

Municipality of Jasper
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 21, 2020 | 1:30 pm

Electronic Meeting	The July 21, 2020 regular meeting was conducted virtually through Zoom. All meeting attendees participated or observed by electronic means.
Present	Mayor Richard Ireland, Deputy Mayor Bert Journault, Councillors Paul Butler, Scott Wilson, Helen Kelleher-Empey, Jenna McGrath and Rico Damota
Also present	Mark Fercho, Chief Administrative Officer Kayla Byrne, Legislative Services Coordinator Christine Nadon, Legislative Services Manager Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance and Administration Gordon Hutton, Buildings and Asset Manager Neil Jones, Licensing and Enforcement Manager Joanne McQuarrie, Fitzhugh 17 staff members and observers
Call to order	Mayor Ireland called the meeting to order at 1:34 pm
Opening remarks	It was noted the 19th anniversary of the order in council which established the Specialized Municipality of Jasper was July 21. Council observed a moment of silence in honour of those who lost their lives in the recent tragedy on the Columbia Icefield. Mayor Ireland also expressed condolences, sympathy, best wishes and gratitude.
Additions to the agenda #201/20	MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED that Council add the following item to today’s agenda: - 4.1 Remarks: Facebook post FOR 7 Councillors AGAINST 0 Councillors CARRIED
Approval of agenda #202/20	MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the agenda for the regular meeting of July 21, 2020 as amended. FOR 7 Councillors AGAINST 0 Councillors CARRIED
Approval of regular minutes #203/20	MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the July 7, 2020 regular Council meeting as presented. FOR 7 Councillors AGAINST 0 Councillors CARRIED
Remarks: Facebook post	Councillor Journault apologized for a Facebook meme he had shared over the weekend, which has been deleted; and made a commitment to continued learning, growth and personal and professional improvement. Mayor Ireland

assured that the sentiments expressed and implied in the meme re-posted by Councillor Journault do not reflect the values of Council or of the Municipality of Jasper.

Business arising from minutes Councillors discussed the Municipality's Keep Jasper Safe public health campaign, noting that while mask wearing appears to have increased, councillors are concerned about the rising number of COVID-19 cases in Alberta. Councillors discussed the possibility of mandatory mask wearing in public places and possible enforcement challenges. For now, the Municipality will continue with its public health campaign and continue to monitor the situation. Councillors requested that COVID-19 updates and public health information be discussed at upcoming committee of the whole meetings.

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

Arena and Curling Club capital project update Staff confirmed the Arena slab and board and the Curling Club project is progressing. Several project benchmarks have been completed, however, the project has not been without its challenges, including the discovery of vermiculite in the Arena. The project, which was expected to be completed by October 18, 2020, is now scheduled for a November 1, 2020 completion date. The project remains on budget.

Reopening of the Aquatic Centre and Activity Centre #204/20 Following discussions on public health and fiscal responsibility, Council made the following motion:
That Council approve an additional net deficit of \$115,000 to reopen the Aquatic Centre starting September 21, 2020 with reduced hours, as outlined in this report (pending staff availability and training).

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	1 Councillor (Mayor Ireland)	CARRIED

Council deferred making a decision on a reopening for the Activity Centre until August 4. This matter is also scheduled to be discussed at the July 28 committee of the whole meeting.

Recess & Councillor Kelleher-Empey Mayor Ireland called a recess from 3:20 pm until 3:28 pm. Councillor Kelleher-Empey left the meeting at 3:20 pm.

CMHC Seed Funding for Affordable Housing Units #205/20 MOTION by Councillor Butler – BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorize the Mayor and CAO to execute the attached CMHC Seed Funding Contribution Agreement and CMHC Seed Funding Loan Agreement to fund an 80-unit housing project on Connaught Drive, dependent on other successful grant applications;

That Council pass the resolution provided by CMHC (attached) to borrow money on behalf of the Municipality of Jasper; and

That Council direct Administration to prepare a borrowing bylaw for Council consideration in order to complete the financial process related to this application.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

S-Block Paid Parking Fee Structure
Following discussions on fees in other communities and enforcement, Council gave notice that it may make a decision on the S-block parking lot fee structure at the August 4, 2020 regular meeting.

Correspondence: Reopening of Culture & Recreation facilities
Council received three letters regarding the reopening of the Aquatic Centre. These letters were considered earlier during discussions on the reopening of the facility.

In camera #206/20
MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that Council move in camera at 4:04 pm to discuss agenda item 14.1 Personnel Matter: Municipal reorganization – FOIP, S.24.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Councillor Wilson
Councillor Wilson left the meeting during the in camera session.

Revert to open meeting #207/20
MOTION by Councillor Butler – BE IT RESOLVED that Council revert to open meeting at 5:29 pm.

FOR	AGAINST	
5 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Adjournment #208/20
MOTION by Councillor Journault – BE IT RESOLVED that, there being no further business, the regular meeting of July 21, 2020 be adjourned at 5:33 pm.

FOR	AGAINST	
5 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer