

Municipality of Jasper  
**Regular Council Meeting Minutes**  
Tuesday, April 4, 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	Christine Nadon, Director of Protective & Legislative Services, Acting Chief Administrative Officer John Greathead, Director of Operations & Utilities Christopher Read, Director of Community Development Amanda Stevens, Communications Manager Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator Logan Ireland, UpLift! Mural Festival Scott Hayes, The Fitzhugh 2 observers		
Call to order	Deputy Mayor Melnyk called the April 4, 2023 regular meeting to order at 1:31pm.		
Additions/ Deletions to agenda #152/23	MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that Council add the following items to the April 4, 2023 meeting agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Move item 6.1 to 10.1 In-camera item – Intergovernmental Affairs</li></ul>		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
	Mayor Ireland joined the meeting at 1:34pm.		
#153/23	MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that Council add the following items to the April 4, 2023 meeting agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>10.2 In-camera item – Development variances, land and legal matter</li></ul>		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of agenda #154/23	MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the agenda for the April 4, 2023 regular meeting as amended.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
	Deputy Mayor Melnyk relinquished the chair to Mayor Ireland.		
Approval of Regular minutes #155/23	MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the March 21, 2023 Regular Council meeting as presented.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of Committee of the Whole minutes #156/23	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the March 28, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Correspondence – Jasper Pride	Council received correspondence from the Jasper Pride Festival Society sharing details for the 2023 Jasper Pride & Ski Festival along with a flag raising request.		

Festival Society #157/23	MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the flag raising request for a ‘Progressive’ Pride flag at the Jasper Emergency Services Building on Friday, April 14, as presented by the Jasper Pride & Ski Festival co-chairs.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Delegations	none		
Membership with West Central Airshed Society #158/23	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED 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 to join the WCAS board of directors if invited.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Communities in Bloom	<p>Mayor Ireland relinquished the chair to Deputy Mayor Melnyk as he declared a conflict of interest in the upcoming items due to being a close relation of one of the organizers of the UpLift! Mural Festival. Item 6.3 will have an effect on item 6.4 due to funding questions.</p> <p>Director of Operations, John Greathead, presented a report to Council detailing the current status of the Communities in Bloom program and funding.</p>		
#159/23	MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the report for information, and; that Council direct administration to continue exploring options with community partners for running the Communities in Bloom program.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
UpLift! Sponsorship Funding	<p>Director of Community Development, Christopher Read, presented recommendations in regards to sponsorship opportunities for the UpLift! Mural Festival scheduled in Jasper for May 2023. Logan Ireland, one of the festival organizers, was in attendance to provide any further requested information.</p> <p>Councillor Kelleher-Empey, who had been attending the meeting via Zoom, left the meeting at 2:16pm due to technical difficulties.</p>		
#160/23	MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve funding for the Municipality to be a “Wall Sponsor” for the 2023 UpLift! Mural Festival in the amount of \$25,000.		
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Recess	Deputy Mayor Melnyk called a recess from 2:22-2:32pm		
West Yellowhead Trail Society – Pathway to the Park #161/23	<p>Deputy Mayor Melnyk relinquished the chair to Mayor Ireland.</p> <p>MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that 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.</p>		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Director’s Report – Community Development	Council received a report from Mr. Read reviewing recent major projects with timeline updates; staffing and service trends; and news in communications and engagement within the department. Of special note was the success of the		

	Community Dinners which have been taking place over twenty years in Jasper.		
#162/23	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the Director of Community Development’s report for information.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Notices of Motion	<p>Councillor Damota gave a notice of motion for the April 11, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting agenda for the following item:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resolutions for AB Munis – Rent Controls Discussion</li> </ul> <p>Mayor Ireland shared that this morning’s Legislative Committee meeting ran out of time and will be continued following the April 11, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting as work on the resolutions for AB Munis continues. All of Council is welcome to stay for the Legislative Committee meeting.</p>		
Councillor Reports	Councillor Melnyk attended the Jasper Yellowhead Historical Society Annual General Meeting on March 20th. There will be a 60 <sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the society this August 27-30th.		
Upcoming events	Council received a list of upcoming events for information.		
In-camera #163/23	<p>MOTION by Councillor Hall to move in camera at 2:59pm to discuss agenda items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10.1 Intergovernmental Affairs FOIP s. 21(a)</li> <li>10.2 Development Variances, land and legal matter FOIP s.17</li> </ul>		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
	Ms. Nadon and Mr. Read also attended the in camera session.		
Move out of camera #164/23	<p>MOTION by Councillor Damota to move out of camera 4:27pm.</p>		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Adjournment #165/23	<p>MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that, there being no further business, the regular meeting of April 4, 2023 be adjourned at 4:28pm.</p>		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer