

Municipality of Jasper
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 3, 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	Mayor Richard Ireland, Deputy Mayor Paul Butler, Councillors Rico Damota, Jenna McGrath, Bert Journault and Scott Wilson
Absent	Councillor Helen Kelleher-Empey
Also present	John Greathead, Interim Chief Administrative Officer Christine Nadon, Legislative Services Manager Kayla Byrne, Legislative Services Coordinator Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance and Administration Angie Thom, Angie Lemire, Sandy Cox & Stephen Eldred, Jasper Library Board Paul Schmidt, Jasper Victim Services Pattie Pavlov, Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce Bob Covey, Jasper Local Joanne McQuarrie, Fitzhugh 7 observers
Call to order	Mayor Ireland called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm.
Additions to the agenda #291/20	MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED that Council add the following item to today’s agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 14.2 Personnel Matter – FOIP, S. 24
	FOR 5 Councillors AGAINST 0 Councillors CARRIED
Approval of agenda #292/20	MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve today’s agenda as amended.
	FOR 5 Councillors AGAINST 0 Councillors CARRIED
Councillor Butler	Councillor Butler joined the meeting at 1:38 pm.
Approval of regular minutes #293/20	Council confirmed the intent of resolutions #276/20 and #277/20 was to rescind Mark Fercho’s appointment to the position of Chief Administrative Officer. MOTION by Councillor Journault – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the October 20, 2020 regular meeting subject to the following amendments: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BE IT RESOLVED that Council waive notice to rescind Mark Fercho’s appointment to the Chief Administrative Officer position.

- BE IT RESOLVED that Council rescind Mark Fercho’s appointment to the Chief Administrative Officer position.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Council meeting calendar To provide clarification on Council’s new meeting schedule, Council made the following decisions:

Regular meetings #294/20 MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED that Council’s regular meetings take place on the first and third Tuesday of each month commencing at 9:30 am for the balance of this year until the next organizational meeting of Council in 2021.

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6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Committee of the whole meetings #295/20 MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that Council’s committee of the whole meetings take place on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month commencing at 9:30 am for the balance of this year until the next organizational meeting of Council in 2021.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Approval of organizational meeting minutes #296/20 MOTION by Councillor Butler – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the October 27, 2020 organizational meeting.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Presentations: Jasper Municipal Library Board The Jasper Municipal Library Board presented its 2021 budget request. Councillors inquired about reserves, user fees, salaries and hours of operation. Council requested a copy of the library’s service plan.

Jasper Victim Services Jasper Victim Services presented its 2021 budget request. Councillors inquired about donations and other funding sources.

Protective Services report Council received a departmental update from the Director of Protective Services, highlighting department responses, FireSmart work and recent meetings and training opportunities.

Sidewalk Seating Review Parameters Administration and the Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce (JPCC) are scheduled to present reports reviewing the 2020 sidewalk seating and retail area extension program at the next regular meeting. Council will review the 2020 pilot program, make changes as required and submit an application to Parks Canada’s Planning

and Development Advisory Committee (PDAC) for the program to continue in 2021.

Council directed Administration to solicit feedback on this item from residents and business owners.

Bylaw Summary	Council received a list of bylaws currently in force and those in various stages of readings.						
Recess	Mayor Ireland called a recess from 3:15 pm until 3:26 pm.						
Information reports: COVID-19 Tax and Utility Deferral Update	<p>Council received a COVID-19 tax and utility deferral update, noting the amount of outstanding taxes and utilities are similar to those of 2019.</p> <p>Council requested that outstanding amounts be reflected as residential and non-residential.</p>						
Requests for decision: 2021 Tax Requisition #297/20	<p>MOTION by Councillor Butler – BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to prepare, for Council consideration, a budget with a municipal tax requisition of \$8,429,903 for the 2021 budget year.</p> <table><tr><td>FOR</td><td>AGAINST</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>6 Councillors</td><td>0 Councillors</td><td>CARRIED</td></tr></table>	FOR	AGAINST		6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED
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Final decision date #298/20	<p>MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct itself and Administration to anticipate and strive to achieve a final decision approving the 2021 operating budget on December 15, 2020.</p> <table><tr><td>FOR</td><td>AGAINST</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>6 Councillors</td><td>0 Councillors</td><td>CARRIED</td></tr></table> <p>Public budget meetings are scheduled for Monday, November 23 and Wednesday, November 25.</p>	FOR	AGAINST		6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED
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World Tree	Council did not make a decision on Councillor McGrath’s request to support the World Tree, however, Council gave notice that, at its next meeting, it will discuss options for outdoor recreation and entertainment opportunities for residents and visitors, including the possibility of the Municipality supporting the annual World Tree initiative.						
Fitness & Aquatic Centre hours of operation	Council received three letters regarding the one-hour time slots at the Jasper Fitness and Aquatic Centre and the facility’s hours of operation. Council will further discuss service levels throughout the 2021 budget discussions.						
Infrastructure funding	Council received a letter from Alberta Municipal Affairs, indicating possible reductions in the province’s 2021 budget.						

Other new business The Jasper Skate Park Committee is expected to present an update at a future meeting. Administration confirmed the skate park project will also be included in the municipal capital plan.

Councillor reports Mayor Ireland has been selected to sit on AUMA’s Municipal Governance Committee.

Councillor McGrath will attend the upcoming Community Conversations.

Upcoming events Council received a list of upcoming events

In camera #299/20 MOTION by Councillor Damota to move in camera at 5:05 pm to discuss agenda items 14.1 Deliberative Matter: Parking – FOIP S.24 (1) (a) and 14.2 Personnel Matter – FOIP, S. 24.

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Revert to open meeting #300/20 MOTION by Councillor McGrath to revert to open meeting at 5:43 pm.

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Adjournment #301/20 MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that, there being no further business, the regular meeting of November 3, 2020 be adjourned at 5:43 pm.

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Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer