

Municipality of Jasper
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 16, 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 Yvonne McNabb, Director of Culture and Recreation John Greathead, Director of Operations Chris Timmons, Colliers Project Leaders Dave Levasseur, Otherside Advisory Inc. Joanne McQuarrie, Fitzhugh newspaper Bob Covey, Jasper Local newspaper 15 observers
Call to order	Mayor Ireland called the meeting to order at 9:31 am.
Approval of agenda #49/21	MOTION by Councillor Journault – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the agenda for the February 16, 2021 meeting as presented. FOR 7 Councillors AGAINST 0 Councillors CARRIED
Approval of regular minutes #50/21	MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the February 2, 2021 regular meeting as presented. FOR 7 Councillors AGAINST 0 Councillors CARRIED
Connaught Site Servicing Feasibility Study	Council received a progress update on the Connaught Drive site servicing feasibility study. Colliers Project Leaders has been working with the Jasper Community Housing Corporation (JCHC) on its affordable housing project and is conducting a feasibility study for servicing parcels GA, GB and GC on Connaught Drive. The goal of the study is to define the scope of the complete work to service the parcels; and determine an estimated cost to design and construct this work. Administration will bring forward recommendations on site servicing to the next Committee of the Whole meeting. At that time Council may provide direction on whether Administration should take the next steps forward on either servicing one, two or all three of the parcels.

If Council chooses to move forward on all or some of the lots, additional steps and approvals will be required. These steps would likely include a borrowing bylaw to finance the project, hiring contractors to do the construction and what amount of the utility service costs should be assigned to the other parcels.

Wastewater Treatment Plant RFP process

Council received an update on the Wastewater Treatment Plant operator Request for Proposal (RFP) process. The Municipality is currently working with an interim service provider, however, staff have been engaged in a process for seeking a long-term partnership for operation of the plant. Otherside Advisory has been assisting municipal staff to develop and market this RFP. Staff and Otherside Advisory are utilizing an evaluation matrix to score proponents' applications.

Administration is scheduled to return with a recommendation on the awarding of the RFP at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

ECC update

The ECC continues to meet weekly to monitor the pandemic. The ECC is reminding residents to remain vigilant as the province progresses with its first reopening phase.

Bylaw Summary

Council received a list of bylaws currently in force and those in various stages of readings.

Outdoor Skating Surface Policy #51/21

MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the Outdoor Skating Surface Policy as presented.

FOR	AGAINST	
7 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Support for suicide prevention hotline #52/21

MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED that Council endorse the 9-8-8 crisis line initiative and direct Administration to provide a letter confirming this resolution to MP Soroka.

FOR	AGAINST	
7 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Council reports

Councillor McGrath attended Community Conversations, a Jasper Library Board meeting, a Municipal Inclusion Committee meeting and a special Community Conversation on equitable engagement.

Councillor McGrath will attend a Jasper Community Team meeting and another Community Conversation.

Councillor Kelleher-Empey attended a TransCanada Yellowhead Highway Association meeting.

Councillors Wilson and Kelleher-Empey will attend a Community Futures meeting.

Councillor Damota attended a Culture and Recreation meeting. Councillor Damota also requested an update from Administration with respect to the RC Strategies Culture and Recreation Services and Facilities Review.

Mayor Ireland attended a Jasper Yellowhead Museum and Archives meeting.

Adjournment
#53/21

MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that, there being no further business, the regular meeting of February 16, 2021 be adjourned at 11:22 am.

FOR
7 Councillors

AGAINST
0 Councillors

CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer