

Municipality of Jasper
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 20, 2020 | 1:30 pm
Conducted virtually through Zoom

Virtual viewing and participation	This meeting was conducted virtually through Zoom. Public viewing and public participation during Council meetings is through Zoom livestreaming.
Present	Deputy Mayor Rico Damota, Councillors Paul Butler, Helen Kelleher-Empy, Jenna McGrath, Bert Journault and Scott Wilson
Absent	Mayor Richard Ireland
Also present	Mark Fercho, Chief Administrative Officer Christine Nadon, Legislative Services Manager Kayla Byrne, Legislative Services Coordinator John Greathead, Director of Operations Yvonne McNabb, Director of Culture and Recreation Neil Jones, Licensing and Enforcement Manager Greg Van Tighem, Director of Protective Services Kristen Chambers, Evergreens Foundation Ornesto Tassoni, Evergreens Foundation Joanne McQuarrie, Fitzhugh 9 observers
Call to order	Deputy Mayor Damota called the meeting to order at 1:36 pm.
Additions to the agenda #269/20	MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve today’s agenda with the following additions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8.8 RFD: Virtual meetings of Council – waiver of notice• 10.1 Business garbage fees due to COVID-19
	FOR 6 Councillors
	AGAINST 0 Councillors
	CARRIED
Approval of regular minutes #270/20	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empy – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the October 6, 2020 regular Council meeting as presented.
	FOR 6 Councillors
	AGAINST 0 Councillors
	CARRIED
Presentations: Jasper Bus Contribution	The Evergreens Foundation (EGF) requested \$10,000 of annual support from the Municipality of Jasper. This funding would help the Foundation continue its bus service for Jasper community members. Council will further discuss this request during its upcoming 2021 budget discussions.
Bylaw Summary	Council received a list of bylaws currently in force and those in various stages of readings.

Requests for decision: Seasonal Suspension of Compost Collection	Council did not vote on a recommendation for a seasonal suspension of compost collection.		
	The request was brought to Council after the Operations Department identified problems with the program. To alleviate these problems, the Operations Department will explore several solutions. A full list of possible solutions can be found in today's agenda.		
Bylaw Enforcement Services Staff Designation	Council did not make a decision on this item, but indicated its support in continuing discussions on this item throughout the 2021 budget process.		
Arena Reopening #271/20	MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve an additional maximum net deficit of \$34,000 to reopen the Arena starting December 1, 2020 or earlier (pending construction, staff availability and training).		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Recess	Deputy Mayor Damota called a recess from 3:04 pm – 3:13 pm.		
2021 Budget Process	Council will meet with directors and managers for a budget workshop on October 21. Council will further discuss the 2021 budget project at the next committee of the whole meeting.		
MOST Memorandum of Agreement – waiver of notice #272/20	MOTION by Councillor Journault – BE IT RESOLVED that Council waive the necessary notice in order to make a decision on the Municipal Operating Support Transfer Memorandum of Agreement.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
MOST Memorandum of Agreement #273/20	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorize the Mayor and CAO to sign and enter into the Municipal Operating Support Transfer Memorandum of Agreement (MOA).		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
MSP Memorandum of Agreement – waiver of notice #274/20	MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED that Council waive the necessary notice in order to make a decision on the Municipal Stimulus Program Memorandum of Agreement.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED

MSP Memorandum of Agreement #275/20	MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorize the Mayor and CAO to sign and enter into the Municipal Stimulus Program Memorandum of Agreement (MOA).	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Interim CAO Appointment – waiver of notice #276/20	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empy – BE IT RESOLVED that Council waive notice to rescind Mark Fercho’s appointment to the Chief Administrative Officer position.	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Rescind Mark Fercho’s position #277/20	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empy – BE IT RESOLVED that Council rescind Mark Fercho’s appointment to the Chief Administrative Officer position.	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Interim CAO Appointment – waiver of notice #278/20	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empy – BE IT RESOLVED that Council waive notice to appoint an interim CAO.	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Interim CAO Appointment #279/20	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empy – BE IT RESOLVED that Council rescind the appointment of Mark Fercho as CAO, and; that Council appoint John Greathead to the position of CAO, on an interim basis, until a permanent CAO is appointed.	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
	Council thanked Mr. Fercho for all of his efforts and dedication throughout the years.			
Councillor Wilson	Councillor Wilson left the meeting at 3:44 pm.			
Virtual meetings of Council – waiver of notice #280/20	Due to an increase in COVID-19 cases in the community, Council made the following decisions:			
	MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED that Council waive the necessary notice in order to make a decision on meeting and conducting business remotely.	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED

Virtual meetings of Council #281/20	MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED that Council conduct business remotely through Zoom until decided otherwise.	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Correspondence	Councillors highlighted Halloween recommendations posted on social media by Community Outreach Services.			
Other new business: Business garbage fees due to COVID	Councillors inquired about a reduction in garbage fees for businesses that produce minimal waste. Administration confirmed it has been working with businesses since the pandemic started to reduce the number of waste pick-ups. Businesses are welcome to contact the Operations Department for more information.			
Upcoming events	Council received a list of upcoming events			
Adjournment #282/20	MOTION by Councillor Journault – BE IT RESOLVED that, there being no further business, the regular meeting of October 20, 2020 be adjourned at 3:59 pm.	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer