

Municipality of Jasper
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 6, 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 Jenna McGrath, Bert Journault and Rico Damota Councillor Paul Butler joined the meeting at a later time.
Also present	Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer Christine Nadon, Legislative Services Manager Kathleen Waxer, Director of Community and Family Services Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance and Administration Yvonne McNabb, Director of Culture and Recreation Kayla Byrne, Legislative Services Coordinator Greg Van Tighem, Director of Protective Services Troy Birtles, Accurate Assessment Group Ltd. 18 observers
Call to order	Mayor Ireland called the meeting to order at 9:32 am.
Approval of agenda #124/21	MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the agenda for the April 6, 2021 meeting as presented. FOR 5 Councillors AGAINST 0 Councillors CARRIED
Approval of regular minutes #125/21	MOTION by Councillor Journault – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the March 16, 2021 regular meeting as presented. FOR 5 Councillors AGAINST 0 Councillors CARRIED
Councillor Butler	Councillor Butler joined the meeting at 9:45am.
2020 Assessment Summary	Troy Birtles from Accurate Assessment Group presented highlights of the Municipality’s assessment summary for 2020. Councillors asked clarifying questions. The full presentation can be found in the April 6, 2021 agenda package.
Long Service Recognition: Kathleen Waxer	Council and staff congratulated and thanked Mrs. Waxer for 35 years of hard work and dedication to the community.
Recess	Mayor Ireland called a recess from 10:47am until 10:58am.

Bylaw Summary	Council received a list of bylaws currently in force and those in various stages of readings.		
Commercial Use of Public Space Bylaw - Sidewalk Seating Fee Amendment	With respect to recommendations from Administration on fee amendments to sidewalk seating fees in the Commercial Use of Public Space Bylaw, Councillors presented the following motions:		
Permit fee #126/21	MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED that Council eliminate the \$100 sidewalk seating permit fee.		
	FOR 3 Councillors	AGAINST 3 Councillors (Councillors Butler, Damota & Kelleher-Empey)	DEFEATED
Seat fee #127/21	MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED that Council eliminate the per seat fee for 2021.		
	FOR 1 Councillor (Councillor McGrath)	AGAINST 5 Councillors	DEFEATED
Seat fee & possible waiver #128/21	MOTION by Councillor Journault – BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to increase the sidewalk seating per seat fee to \$50, but the collection of that fee to be deferred until the end of the season, at which time applicants can apply to have the fee waived on demonstrated hardship.		
	FOR 2 Councillors (Councillor Journault & Mayor Ireland)	AGAINST 4 Councillors	DEFEATED
Affirm current rate structure #129/21	MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the Commercial Use of Public Space Bylaw #193 - Sidewalk Seating Fee Amendment report for information and affirm the current rate structure.		
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 1 Councillor (Councillor McGrath)	CARRIED
2021 Operating Budget #130/21	MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve 2021 operating budget as amended resulting in a net municipal tax requisition of \$7,891,323.		
	FOR 3 Councillors	AGAINST 3 Councillors (Councillors Butler, Damota & Kelleher-Empey)	DEFEATED
	Council will continue to discuss the operating budget at future meetings.		

2021-2025
Capital Budget
#131/21

MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the 2021-2025 capital budgets as amended, referencing the numerous motions passed by Committee of the Whole.

FOR
4 Councillors

AGAINST
2 Councillors (Councillor Kelleher-Empey & Journault)

CARRIED

A full list of approved capital items can be found on the [municipal website](#).

Volunteer
Appreciation
Week Support
#132/21

With a respect to a written request from the Volunteer Week 2021 Committee, Council made the following motion:

MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED that Council allocate \$500 to put towards the marketing and promotion of local Volunteer Week virtual events and the ‘Jasper Volunteers’ Facebook page; and that Council proclaim April 18 –24, 2021 as National Volunteer Week.

FOR
6 Councillors

AGAINST
0 Councillors

CARRIED

Other new
business

Councillor McGrath inquired about Council’s interest to discuss a possible seasonal closure of Patricia to increase pedestrian traffic in the area.

The Culture and Recreation Board are scheduled to meet to discuss a possible Jasper Days event.

Council reports

Councillor McGrath continues to attend weekly Community Conversations and will attend a Municipal Inclusion Committee meeting.

Adjournment
#133/21

MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that, there being no further business, the regular meeting of April 6, 2021 be adjourned at 1:20pm.

FOR
6 Councillors

AGAINST
0 Councillors

CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer