

Municipality of Jasper
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 1, 2020 | 9:30 am
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 Jenna McGrath, Helen Kelleher-Empey, Bert Journault, Rico Damota and Scott Wilson
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 Nancy Robbins, Community Futures West Yellowhead Pattie Pavlov, Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce Joanne McQuarrie, Fitzhugh 10 observers
Call to order	Mayor Ireland called the meeting to order at 9:31 am.
Approval of agenda #316/20	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve today’s agenda as presented. FOR 7 Councillors AGAINST 0 Councillors CARRIED
Approval of regular minutes #317/20	MOTION by Councillor Journault – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the November 17, 2020 regular meeting as presented. FOR 7 Councillors AGAINST 0 Councillors CARRIED
Presentations: CFWY Business Walk report	In September and October, Community Futures West Yellowhead hosted and facilitated four business walks throughout the region, including one in Jasper. A full report was presented to Council. The report is available in the December 1 agenda package.
Sidewalk seating and retail area extension renewal	The Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce (JPCC) presented its final report on the 2020 sidewalk seating and retail extension program. The JPCC received feedback from 113 businesses. Council indicated it may make a decision on the renewal of the program at the December 15 meeting. If Council votes in favour of the 2021 renewal, the project will be submitted to Parks Canada for final approval. The JPCC’s report is available in the December 1, 2020 agenda package.

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 11:02 am until 11:10 am.		
2021 Utility Fees #318/20	MOTION by Councillor Butler – BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to bring back a bylaw for consideration, if possible, at the next committee of the whole and for further consideration at the next regular meeting; and that the bylaw include a flat consumption rate; that the bylaw generate approximately \$750,000 of additional revenue; that the bylaw include a base rate related to metre size; and that Council further direct Administration to return in the New Year with suggestions for moving to a tiered consumption rate for the following year.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
COVID Related Staff Increase in Operations #319/20	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED that Council support, in principle, the addition of three six-month term positions in the Operations Department to ensure the delivery of essential services throughout the second wave of COVID into 2021.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Operating Budget 2021	Council gave notice that it may make a decision on the 2021 operating budget at the December 15 regular meeting.		
Renovations and Upgrades to 1251 Cabin Creek Drive Staff House – Waiver of notice #320/20	MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that Council waive the two-week notice period otherwise required to make a decision on proposed renovations and upgrades to 1251 Cabin Creek Drive.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Renovations and Upgrades to 1251 Cabin Creek Drive Staff House #321/20	MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve all of the action items (outlined in the December 1 agenda report) with a spending ceiling of \$200,000.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Meeting extension #322/20	MOTION by Councillor Journault – BE IT RESOLVED that Council extend today’s meeting beyond four hours.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED

Councillor Damota	Councillor Damota left the meeting at 1:30 pm.
Appointments to Boards and Committees	Council gave notice that it may make a decision on appointments to boards and committees at the December 15 regular meeting.
Correspondence: Dog park feedback	Council received feedback that the off-leash area could use some maintenance. Council requested a brief report on the off-leash area at the December 15 regular meeting.
Other new business	Councillor McGrath invited Council members to participate in the December Project.
Councillor reports	<p>In place of regular Wednesday Community Conversations in December, attendees are invited to take part in a discussion with Alberta Healthy Communities.</p> <p>Councillor McGrath will attend a Yellowhead Regional Library Board meeting.</p> <p>Councillor Kelleher-Empy attended an Alberta economic development conference.</p> <p>Councillors Kelleher-Empy and Wilson are scheduled to attend a Community Futures meeting.</p> <p>The Jasper Community Housing Corporation (JCHC) is holding a shareholders meeting following the December 1 Council meeting. The JCHC currently has two vacancies on its board.</p>
Adjournment #323/20	<p>MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empy – BE IT RESOLVED that, there being no further business, the regular meeting of December 1, 2020 be adjourned at 1:39 pm.</p>

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer