

Municipality of Jasper
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 12, 2020 | 9:30 am

Electronic Meeting	The May 12, 2020 regular meeting was conducted virtually through Zoom. All meeting attendees participated or observed by electronic means.						
Present	Mayor Richard Ireland, Deputy Mayor Scott Wilson, Councillors Paul Butler, Bert Journault, Helen Kelleher-Empey, Jenna McGrath and Rico Damota						
Also present	Mark Fercho, Chief Administrative Officer Christine Nadon, Legislative Services Manager Kayla Byrne, Legislative Services Coordinator Greg Van Tighem, Director of Protective Services Ashley Kliewer, resident and co-owner of Raven Bistro Brett Ireland, CEO of Bearhill Brewing Fuchsia Dragon, Fitzhugh Tamar Couture, resident Dennis Zaffino, resident 107 staff members and observers						
Call to order	Mayor Ireland called the meeting to order at 9:32 am.						
Suspend sections of the Procedure Bylaw #139/20	<p>In order to best address the numerous correspondence items on the agenda, Deputy Mayor Wilson took over as the meeting's chair at 9:33 am, allowing Mayor Ireland to make the following motion:</p> <p>MOTION by Mayor Ireland – BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to section 3.4 of the Procedure Bylaw #190, Council waive or suspend, for the purposes of this regular Council meeting of May 12, 2020, section 13.1.1.2, section 13.3 and section 14.1.1 of Procedure Bylaw #190.</p> <table><tr><td>FOR</td><td>AGAINST</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>7 Councillors</td><td>0 Councillors</td><td>CARRIED</td></tr></table> <p>Mayor Ireland resumed his role as meeting chair at 9:42 am.</p>	FOR	AGAINST		7 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED
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Additions to the Agenda #140/20	<p>MOTION by Councillor Butler – BE IT RESOLVED that Council add the following items to today's agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">8.01 Motion to amend a previous motion13.1 In Camera: Human Resources Matter – FOIP, S.24 <table><tr><td>FOR</td><td>AGAINST</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>7 Councillors</td><td>0 Councillors</td><td>CARRIED</td></tr></table>	FOR	AGAINST		7 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED
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Approval of agenda #141/20	<p>MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the agenda for the regular meeting of May 12, 2020 as amended.</p> <table><tr><td>FOR</td><td>AGAINST</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>7 Councillors</td><td>0 Councillors</td><td>CARRIED</td></tr></table>	FOR	AGAINST		7 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED
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Approval of
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#142/20

MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the May 5, 2020 regular Council meeting as presented.

FOR
7 Councillors

AGAINST
0 Councillors

CARRIED

ECC Update

Mr. Van Tighem acknowledged the Government of Alberta’s multi-step relaunch strategy. The first stage of the relaunch strategy could see some businesses opening by May 14.

With the Victoria Day long weekend just around the corner, the ECC’s message to visitors is to stay home and save your visits to Jasper for another time. Although some businesses may reopen on May 14, non-essential travel is still not recommended for Albertans, but it is not prohibited.

In hopes of clarifying the province’s recommendation against non-essential travel, and what that looks like for tourism communities, Mayor Ireland and the mayor of Banff have talked with the Minister of Health and the Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Tourism.

The ECC is working with Alberta Health Services (AHS) in an effort to reinstate the sidewalk seating program, which had been suspended in response to the pandemic.

Enhancing Guest
Experience While
Social Distancing

For the sake of transparency, Mayor Ireland noted Brett Ireland is not a part of his immediate family; Brett Ireland is Mayor Ireland’s nephew.

Mr. Brett Ireland presented a proposal for the temporary expansion of sidewalks, within the downtown core, on Patricia Street and Connaught Drive. The proposal indicates the expansion would include street side parking along Patricia Street and the use of the south bound lanes and street side parking along Connaught Drive; traffic would still be able to flow through the downtown core.

The expansion was proposed as a solution to address public health concerns and assist local businesses as they begin to think of re-opening during a pandemic.

Council directed administration to look into the feasibility of this proposal. The proposal will also be discussed with the COVID-19 Economic Recovery Task Force.

This item will return for further discussion and consideration at a future Council meeting.

Budget Reductions and Required Service Reductions	<p>Ms. Kliewer, expressed dissatisfaction with Council’s May 5 decision, which directed administration to commence the implementation of municipal workforce and service reductions.</p> <p>Councillors reiterated these are challenging times and municipal cost reductions will be necessary to meet the economic reality of the community. However, Council assured when it is safe and responsible to do so, it will work with administration to reopen municipal facilities.</p>						
Recess	Mayor Ireland called a recess from 11:13 am until 11:20 am.						
Protective Services Report	The Director of Protective Services provided a departmental report highlighting recent emergency responses, command responses, full department responses and other operational details.						
Bylaw Summary	Council received a list of bylaws currently in force and those in various stages of readings.						
Reopen facilities when safe to do so #143/20	<p>In response to letters from residents regarding the possibility of facility closures until the end of the year, Council made the following motion:</p> <p>MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct administration to follow public health guidelines, and when facilities may be considered to be reopened, the information be presented to council in a timely manner to plan for reopening.</p>						
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Comments from the gallery	Residents Tamar Couture and Dennis Zaffino addressed Council during the meeting to ask questions and express their comments and concerns regarding the possibility of extended municipal facility closures and other service reductions.						
Councillor Wilson – Motions to Rescind #144/20	<p>MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that Council rescind motion #134/20 passed on May 5, 2020 to direct administration to make the cuts recommended by the Budget Review Committee to achieve a budget reduction of \$982,000; and that Council rescind motion #95/20 passed on April 7, 2020 to reduce municipal taxes by \$982,000.</p>						
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Notice: Appointments to Regional	Council gave notice that a decision regarding appointments to the Regional Assessment Review Board would return for decision at a future meeting. Council						

Assessment Review Board	must appoint board members to meet the requirements of the Regional Assessment Review Board Bylaw.		
Correspondence	Council received numerous letters in response to its May 5 decision which directed administration to commence the implementation of municipal workforce and service reductions.		
Other New Business:	The newly established COVID-19 Economic Task force has met to discuss how to align and coordinate efforts to safely and effectively welcome visitors to Jasper.		
Council representative on the COVID-19 Economic Task Force #145/20	MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that Council appoint Mayor Ireland to the COVID-19 Economic Task Force; and appoint Councillor Damota as Mayor Ireland’s alternate.	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors CARRIED
Councillor Reports	<p>Councillor McGrath will continue attending the weekly Community Conversations. Councillor McGrath also noted the Jasper Community Team Society will hold its AGM on May 28 from 7 – 8:30 pm.</p> <p>As noted during the ECC update, Mayor Ireland and the mayor of Banff have talked with the Minister of Health and the Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Tourism regarding non-essential travel and what that means for tourism communities. Mayor Ireland also attended a COVID-19 Economic Task Force meeting.</p>		
Upcoming Events	Council noted the Jasper Community Team is hosting weekly community conversations pertaining to COVID-19. The conversations take place at 1 pm on Wednesdays through Zoom.		
In Camera #136/20	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empy – BE IT RESOLVED that Council move in camera at 12:46 pm to discuss agenda item 13.1 Human Resources Matter – FOIP, S.24.	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors CARRIED
Revert to open meeting #137/20	MOTION by Councillor McGrath to revert to open meeting at 1:25 pm.	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors CARRIED
Councillor Wilson and Mayor Ireland	Councillor Wilson and Mayor Ireland left the meeting.		

Adjournment
#138/20

MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED that, there being no further business, the regular meeting of May 12, 2020 be adjourned at 1:34 pm.

FOR
5 Councillors

AGAINST
0 Councillors

CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer