

Municipality of Jasper  
**Regular Council Meeting Minutes**  
Tuesday, February 2, 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 Kayla Byrne, Legislative Services Coordinator Kathleen Waxer, Director of Community and Family Services Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance and Administration Joanne McQuarrie, Fitzhugh newspaper Bob Covey, Jasper Local newspaper 14 observers		
Call to order	Mayor Ireland called the meeting to order at 9:33 am.		
Additions to the agenda #29/21	MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED that Council add agenda item 8.3 RFD: Letter of support for the 1976 Coal Mining Policy reinstatement.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of agenda #30/21	MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the February 2, 2021 regular agenda as amended.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of regular minutes #31/21	MOTION by Councillor Journault – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the January 19, 2021 regular meeting as presented.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
ECC update	The ECC continues to meet once a week, monitoring the pandemic within the community. The ECC and municipal staff are reviewing upcoming changes to provincial regulations and how they may apply to municipal facilities and services.		
Department reports: Community and Family Services	The Director of Community and Family Services presented a departmental report, highlighting emergency social services, grant funding news and updates on programs and services. The full report can be found in the February 2, 2021 agenda package.		
Bylaw Summary	Council received a list of bylaws currently in force and those in various stages of readings.		

Supplementary Assessment of Improvements Bylaw – 3<sup>rd</sup> reading #32/21

MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empy – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the third and final time Bylaw #233, the Supplementary Assessment of Improvements Bylaw, 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	AGAINST	
7 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Supplementary Tax Bylaw – 3<sup>rd</sup> reading #33/21

MOTION by Councillor Butler – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the third and final time Bylaw #234, the Supplementary Tax Bylaw, 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	AGAINST	
7 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Appointments to Regional Assessment Review Board #34/21

MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED that Council appoint Valerie Glaves to the LARBs and CARBs established under the West Yellowhead Regional Assessment Review Board for a term commencing May 1, 2021 until April 30, 2024;

And that Council appoint Paul Butler to the LARBs and CARBs established under the West Yellowhead Regional Assessment Review Board for a term commencing May 1, 2021 until April 30, 2024.

FOR	AGAINST	
7 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Councillors inquired about a future request to appoint a designated clerk and chair to the board. Administration will provide more information through email.

Skate Park Support #35/21

MOTION by Councillor Butler – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve up to \$300,000 in matching funding for a new Skate Park, subject to matching funds being secured from external sources.

FOR	AGAINST	
5 Councillors	2 Councillors (Mayor Ireland & Councillor Damota)	CARRIED

Skate Park location #36/21

MOTION by Councillor Butler – BE IT RESOLVED that Council consider allocating a portion of the land commonly known as “Diamond A” in Centennial Park for construction of the Skate Park.

FOR	AGAINST	
7 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Recess Mayor Ireland called a recess from 10:58 am until 11:10 am.

Letter of support Councillor McGrath presented the following motion:

for the 1976 Coal  
Mining Policy  
reinstatement

MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to prepare a letter requesting that the Government of Alberta and Premier Jason Kenney issue an immediate stop work order for all existing coal exploration permits on the Eastern Slopes of Alberta and cease the issuance of any new exploration permits on the Eastern Slopes of Alberta until public consultation has taken place regarding the future of coal mining on the Eastern Slopes of Alberta;

And that this letter include the request that the Government of Alberta reinstate the 1976 Coal Policy, then go through a responsible and principled process;

And that this letter explains the importance of respectful engagement with stakeholders and Indigenous governments, as well as the importance for environmental protection, protection for our waterways, mountain habitat and for the continued ability to recreate and encourage tourism to our pristine mountain communities.

Prior to voting on Councillor McGrath’s motion, Mayor Ireland relinquished the chair to Deputy Mayor Wilson to make the following motion:

Motion to  
postpone  
Councillor  
McGrath’s  
motion  
#37/21

MOTION by Mayor Ireland – BE IT RESOLVED that Council postpone the vote on Councillor McGrath’s motion for two weeks; and in that two week period draft amendments to Councillor McGrath’s motion.

FOR	AGAINST	
2 Councillors	5 Councillors (Butler, Kelleher-Empey, Journault, McGrath & Wilson)	DEFEATED

Mayor Ireland resumed the chair.

Letter of support  
for the 1976 Coal  
Mining Policy  
reinstatement  
#38/321

Council voted on Councillor McGrath’s motion as follows:

FOR	AGAINST	
3 Councillors	4 Councillors (Mayor Ireland, Councillors Damota, Butler & Journault)	DEFEATED

Council reports

Councillor Wilson attended a West Yellowhead Waste Management Authority meeting.

Councillor Wilson and Councillor Kelleher-Empey attended a Community Futures West Yellowhead meeting. The organization is offering an extension to its relief funding loan for businesses in the region. The organization is also offering business coaching.

Councillor McGrath attended the school-aged Community Conversation and will attend the adults Community Conversation.

Mayor Ireland and Mr. Given met with Dave Rodney, the senior representative for Invest Alberta for Tourism Investment and Parks Liaison.

Adjournment  
#39/21

MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that, there being no further business, the regular meeting of February 2, 2021 be adjourned at 11:50 am.

FOR  
7 Councillors

AGAINST  
0 Councillors

CARRIED

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer