

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

- Virtual viewing and participation Public viewing and public participation during Council meetings is through Zoom livestreaming.
- Present Mayor Richard Ireland, Deputy Mayor Rico Damota, Councillors Paul Butler, Helen Kelleher-Empey, Jenna McGrath (attended through Zoom), Bert Journault and Scott Wilson
- Absent Councillor Helen Kelleher-Empey
- 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
 Seven staff members and/or observers
- Call to order Mayor Ireland called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm.
- Approval of agenda #233/20 MOTION by Councillor Journault – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the agenda for the regular meeting of September 1, 2020 as presented.
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| 6 Councillors | 0 Councillors | CARRIED |
- Approval of regular minutes #234/20 MOTION by Councillor Butler – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the August 18, 2020 regular Council meeting as presented.
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| 6 Councillors | 0 Councillors | CARRIED |
- Business arising Councillors inquired about parking regulations for the new S-Block parking lot. Administration confirmed it will gauge the interest in commercial vehicle parking prior to considering other residential vehicles. This item will be discussed further as updates become available.
- Protective Services The Director of Protective Services presented a department report, highlighting department responses, fire prevention inspections and various meetings and training opportunities.
- Mr. Van Tighem will also meet with FRIAA, ATCO, CN and Parks Canada representatives to discuss future FireSmart work.

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

CMHC Borrowing Bylaw – 3rd reading #235/20 MOTION by Councillor Butler – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the third and final 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.

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6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Commercial Cardboard #236/20 MOTION by Councillor Butler – BE IT RESOLVED that Council deem that commercial cardboard placed in storage areas for municipal pick-up must be flattened, or it will be considered Untidy or Unsightly under the Nuisance Bylaw (#046) and may be subject to fines, as defined in the bylaw;

And that Council deem that commercial cardboard storage areas for municipal pick-up must be kept in reasonable condition, or they may be deemed Untidy or Unsightly under the Nuisance Bylaw (#046) and may be subject to fines, as defined in the bylaw.

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5 Councillors	1 Councillor (Councillor Damota)	CARRIED

Council will continue to discuss service levels, policy and cost implications of the commercial cardboard program at future meetings. In the meantime, Council directed staff to engage with the business community to help determine a solution that works both for businesses and the Municipality.

ICIP Update Council received notice that the funding application for the Jasper Recreation Facilities Renovations and Upgrade was approved in the amount of \$3,664,584 from the ICIP. This funding will finance 40% of the upgrades to the Jasper Arena, Curling Rink, Activity Centre, Aquatic Centre and Centennial Park Log Cabin.

Councillors inquired about the impact, if any, this funding may have on the current debenture for these projects; and requested a breakdown of related projects that have already been approved by Council and those that still require approval. The Director of Finance and Administration will present more information at a future meeting.

Reopening of the Fitness Centre #237/20	MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve an additional net deficit of \$97,000 to reopen the Fitness Centre starting September 21, 2020 with reduced hours (pending staff availability and training).						
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Reopening of the Activity Centre #238/20	MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve an additional net deficit of \$30,000 to reopen the Activity Centre starting September 21, 2020 for local use with reduced hours, as outlined in this report (pending staff availability and training).						
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Recess	Mayor Ireland called a recess from 3:18 pm until 3:25 pm.						
Custodial Services for Reopening of the Library – waiver of notice #239/20	MOTION by Councillor Journault – BE IT RESOLVED that Council waive the necessary notice in order to make a decision on custodial services for the reopening of the Jasper Municipal Library.						
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Custodial Services for Reopening of the Library #240/20	MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED that Council 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).						
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Communications Coordinator #241/20	MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the creation of full time continuous Communications Coordinator position for the organization as a whole, to be located in the Legislative Services department, and approve an additional net deficit of \$13,504 to fund the position for the remainder of 2020 (starting in October).						
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Jasper Day Proclamation #242/20	MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the Jasper Day Proclamation as presented in today’s agenda.						
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JCHC Succession Plan Council gave notice that it could make a decision on a Jasper Community Housing Corporation (JCHC) succession plan at its next regular meeting.

Councillors inquired whether this should be a JCHC recommendation rather than a recommendation of Council. Councillors requested that this item return for further discussion at the next committee of the whole, and that a copy of the JCHC Memorandum of Association be included in the agenda package.

Correspondence: ATCO Electric and ATCO Gas sent their annual notices regarding the Municipality's ATCO Electric and ATCO Gas Franchise Agreement respective franchise agreements, which allow for annual changes to the franchise fee percentage.

Other new business Council requested a discussion on a municipal social media policy.

September 22, 2020 meeting #243/20 MOTION by Councillor Butler – BE IT RESOLVED that Council schedule a committee of the whole meeting for September 22, 2020 at 1:30 pm and direct administration to attempt to schedule an intergovernmental meeting for the morning of September 22, 2020.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Council requested that a discussion on public attendance at Council meetings be included on the next committee of the whole agenda.

Councillor reports Councillor McGrath will attend the upcoming Community Conversations and a Library board meeting.

Councillors McGrath and Kelleher-Empey have been asked to sit on a panel for a West Yellowhead women in municipal government event.

Councillor Journault noted more people are expressing interest in the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association.

Some councillors will participate in the Jasper Victim Services annual golf tournament fundraiser.

Upcoming events Council received a list of upcoming events.

Adjournment
#244/20

MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that, there being no further business, the regular meeting of September 1, 2020 be adjourned at 4:35 pm.

FOR
6 Councillors

AGAINST
0 Councillors

CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer