Municipality of Jasper

Committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda

April 11, 2023 | 9:30 am

Jasper Library & Cultural Centre – Quorum Room

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- 1. Call to order Deputy Mayor Melnyk to chair meeting
- 2. Additions to agenda
- 3. Approval of agenda
- 3.1 April 11, 2023 Committee of the Whole agenda

attachment

4. March 28, 2023 Committee of the Whole minutes – approved April 4, 2023

attachment

- 4.1 Business arising from minutes
- 5. Delegations
- 6. Correspondence

7. New business

7.1 Community-wide Internet Access	attachment
7.2 Senior Recreation Facility Passes	attachment
7.3 Council Delegation to Hakone 2023	attachment
7.4 Retroactive RCMP costs: a practical toolkit from FCM – Councillor Melnyk	attachment
7.5 Resolutions for AB Munis – Rent Controls – Councillor Damota	verbal

8. Motion Action List attachment

9. Councillor upcoming meetings

9.1 Council appointments to boards and committees

10. Upcoming events

Legislative Committee meeting, April 11, immediately following Committee of the Whole meeting Jasper Pride & Ski Festival – April 14-23

Intergovernmental Meeting – 9:30am, April 18, Jasper Library & Cultural Centre

NETMA hosted by Jasper Pride – 5-7pm, April 19, Papa George's Restaurant

Discuss Recycling Industry & Waste Reduction with the West Yellowhead Regional Waste Management Authority and the Municipality of Jasper – 10am-4:30pm, April 27, Lobstick Lodge, Skyline Room Emergency Preparedness Week – May 7 to 13

Emergency Preparedness Week Open House – 3:00om to 7:00pm, May 10, Emergency Services Building

All regular and committee meetings of Council are video-recorded and archived on YouTube.

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Alberta/Japan Twinned Municipalities Association Conference – May 12 & 13, Forest Park Hotel FireSmart Day – May 14

11. Adjournment

Municipality of Jasper

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 28, 2023 | 9:30am

Jasper Library and Cultural Centre, Quorum Room

Virtual viewing and participation

Council attendance is in Council chambers at the Jasper Library and Cultural Centre. This meeting was also conducted virtually and available for public livestreaming through Zoom. Public viewing and participation during Council meetings is through Zoom livestreaming and in person attendance.

Present

Mayor Richard Ireland, Councillors Wendy Hall, Kathleen Waxer and Helen Kelleher-Empey

Absent

Deputy Mayor Ralph Melnyk, Councillors Scott Wilson and Rico Damota

Also present

John Greathead, Director of Operations & Utilities, Acting Chief Administrative Officer Christine Nadon, Director of Protective & Legislative Services Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance & Administration Christopher Read, Director of Community Development

Lisa Riddell, Community Development Manager
Amanda Stevens, Communications Manager
Melissa Day, Community Development Coordinator
Leanne Pelletier, Community Development Coordinator

Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator

Bernie Kreiner & Mark Storie, West Yellowhead Trail Society

Peter Shokeir, The Fitzhugh

2 observers

Call to Order

Councillor Hall called the March 28, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 9:30am and began with a Traditional Land Acknowledgement.

Additions/ deletions to the agenda #140/23 MOTION by Mayor Ireland that the following changes be made to the agenda:

- Item 7.5 be deleted and added to the April 4 Regular Council meeting agenda
- Elected Officials Education Program be added to the agenda as Item 7.5

FOR AGAINST

4 Councillors 0 Councillor CARRIED

Approval of agenda #141/23

MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey that Committee approve the agenda for the March 28, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting as amended.

FOR AGAINST

4 Councillors 0 Councillor CARRIED

Business arising from March 14, 2023 minutes

Mayor Ireland referred to Motion #105/23 and noted that due to the recent grant funding approval received by the Municipality of Jasper there would be incentive to move up the timing for the Jasper Community Housing Corporation Business Plan if possible.

Correspondence – Minister of

Committee received correspondence from the Office of the Minister of Seniors, Community & Social Services notifying Mayor Ireland of the approval of provincial capital Seniors, Community & Social Services #142/23 grant funding under the Affordable Housing Partnership Program for the Jasper Connaught Affordable Housing Project.

MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey that Committee receive the correspondence from the Minister of Seniors, Community & Social Services, Jeremy Nixon, for information.

FOR AGAINST

4 Councillors 0 Councillor CARRIED

Alberta Trade, Immigration and Multiculturalism Project Update #143/23 Community Development Manager, Lisa Riddell, presented an update to Council reviewing the work accomplished on the Alberta Trade, Immigration and Multiculturalism Project. Community Development Coordinators Leanne Pelletier and Melissa Day attended to give a tour of the newcomers section of the website and share a video to help showcase work done on the Municipality's website to assist newcomers and all residents of Jasper. Ms. Riddell also shared the new Jasper Community Guide with Council.

MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee receive the Alberta Trade, Immigration and Multiculturalism Project Update for information.

FOR AGAINST

4 Councillors 0 Councillor CARRIED

2022 Annual Employee Housing Report

#144/23

Ms. Pelletier reviewed the 2022 Annual Employee Housing report with Council.

MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey that Committee receive the 2022 Annual Employee Housing Report for information.

FOR AGAINST

4 Councillors 0 Councillor CARRIED

Membership with West Central Airshed Society #145/23 Director of Operations & Utilities, John Greathead, presented information to Committee regarding membership with the West Central Airshed Society.

MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee recommend that Council direct Administration to register the Municipality of Jasper as a member of the West Central Airshed Society (WCAS), and;

That Council support a representative of the Municipality of Jasper join the WCAS board of directors if invited.

FOR AGAINST

4 Councillors 0 Councillor CARRIED

Traffic Advisory Committee Terms of Reference Director of Protective & Legislative Services, Christine Nadon, presented a draft terms of reference for the Traffic Advisory Committee which had been requested by motion at the fall Organizational Meeting on October 25, 2022.

#146/23

MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee receive the draft Traffic Advisory Committee terms of reference for information; and,

That Committee direct Administration to formalize the Traffic Advisory Committee terms of reference through approval from the CAO; and,

That the Traffic Advisory Committee Draft Terms of Reference item be removed from the Motion Action List.

FOR AGAINST

4 Councillors 0 Councillor CARRIED

Recess Councillor Hall called a recess from 10:26-10:38am.

Elected Officials Education Program #147/23 MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey that Committee approve the attendance of any Councillor who wishes to attend the Alberta Municipalities Elected Officials Education Program Course "Land Use & Planning" over Zoom in April 2023.

FOR AGAINST

4 Councillors 0 Councillors CARRIED

Motion Action List #148/23

Administration reviewed the Motion Action List.

MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey that Committee approve the following update to the Motion Action List:

• Amend March timeline target dates to April

FOR AGAINST

4 Councillors 0 Councillors CARRIED

Councillor reports

Councillor Kelleher-Empey made a request for an alternate to attend the Early Childhood Community Conversation on her behalf next week. Councillor Waxer will attend on her behalf.

Upcoming events

Council asked that the Community Futures Business walk on April 5 be added to the upcoming events list.

Recess Councillor Hall called a recess from 10:50-10:59am.

Delegations – West Yellowhead Trailhead Society #149/23 Committee received a presentation from Mark Storie & Bernie Kreiner with the West Yellowhead Trail Society detailing the Pathway to the Park project.

MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee receive the Pathway to the Park presentation from the West Yellowhead Trail Society for information.

FOR AGAINST

4 Councillors 0 Councillor CARRIED

#150/23 MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee recommend Council seek opportunities to

advocate on behalf of the extension of the Pathway to the Park from the Park boundary

to the Municipality of Jasper.

FOR AGAINST

4 Councillors 0 Councillors CARRIED

Adjournment #151/23

MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey that, there being no further business, the Committee of the Whole meeting of March 28, 2023 be adjourned at 11:23am.

FOR AGAINST

4 Councillors 0 Councillors CARRIED

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Subject: Community-wide Internet Access

From: Christopher Read, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

Prepared by: Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance and Administration

Reviewed by: Joe Campbell, IT Coordinator

Lisa Riddell, Community Development Manager

Date: April 11, 2023

Recommendation:

• That Committee direct Administration to seek out and apply for opportunities for partnerships and/or grants for small scale, vulnerable population specific internet access solutions.

Alternatives:

- That Committee direct Administration:
 - To conduct further public engagement to better understand residents' perspective on this topic, including considerations such as who pays for internet, to what degree do they find their service meets their needs, what area of town they live in, and would they like the local government to investigate and potentially provide community-wide internet access;
 - To engage Parks Canada, Tourism Jasper and other possible partners on this topic to gauge interest in a potential community-wide internet access solution;
 - To bring a community wide internet access solution to the 2024 budget presentations;
 - o To bring a community wide internet access solution to another fiscal year budget presentations; or
 - That Committee receive the report for information.

Background:

At the August 23, 2022, Committee directed Administration to explore opportunities for town wide internet access (Motion #367/22). The motion following discussion from the Community Conversations, April – June 2022 Report where it was detailed that:

"The digital divide has become more prominent post-COVID-19. Those with access to high-speed internet and the skills to work digital devices have faired notably better. Government service shave shifted to the preferred receipt of applications and appointment requests digitally and the provision of services regionally and virtually, further marginalizing individuals and families who do not have internet and who are not comfortable using digital platforms."

In that same report from Community Conversations, Financial instability was noted as something that is on the rise. "The pandemic and Chetamon Wildfire and power outage has resulted in residents experiencing ongoing financial instability." Since that report, we know that Jasperites have experienced an increase in the cost of living and continued financial strain. During the most recent Community Conversation in March 2023, it was noted that local businesses have reported a very slow winter and early spring season – further contributing to



their financial stability.

The lack of access to technology we are seeing in Jasper seems to be coming predominantly from an increase in household financial strain resulting in lower-income households opting out of paying for high-speed internet. Being lower income is already a risk factor for vulnerability. The subsequent lack of internet access then increases the conditions that further marginalize this group.

Anecdotally, the library is often a spot that residents and visitors alike go to just to access the robust wifi at that location, even outside of the normal operating hours.

Discussion:

Possible Internet Solutions

If the Municipality were to look at providing access to all residents and visitors in the Central Business District (CBD) for free this could cost the Municipality hundreds of thousands of dollars and would have a significant monthly cost associated. This is mainly due to the lack of existing infrastructure (data cables and power) and building access. A solution of this scope would require multiple internet connections and access points roughly every 30-50 feet throughout the CBD to ensure coverage. It would be necessary to install multiple power connections and data lines throughout the CBD to facilitate the Access Points and would require mounting and securing most infrastructure/wiring outside in areas they cannot be tampered with. The Municipality would also need to contract a helpdesk to support and troubleshoot issues to prevent issues from interfering with internal IT support.

Another solution would entail having additional and more robust (larger bandwidth) public access points at select Municipal facilities (i.e.: Emergency Services Building, Community Development/Provincial Building, Connaught Washrooms, etc.) which would be advertised as hotspots to those needing to access to Internet for free (for example to pay for parking without using Mobile Data) and advertise those location as access points. This option would be the most conservative and effective solution the Municipality could offer for community-wide free internet access as it would minimize any infrastructure/equipment installs as well as minimize monthly fees. Each location would require a dedicated internet connection, an access point and possibly a contracted helpdesk to manage them all. While this solution is cheaper (estimate at ~ \$100,000), it would still require some infrastructure upgrades such as getting acceptable internet in some locations however this may also provide some internal benefits (from increased capacity at our facilities) should the Municipality opt for this service provision.

In discussions with the IT Manager for the Municipality it was indicated that in order for those to log into and use the "Shaw Go" Wi-Fi solution, the user must enter an email address to access this portal and the Municipality will have no control over the connections/signals. Currently Shaw offers a free trial for those who do not hold an account. However, to use this, you must be able to access your email to retrieve a unique code which is only available for 500MB of use that can only be used for seven days.

While these are high-cost and high-access solutions, Administration is not recommending them at this time. The original start of this inquiry revolved around seeking a solution directly for the most vulnerable in our community. There are low- or no-cost opportunities to meet that specific need that Administration recommends investigating, such as internet-access portable hot-spots that can be signed out, using a mechanism like the library of things. An example of this can be found in Yellowhead County, where Telus, through their social impact program, donated a few of these devices to the County library system. Users in need could sign out the

devices and get free internet access during the loan period. This program, or one like it, may be an option for Jasper.

Strategic Relevance:

- Community Health take proactive steps to reduce the risk of people becoming vulnerable and respond when they are vulnerable.
- Communicate and engage with residents.

Inclusion Considerations:

• The Municipal Inclusion Assessment Tool is applicable to this recommendation.

Relevant Legislation:

Policy A-003 Communications

Financial:

The funding of an internet solution is <u>not</u> within the scope of the 2023 Operating or Capital budget as approved.

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Subject: Senior Recreation Facility Passes

From: Christopher Read, Director of Community Development

Prepared by: Angella Franklin, Recreation Facilities Manager

Reviewed by: Jo-Ann Sherlow, Acting Fitness & Aquatic Centre Manager

Date: April 11, 2023

Recommendation:

• Committee recommend Council approve granting free Annual All-Access passes to all resident seniors 75+ to begin by June 1, 2023 and continue annually thereafter.

Alternatives:

- Committee direct Council to grant free passes of the specific term and type as Committee wishes to all resident seniors 75+ to begin by June 2023 and continue as each senior passholder re-registers thereafter.
- Committee direct Administration to include this request to grant free Annual All-Access passes to all resident seniors 75+ in the 2024 budget presentation.
- Committee receive the Senior Recreation Facility Passes report for information.

Background:

On February 28, 2023 Mayor and Council directed administration to bring forward a report providing options to granting free passes for Senior's 75+ to begin in 2023.

The 2021 federal census showed that Jasper had 225 residents aged 75+ residing in Jasper.

Discussion:

The use of our recreation facilities can enhance both the physical and mental health of users. Increased physical activity can reduce the need for more costly health care in cases of both acute and chronic conditions. Providing increased access to this demographic would also enable more community connection and diversity amongst all users.

Currently we have 13 active facility memberships amongst our senior population of 75+. The memberships range in length and recreation facility accessed, the specific details are as follows;

- 2 12 month All Access Pass (\$592.00 per person)
- 9 12 month Aquatic Centre only pass (\$334.00 per person)
- 1 6 month Aquatic Centre only pass (\$223.00 per person)
- 1 3 month Aquatic centre only pass (\$167.00 per person)

Total revenue \$4,580.00 of current memberships of Seniors 75+. These current memberships will expire by March 30, 2024.

Should Council elect to start this program in 2023, there would be refunds to those existing passholders of approximately \$3500.00.



Our Booking membership program at our recreation facilities can support these free memberships the same as local child and youth memberships.

Membership pass terms could range from 3 months, 6 months, or annual.

Membership pass types could range from Activity Centre, Fitness Centre, Aquatic Centre, or All Access.

Data collected suggests many seniors do not wish to access the facilities during the summer months and often again for a few months in the winter as they choose to "snowbird" to warmer climes. Allowing our senior resident to choose from a 3 month or a 6-month membership would create a situation where seniors are actively choosing the right term and type of pass for their individual needs, and may also enable more precise data collection.

This program could launch in celebration of Seniors Week June 5 to 11, 2023 by advertising and promotion through our Municipal website and social media accounts.

Strategic Relevance:

- Community Health:
 - Take proactive steps to reduce the risk of people becoming vulnerable and respond when they are vulnerable.
 - o Promote and enhance recreational and cultural opportunities and spaces.
 - o Enable and facilitate events that provide opportunities to increase community connections
 - Leverage and create opportunities for greater inclusion
- Relationships
 - Communicate and engage with residents.
- Organizational Excellence
 - o Entrust our staff to develop healthy relationships with the people they serve.

Inclusion Considerations:

The Municipal Inclusion Assessment Tool has been applied to this recommendation. Creating more opportunities for age cohorts to participate together is a recognized inclusion goal.

Financial:

The approved 2023 budget does not include the necessary reductions in revenue to accommodate this request. Based on the previous years' data and considering starting in June (and therefore providing associated refunds) providing seniors with free access to recreation facilities this June would result in approximately \$5000.00 in lower pass revenue and perhaps \$400.00 lower drop in revenue this year.

For future years, Administration would present pass revenue budgets incorporating this reduction in revenue: \$7000.00 in lower pass revenue, and \$500.00 lower drop in revenue annually.

This represents less than a 3% reduction in total membership and drop in revenue.

Attachments:

• Letter from the Seniors Society dated January 12, 2023

JASPER SENIORS' SOCIETY

PO Box 3148

Jasper, Alberta ToE1E0

January 12, 2023



Municipality of Jasper

PO Box 520

Jasper, AB TOE 1E0

Dear Mayor Ireland and Council,

RE: Seniors' Recreation Facilities Pass

At our recent January 9th, 2023 Jasper Seniors' Society meeting, a motion was unanimously passed requesting your consideration in issuing free passes for access to the aquatic and activity centres to seventy-five plus aged seniors.

Not only would this encourage physical well-being but also enhance the mental well-being of individuals who are perhaps living on their own and could benefit from being with others.

It is also a great gesture of appreciation for the many years seniors have served their community.

We thank you for your consideration and look forward to your response.

Respectfully,

Janis Marks, President

Mary Wilson, Secretary

AGENDA ITEM 7.3

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Subject: Council Delegation to Hakone 2023

From: Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer

Prepared by: Christine Nadon, Director of Protective & Legislative Services

Reviewed by: Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator

Date: April 11, 2023



Recommendation:

• That Committee direct Administration to work on next steps to organize a 2023 delegation to Hakone, including a discussion with the Hospitality and Twinned Communities Committee on how to determine who will take part in the delegation.

Alternatives:

- That Committee recommend Council approve a delegation to Hakone in the fall of 2023;
- That Committee receive this report for information;
- That Committee direct Administration to discontinue work on this item and inform Hakone that a Jasper delegation to Hakone has been postponed.

Background:

At the February 14, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting, Committee directed Administration to find more information on the timelines, costs, and delegation size for a trip to Hakone, Japan in the fall of 2023.

Council approved a \$10,000 allocation to send a delegation from Jasper to Hakone, Japan in 2023. Administration's recommendation above is representative of the fact that an operating budget allocation has already been approved, although Committee could "recommend Council approve a delegation" as an alternative process to move this item forward.

The last Jasper delegation to Hakone in 2012 included the Mayor, four councillors, one staff member, two spouses, and one member from the public. Hakone last visited Jasper with 10 delegates in 2015. The Hakone Town Office has requested that Council plan their delegation for November 1 to November 4, 2023, and have advised they would be prepared to welcome approximately 10 delegates. Nine delegates from Jasper participated in 2012, and Hakone is preparing for a similar group size in 2023. While the question has been asked, staff in Hakone have not specified a maximum number of delegates.

Discussion:

Administration has been working with a travel agent to plan an itinerary and associated costs. The current proposal is for an eight-day, six-night trip, including three nights in Hakone. The cost estimate is based on group rates, which are only available for groups of 10 or more, for an itinerary departing Canada on October 31 and returning November 7, 2023. The estimate includes most hotel rooms on single occupancy (some double); includes some meals (all breakfasts, some dinners, mainly at hotels); and includes key transportation links. The total cost for flights and the "land package" is approximately \$5,700. This number is subject to change and would be confirmed at the time of booking and providing deposits for services.



Strategic Relevance:

- Community Health
 - o Promote and enhance recreational and cultural opportunities and spaces
 - Embrace our growing diversity
- Relationships
 - Collaborate with other municipalities, orders of government, Indigenous partners and advocacy associations

Relevant Legislation:

- Policy B-019: Twinning and Sister City Relationships
- Policy B-019: Administrative Procedures

Financial:

Council has allocated \$10,000 towards a potential Jasper delegation to Hakone in the fall of 2023.

Attachment:

• Proposed itinerary, October 31 to November 7, 2023



ITINERARY

As of April 6, 2023

Day	Date	Time	Schedule	Accommodations	Meals	
1	Oct. 31 In 2023 (Tue)	14:50	Depart Vancouver by AC3	On board	B: L: D:	- - -
2	Nov. 1 (Wed)	16:50 18:00 21:00 21:30	Arrive at Narita Airport Meet with English-speaking assistant at airport at the exit of customs and board coach at the airport parking. Transfer to hotel at Hakone by chartered coach with assistant. Arrive at hotel and check in	< Hakone > Hakone Yumoto Fujiya Hotel 256-1, Yumoto, Ashigarashimo-Gun Hakone -Machi, Kanagawa TEL: +81 (0)460-85-6111	B: L: D:	Hotel - -
3	Nov. 2 (Thu)		Free day	< Hakone > Same as above	B L: D:	Hotel - Hotel
4	Nov. 3 (Fri)		Free day	< Hakone > Same as above	B: L: D	Hotel - Hotel
5	Nov. 4 (Sat)	09:00	Check out and meet your assistant and depart for Hakone and Mt.Fuji tour by private coach	< Kawaguchi-Lake > Hotel Regine Kawaguchiko 5239-1, Funatsu, Minamitsuru	B L: D:	Hotel - Hotel

			 Hakone Sightseeing Cruise (Motohakone-ko – Togendai) Hakone Ropeway (Togendai-Owakudani) 5th Station of Mt. Fuji 	Gun Fujikawaguchiko-Machi, Yamanashi TEL: +81 (0)555-20-9000		
		17:00	Check in Hotel			
6	Nov. 5 (Sun)	10:00 12:00	Check out and meet your assistant and depart for Shinagawa Arrive at Hotel (Check-in time is after 15 o'clock)	< Shinagawa > Shinagawa Prince Hotel (Main Tower) 24-10-30, Takanawa, Minato-Ku, Tokyo TEL: +81 (0)3-3440-1111	B: L: D	Hotel
7	Nov. 6 (Mon)		No service arranged by JTB	< Shinagawa > Same as above	B: L: D:	Hotel - -
8	Nov. 7 (Tue)	11:00 16:30 18:30 10:00	Check out and Free time until 14:00 Depa for Narita rport Train (Take larita Expres De rt from Shi lgawa & Ition t 14:49) Arrive It Airport ar check in Depa Narita b IC4 Arrive at Vancouver	lome	B: L: D:	- - -

^{*}No guide service included

COMMUNIQUÉ



On Tuesday, FCM outlined our profound disappointment in the federal government's decision to not **absorb retroactive costs** associated with the latest RCMP collective bargaining agreement, despite months of municipal advocacy.

FCM issued a <u>statement</u> on Wednesday responding to this decision to pass unbudgeted and unaccounted-for RCMP costs on to municipalities, without consulting or engaging local governments in the discussions and negotiations. This statement further outlined FCM's position that this situation cannot occur again, and was dispatched to all FCM members.

Today, FCM is reaching out with a practical toolkit to assist RCMP-reliant communities that will be affected by this decision. It includes:

- A <u>draft press release</u>, which affected municipalities can use to articulate their position on this important development in line with FCM's ongoing advocacy. This resource may be useful in engaging with local media or local MPs on this important issue.
- A <u>draft resolution</u>, which can be adopted and utilized to ensure a resolution opposing this decision can be swiftly adopted at your next municipal council meeting.

