk	Jasper Municipal Library Board	Jan. 1, 2020-Dec.31, 2022
Colleen Chalifoux	Culture and Recreation Board	Jan. 1, 2020-Dec.31, 2022
Elizabeth McLachlan	Culture and Recreation Board	Jan. 1, 2020-Dec.31, 2022
Katherine Schmaltz	Culture and Recreation Board	Jan. 1, 2020-Dec.31, 2022

FOR	AGAINST	
5 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Bylaw Summary  
Council received a list of bylaws currently in force and those in various stages of readings.

Utility Rates Bylaw – 1<sup>st</sup> reading #269/19  
MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the first time Bylaw #223, the Utility Fees Levy and Collection Bylaw, being a bylaw of the Specialized Municipality of Jasper in the Province of Alberta to provide for the levying and collection of fees for the provision of water, sewer, solid waste and recycling services in 2020.

	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Utility Rates Bylaw – 2 <sup>nd</sup> reading #270/19	MOTION by Councillor Butler – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the second time Bylaw #223, the Utility Fees Levy and Collection Bylaw, being a bylaw of the Specialized Municipality of Jasper in the Province of Alberta to provide for the levying and collection of fees for the provision of water, sewer, solid waste and recycling services in 2020.		
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Upcoming events	Council received a list of upcoming events.		
Meeting Extension #271/19	MOTION by Councillor Journault – BE IT RESOLVED that Council agree to extend the regular meeting of December 17, 2019 beyond four hours.		
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
In Camera #272/19	MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED that Council move in camera at 5:24 pm to discuss agenda item 13.1 Legal Matter – FOIP, S.27.		
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Revert to regular meeting #273/19	MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED that Council revert back to regular meeting at 5:47 pm.		
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
WWTP contract	Administration gave Council an update on the Waste Water Treatment Plant contract and a change in operators. The Municipality of Jasper and SUEZ have agreed to an early end date for the contract to operate Jasper’s Waste Water Treatment Plant as of January 27, 2020. The contract was due to expire in 2022, which would require public bidding in 2021. Administration has hired EPCOR to take over the operations of the plant for one year, review operations, update the equipment and prepare the facility for the next 10 plus year operating contract that will be available for public bidding in 2021.		
Adjournment #274/19	MOTION by Councillor Butler – BE IT RESOLVED that, there being no further business, the regular meeting of December 17, 2019 be adjourned at 5:50 pm.		
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer