

Municipality of Jasper  
**Committee of the Whole Budget Discussion Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, March 31, 2021 | 9:30am

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 Jenna McGrath, Rico Damota, Paul Butler and Bert Journault
- Deputy Mayor Helen Kelleher-Empey and Councillor Scott Wilson joined the meeting at a later time.
- 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  
Nine observers
- Call to Order Mayor Ireland called the meeting to order at 9:34am.
- Capital Budget Administration presented an overview and highlights of the proposed capital budget. Councillors asked clarifying questions.
- Addition to the Capital Budget: Pedestrian Safety Crossings #108/21 MOTION by Councillor McGrath that Committee of the Whole direct Administration to include \$32,000 for pedestrian safety crossings in the 2021 capital budget to be funded from reserves.
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| FOR           | AGAINST       |         |
| 5 Councillors | 0 Councillors | CARRIED |
- Recess Mayor Ireland called a recess from 12:07pm until 1:00pm.
- Councillor Kelleher-Empey Councillor Kelleher-Empey joined the meeting at 1:00pm.
- Capital Budget With respect to the capital budget, Councillor McGrath presented the following motion:
- MOTION by Councillor McGrath that Committee of the Whole recommend that Council approve the 2021 capital budget as presented with the addition of \$32,000 for pedestrian safety crossings and direct Administration to present this capital budget for final approval at the April 6, 2021 regular meeting.

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| Amendments to Councillor McGrath's motion                        | Councillor Butler presented several amendments to Councillor McGrath's motion:  |  |          |
| Office/Meeting Space Design & Construction #109/21               | MOTION by Councillor Butler to amend Councillor McGrath's motion to delete Office/Meeting Space Design & Construction (Administration portion) in the amount of \$150,000 from the 2021 capital budget.   |  |          |
|  | FOR<br>5 Councillors  | AGAINST<br>1 Councillor (Mayor Ireland)  | CARRIED  |
| Storage Area Storage Room in the New Multi-Purpose Space #110/21 | MOTION by Councillor Butler to amend Councillor McGrath's motion to delete Storage Area Storage Room in the New Multi-Purpose Space in the amount of \$50,000 from the 2021 capital budget.   |  |          |
|  | FOR<br>5 Councillors  | AGAINST<br>1 Councillor (Mayor Ireland)  | CARRIED  |
| 1 Ton Landscaping Truck #111/21                                  | MOTION by Councillor Butler to amend Councillor McGrath's motion to delete 1 Ton Landscaping Truck (Replacement) in the amount of \$125,000 from the 2021 capital budget.   |  |          |
|  | FOR<br>3 Councillors  | AGAINST<br>3 Councillors (Mayor Ireland, Councillors Damota & McGrath)                 | DEFEATED |
| Generator for Library #112/21                                    | MOTION by Councillor Butler to amend Councillor McGrath's motion to delete Generator for Library in the amount of \$40,000 from the 2021 capital budget.  |  |          |
|  | FOR<br>4 Councillors  | AGAINST<br>2 Councillors (Mayor Ireland & Councillor McGrath)                          | CARRIED  |
| Electronic Route Management #113/21                              | MOTION by Councillor Butler to amend Councillor McGrath's motion to delete Electronic Route Management system for solid waste vehicles in the amount of \$30,000 from the 2021 capital budget.  |  |          |
|  | FOR<br>2 Councillors  | AGAINST<br>4 Councillors (Mayor Ireland, Councillors Kelleher-Empey, Damota & McGrath) | DEFEATED |
| Daycare yard drainage #114/21                                    | MOTION by Councillor Butler to amend Councillor McGrath's motion to delete Daycare yard drainage in the amount of \$250,000 from the 2021 capital budget.   |  |          |
|  | FOR<br>6 Councillors  | AGAINST<br>0 Councillors   | CARRIED  |
| Capital Budget #115/21   | MOTION by Councillor McGrath that Committee of the Whole direct Administration to present to Council the 2021 capital budget as presented at the March 31, 2021 budget Committee of the Whole meeting, but subject to a \$32,000 increase for pedestrian safety crossings and the deletion of the following items, which total \$490,000: |  |          |

- Office/Meeting Space Design & Construction (Administration portion)
- Storage area Storage Room in New Multi-Purpose Space
- Generator for Library
- Daycare yard drainage

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| FOR           | AGAINST                          |         |
| 5 Councillors | 1 Councillor (Councillor Butler) | CARRIED |

Recess Mayor Ireland called a recess from 2:30pm until 2:41pm.

Councillor Wilson Councillor Wilson joined the meeting at 2:45pm.

External requests The Jasper Yellowhead Museum & Archives, Jasper Artists Guild, Habitat for the Arts, Victim Services Society and the Evergreens Foundation requested financial support from the Municipality of Jasper. The 2021 base budget holds all external community group funding at the levels previously approved in the 2019 budget. Some groups requested increased support in 2021.

To support these funding increases, Council made the following motions:

Evergreens Foundation #116/21 MOTION by Councillor Damota that Committee of the Whole direct Administration to augment the 2021 operating budget with the addition of \$10,000 for the Evergreens Foundation's operation of the Seniors' Bus.

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| 7 Councillors | 0 Councillors | CARRIED |

Jasper Artists Guild #117/21 MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey that Committee of the Whole direct Administration to add \$10,075 to the 2021 operating with respect to the request from the Jasper Artists Guild.

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| 7 Councillors | 0 Councillors | CARRIED |

Jasper Victim Services Society #118/21 MOTION by Councillor McGrath that Committee of the Whole direct Administration to add \$12,500 for the Jasper Victim Services Society in the 2021 operating budget.

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| 6 Councillors | 0 Councillors | CARRIED |

Due to technical difficulties, Councillor Butler was not present for the vote on the Jasper Victim Services Society budget request.

Councillor Wilson Councillor Wilson left the meeting at 4:00pm.

COVID Recovery Strategy #119/21 The 2020 Municipal Operating Support Transfer (MOST) program funding provides the opportunity to undertake interrelated strategies in 2021 to advance COVID recovery.

Council made the following motion with respect to this funding allocation:  
MOTION by Councillor Butler that Committee of the Whole direct Administration to apply \$1,000,000 of funding as a tax credit to be applied against the municipal tax requisition; and \$775,000 to go into a 2021 COVID relief reserve.

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| 6 Councillors | 0 Councillors | CARRIED |

Recess Mayor Ireland called a recess from 4:20pm until 4:26pm.

Operating & Capital Budgets #120/21 MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey that Committee of the Whole recommend that Council approve the 2021 operating and capital budgets as amended.

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| 6 Councillors | 0 Councillors | CARRIED |

COVID Relief #121/21 MOTION by Councillor McGrath that Committee of the Whole direct Administration to return to a future Committee of the Whole meeting with some ideas for a COVID relief program.

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| 6 Councillors | 0 Councillors | CARRIED |

Meeting extension #122/21 MOTION by Councillor Damota that the March 31, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting be extended beyond four hours.

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| 6 Councillors | 0 Councillors | CARRIED |

Adjournment #123/21 MOTION by Councillor Journault that, there being no further business, the March 31, 2021 Committee of the Whole budget discussion meeting be adjourned at 12:51 pm.

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| 6 Councillors | 0 Councillors | CARRIED |