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News Release

## **Jasper Announces New Chief Administrative Officer**

Jasper Municipal Council is excited to announce that Mr. Bill Given will be joining the Municipality of Jasper as Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) starting on January 1, 2021. Mr. Given is currently the Mayor of the City of Grande Prairie.

With nineteen years of municipal government experience as an elected official, including ten years as full-time mayor, Mr. Given brings forward proven leadership and demonstrated success in addressing complex community issues. While serving in elected office, Mr. Given has earned a Masters in Leadership from Royal Roads University and a Certificate in Local Government Management from the University of Alberta.

Mr. Given has served in leadership roles in organizations covering a diverse spectrum of policy issues, including the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association, the Minister of Health's Opioid Emergency Response Commission, and the Alberta Law Enforcement Response Team (ALERT), among many others.

"Council conducted a very thorough recruitment and interview process, which reflects most favourably on Mr. Given and the quality of his application, his attributes and his overall suitability," says Mayor Richard Ireland. "Mr. Given is a visionary leader, with demonstrated success in building community vibrancy and leading with optimism, enthusiasm, passion and intelligence. Council is confident that Mr. Given is the right fit for the organization and for the community, and is looking forward to greater alignment and additional successes as we strive to continually enhance community health."

"I know first-hand the challenge of addressing residents' needs for both quality services and overall affordability in the current economic climate," says Mr. Given. "I'm excited about the opportunity to work with Council and the staff team to address these challenges head-on. I truly appreciate the special kind of community Jasper is, and I'm looking forward to providing the support Council needs to continue to advance their vision for this special place."

Bill and his wife, Susan, have a nine year old daughter and a seven year old son. Bill is a proud Rotarian whose professional career has also included a marketing consultancy and employment in the technology sector.

Council extends sincere thanks and appreciation to Mr. John Greathead who will continue to serve as Interim CAO until Mr. Given assumes his appointment.

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