

Municipality of Jasper  
**Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**  
Tuesday, September 22, 2020 | 1:30 pm  
Quorum Room, Jasper Library and Cultural Centre

Virtual viewing and participation	Public viewing and participation during Council meetings is through Zoom livestreaming.
Present	Mayor Richard Ireland, Deputy Mayor Rico Damota, Councillors Jenna McGrath, Helen Kelleher-Empey, Paul Butler, Scott Wilson and Bert Journault (via Zoom)
Also present	Mark Fercho, Chief Administrative Officer Kayla Byrne, Legislative Services Coordinator Christine Nadon, Legislative Services Manager <i>Attended or participated through Zoom:</i> Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance and Administration John Greathead, Director of Operation Kevin Visser, EPCOR Marco Braat, EPCOR Joanne McQuarrie, Fitzhugh Two observers
Call to Order	Deputy Mayor Damota called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm
Approval of Agenda	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey to approve the agenda for September 22, 2020 as presented. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
Approval of Minutes	MOTION by Councillor McGrath to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2020 meeting as presented. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
EPCOR 2020 Update Review	Council received an annual update from EPCOR, which highlighted operations, strategic initiatives, asset management and next steps for the future of the wastewater treatment plant. A full summary of the presentation can be found in today's agenda package.  Councillors inquired about proposed changes to the facility's classification; asset management and lifecycle, and inspections.  Councillors requested that any 2021 budget requests for the wastewater treatment plant be brought forward soon for consideration.
Public health update and concerns	As visitation numbers decrease, Council indicated it would like to discuss outdoor face covering regulations.  Prior to a discussion on face covering regulations, Council requested that the Temporary Sidewalk Seating Extension pilot project, which is set to end on October 16, be reviewed and considered for a possible extension. A decision on this item is scheduled to return for notice at the next regular meeting.

Councillors requested an update on the reopening of the Activity Centre, Fitness Centre and Aquatic Centre, which occurred on September 21. Administration noted there have been no major concerns, however, it has been busy for staff as they adjust to provincial health regulations and safely accommodate user needs. Following up on a request made at the September 15 meeting, councillors requested visitation statistics for the aforementioned facilities. Administration noted there are some logistical challenges in differentiating visitation statistics between the Fitness Centre and the Aquatic Centre. There are also some challenges in tracking Activity Centre attendees.

Recess	Deputy Mayor Damota called a recess from 2:54 pm until 3:03 pm.
Seasonal Suspension of Compost Collection	Council discussed a recommendation to suspend the municipal composting program during the winter as material in the bins freezes into place, which leads to a risk of injury to staff and an overall increase in cost. Councillors asked questions on safety concerns; other communities that may have a seasonal compost program; and the practicality of composting in general. This item is scheduled to return for deliberation at the next regular meeting.
Commercial Cardboard Virtual Town Hall	Following direction given at the September 1 Council meeting, Administration organized a virtual town hall meeting, for September 24, to discuss commercial cardboard services. Businesses received a letter outlining possible changes to cardboard services and were invited to participate in the meeting. The intent is to provide an opportunity for municipal staff to engage with the business community to help determine a solution that works both for businesses and the Municipality. The event will be facilitated in partnership with the Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce.
In Town Paid Parking	Councillors discussed the potential implications of paid parking. Councillors noted pursuing alternative revenue sources is one of Council's strategic priorities. Council will further discuss this item at future meetings.
Recess	Deputy Mayor Damota called a recess from 4:25 pm until 4:33 pm
2021 Budget Process	Council discussed the 2021 budget process, noting the 2020 budget was an anomaly due to budget reductions made in response to COVID-19.  Administration will return at the next regular meeting with summarized departmental business plans with 2019 operational service levels and amounts; and projected budget increase amounts.
Council representation	Councillor McGrath will be a panelist for the Women of the West Yellowhead event; will attend this week's Community Conversation, the virtual AUMA conference and Jasper Community Team meeting.  There is a West Yellowhead Waste Resource Authority meeting next week, however, both Mayor Ireland and Councillor Wilson are unable to attend.
Upcoming events	Council received a list of upcoming events.

Adjournment

MOTION by Councillor Wilson that, there being no further business, the meeting of September 22, 2020 be adjourned at 5:21 pm.

CARRIED