

Municipality of Jasper
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday, April 18, 2023 | 1:30 pm
 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 both Zoom livestreaming and in-person attendance.		
Present	Mayor Richard Ireland, Deputy Mayor Ralph Melnyk, Councillors Scott Wilson, Helen Kelleher-Empey, Rico Damota, Kathleen Waxer and Wendy Hall		
Absent	None		
Also present	Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer Christine Nadon, Director of Protective & Legislative Services Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance & Administration John Greathead, Director of Operations & Utilities Christopher Read, Director of Community Development Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator Mayor's Recognition Awards recipients – Gail & Don Lonsberry, Sarah Tassoni Bert Journault – Municipality of Jasper Former Councillor Darrell Savage, Jasper Skatepark Committee Bob Covey, The Local Peter Shokeir, The Fitzhugh 8 observers		
Call to order	Mayor Ireland called the April 18, 2023 regular meeting to order at 1:31pm.		
Additions/ Deletions to agenda	none		
Approval of agenda #176/23	MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the agenda for the April 18, 2023 regular meeting as presented.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes #177/23	MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the April 4, 2023 Legislative Committee meeting as presented.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of Regular minutes #178/23	MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the April 4, 2023 Regular Council meeting as presented.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of Committee of the Whole minutes #179/23	MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the April 11, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting with the following amendment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under Councillor reports note that Councillors Melnyk and Damota will be attending the Community Futures West Yellowhead meeting. 		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Correspondence – Wellspring Cancer Support Alberta #180/23	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the correspondence from Wellspring Cancer Support Alberta for information.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED

Delegations - Mayor's Recognition Awards	Council awarded "Mayor's Recognition Awards for Distinguished Voluntary Service" to Gail & Don Lonsberry, Sarah Tassoni, and Rieko Okazaki (unable to attend) for their exemplary voluntary service over many years in the Municipality of Jasper. Council also thanked outgoing Jasper Municipal Library Board volunteers Sandy Cox, Angela Lemire, Stephen Eldred, and Tiffany Toussaint for their years of service. Former Councillor Bert Journault was also in attendance and received a gift for his past service with Council.		
Recess	Mayor Ireland called for a recess from 1:48-1:58pm		
Delegations - Jasper Skatepark Committee #181/23	<p>Council received a presentation from Darrell Savage of the Jasper Skatepark Committee with an update on fundraising efforts.</p> <p>MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the presentation from the Jasper Skatepark Committee for information, and;</p> <p>That Council direct administration to work with the Jasper Skatepark Committee on preliminary steps to move the project towards construction.</p>		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
#182/23	<p>MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council consider the Jasper Skatepark Committee's project shortfall at the 2024 budget discussions.</p>		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
National Volunteer Week Proclamation #183/23	<p>MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council proclaim April 16-22, 2023 as National Volunteer Week in Jasper.</p>		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Connaught Utilities Borrowing and Local Improvement Levy Amending Bylaw #184/23	<p>MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that Council give first reading to Bylaw #252, the Connaught Utilities Borrowing and Local Improvement Levy Amending Bylaw with the following amendment to be added before second reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Item 3.2 - add "to include interest on the principal" 		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Director's Report – Finance & Administration	<p>Council received a report from Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance & Administration, reviewing recent major projects; staffing and service trends. The report also shared preliminary year-end financial results. The results show that as a result of lower than forecast expenditures, the municipality is likely to close the 2022 year with surplus. The municipality's audited financial statements will be presented to council at a later date.</p>		
#185/23	<p>MOTION by Mayor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the report from the Director of Finance & Administration for information.</p>		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Recess	Mayor Ireland called a recess from 3:23pm – 3:32pm.		
Senior Recreation Facility Passes #186/23	<p>MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve granting free Annual All-Access passes to all residents 75+ to begin by June 1, 2023 and continue annually thereafter, and;</p> <p>That Council direct Administration to return to a future Committee of the Whole</p>		

	meeting with a draft Free Recreation Access Policy.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Council Boards & Committees Appointments #187/23	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the updates to 2023 Council Boards & Committees appointments as presented.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Alberta Municipalities Resolutions 2023 #188/23	MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the Protection for Vulnerable Residential Tenants resolution for submission to Alberta Municipalities as presented and direct Administration to seek a seconder for the resolution.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Notices of Motion	none		
Councillor Reports	<p>Councillor Hall attended the Community Conversations for the Early Childhood group and the School Age group last week. She was also in attendance for the Library Board meeting.</p> <p>Councillor Melnyk attended the monthly Jasper Yellowhead Historical Society meeting last week.</p> <p>Mayor Ireland and Councillor Wilson attended a meeting of the West Yellowhead Regional Waste Management Authority yesterday.</p> <p>Councillor Kelleher-Empey will be going to Grande Cache tomorrow as part of her role with the Evergreen’s Foundation to celebrate the opening of a new elder’s lodge. This Thursday and Friday she will be attending an elected officials course at The Crimson.</p> <p>Mayor Ireland, Councillor Hall and Councillor Damota were all in attendance for the April 4 and April 11 Legislative Committee meetings.</p> <p>Mayor Ireland and Councillors Waxer, Melnyk, and Hall were joined by MP Gerald Soroka for the Community Futures West Yellowhead business walk on April 5.</p> <p>Mayor Ireland, Councillors Hall, Damota, Wilson, Melnyk, and Kelleher-Empey were present at the Firehall for the progressive pride flag raising to mark the opening of Jasper Pride Ski Week on April 14.</p> <p>Mayor Ireland and CAO Bill Given met with AMPPE (The Association for Mountain Parks Protection & Enjoyment) and the group is working on their strategic plan.</p>		
Upcoming events	Council received a list of upcoming events for information.		
Adjournment #189/23	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED that, there being no further business, the regular meeting of April 18, 2023 be adjourned at 4:30pm.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer