

Municipality of Jasper
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday, August 18, 2020 | 1:30 pm
 Quorum Room, Jasper Library and Cultural Centre

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Present Mayor Richard Ireland, Deputy Mayor Bert Journault, Councillors Paul Butler, Helen Kelleher-Empey, Jenna McGrath (attended through Zoom) and Rico Damota

Absent Councillor Scott Wilson

Also present Mark Fercho, Chief Administrative Officer
 Kayla Byrne, Legislative Services Coordinator
 Christine Nadon, Legislative Services Manager
All others participated or observed through Zoom:
 Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance and Administration
 John Greathead, Director of Operations
 Joanne McQuarrie, Fitzhugh
 Six staff members and observers

Call to order Mayor Ireland called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

Approval of agenda #223/20 MOTION by Councillor Journault – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the agenda for the regular meeting of August 18, 2020 as presented.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Approval of regular minutes #224/20 MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the August 4, 2020 regular Council meeting as presented.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

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

CMHC Borrowing Bylaw – 1st reading #225/20 MOTION by Councillor Butler – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the first time Bylaw #229, CMHC Borrowing Bylaw 2020, being a bylaw of the Municipality of Jasper in the province of Alberta to authorize the Council of the Municipality to incur indebtedness to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) seed loan in the amount of \$100,000 for the purpose of construction of 80 affordable housing units and to authorize Council to repay the indebtedness in either annual or semi-annual installments.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

CMHC Borrowing Bylaw – 2nd reading #226/20

MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the second time Bylaw #229, CMHC Borrowing Bylaw 2020, being a bylaw of the Municipality of Jasper in the province of Alberta to authorize the Council of the Municipality to incur indebtedness to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) seed loan in the amount of \$100,000 for the purpose of construction of 80 affordable housing units and to authorize Council to repay the indebtedness in either annual or semi-annual installments.

FOR 6 Councillors AGAINST 0 Councillors CARRIED

Reopening the Activity Centre

Council deferred making a decision on this item.

Council voted to move in camera to discuss the implications of staff recalls for the Activity Centre – a topic deemed to be exempt from public discussion under the FOIP Act.

In Camera #227/20

MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that Council move in camera at 2:04 pm to discuss staffing related to the reopening of the Activity Centre.

FOR 6 Councillors AGAINST 0 Councillors CARRIED

Revert to open meeting #228/20

MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that Council revert to open meeting at 2:38 pm.

FOR 6 Councillors AGAINST 0 Councillors CARRIED

Reopening the Activity Centre

Council requested that this item return at the next regular meeting as a redrafted request for decision, removing any reference to the October 4, 2020 date noted in today’s report – the date when the CUPE union agreement for laid off staff expires and the Municipality must consider severance pay. Councillors also indicated they would like to explore other ways the facility could be available for community-use without fully reopening.

S-Block Paid Parking Fee Structure #229/20

Whereas the Municipality of Jasper is providing a new service;

Whereas the Municipality of Jasper has an existing Rates and Fees Bylaw;

MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empy – BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to apply parking fees to the new S-Block parking lot using Bylaw #140 – the Rates and Fees Bylaw.

FOR 6 Councillors AGAINST 0 Councillors CARRIED

Following questions from councillors about the on-street parking stalls adjacent to the parking lot, Administration indicated it could start charging fees for the internal parking sites prior to charging for the on-street sites. The possibility of fee exemptions for the on-street parking stalls will be further discussed at a future meeting.

Councillors also noted further discussion on parking enforcement and unregulated parking should be had at a future meeting.

Reallocation of
Capital Funds
#230/20

MOTION by Councillor Butler – BE IT RESOLVED that Council rescind the capital budget allocation to the Bio-solids Disposal project for a total amount of \$50,000;

That Council reduce the hydrant rebuilds project budget by \$12,000, from an initial \$55,000, for a new total project budget of \$43,000;

That Council approve a capital budget allocation to increase the budget for the security system at the Operations Building project by \$8,500 for a total project cost of \$28,500;

That Council approve a capital budget allocation to increase the budget for the reservoir cleaning project by \$3,500 for a total project cost of \$13,500 and;

That Council approve a capital budget allocation to increase the budget for the fleet replacement (a truck for Utilities) by \$50,000 for a total project cost of \$90,000.

FOR
6 Councillors

AGAINST
0 Councillors

CARRIED

Commercial
Cardboard

Council gave notice that it may make a decision on changes to commercial cardboard service standards at the next regular meeting.

Councillors noted the importance of clearly communicating any changes and to continue communicating current expectations (i.e. flattening cardboard.)

Recess

Mayor Ireland called a recess from 3:47 pm until 3:55 pm.

Council
Correspondence
Policy
#231/20

Council requested the policy statement be amended to include the following: “be relevant to an issue within Council's jurisdiction”.

MOTION by Councillor Butler – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the Council Correspondence Policy as presented and amended at today's meeting.

FOR
6 Councillors

AGAINST
0 Councillors

CARRIED

Communications
Coordinator

Council gave notice that it could make a decision on a communications coordinator position at the next regular meeting. Councillors discussed options to

support the full-time continuous position without committing Council to 2021 budget funds. This item will return for further discussion at the next committee of the whole meeting.

Jasper Day Proclamation Councillor Damota presented a draft Jasper Day proclamation, which proposes that Council proclaim the third Saturday in September, annually, as Jasper Day. Council will further discuss this item at the next committee of the whole meeting.

Correspondence: Feedback on compulsory face coverings Council received two letters in appreciation of temporary face covering regulations within the Municipality. Councillors thanked Bylaw and RCMP for helping educate the public about the new regulations.

Councillor reports Councillor Kelleher-Empey noted Community Futures West Yellowhead (CFWY) is offering a Jasper National Park Rent Relief Loan; and requested this information be shared on the municipal website. CFWY will also host a business walk-around on September 21. The intent of the walk-around is to check in with businesses about the summer and inquire about projections for the upcoming winter season.

Councillor McGrath attended the first meeting of the Municipal Inclusion Committee; and thanked residents, staff and businesses for participating in Communities in Bloom's weekly Tidy up Tuesday.

Councillor Damota may attend an Economic Task Force Recovery meeting on behalf of Mayor Ireland.

Adjournment #232/20 MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that, there being no further business, the regular meeting of August 18, 2020 be adjourned at 5:05 pm.

FOR
6 Councillors

AGAINST
0 Councillors

CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer