

Municipality of Jasper
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 16, 2020 | 9:30 am

Electronic Meeting	The June 16, 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-Empy, Jenna McGrath and Rico Damota
Also present	Mark Fercho, Chief Administrative Officer Kayla Byrne, Legislative Services Coordinator Greg Van Tighem, Director of Protective Services Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance and Administration Joanne McQuarrie, Fitzhugh 30 staff members and observers
Call to order	Mayor Ireland called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.
Approval of agenda #175/20	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empy – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the agenda for the regular meeting of June 16, 2020 as presented. FOR 7 Councillors AGAINST 0 Councillors CARRIED
Approval of regular minutes #176/20	MOTION by Councillor Journault – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the June 9, 2020 regular Council meeting as presented. FOR 7 Councillors AGAINST 0 Councillors CARRIED
ECC Update	Council received the weekly update from the Emergency Coordination Centre (ECC), which focused on the deactivation of the ECC, Masks for Albertans program, sanitation stations, Culture and Recreation facilities and COVID-19 testing for all Albertans. A more detailed account of the update is available on the municipal website . Councillors thanked the ECC for all its work during the past few months; thanked the Rotary Club for its sanitation station donations; and inquired about signage pertaining to the free masks in hotel lobbies. Mayor Ireland will inquire about mask information in hotel lobbies at the next Economic Recovery Task Force meeting.
Business arising from the minutes	Councillors noted they would like to continue discussing public distancing, in response to COVID-19, in the downtown core. The possible reconfiguration of driving lanes, parking lanes and speed limits to accommodate physical distancing is expected to be discussed further at future Council meetings.

It was noted Jasper Day, a proposed annual celebration for locals, is not intended to take away from other local events.

Councillors confirmed no direction was given to implement changes in respect to the bylaw department and parking enforcement.

Finance and Administration

Council received a report from the Director of Finance and Administration, highlighting departmental updates, including MSI and GTF funding news.

The administration office remains closed as staff wait for a plexiglass barrier to be installed at the front desk. The office is expected to reopen in July.

Councillors inquired about reconfiguring the quorum room to allow for the continued public broadcasting of meetings once Council returns to in-person meetings. Administration confirmed staff is working on this.

Bylaw Summary

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

Outdoor market and Jasper day follow-up

The idea of an outdoor market where local businesses could expand into green spaces or parking lots was brought to the Economic Recovery Task Force. The task force noted the idea could be difficult to bring to fruition due to staffing concerns and other logistics.

In order to aid with traffic flow in the business sector, Council gave notice that it could make a decision, at its next meeting on June 30, regarding the reduction of maximum parking time from two hours to 50 minutes on Patricia Street and the west side of Connaught Drive between Pyramid Lake Road and Hazel Avenue. If approved, designated handicap parking and off street parking will be exempt from the 50 minute parking limit. The current timing of 9 am – 5 pm would remain in place.

Members of the public can weigh in on the proposed parking limit change through usual contact means.

June 23 Council meeting – waiver of notice #177/20

MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that Council waive notice otherwise necessary to make a decision on the cancellation of the June 23 meeting.

FOR	AGAINST	
7 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

June 23 Council meeting #178/20

MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empy – BE IT RESOLVED that Council defer the June 23 Council meeting for a seminar and reschedule agenda items for the June 30, 2020 Council meeting.

FOR	AGAINST	
7 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Recess	Mayor Ireland called a recess from 11:08 am – 11:16 am.		
Funding for Custodial and Seasonal Grounds positions – waiver of notice #179/20	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED that Council waive the notice otherwise necessary to make a decision on funding for custodial and seasonal grounds positions.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Funding for Custodial and Seasonal Grounds positions #180/20	MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the expenditure of \$62,000 to fund one full time custodial position until the end of 2020 in the Culture and Recreation department; and one summer seasonal grounds position in the Operations department.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Downtown parking	Council received a letter proposing 50 minute parking in Jasper’s business sector. This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.		
Other new business	<p>Councillors indicated an interest in Administration performing an audit of organizational policies and procedures with a focus on systemic bias in recruitment, promotion and in provision of services to the public.</p> <p>Administration noted the Municipality received grant funding from AUMA to enhance and improve inclusivity within the Municipality. Administration is inquiring if the grant can be extended for a year.</p> <p>Councillors inquired about the Early Learning Childcare grant extension. The province has not given any updates yet.</p>		
Councillor reports	<p>Councillors Kelleher-Empey and Wilson will attend a Community Futures meeting this week and will attend the organization’s AGM.</p> <p>Councillor McGrath attended a Jasper Library Board meeting, will continue attending the weekly Community Conversations and will attend a West Yellowhead Library Board meeting.</p>		
Upcoming events	Council received a short list of events.		

Adjournment
#181/20

MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that, there being no further business, the regular meeting of June 16, 2020 be adjourned at 11:39 am.

FOR
7 Councillors

AGAINST
0 Councillors

CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer