

Mandatory masking in public spaces

Rather than explore a mandatory mask wearing bylaw, Council directed staff to create a public health campaign to promote education and awareness to help stop the spread of the coronavirus.

Councillors suggested creating the Jasper Community Safety Pledge to help engage residents and visitors. People would pledge to do their part to keep residents and visitors safe by wearing a mask when physical distancing is difficult.

To provide clarity on the outcome of the public health campaign, Council voted on the following motion:

#195/20

MOTION by Councillor Butler – BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to develop a COVID-19 health information campaign, including:

- town entry signage
- signage for businesses and indoor public spaces
- leaflets to be distributed at park gates, if Parks Canada is willing
- a take the pledge program
- updates to the municipal website and social media

And to ensure communications strongly recommend masks in indoor public spaces and where physical distancing is difficult and messages of welcome and thanks.

FOR
7 Councillors

AGAINST
0 Councillors

CARRIED

RFD: Reopening of the Fitness Centre
#196/20

Following discussions on possible reopening dates, health guidelines, a possible increase in coronavirus cases, budget and staffing needs, Council voted on the following motion:

MOTION by Councillor Journault – BE IT RESOLVED that the Fitness Centre and climbing wall plan for reopening for September 21 with a confirming decision to be made by Council on September 1.

FOR
5 Councillors

AGAINST
2 Councillors (Mayor Ireland & Councillor Wilson)

CARRIED

Recess

Mayor Ireland called a recess from 3:14 pm until 3:30 pm.

Notice: Reopening of the Aquatic Centre and Activity Centre

Council gave notice it would consider reopening dates for the Aquatic Centre and the Jasper Activity Centre at its next regular meeting.

RFD: Electronic vehicle charging centre for Jasper #197/20

MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED that Council designate the South end of the Connaught Municipal parking lot across from Robinsons as the location for EV charging stations in the Municipality of Jasper and that Council authorize the Mayor and CAO to enter into any agreements or grant funding request opportunities required to install Municipal or third party EV Chargers and infrastructure to the Council approved location, and that any agreements with third party providers be for up to 15 years, with options for renewal.

FOR

AGAINST

6 Councillors

1 Councillor (Councillor Journault)

CARRIED

Municipal staff are now working with Tesla, ZAAP Charge Inc. and the Town of Edson on potential proposals to install Level 3 EV fast chargers. Updates on approved proposals will be provided as they become available.

Correspondence: Reopening the Jasper Activity Centre

Council received a letter from a resident in favour of keeping the Jasper Activity Centre closed until at least October.

Council received a letter from one of the Activity Centre's tenants, encouraging Council to reopen the centre.

Concrete barricades

Council received a letter from a local business owner regarding the concrete barricades, which are required for the extended sidewalk seating and retail area permits.

Enforcement of Domestic Animal Bylaw

Council received a letter from a resident encouraging more public awareness of section 4.1 of the Domestic Animal Bylaw. This was sent in reference to pet cats killing birds in town.

Administration also noted bylaw officers have recently been responding to numerous calls regarding wandering cats.

Economic Recovery Plan

Council received a letter from the province regarding its economic recovery plan.

Local business opportunity

Council received a meeting request from ZAAP Charge Inc. regarding an EV charging station proposal.

Councillor reports

Councillor McGrath will be absent from the July 14 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Mayor Ireland noted the Economic Recovery Task Force will start meeting bi-weekly rather than weekly.

Councillor Journault will attend the Trans-Canada Highway Association's AGM later in July.

In camera
#198/20

MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that Council move in camera at 4:52 pm to discuss agenda item 14.1 Deliberative Matter: CUPE discussions – FOIP, S.17.

FOR
7 Councillors

AGAINST
0 Councillors

CARRIED

Revert to open
meeting
#199/20

MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED that Council revert to open meeting at 5:38 pm.

FOR
7 Councillors

AGAINST
0 Councillors

CARRIED

Adjournment
#200/20

MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that, there being no further business, the regular meeting of July 7, 2020 be adjourned at 5:44 pm.

FOR
7 Councillors

AGAINST
0 Councillors

CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer