

Municipality of Jasper
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 25, 2020 | 9:30 am
Quorum Room, Jasper Library and Cultural Centre

Virtual viewing and participation	Public viewing and participation during Council meetings is through Zoom livestreaming.
Present	Deputy Mayor Bert Journault, Councillors Jenna McGrath, Helen Kelleher-Empey, Paul Butler, Rico Damota and Scott Wilson
Absent	Mayor Richard Ireland
Also present	Mark Fercho, Chief Administrative Officer Christine Nadon, Legislative Services Manager Kayla Byrne, Legislative Services Coordinator <i>Attended or participated through Zoom:</i> Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance and Administration Yvonne McNabb, Director of Culture and Recreation John Cowley, T2 Systems Joni Eros, Pay by Phone Gary Catt, VenTek Darrell Savage, Skate Park Committee Joanne McQuarrie, Fitzhugh Bob Covey, Local 12 staff members and observers
Call to Order	Deputy Mayor Journault called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.
Additions to the Agenda	Council agreed to add the following items to today's agenda: - 6.4 Skate Park Committee request - 8.5 Commercial cardboard - 10.1 Mask for Jasper the Bear
Approval of Agenda	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey to approve the agenda for August 25, 2020 as amended. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
Approval of Minutes	MOTION by Councillor Butler to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2020 meeting as presented. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
Paid parking presentations	Council received three presentations on paid parking options for Jasper. Presentations were given by representatives from T2 Systems, Pay by Phone and VenTek, respectively. A summary of those presentations are available in the agenda package on the municipal website. Councillors inquired about payment options, successes of paid parking in other communities, profitability and parking options for businesses.

Council will continue to discuss paid parking options at future meetings.

Skate Park
Committee
request

The Skate Park Committee is requesting a commitment for \$350,000 of matching funding to move forward with its large stream CFEP funding application. The committee is hoping a commitment from Council will help secure more corporate sponsorships.

Councillors asked clarifying questions.

Council will discuss this further before the CFEP application due date, which is at the end of September.

Recess

Deputy Mayor Journault called a recess from 11:19 am until 11:29 am.

Public health
update and
concerns

Councillors discussed creating cards for people who are exempt, as outlined in the Temporary Compulsory Face Covering Bylaw, from wearing a face covering. The current practice is for someone to simply state they are unable to wear a mask. Councillors suggested Administration reinforce communications, reminding businesses there are exemptions to the bylaw and that a person does not need to prove those exemptions.

Councillors noted some drivers are not adhering to the new lower speed limits in the central business district.

Council Strategic
Priorities update

Councillors noted a new priority will be to find a replacement for the departing CAO.

Reopening of the
Activity Centre

Council discussed a request to approve an additional net deficit of \$30,000 to reopen the Activity Centre starting September 21, 2020 for local use with reduced hours, pending staff availability and training.

Councillors asked clarifying questions about Out-of-School care's use of the Activity Centre and inquired about the possibility of utilizing the facility for community-use without fully reopening the centre; Administration noted this option would present staffing challenges.

Council also received notice, for information, that students living in the town site will not be able to eat lunch at the schools once the school year begins.

Custodial Services
for Reopening of
the Library

Council discussed a request to approve the expenditure of \$12,400 to provide additional custodial services for the Library and Cultural Centre starting September 2, 2020, pending staff availability and training.

Councillors inquired about what the resumption of services will look like and how new protocols will be implemented at the Library. Councillor McGrath will forward more information to Council.

This is scheduled to return for decision, with a request to waive notice, at the next regular meeting.

Communications Coordinator	<p>Council discussed a request to approve the creation of a full-time continuous Communications Coordinator position in the Legislative Services department, and approve an additional net deficit of \$13,504 to fund the position for the remainder of 2020.</p> <p>Councillors inquired about the placement of this position within the municipal organizational chart; about the future of the current Community Specialist position within the Community and Family Services Department; and the possibility of contracting out the proposed communications position for the remainder of the year.</p> <p>Councillors also indicated they would like to further discuss municipal social media practices, other communication service levels, and a future municipal reorganization.</p> <p>This item is scheduled to return for decision at the next regular meeting.</p>
Jasper Day Proclamation	<p>Councillors discussed a proposed Jasper Day Proclamation. Councillors suggested this could be an annual proclamation, which would require Council approval each year.</p> <p>This item is scheduled to return for decision at the next regular meeting.</p>
Commercial cardboard	<p>Councillors reiterated the need for more communication to businesses and residents about flattening cardboard. Councillors suggested emailing all businesses or working with other community partners like the Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce to help reiterate the message.</p> <p>Council is scheduled to further discuss service levels and policy related to commercial cardboard at the next regular meeting.</p>
Correspondence: Mask Feedback	<p>Council received a note of appreciation for its decision on compulsory face coverings.</p>
Other new business	<p>Councillors suggested a social media policy be created for staff and Council.</p> <p>Councillor McGrath inquired about attending the virtual AUMA convention.</p> <p>Councillor Journault suggested Jasper the Bear wear a face covering.</p>
Council representation	<p>Councillor Kelleher-Empey reminded Council of the upcoming Community Futures West Yellowhead business walk on September 21 at 9:30 am. Councillor Kelleher-Empey will attend the upcoming Community Conversations on behalf of Councillor McGrath.</p>
Upcoming events	<p>Council received a list of upcoming events.</p>
Adjournment	<p>MOTION by Councillor Damota that, there being no further business, the meeting of August 25, 2020 be adjourned at 1:23 pm. CARRIED</p>