

Municipality of Jasper
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 26, 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, Councillors Helen Kelleher-Empey, Jenna McGrath, Rico Damota, Paul Butler and Bert Journault
Absent	Deputy Mayor Scott Wilson
Also present	Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer Greg Van Tighem, Director of Protective Services Christine Nadon, Legislative Services Manager Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance and Administration Kayla Byrne, Legislative Services Coordinator Lisa Riddell, Community Development Manager John Greathead, Director of Operations Darrell Savage, Jasper Skatepark Committee Nancy Robbins, Community Futures West Yellowhead Joanne McQuarrie, Fitzhugh newspaper Bob Covey, Jasper Local newspaper 12 observers
Call to Order	Mayor Ireland called the meeting to order at 9:32 am.
Approval of agenda	MOTION by Councillor Journault to approve the agenda for the January 26, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented. CARRIED
Approval of minutes	MOTION by Councillor McGrath to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented. CARRIED
Emergency Coordination Centre (ECC) update	Council received an update from the municipal Emergency Coordination Centre (ECC), which continues to meet once a week and is monitoring the pandemic within the community. Active COVID-19 cases continue to decrease throughout the province. Many staff and residents of Jasper’s healthcare and senior facilities have received their first dose of the vaccine. The ECC continues to remind people to get tested if they are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms.
Boards and committees	MOTION by Councillor Butler that Committee of the Whole adopt the recommendation that Council direct Administration to conduct a review of the following boards and committees: o The Jasper Community Team – Community Conversations; o Environmental Responsibility; and o Culture and Recreation; And that the review provide recommendations on how to advance community engagement through greater consistency and role clarity. CARRIED

Councillors also inquired about a review to the Friends of Jasper Culture & Recreation Society.

Administration will present a report on this item at a future meeting.

Recess Mayor Ireland called a recess from 11:45 am until 11:55 am.

Support for Jasper Skate Park MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey that Committee of the Whole recommend that Council approve up to \$300,000 in matching funding for a new Skate Park, subject to matching funds being secured from external sources; and to consider a portion of the land commonly known as "Diamond A" in Centennial Park for construction of the Skate Park in the future. CARRIED

Mr. Savage confirmed the CFEP deadline for a funding commitment is June 15, 2021.

Council's Committee of the Whole recommendation is expected to return for further consideration and a possible decision at the February 2, 2021 regular meeting.

Outdoor skating options Municipal staff identified at least three viable sites for an outdoor skating rink in the community, which included Firemen's Park, Lion's Park and Robson Park. Administration has been in contact with the municipal insurance provider regarding outdoor rinks. Future work on this item may include a Council policy and administrative procedures. Administration recommended Robson Park as the preferred location for this year's outdoor rink.

Some councillors expressed concerns about creating a gathering space during the pandemic. Administration ensured that all provincial health orders and other appropriate signage will be posted on site.

Without objection from Council, staff will move forward with plans for an outdoor skating rink on Robson Park for this winter season.

Letters of support: Community Futures West Yellowhead request In the absence of objection from Council, Mayor Ireland will provide a letter of support to Community Futures West Yellowhead for its grant application to the Community Futures Pan West Rural Opportunities Fund.

Other new business Council's Human Resources Committee will present, at a future meeting, a recommendation to review Council's Remuneration and Benefits Policy and administrative procedures.

Council representation on various boards, upcoming meetings Community Futures West Yellowhead is offering business coaching and various training opportunities.

Council will meet with Parks Canada for an intergovernmental meeting following the January 26 Committee of the Whole meeting.

In camera MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey to move in camera at 12:36 pm to discuss agenda item 14.1 Personnel matter: CAO performance feedback – FOIP, S. 17(4)(f). CARRIED

Mr. Given was present for the in camera discussion.

Revert to open meeting MOTION by Councillor Butler to move out of camera at 12:55 pm. CARRIED

Adjournment MOTION by Councillor McGrath that, there being no further business, the meeting of January 26, 2021 be adjourned at 12:56 pm. CARRIED