

Municipality of Jasper
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday, January 19, 2021 | 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 Scott Wilson, Councillors Jenna McGrath, Helen Kelleher-Empey, Bert Journault, Paul Butler and Rico Damota		
Also present	Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer Christine Nadon, Legislative Services Manager Kayla Byrne, Legislative Services Coordinator John Greathead, Director of Operations Gordon Hutton, Buildings and Asset Manager Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance and Administration Joanne McQuarrie, Fitzhugh 16 observers		
Call to order	Mayor Ireland called the meeting to order at 9:31am.		
Additions to the agenda #11/21	MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED that Council add agenda item 8.5: an item that Council consider a motion, with a waiver of notice, to direct Administration to write to the Premier and the Government of Alberta concerning recent events to permit surface coal mining in areas that had previously been closed.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 1 Councillor (Councillor Butler)	CARRIED
Additions to the agenda #12/21	MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED that Council add agenda item 10.1: a discussion on outdoor skating options in the Municipality of Jasper.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 1 Councillor (Councillor Butler)	CARRIED
Additions to the agenda #13/21	MOTION by Councillor Butler – BE IT RESOLVED that Council add agenda item 12A: an in camera item – a Human Resources matter under FOIP S.24.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of agenda #14/21	MOTION by Councillor Journault – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the January 19, 2021 regular agenda as amended.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED

Approval of regular minutes #15/21	MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the January 5, 2021 regular meeting as presented.	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
ECC update	Council received an update from the municipal Emergency Coordination Centre (ECC). The ECC continues to meet once a week and is monitoring COVID-19 cases within the community. Jasper has been busy, however, the majority of visitors appear to be adhering to provincial regulations. As of the January 19 Council meeting, case numbers remain stable; there are seven active COVID-19 cases in Jasper. The ECC is encouraging everyone to continue following provincial regulations.			
Bylaw Summary	Council received a list of bylaws currently in force and those in various stages of readings.			
Supplementary Assessment of Improvements Bylaw -1 st reading #16/21	MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the first time, bylaw #233, being a bylaw of the Specialized Municipality of Jasper in the Province of Alberta to authorize the supplementary assessment of improvements for the taxation year 2021.	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Supplementary Assessment of Improvements Bylaw -2 nd reading #17/21	MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the second time, bylaw #233, being a bylaw of the Specialized Municipality of Jasper in the Province of Alberta to authorize the supplementary assessment of improvements for the taxation year 2021.	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Supplementary Tax Bylaw -1 st reading #18/21	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the first time, bylaw #234, being a bylaw of the Specialized Municipality of Jasper in the Province of Alberta to authorize the imposition of a supplementary tax for the taxation year 2021.	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Supplementary Tax Bylaw -2 nd reading #19/21	MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the second time, bylaw #234, being a bylaw of the Specialized Municipality of Jasper in the Province of Alberta to authorize the imposition of a supplementary tax for the taxation year 2021.	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED

In town paid parking #20/21	MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to implement a paid parking pilot project in the 2021 budget year; and that Council direct Administration to present a project plan and public engagement plan prior to implementing the pilot project.						
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Municipal elections 2021 – Returning Officer – waiver of notice #21/21	<p>A waiver of notice was requested as the municipal election nomination period has already begun.</p> <p>MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED that Council waive the otherwise required notice in order to make a decision on the returning officer and substitute returning officer for the 2021 municipal election.</p>						
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Municipal elections 2021 – Returning Officer #22/21	MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that Council appoint Christine Nadon as Returning Officer for the 2021 municipal election; and that Council appoint Kayla Byrne as Substitute Returning Officer for the 2021 municipal election.						
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Capital project budget for asbestos removal – waiver of notice #23/21	<p>A waiver of notice was requested to start work while the Jasper Activity Centre is closed due to current COVID-19 regulations.</p> <p>MOTION by Councillor Journault – BE IT RESOLVED that Council waive the otherwise required notice in order to make a decision on a capital project budget for asbestos removal in the Multipurpose Hall chair storage room.</p>						
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Capital project budget for asbestos removal #24/21	MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve a \$20,000 capital project budget for asbestos removal in the Multipurpose Hall chair storage room.						
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Appointments to Regional Assessment Review Board	Council gave notice that it may, at its next regular meeting, make a decision on appointments to the LARBs and CARBs established under the West Yellowhead Regional Assessment Review Board.						

Recess	Mayor Ireland called a recess from 10:50 am until 11:00 am.						
Letter to the Government of Alberta – waiver of notice #25/21	<p>Councillor McGrath requested a waiver of notice to quickly encourage the Government of Alberta to reinstate its coal policy.</p> <p>MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED that Council waive the otherwise required notice to consider, at the January 19, 2021 meeting, a decision on writing a letter to the provincial government relating to coal extraction on the eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains.</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">FOR</td> <td style="width: 33%;">AGAINST</td> <td style="width: 33%;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td>6 Councillors</td> <td>1 Councillor (Councillor Butler)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</td> </tr> </table>	FOR	AGAINST		6 Councillors	1 Councillor (Councillor Butler)	CARRIED
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Letter to the Government of Alberta	<p>Councillor McGrath presented a motion to direct Administration to write to the Premier and the Government of Alberta concerning recent events to permit surface coal mining in areas that had previously been closed.</p> <p>Some councillors indicated they would like to do more research on the topic while some councillors indicated that this matter was outside of Council’s scope.</p> <p>Council deferred making a decision on this item.</p>						
Other new business: outdoor skating	Council directed Administration to prepare a report on low cost, high profile and easily accessible outdoor skating options within the Municipality for this winter season. A report is expected to be presented at a future Committee of the Whole meeting.						
Prospective candidates’ guide	With respect to the 2021 municipal election, there is a prospective candidates’ guide available on the municipal website.						
Correspondence	Council received a letter in support of paid parking.						
Council reports	<p>Councillor McGrath attended a Jasper Municipal Library Board meeting and will attend the upcoming Community Conversations.</p> <p>Mayor Ireland and Councillor McGrath attended a Municipal Inclusion Committee meeting.</p>						
In camera #26/21	<p>MOTION by Councillor Butler – BE IT RESOLVED that Council move in camera at 11:42 am to discuss agenda item 12A: an in camera item – a Human Resources matter under FOIP S.24.</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">FOR</td> <td style="width: 33%;">AGAINST</td> <td style="width: 33%;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td>7 Councillors</td> <td>0 Councillors</td> <td style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</td> </tr> </table> <p>Mr. Given was present for the in camera meeting.</p>	FOR	AGAINST		7 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED
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Revert to open meeting #27/21

MOTION by Councillor Butler – BE IT RESOLVED that Council revert to open meeting at 12:31 pm.

FOR	AGAINST	
7 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Adjournment #28/21

MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED that, there being no further business, the regular meeting of January 19, 2021 be adjourned at 12:31 pm.

FOR	AGAINST	
7 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer