

Municipality of Jasper
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 10, 2019 | 9:30 am
Quorum Room, Jasper Library & Cultural Centre

Present	Deputy Mayor Paul Butler, Councillors Scott Wilson, Helen Kelleher-Empey, Jenna McGrath, Rico Damota and Bert Journault
Absent	Mayor Richard Ireland
Also Present	Mark Fercho, Chief Administrative Officer Christine Nadon, Legislative Services Manager Kayla Byrne, Legislative Services Coordinator John Greathead, Director of Operations Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance and Administration Kathleen Waxer, Director of Community and Family Services Beth LeBlanc, Community Outreach Services Manger Lisa Riddell, Community Development Manager Yvonne McNabb, Director of Culture and Recreation Don Smith, Deputy Fire Chief Fuchsia Dragon, Fitzhugh Three observers
Call to Order	Deputy Mayor Butler called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.
Approval of Agenda	MOTION by Councillor Journault to approve the agenda for December 10, 2019 as presented. CARRIED
Approval of Minutes	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2019 meeting as presented. CARRIED
Business Arising from the Minutes	It was noted the Records Management Policy and Bylaw has been referred to the Legislative Committee. A report will return to Council after the committee meets.
EOI regarding Family Resource Networks	<p>The Director of Community and Family Services presented a request to apply to the Expression of Interest (EOI) to act as a HUB for the Family Resource Network that will form within a proposed network area (Jasper, Hinton, Edson, Yellowhead County and possibly the Grande Cache area) and to deliver Spoke services within the community. Mrs. Waxer explained the Family Resource Network funding is a new approach based around a 'Hub' and 'Spoke' model to deliver services to children and families in Alberta. This funding includes many of the elements previously prioritized in the provincial Children's Services contracts, which are to be terminated as of March 31, 2020.</p> <p>Councillors indicated their support in principle for the application, but noted concern about the possibility of local taxpayer money being used to serve other communities. Mrs. Waxer confirmed if the application is approved there will be a negotiation period to finalize the agreement.</p> <p>This item will return for decision at the next regular meeting.</p>

Councillor Wilson	Councillor Wilson joined the meeting at 9:38 am.
JAG 2020 Request	<p>Councillors discussed looking at an overall business plan for the Jasper Library and Cultural Centre and all of its tenants. This will be discussed further at a future committee of the whole meeting (see Follow-up Action List).</p> <p>Mr. Fercho also noted there is work being conducted on the Robson Park Master Plan. This plan will focus on the visitation of Robson Park and the Library and Cultural Centre.</p> <p>Councillors inquired if the wayfinding signage project could move forward, helping to direct visitors to the Jasper Library and Cultural Centre. It was explained this project has been delayed due to changes at Parks Canada's development office. The first year of the wayfinding signage project was supposed to focus only on new town entrance signs, however, due to the delay Administration will inquire about incorporating other signage into the first year of the project.</p>
Legion 2020 Request	<p>Administration confirmed the Municipality holds the lease for the land that the cenotaph sits on, however, determining who owns the asset is ongoing. Once ownership is confirmed, councillors indicated their support in principle with moving forward to help refurbish the cenotaph.</p> <p>This item will return for further discussion once more information has been collected.</p>
2020 to 2024 Capital Budget	<p>Councillors discussed capital budget requests, both those scheduled for decision at the next regular meeting and those identified by Council as requiring more information and discussion in the New Year.</p> <p>Administration answered clarifying questions from councillors.</p>
Recess	Deputy Mayor Butler called a recess from 10:51 am until 10:59 am.
New Police Funding Model	<p>Council received information from the AUMA regarding an announcement made by the provincial government about a new police costing model that applies to municipalities with populations under 5,000. Possibly starting in 2020, this new model would require residents to help pay for additional RCMP and civilian positions in rural Alberta; this does not mean any new positions for Jasper.</p> <p>Administration noted they have not yet received any official correspondence from the provincial government on this item. Administration recommended this fee be presented to residents in the same manner as the Evergreens Foundation requisition and the Alberta School Foundation Fund requisition, as the police fee will be mandated by the province.</p> <p>Councillors inquired if a request could be sent to AUMA to lobby the provincial government on behalf of Jasper to increase policing during the community's peak season (see Follow-Up Action List).</p>
Meeting Request from HI Canada	In August 2019 Council passed the Taxation of Hostelling International Property Bylaw, which will come into force in August 2020. Hostelling International is requesting a

meeting in January to present a new tax exemption proposal. Council indicated its support for a meeting.

Other New
Business

Councillor Butler inquired about the 15% increase in the utility services budget. Administration explained the increase is due to a decrease in revenue from recycled products. Administration also noted the Environmental Responsibility Committee and the Operations Services Review (a capital budget request) could help in reviewing these programs and their associated costs and returns.

Councillor Damota inquired about the discussion on the structure and responsibilities of Council's boards and committees. Administration confirmed this item has been referred to the Legislative Committee and will come back before Council in the New Year.

It was noted Wildflowers Childcare was honoured with a Minister's Award of Excellence in Child Development.

Administration made note of the new Follow-Up Action List in the agenda package. This list is a tool to capture requests from Council.

Councillor Damota inquired about housing for municipal staff in the 2020 budget. It was confirmed this would come back as a parking lot item, but if approved, it wouldn't have any impact on the budget as the payments would be made by tenants through rent.

Upcoming Events

Council received a list of upcoming events.

Adjournment

MOTION by Councillor Damota that, there being no further business, the meeting of December 10, 2019 be adjourned at 12:00 pm.

CARRIED