FCM recognizes the impact and scale of this decision on municipal finances, all the more at a time of inflation and financial uncertainty for Canadians. As such, we will continue to draw attention to this challenge, to help ensure municipalities are properly consulted on issues related to community policing and well-being going forward. *Your FCM team*

[DRAFT TEMPLATE response to RCMP retroactive costs decision] FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

[DATE], 2023

[MUNICIPALITY] responds to update from the Government of Canada on the issue of retroactive RCMP costs

[CITY/TOWN, PROVINCE] – The [MUNICIPALITY] responded today to the federal government's disappointing decision to pass unbudgeted and unaccounted for costs on to municipalities.

Despite months of municipal advocacy led by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), provincial-territorial associations and local leaders across Canada, the federal government has indicated in the most recent federal budget it will not be meeting the request to absorb the retroactive costs associated with the latest RCMP collective bargaining agreement.

Tuesday's budget further confirmed that communities across Canada that are dependent on RCMP services for local policing, including [MUNICIPALITY], are expected to cover these costs—a decision falling well short of the call from municipalities to fully absorb the costs.

"[Quote from local representative]"

Local governments were not at the table for these negotiations. And while cost estimates were provided to some municipalities, these turned out to be far below the final agreement's increase over six years, with retroactive pay going back to 2017. The cost to [MUNICIPALITY] associated with these retroactive payments is expected to be [COST ESTIMATE IF AVAILABLE].

This decision is an example of a federal commitment that deeply impacts municipalities, without municipalities being properly consulted or involved. Municipal governments are paying a growing share of policing costs, but they cannot run deficits and have limited revenue tools.

FCM has clearly reiterated the need for municipalities to be actively involved in any future processes regarding contract policing, calling this recent decision unacceptable. This is a position supported in full by [MUNICIPALITY].

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For more information:

Municipality Media Relations if available, inc. phone number and email FCM Media Relations, (613) 907-6395, media@fcm.ca

MOTION ACTION LIST

SHORT TITLE	REQUESTED (DATE)	RESPONSIBLE (WHO)	COUNCIL MOTION (DESCRIPTION)	TARGET (DATE)	STATUS
Community Conversations – Town Internet Access	August 23, 2022	Director of Finance & Administration	That Committee direct Administration to explore opportunities for town wide internet access.	April 2023	
Fruit Trees on Municipal Property	August 23, 2022	CAO & Director of Operations	That Committee direct Administration to return to a future committee of the whole meeting with proposed alternatives on how to deal with fruit trees on municipal land.	April 2023	In progress, May 2023
Provision of Services to Private Leaseholders at No Cost	November 1, 2022	Director of Operations	That Council direct Administration to bring the matter of the provision of services to private leaseholders at no cost back to the first Committee of the Whole meeting in April 2023.	April 2023	May 2023
Clean Energy Improvement Program	December 13, 2022	Director of Operations and Director of Finance & Administration	That Committee direct Administration to work with Alberta Municipalities and develop the following and present them at a future committee of the whole meeting: • A Clean Energy Improvement Program business case for Jasper • Draft Clean Energy Improvement Tax bylaw	April 2023	May 2023
Early Learning and Child Care Strategy	December 13, 2022	Director of Community Development	That Committee direct Administration to work with community stakeholders to develop a draft early learning and child care strategy for Jasper and return to a future Committee of the Whole meeting.	April 2023	
JCHC Governance	January 10, 2023	CAO	That Committee direct Administration to begin the process of converting the Jasper Community Housing Corporation to a	June 2023	

Public Transportation Study and Action Plan	February 14, 2023	CAO	Municipally Controlled Corporation, by developing: 1. a draft business plan 2. a draft Unanimous Shareholder's Agreement That Committee recommend Council receive the Transportation Strategy & Action Plan, excluding the appendices, for information; and That Committee direct Administration begin the next steps identified in the Action Plan with a focus on: • Establishing a Fixed-Route Bus Service beginning in 2023 • Conducting a E-Bike Sharing Pilot Project in 2023	May 2023	
Hakone, Japan Initiatives 2023	February 14, 2023	Director of Protective & Legislative Services	1. That Committee direct Administration to re- evaluate the High School Student Exchange Program and develop recommendations for Council's consideration for 2024 and beyond. 2. That Committee direct Administration to explore alternate delivery models for managing the Twinned Municipalities and Hospitality Committee and provide a recommendation at a future meeting. 3. That Committee direct Administration to return to a future Committee of the Whole meeting with additional information on timelines, costs, and invited delegation size for a delegation to Hakone, Japan in the fall of 2023.	April 2023	
Communities in Bloom Committee	February 28, 2023	CAO & Director of Operations	Committee direct Administration to return to a future Committee of the Whole meeting with information on how membership in Communities in Bloom could be incorporated	April 2023	Recommend to be removed, replaced by

			into our Operations department, without a		April 4 motion
			separate external committee, drawing instead		(below)
			on the Community Conversations and the		,
			Jasper partnership for community input.		
Lacal Camilas Laval Imagasta		Discotos of	Committee receive this report for information		
Local Service Level Impacts for Victims of Non-Criminal	February 28,	Director of	and request that Administration return to a	September	
Trauma	2023	Community Development	future Committee of the Whole meeting with	2023	
ITaulila		Development	a report on crisis intervention needs in Jasper.		
Senior Recreation All Access	February 28,	Director of	Committee direct Administration to bring		
Pass	2023	Community	forward a report providing options to granting	April 2023	
Fass	2023	Development	free passes for seniors 75+ to begin in 2023.		
I		Director of	That Committee direct Administration to		
		Protective &	modify the resident permit program to a one-		
		Legislative	time registration process (no on-street action		
Paid Parking 2023	March 14, 2023	Services and	required).	April 2023	
raid raikilig 2023		Director of		7.p 2020	
		Finance &	That Committee direct Administration to		
		Administration	develop a bulk purchase program for hotels		
		710	with limited on-site parking.		
			That Committee direct Administration to		
			revise the Storage Lots Bylaw to increase		
			rental fees to \$450 annually, including a		
			provision to provide a \$30 annual discount for		
			electronic payments, and return to a regular		
			meeting for first reading.		
		Director of	That Consulting discrete Administration to		
C Divil Divil 1 2022	NA I - 4 4 - 2022	Protective &	That Committee direct Administration to	NA - 2022	
S-Block Parking 2023	March 14, 2023	Legislative	develop a program for the S-Block parking lot	May 2023	
		Services	where unused commercial stalls are made		
			available to residents for winter seasonal		
			vehicle storage, and summer seasonal and		
			overnight paid parking.		
			That Committee direct Administration to work		
			towards standardizing practices in storage		
			lots, including:		
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			 renewing leases with Parks Canada, developing a maintenance plan with the 		
			Ops Department, andbringing forward recommendations for		
			capital upgrades in 2024.		
		Director of	That Committee direct Administration to draft		
		Community	resolutions on the following items for the		
Resolutions for 2023 AB	March 14 2022	Development	2023 AB Munis to present at the next	Anril 2022	In progress
Munis	March 14, 2023	and Director of	Legislative Committee meeting:	April 2023	
		Protective &	 Victims of crime/trauma services 		
		Legislative	Rent control in Alberta		
			That Council receive the correspondence		
	March 21, 2023	Director of	regarding the Jasper Hockey League conduct		
Jasper Hockey League		Community	for information; and direct Administration to	June 2023	
		Development	come back to a future Committee meeting		
			with recommendations.		
			That Council receive the report for		
Communities in Bloom		Director of	information, and; that Council direct		
	April 4, 2023	Operations	administration to continue exploring options	April 2023	
		Operations	with community partners for running the		
			Communities in Bloom program.		