

Municipality of Jasper
Committee of the Whole Budget Discussion Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 24, 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-Empey, Councillors Scott Wilson, Jenna McGrath, Rico Damota, Paul Butler and Bert Journault
- Also present Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer
Christine Nadon, Legislative Services Manager
Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance and Administration
Kayla Byrne, Legislative Services Coordinator
Yvonne McNabb, Director of Culture and Recreation
John Greathead, Director of Operations
Greg Van Tighem, Director of Protective Services
Kathleen Waxer, Director of Community and Family Services
Bob Covey, Jasper Local newspaper
15 observers
- Call to Order Mayor Ireland called the meeting to order at 9:42 am.
- Budget 2021 Discussion Administration presented some historical content of municipal taxes from 2013 to 2020.
- Operations Department With respect to the 2021 Operations Department operating budget, Councillor McGrath presented the following motion:

MOTION by Councillor McGrath that Committee of the Whole direct Administration to incorporate the Operations Department budget as presented with a deficit of \$2,717,957 into the final 2021 operating budget to be presented to Council for approval on April 6, 2021.
- Councillor Wilson Councillor Wilson left the meeting at 10:51 am.
- Motion to amend #101/21 MOTION by Councillor Butler to amend Councillor McGrath's motion by reducing the amount of tax support from \$2,717,957 to \$2,617,957 for the 2021 Operations Department operating budget.

FOR 4 Councillors AGAINST 2 Councillors (Mayor Ireland & Councillor Damota) CARRIED
- #102/21 MOTION by Councillor McGrath that Committee of the Whole direct Administration to incorporate the Operations Department budget with a deficit of \$2,617,957 into the final 2021 operating budget to be presented to Council for approval on April 6, 2021.

FOR 5 Councillors AGAINST 1 Councillor (Councillor Damota) CARRIED

Recess	Mayor Ireland called a recess from 11:05 am until 11:11 am.		
Councillor Wilson	Councillor Wilson returned to the meeting around 11:30 am.		
Emergency Services #103/21	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey that Committee of the Whole direct Administration to incorporate the Emergency Services Department budget as presented with a net deficit of \$923,724 into the final 2021 operating budget to be presented to Council for approval on April 6, 2021.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 1 Councillor (Councillor Damota)	CARRIED
Culture and Recreation #104/21	MOTION by Councillor Wilson that Committee of the Whole direct Administration to incorporate the Culture and Recreation budget as presented with a net deficit of \$2,730,030 into the final 2021 operating budget to be presented to Council for approval on April 6, 2021.		
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 2 Councillors (Councillors Damota & Journault)	CARRIED
Community and Family Services #105/21	MOTION by Councillor McGrath that Committee of the Whole direct Administration to incorporate the Community and Family Services budget as presented with a net deficit of \$486,379 into the final 2021 operating budget to be presented to Council for approval on April 6, 2021.		
	FOR 4 Councillors	AGAINST 3 Councillors (Councillors Damota, Journault & Butler)	CARRIED
Finance and Administration #106/21	MOTION by Councillor Butler that Committee of the Whole direct Administration to incorporate the Finance and Administration budget as presented with a deficit of \$2,016,233 into the final 2021 operating budget to be presented to Council for approval on April 6, 2021.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 1 Councillor (Councillor Damota)	CARRIED
Next meeting	Due to timing constraints, an additional Committee of the Whole meeting will be scheduled to discuss the 2021 capital budget and a COVID recovery strategy and funding allocation.		
Adjournment #107/21	MOTION by Councillor Damota that, there being no further business, the March 24, 2021 Committee of the Whole budget discussion meeting be adjourned at 12:51 pm.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED

Due to technical difficulties, Councillor Wilson was not present for the vote to adjourn.

