

Municipality of Jasper
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 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 Helen Kelleher-Empy, Councillors Jenna McGrath, Bert Journault, Paul Butler and Rico Damota		
Absent	Councillor Scott Wilson		
Also present	Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer Christine Nadon, Legislative Services Manager John Greathead, Director of Operations 14 observers		
Call to order	Mayor Ireland called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.		
Approval of agenda #66/21	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empy – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the agenda for the March 2, 2021 meeting as presented.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of regular minutes #67/21	MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the February 16, 2021 regular meeting as presented.		
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
	Due to technical difficulties, Councillor Damota was not present for the vote on the approval of the February 16, 2021 regular meeting minutes.		
ECC update	The ECC continues to meet weekly to monitor COVID-19 in the community. As of the March 2, 2021 Council meeting, there is only one active case in Jasper. The ECC is watching for new variants of the virus. The ECC is also reminding residents to remain vigilant in their efforts to reduce the spread of the virus as the province progresses with its reopening phases. Culture and Recreation staff are seeking clarity on the Government of Alberta’s regulations on low intensity fitness activities.		
Business arising from previous minutes	Councillors inquired as to when the 2021 budget will return to Council for further discussion and deliberation. Administration will schedule a focused budget meeting for Council; this will give councillors an opportunity to provide direction before the final budget is presented at a regular meeting.		
Bylaw Summary	Council received a list of bylaws currently in force and those in various stages of readings.		

Connaught Site Servicing #68/21

MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED that Council:

- Approve installation of utility services to the GC, GB, & GA parcels in 2021;
- Direct administration develop the borrowing bylaws required to fund Connaught site utility services, to a maximum of \$3.647 million and present them at a future regular council meeting.
- Allocate \$350,250 in the 2021 budget for upfront project costs for the Connaught Drive Affordable Apartments, subject to approval of the Rapid Housing Initiative grant application.

FOR 6 Councillors AGAINST 0 Councillors CARRIED

Wastewater Treatment Plant RFP #69/21

MOTION by Councillor Butler – BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to enter into Contract Negotiation with the identified successful applicant for a 10-year Operating Contract of the Jasper Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP).

FOR 6 Councillors AGAINST 0 Councillors CARRIED

Healthy Communities Funding Application #70/21

MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVE that Council approve the submission of an application to the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative in an amount of up to \$250,000 for improvements to public spaces within the town site.

FOR 6 Councillors AGAINST 0 Councillors CARRIED

Other new business

With respect to councillor participation in upcoming Elected Officials Education Program (EOEP) courses, Council approved the following resolution:

EOEP courses #71/21

MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the attendance of any councillor who wishes to attend the upcoming EOEP courses:

- Council’s Role in Service Delivery
- Council’s Role in Strategic Planning

FOR 5 Councillors AGAINST 0 Councillors CARRIED

Due to technical difficulties, Councillor McGrath was not present for the vote on course participation.

Council reports

Councillor McGrath continues to attend weekly Community Conversations. Councillor McGrath will also attend a Jasper Library Board meeting, where reopening plans will be discussed.

Councillor Wilson and Mayor Ireland attended a West Yellowhead Regional Waste Management Authority meeting. The group has agreed to put out an RFP looking for consultants to make recommendations on altering the group's governance structure.

Adjournment
#72/21

MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that, there being no further business, the regular meeting of March 2, 2021 be adjourned at 10:45 am.

FOR
6 Councillors

AGAINST
0 Councillors

CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer