

Municipality of Jasper
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday, April 14, 2020 | 9:30 am

Electronic Meeting	The April 14, 2020 regular meeting was conducted electronically through Zoom. All meeting attendees participated or observed by electronic means.		
Present	Mayor Richard Ireland, Deputy Mayor Helen Kelleher-Empy, Councillors Paul Butler, Bert Journault, Jenna McGrath and Rico Damota		
Absent	Councillor Scott Wilson		
Also present	Mark Fercho, Chief Administrative Officer Christine Nadon, Legislative Services Manager Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance and Administration Kayla Byrne, Legislative Services Coordinator Greg Van Tighem, Director of Protective Services Fuchsia Dragon, Fitzhugh 23 staff members and observers		
Call to order	Mayor Ireland called the meeting to order at 9:32 am.		
Additions to the Agenda #101/20	MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED that Council add the following items to today’s agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11.1 Update on arena renovations • 11.2 Notice: COVID-19 Economic Recovery Task Force 		
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of agenda #102/20	MOTION by Councillor Butler – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the agenda for the regular meeting of April 14, 2020 as amended.		
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of regular minutes #103/20	MOTION by Councillor Journault – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the April 7, 2020 regular Council meeting as presented.		
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
ECC Update	The Director of Emergency Management, Greg Van Tighem, noted the Emergency Coordination Centre (ECC) and municipal management staff remain focused on safe municipal operations, essential services, public works, public safety and any tactical response required to assist Alberta Health Services (AHS) and the community.		
	Under the ECC, Emergency Social Services (ESS) is also ensuring residents' needs are being met by providing support, resources and referrals.		

The municipal ECC is virtually meeting four times a week, updating ECC objectives weekly.

Councillors asked clarifying questions and thanked the community's emergency responders for organizing the Easter Cheer Parade.

Councillor
Kelleher-Empey

Councillor Kelleher-Empey joined the meeting at 10:00 am.

Bylaw Summary

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

Utility Fees Levy
and Collection
Bylaw 2020 A
#104/20

MOTION by Councillor Journault – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the third and final time, Bylaw #226: Utility Fees Levy and Collection Bylaw 2020 A, 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
6 Councillors

AGAINST
0 Councillors

CARRIED

RFD: Budget
Requests for
External Groups

Prior to making any decisions, Council made remarks regarding cost saving measures and community recovery funding due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Jasper Municipal
Library
#105/20

MOTION by Councillor Butler – BE IT RESOLVED that Council fund \$0 to each external request except for the Jasper Municipal Library, which will be funded at 50% less than last year's requisition.

FOR
2 Councillors

AGAINST
4 Councillors (Mayor Ireland, Councillors Kelleher-Empey,
McGrath and Damota)

DEFEATED

Habitat for the
Arts
#106/20

MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED that Council allocate \$0 in funding to Habitat for the Arts in the 2020 operating budget; and that the organization pay no rent during the time the building is closed.

FOR
4 Councillors

AGAINST
2 Councillors (Mayor Ireland and Councillor Damota)

CARRIED

Jasper Victim
Services
#107/20

MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council allocate \$9,500 in funding to the Jasper Victim Services in the 2020 operating budget.

FOR
4 Councillors

AGAINST
2 Councillors (Councillors Butler and Journault) CARRIED

Jasper Yellowhead Museum & Archives #108/20

MOTION by Councillor Kelleher- Empey – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council allocate \$19,600 in funding to the Jasper Yellowhead Museum and Archives in the 2020 operating budget.

FOR	AGAINST	
4 Councillors	2 Councillors (Councillors Damota and Butler)	

CARRIED

It was noted the Jasper Municipal Library Board reduced its requested amount from \$199,614 to \$175,700.

Jasper Municipal Library #109/20

MOTION by Councillor Journault – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council allocate \$97,850 in funding to the Jasper Municipal Library in the 2020 operating budget.

FOR	AGAINST	
4 Councillors	2 Councillors (Councillors Damota and McGrath)	

CARRIED

Jasper Municipal Library & Cultural Centre #110/20

MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the waiver of lease or rent payments for the Jasper Municipal Library and Cultural Centre tenants until September 2020.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	

CARRIED

Jasper Artists Guild #111/20

MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED that Council allocate \$0 in funding to the Jasper Artists Guild in the 2020 operating budget.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	

CARRIED

Recess

Mayor Ireland called a recess at 11:30 am until 11:40 am.

ATCO Electric Annual Report

Council received an annual report from ATCO Electric regarding franchise fees and taxes, system reliability, street lights and other related information.

Correspondence

As noted earlier, the Jasper Municipal Library Board sent a letter regarding a reduced request for the 2020 operating budget.

Other New Business

Council requested a report for the next meeting on the progress of the following capital projects: the arena, the curling slab, and the swimming pool.

Council gave notice regarding a decision on the establishment of a task force called the COVID-19 Economic Recovery Task Force to study and report on strategies and actions to be adopted to help position the community in its public, private and residential sectors and to spur economic and social recovery following the COVID-19 pandemic.

This item will return for decision at the next regular meeting.

Administration noted it is also hoping to assemble a task force, comprised of Council, to review departmental business plans and commence discussions on which services need to be removed for the 2020 season in order to reduce municipal costs.

This item will also return at the next regular meeting.

Councillor
Reports

Councillor Damota will attend a Jasper Partnership Initiative meeting.

Councillor Journault heard from business owners that visitors are adhering to advice to stay at home to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Councillor McGrath attend the latest round of Community Conversations, where it was noted Jasper's youth are adhering to best practices to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and that use of the Jasper Food Bank has tripled.

Adjournment
#112/20

MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED that, there being no further business, the regular meeting of April 14, 2020 be adjourned at 12:07pm.

FOR
6 Councillors

AGAINST
0 Councillors

CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer