# MUNICIPALITY OF JASPER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

December 2, 2025 | 1:30 pm

Jasper Library & Cultural Centre – Quorum Room

Municipality of Jasper Strategic Priorities 2022-2026



<u>Notice:</u> Council members and staff are at the Jasper Library and Cultural Centre. Members of the public can attend meetings in person; view meetings through the Zoom livestream; or view archived Council meetings on YouTube at any time. To live-stream this meeting starting at 1:30 pm, use this Zoom link: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87657457538">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87657457538</a>

### 1 CALL TO ORDER

### 2 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2.1 Regular meeting agenda, December 2, 2025

attachment

Recommendation: That Council approve the agenda for the regular meeting of December 2, 2025 as presented.

### 3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 Regular meeting minutes, September 16, 2025

attachment

Recommendation: That Council approve the minutes of the September 16, 2025 Regular Council meeting as presented.

3.2 Organizational meeting minutes, November 3, 2025

attachment

Recommendation: That Council approve the minutes of the November 3, 2025 Organizational meeting as presented.

3.3 Committee meeting minutes, November 18, 2025

attachment

Recommendation: That Council approve the minutes of the November 18, 2025 Regular Council meeting as presented.

3.4 Budget Presentation meeting minutes, November 25 & 26, 2025

attachment

Recommendation: That Council approve the minutes of the November 25 & 26, 2025 Budget Presentation meeting as presented.

### 4 DELEGATIONS

4.1 Jasper Pride Festival Society – Budget Request

attachment

Recommendation: That Council receive the presentation for information.

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### 5 CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 RCMP Quarterly Report

attachment

Recommendation: That Council receive the correspondence for information.

### **6 NEW BUSINESS**

6.1 Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre Progress Update

attachment

Recommendation: That Council receive the progress report for information.

6.2 Community & Economic Development Fund Applications

Recommendation: That Council approve the following Community & Economic Development Fund allocations:

- Jasper Community Theatre \$2,500
- Jasper Food Bank Capacity Boost for Bulk Purchasing \$2,500
- Jasper Gymnastics Club \$2,500
- Mountain Lights: Jasper Art After Dark \$2,500

## 7 NOTICES OF MOTION

### 8 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

# 9 UPCOMING EVENTS

World Tree Lighting – 6-7:30pm, Friday, December 5, Robson Park Community Holiday Party – 5:30pm start, Friday, December 12, Jasper Activity Centre

# 10 ADJOURNMENT

Recommendation: That, there being no further business, the regular meeting of December 2, 2025 be adjourned at

Please note: All regular and committee meetings of Council are video recorded and archived on YouTube.

# **AGENDA ITEM 3.1**

# Municipality of Jasper

# **Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, September 16, 2025 | 1:30pm 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 Rico Damota, Councillors Wendy Hall,

Helen Kelleher-Empey, Ralph Melnyk, Kathleen Waxer, and Scott Wilson.

Absent None

Also present Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer

Christine Nadon, Director of Protective & Legislative Services

Beth Sanders, Director of Urban Design & Standards

Michael Fark, Director of Recovery

Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance & Administration Christopher Read, Director of Community Development

Twyla Hale, Human Resource Manager

Micheal Borland, Town Planner Mike Merilovich, Jasper Resident

Jen Dillon, Protective Services Coordinator

13 observers

Call to Order Mayor Ireland called the September 16, 2025 Regular Council meeting to order at

1:30 pm.

Additions or deletions to agenda

MOTION by Councillor Waxer to add to the agenda as item 10, an in-camera session regarding human resources, and change the adjournment to item 11.

#453/25 FOR AGAINST

7 Councillors 0 Councillors CARRIED

Approval of agenda

#454/25

MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the agenda for the regular meeting of September 16, 2025 as amended:

• Add 10.1 In-camera – Human Resources

FOR AGAINST

7 Councillors 0 Councillors CARRIED

Approval of Regular minutes #455/25 MOTION by Councillor Melnyk that Council amend motion #428/25 to be "that Council adopt the Utility Master Plan as presented".

FOR AGAINST

7 Councillors 0 Councillors CARRIED

#456/25 MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the

minutes of the September 2, 2025 Regular Council meeting as amended.

FOR AGAINST

7 Councillors 0 Councillors CARRIED

Approval of Committee of the Whole Meeting MOTION by Councillor Waxer—BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the September 9, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented.

minutes FOR AGAINST

#457/25 7 Councillors 0 Councillors CARRIED

Delegations Councillor Damota left the Council meeting at 1:40pm due to a conflict of

interest.

Jasper Resident Mike Merilovich spoke against agenda item 6.5 Penalty Waiver Request Roll #000730 expressing concerns of equity and future ramifications.

Deputy Mayor Damota returned to the meeting at 1:44pm.

Correspondence

Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre Progress Update Council received a Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre progress update from the Director of Recovery, Michael Fark. Highlights include updates on interim housing, debris management, joint town rebuild, construction coordination working group, social and economic recovery initiatives, communications and

more.

None

#458/25 MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the

progress update of the JRCC for information.

FOR AGAINST

7 Councillors 0 Councillors CARRIED

Rebuild Progress

Council received a presentation from Urban Design & Standards Director, Beth Sanders and Town Planner, Micheal Borland on a rebuilding progress dashboard under development to provide updates on recovery. The dashboard will be available on the Municipality of Jasper website in the coming weeks.

#459/25 MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the report

for information.

FOR AGAINST

7 Councillors 0 Councillors CARRIED

Financial Tools to Incentivize Housing

Policy

MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve Policy F-

115: Financial Tools to Incentivize Housing as amended.

#460/25 FOR AGAINST

7 Councillors 0 Councillors CARRIED

Pop-Up Village Artists Studio Naming MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council endorse the name Creative Space Between the Trees for the Pop-Up Village Artists Studio.

#461/25 FOR

FOR AGAINST

7 Councillors 0 Councillors CARRIED

Penalty Waiver Request Roll #000730 Deputy Mayor Damota left the council chambers due to a conflict of interest at 2:27pm.

Mayor Ireland relinquished the chair to Acting Deputy Mayor Hall at 2:27pm in order to make a motion.

#462/25 MOTION by Mayor Ireland – that Council approve an extension of the date for

enrolment in the pre-authorized payment plan to September 30, 2025; approve an extension to the posting of penalties, for the tax year 2024 only, to October 31, 2025; direct administration to make all necessary adjustments to individual tax rolls; and that Council receive the request for waiver regarding tax #000730

as information and take no further action.

FOR AGAINST

5 Councillors 1 Councillors (Wilson) CARRIED

Acting Deputy Mayor Hall called a recess from 2:42pm until 2:52pm.

Deputy Mayor Damota returned to meeting following the recess and Mayor Ireland resumed chairing the meeting.

**Public Participation** 

Strategy #463/25

MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council adopt the Public

Participation Strategy as presented.

FOR AGAINST

	7 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED	
2024 JMHC Annual Shareholder Resolutions #464/25	•		D that Council approve the 2024 Municipal Housing Corporation as	
#464/25	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED	
Notices of Motion	None			
Councillor Reports	Highway meeting on C	october 3; the 20 <sup>th</sup> Annive	Trans Canada Yellowhead rsary's of the Whispering Pines in enior Housing Northern board	
	Councillor Melnyk will monthly meeting on So	•	ellowhead Historical Society	
		nded the Family and Come eting and the Children and	munity Support Services I Youth Community Conversation.	
Upcoming Events	Council received a list of upcoming events for information.			
In Camera #465/25	MOTION by Councillor Waxer to move in camera at 3:12pm			
#405/25	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED	
Move out of	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey to return to open forum at 3:53pm.			
tamera #467/25	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED	
#468/25	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorize the Mayor to negotiate and finalize a contract of employment with the Chief Administrative Officer within the parameters discussed in-camera.			
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED	
Adjournment #469/25	MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that, there being no further business, the Regular Council meeting of September 16, 2025 be adjourned at 3:57pm.			
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED	
			Mayor	
			Chief Administrative Officer	

# Rebuild Numbers Community Dashboard

**Council Meeting** 

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

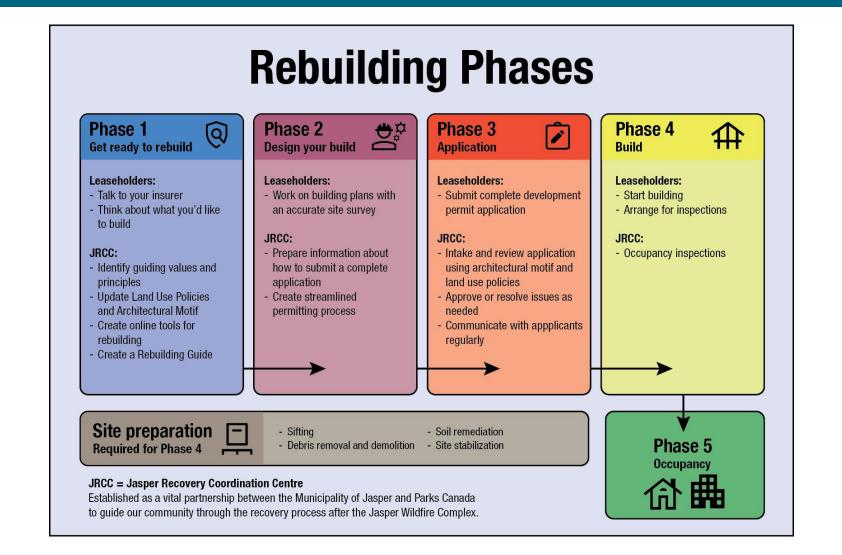


# Purpose

- Inform the community about rebuilding numbers
- Provide accurate information
- Track rebuilding progress over time
- **Satisfy** reporting requirements
- Share information about rebuilding supports



# Building on the Rebuilding Guide



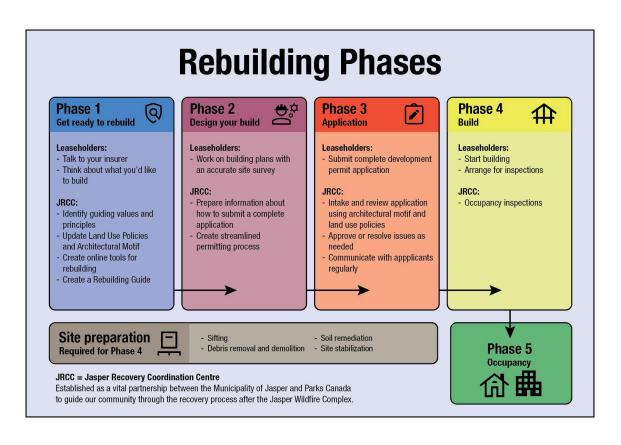


# Site preparation status of fire-destroyed properties within the Municipality of Jasper

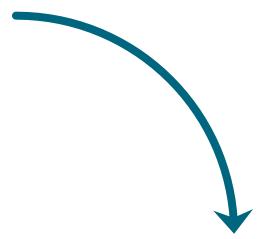


- Properties with debris remaining
- Properties where soil sample reports (confirmatory sampling) need to be submitted to Parks Canada
- Properties where soil sample reports (confirmatory sampling) are being reviewed by Parks Canada
- Properties where the site is confirmed safe for human health (Certificate of Completion from Parks Canada)

Updated: September 11, 2025 - Source: Parks Canada



# Show status by rebuild phases





- Phases 1 & 2: Prepare & Design (properties with no permit applications)
- Phase 3A: Application Process (properties in the rebuild application process)
- Phase 3B: Building Permit Approved (properties ready for construction)
- Phase 4: Build (properties where construction is underway)
- Phase 5: Occupancy (properties with finished buildings)

Updated: September 12, 2025 - Source: Parks Canada

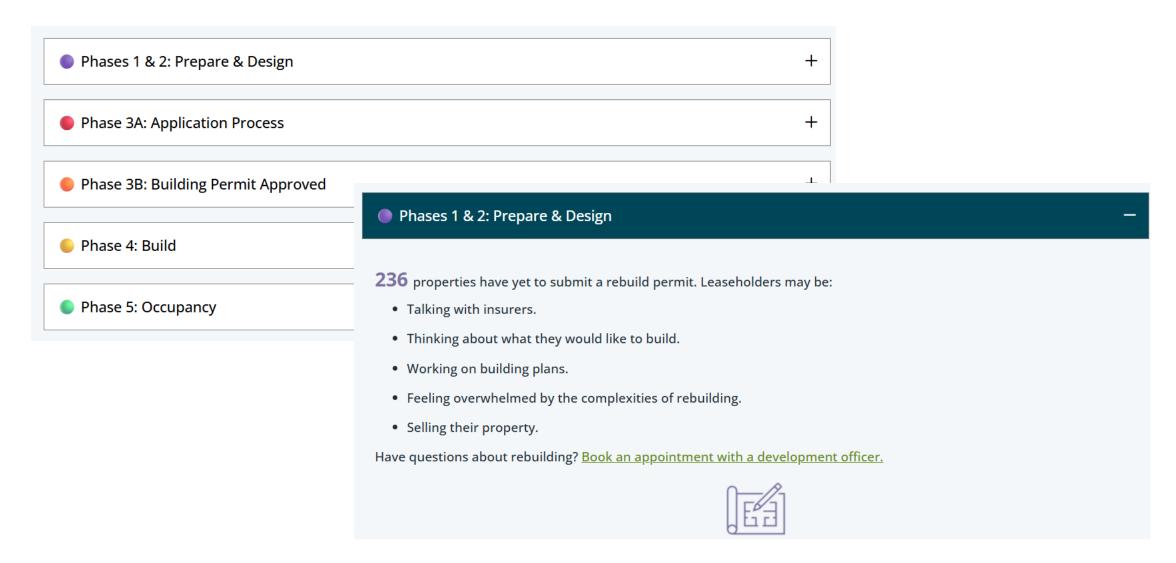
# Rebuild status of fire-destroyed properties within the Municipality of Jasper



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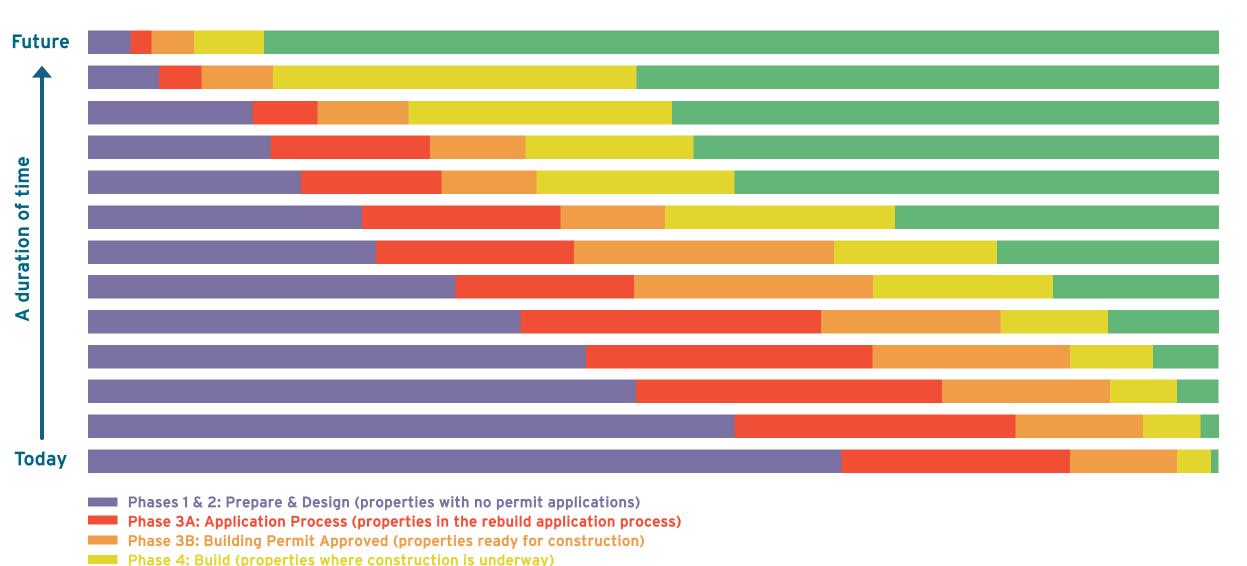
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# **Drop-down menu**



# Progress tracking over time - example

Phase 5: Occupancy (properties with finished buildings)



# Number of rebuild dwelling units within the Municipality of Jasper

# **Approved**







**Total** dwelling units **built** through rebuild



**Net new** dwelling units included in approved rebuild **building permits** 



**Net new** dwelling units **built** through rebuild

# **Details**

- Launch date: by October 1, 2025
- On MoJ and Parks Canada websites
- Biweekly updates
- Joint effort via the Jasper Recover Coordination Centre
  - Permit information from Parks Canada
  - Construction information from MoJ



# Municipality of Jasper Organizational Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 3, 2025

Place: Jasper Library & Cultural Centre – Quorum Room

Virtual viewing and participation

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Present

Mayor Richard Ireland, Councillors Wendy Hall, Ralph Melnyk, Kathleen Waxer,

Laurie Rodger, Kable Kongsrud, and Danny Frechette

Also Present

Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer

Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator

4 observers

Call to Order

Mayor Ireland called the meeting to order at 9:30am and began with a Traditional

Land Acknowledgement.

Approval of Agenda #470/25

MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda

for the Organizational meeting of November 3, 2025 as presented.

FOR AGAINST

7 Councillors 0 Councillors CARRIED

Set date, time, place of Regular and Committee MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council adopt the 2025-2026

Council meeting calendar as presented.

and Committed of the Whole meetings

#471/25

FOR AGAINST

7 Councillors 0 Councillors

llors CARRIED

The 2025-2026 Council calendar is attached to today's minutes and available on the municipal website.

Deputy Mayor Schedule #472/25 MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve a Deputy Mayor schedule rotating on two-month terms commencing November 1, 2025.

FOR AGAINST

7 Councillors 0 Councillors CARRIED

#473/25

MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the Deputy

Mayor schedule as discussed.

FOR AGAINST

7 Councillors 0 Councillors CARRIED

The full Deputy Mayor and Alternate Deputy Mayor schedule is attached as part of today's minutes and available on the municipal website.

Appointment to Boards & Committees	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council appoint the following Councillors to the following Boards & Committees as presented.		
#474/25	FOR	AGAINST	
,	7 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED
	The full list of Councavailable on the Mu		as part of today's minutes and is
Strategic Priorities #475/25	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council confirm the Strategic Priorities for 2026-2030 term as presented.		
11473/23	FOR	AGAINST	
	7 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED
Adjournment #476/25	ent MOTION by Councillor Rodger – BE IT RESOLVI business, the Organizational meeting of Nover 9:48am.		
	FOR	AGAINST	
	7 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED
		May	ror

Chief Administrative Officer



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2026 Organizational meeting

# Municipality of Jasper 2025-2026 Council Meeting Calendar

Regular meetings are scheduled for 1:30pm and Committee meetings for 9:30am at the Jasper Library & Cultural Centre, downstairs, 500 Robson Street, Jasper, AB.

# Municipality of Jasper **Deputy Mayor November 2025 – October 2026**



Dates	Deputy Mayor	Alternate Deputy Mayor
Nov. 1 – Dec. 31, 2025	Ralph Melnyk	Wendy Hall
Jan. 1 – Feb. 28, 2026	Kathleen Waxer	Ralph Melnyk
March 1 – April 30, 2026	Danny Frechette	Kathleen Waxer
May 1 – June 30, 2026	Kable Kongsrud	Danny Frechette
July 1 – Aug. 31, 2026	Laurie Rodger	Kable Kongsrud
Sept. 1 – Oct. 31, 2026	Wendy Hall	Laurie Rodger

# Municipality of Jasper

# **Council Appointments to Boards & Committees November 2025**



# **Council Boards and Committees**

Board or Committee Name	Appointed Councillor(s)	Alternate
Emergency Advisory Committee	Ireland, Kongsrud, Melnyk	
Recovery Advisory Committee	Hall, Waxer	Rodger
Jasper Municipal Housing Corporation	Kongsrud, Rodger	
Hospitality & Twinned Communities	Frechette, Melnyk, Rodger	
Communities in Bloom	Frechette	
Jasper Municipal Library	Hall	
Legislative	Hall, Ireland, Waxer	
Regional Assessment Review Board	Hall	
Human Resources	Melnyk, Rodger, Waxer	

**Community Conversations** 

<b>Community Conversation Name</b>	Appointed Councillor(s)	Alternate
Early Childhood / School Age	Frechette	Waxer
Adults	Kongsrud	Hall
Seniors	Rodger	Melnyk

# **External Boards and Committees**

Board or Committee Name	Appointed Councillor(s)	Alternate
Jasper Municipal Leasehold Assets Society	All	
Evergreens Foundation Board	Waxer	
Jasper Partnership Initiative	Ireland	Melnyk
Jasper Yellowhead Historical Society	Kongsrud	
TransCanada Yellowhead Highway Association	Frechette	Waxer
Community Futures West Yellowhead	Frechette, Melnyk	Hall
West Yellowhead Waste Management Authority	Ireland, Melnyk	
Yellowhead Regional Library	Hall	Frechette
Jasper Community Team Society	Ireland	
Jasper Food Alliance Committee	Rodger	Kongsrud
UpLift! Mural Advisory Board	Waxer	

## **AGENDA ITEM 3.3**

# Municipality of Jasper

## **Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, November 18, 2025 | 9:30am

Jasper Library and Cultural Centre, Quorum Room

Virtual viewing and participation

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Present

Mayor Richard Ireland, Deputy Mayor Ralph Melnyk, Councillors Kathleen Waxer, Kable Kongsrud, Wendy Hall, Danny Frechette and Laurie Rodger

Absent

none

Also present

Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer

Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance & Administration

Michael Fark, Director of Recovery

Christopher Read, Director of Community Development Beth Sanders, Director of Urban Design & Standards

Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator Ornesto Tassoni, The Evergreens Foundation

Nancy Robbins, Community Futures West Yellowhead

Angela Thom & Joyce Melnyk, Municipality of Jasper Library Board Steve Pavlov & Ron McGaffin, Jasper-Yellowhead Museum & Archives Greg Key & Keith Henderson, Royal Canadian Legion Branch #31 Ann Thomas & John Wilmshurst, The Jasper Park Tennis Club Marianne Garrah & Jacqui McColl, Habitat for the Arts

Russ Mann, Jasper Artists Guild

Peggy Munn, Jasper Heritage Folk & Blues Society
Paul Butler, Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce

Logan Ireland & Sara Maltby, UpLift! Jasper Mural Festival

Bob Covey, The Jasper Local

30 observers

Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Ralph Melnyk called the November 18, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 9:31am and began with a <u>Traditional Land Acknowledgement</u>.

Additions/ deletions to the agenda

none

Approval of agenda #477/25

MOTION by Councillor Frechette that Committee approve the agenda for the November 18, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented.

FOR AGAINST

7 Councillors 0 Councillor CARRIED

Delegations none

Correspondence – Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce #478/25 Committee received correspondence from the Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce and shared a response which was previously written and sent by Mayor Ireland.

MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee receive the correspondence for information.

FOR AGAINST

7 Councillors 0 Councillor CARRIED

Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre Progress Update

#479/25

Director of Recovery Michael Fark reviewed an update from the Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre which is included in the agenda package.

MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee receive the update for information.

FOR AGAINST

7 Councillors 0 Councillor CARRIED

Community Economic Development Fund #480/25 Director of Community Development Christopher Read reviewed applications and the scoring process for the Community Economic Development Fund. Applications were included in the agenda package.

MOTION by Councillor Rodger that Committee recommend Council approve the following Community & Economic Development Fund allocations:

- Jasper Community Theatre \$2,500
- Jasper Food Bank Capacity Boost for Bulk Purchasing \$2,500
- Jasper Gymnastics Club \$2,500
- Mountain Lights: Jasper Art After Dark \$2,500

FOR AGAINST

7 Councillors 0 Councillor CARRIED

Recovery Advisory Committee Terms of Reference Review MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee direct Administration to return to a future Committee of the Whole meeting with recommendation regarding potential amendments to the Terms of Reference for the Recovery Advisory Committee.

#481/25 FOR AGAINST

7 Councillors 0 Councillor CARRIED

Recess Deputy Mayor Melnyk called a recess from 10:28am to 10:37am.

The Evergreens Foundation

#482/25

Committee received a presentation from Ornesto Tassoni of Alpine Summit Seniors Lodge and the Evergreens Foundation containing a budget request for the 2026 budget.

MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee receive the presentation for information; and

That Committee refer the Evergreens Foundation \$10,000 funding request to the 2026 budget discussions.

FOR AGAINST

7 Councillors 0 Councillor CARRIED

Community Futures West Yellowhead #483/25 Committee received a submission and presentation from Nancy Robbins of Community Futures West Yellowhead containing a budget request for the 2026 budget.

MOTION by Councillor Hall that Committee receive the presentation for information; and

That Committee refer the Community Futures West Yellowhead \$10,000 funding request to the 2026 budget discussions.

FOR AGAINST

7 Councillors 0 Councillor CARRIED

Municipality of Jasper Library Board Committee received a presentation from Angela Thom, Director of Library Services, and Joyce Melnyk, Chair of the Municipality of Jasper Library Board containing their financial statements for the past year and a funding request for the 2026 budget.

#484/25 MOTION by Councillor Hall that Committee receive the presentation for information; and

That Committee refer the Municipality of Jasper Library Board \$218,485 funding request to the 2026 budget discussions.

FOR AGAINST

7 Councillors 0 Councillor CARRIED

Jasper-Yellowhead Museum & Archives #485/25 Committee received a presentation from Steve Pavlov and Ron McGaffin of the Jasper-Yellowhead Museum & Archives regarding a funding request for the 2026 budget.

MOTION by Councillor Hall that Committee receive the presentation for information; and

That Committee refer the Jasper-Yellowhead Museum & Archives \$40,000 funding request to the 2026 budget discussions; and

That Committee direct Administration to work with the Jasper-Yellowhead Museum & Archives to provide additional information.

FOR AGAINST

7 Councillors 0 Councillor CARRIED

Recess Deputy Mayor Melnyk called a recess from 12:03pm to 1:01pm.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch #31 Committee received a presentation from Greg Key & Keith Henderson of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #31 regarding a funding request for the 2026 budget.

#486/25 MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee direct Administration to work with the

Legion to develop a way forward regarding the Jasper Cenotaph and return to a future

Committee of the Whole meeting with recommendations.

**FOR AGAINST** 

7 Councillors 0 Councillor CARRIED

#487/25 MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee receive the presentation for information; and

That Committee refer the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #31 \$10,000 funding request for

masonry repairs to the 2026 budget discussions.

**FOR AGAINST** 

7 Councillors 0 Councillor CARRIED

#488/25 MOTION by Councillor Hall to refer the remainder of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch

#31 \$240,000 funding request to the 2026 budget discussions as an unfunded capital

budget item.

FOR **AGAINST** 

7 Councillors 0 Councillor CARRIED

The Jasper Park Tennis Club

Committee received a presentation from Ann Thomas & John Wilmshurst of the Jasper

Park Tennis Club regarding a funding request for the 2026 budget.

#489/25 MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee receive the presentation for information.

> **FOR AGAINST**

7 Councillors 0 Councillor CARRIED

Habitat for the

Arts

Committee received a presentation from Marianne Garrah & Jacqui McColl of Habitat for the Arts containing financial statements from the past year and a funding request for the

2026 budget.

#490/25 MOTION by Councillor Hall that Committee receive the presentation for information; and

That Committee refer the Habitat for the Arts \$10,000 plus rent relief funding request to

the 2026 budget discussions.

**FOR AGAINST** 

7 Councillors 0 Councillor CARRIED

Meeting Extension

#491/25

MOTION by Councillor Hall at 2:14pm that the November 18, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting be extended beyond four hours.

**FOR AGAINST** 

7 Councillors 0 Councillor CARRIED

Recess Deputy Mayor Melnyk called a recess from 2:16pm to 2:22pm. Jasper Artists Guild Committee received a presentation from Russ Mann of the Jasper Artists Guild regarding a funding request for the 2026 budget.

#492/25

MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee receive the presentation for information; and

That Committee refer the Jasper Artists Guild \$4,200 funding request to allow the lease to remain at \$950.00 (plus GST) to June 30, 2026 to the 2026 budget discussions.

FOR AGAINST

7 Councillors 0 Councillor CARRIED

#493/25

MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee direct Administration to enter into discussions with the Jasper Artists Guild regarding potential for a sub-lease renewal and return with recommendations to a future Committee of the Whole meeting in the new year.

FOR AGAINST

7 Councillors 0 Councillor CARRIED

Jasper Heritage Folk & Blues Society Committee received a presentation from Peggy Munn of the Jasper Heritage Folk & Blues Society regarding a funding request for the 2026 budget. The group provided a financial statement which is attached to the meeting minutes.

#494/25

MOTION by Councillor Rodger that Committee receive the presentation for information; and

That Committee refer the Jasper Heritage Folk & Blues Society \$20,000 funding request to the 2026 budget discussions.

FOR AGAINST

7 Councillors 0 Councillor CARRIED

Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce #495/25 Committee received a presentation from Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Paul Butler regarding a funding request for the 2026 budget.

MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee receive the presentation for information; and

That Committee refer the Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce \$10,000 funding request to the 2026 budget discussions.

FOR AGAINST

6 Councillors 1 Councillor CARRIED

(Kongsrud)

Recess Deputy Mayor Ralph Melnyk called a recess from 3:28pm to 3:35pm.

UpLift! Mural Festival Mayor Ireland recused himself for the next presentation due to being a close relation of one of the festival organizers.

Committee received a presentation from Logan Ireland & Sara Maltby of UpLift! Jasper Mural Festival regarding a funding request for the 2026 budget.

#496/25

MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee receive the presentation for information; and

That Committee refer the UpLift! Jasper Mural Festival \$25,000 funding request to the 2026 budget discussions.

FOR AGAINST

6 Councillors 0 Councillor CARRIED

Mayor Ireland rejoined the meeting.

Motion Action List

Administration reviewed the Motion Action List.

#497/25

MOTION by Councillor Hall that Committee approve the updated Motion Action List with date changes for the following items:

- Parcel CH Access Road & Spruce Avenue Development Tender Award
- Transit Bus RFP
- Jasper Artists Guild Lease

FOR AGAINST 7 Councillors 0 Councillors

CARRIED

Councillor upcoming meetings

Councillor Hall will be joining Pathfinders tomorrow afternoon as well as a Zoom meeting on Monday with the Climate Caucus around zero emissions transit in the prairies.

Councillor Hall attended the Alberta Municipalities Convention in Calgary last week along with Councillors Waxer, Frechette, Kongsrud, Rodger, and Mayor Ireland.

Councillor Kongsrud will be attending a meeting of the Jasper-Yellowhead Historical Society tomorrow evening.

**Upcoming Events** 

Council reviewed a list of upcoming events.

Move In-camera #498/25

MOTION by Mayor Ireland to move in-camera at 4:12pm to discuss agenda item:

• 11.1 Mayor's Special Awards POPA s. 4(c), 12(1)

FOR AGAINST 7 Councillors 0 Councillors

CARRIED

Mr. Given also attended the in-camera session.

MOTION by Mayor Ireland to move out of camera at 4:32pm.

Move out of

camera FOR AGAINST #499/25 7 Councillors 0 Councillors

**CARRIED** 

Adjournment #500/25

MOTION by Councillor Kongsrud that, there being no further business, the Committee of the Whole meeting of November 18, 2025 be adjourned at 4:33pm.

FOR AGAINST

7 Councillors 0 Councillors CARRIED

# ATTACHMENT TO NOVEMBER 18, 2025 meeting minutes

Expenses	
Production Logistics/Site	Actual 2025
Generator Rentals & Gas	\$1,918.09
Sound Technicians (Mike Dinger)	\$18,795.00
Stage Rental (NA – part of Commemoration Park Rental)	\$0.00
Commemoration Park (Municipality)	\$0.00
Security	\$3,000.00
Toilets/Porto-potties (All-Choice Rentals)	\$0.00
Tables & Chairs (donated)	\$0.00
Building/Development Permit	\$250.00
Tent Rentals from JHFBS (donated)	\$200.00
Bouncy Castle Rental	\$2,378.25
Fancy Fox Photobooth Rental	\$3,475.50
Seniors Lounge Rental/Cleaning	\$75.00
Tridon - Wifi	\$0.00
Programming 5 - 15 - 15 - 15 - 15 - 15 - 15 - 15 -	000.075.00
Festival Performer's Fees	\$98,075.00
Accomodation	\$9,633.78
Food & Beverage	\$1,576.98
MC fees	\$700.00
Zumba	\$70.00
Media	
JFMF Merchandise (excluding Volunteer shirts)	\$3,512.56
Kuma Merchandise	
Advertising	
Website Hosting – Squarespace via Jamie	\$355.66
Web/online – google ads, facebook ads	\$0.00
Radio Advertising CKUA	\$0.00
Edmonton FF Program Print Ad	\$0.00
Newspaper – Fitzhugh	\$0.00
Posters & Printing – Tekarra	
Programs – online program (donated)	\$0.00
Ticket/Wristband/Lanyard Production – Eventgroove	\$0.00

Volunteers	
Volunteer Appreciation Event	\$1,749.12
Volunteer Shirts	\$1,521.45
Food & Beverage	
Liquor License	\$200.00
Alcohol for the Beer Garden – Athabasca Hotel	\$2,193.58
Alcohol for the Beer Garden - Jasper Brewery	\$1,599.98
Administration	
Bank Charges	\$29.85
Square Device Fees	\$566.61
Membership Fees	\$0.00
SOCAN Fees	\$79.14
Directors Insurance (Aug)	\$1,835.00
Content Insurance (May)	\$633.00
Event Insurance (Aug)	\$1,664.00
Office Supplies & Postage	\$0.00
Tent & Equipment Storage (NA)	\$0.00
Meeting Expenses (food)	\$0.00
Site Equipment	\$470.59
Assorted Other (rug for stage, batteries etc)	
Total Expenses	\$156,558.14
Festival Income	
Ticket Sales – Gate & Advance Individual	\$58,850.00
Ticket Sales – Corporate Tickets	\$2,560.00
Merchandise Sales	\$4,586.00
Corporate Sponsorships	\$1,500.00
Alcohol Sales	\$11,365.00
Donations/Tips at event	\$1,079
Artisan Vendor Fees	\$1,225.00
Food Vendor Fees	\$1,000.00
Municipality of Jasper	\$2,000.00
AFA Grant Application	\$13,190.00
CIP Application	\$67,829.00
Servus Grant	\$2,500.00
Total Income with Grants	\$167,684.00

# Municipality of Jasper

## **Budget Presentation Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday & Wednesday, November 25 & 26, 2025 | 9:30am

Jasper Library & Cultural Centre and conducted virtually through Zoom

Virtual viewing and participation

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

person attendance. Public participation is through in-person attendance.

Present Mayor Richard Ireland, Deputy Mayor Ralph Melnyk, Councillors Wendy Hall, Kable

Kongsrud, Kathleen Waxer, Laurie Rodger, and Danny Frechette

Absent none

Also present Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer

Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance & Administration

Michael Fark, Director of Recovery

Beth Sanders, Director of Urban Design & Standards

Christine Nadon, Director of Protective & Legislative Services Christopher Read, Director of Community Development Courtney Donaldson, Director of Operations & Utilities

Emily Dawson, Finance Manager

Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator

Bob Covey, The Jasper Local

15 observers

Call to Order Mayor Ireland called the meeting to order at 9:03am.

Additions or deletions to agenda

none

Approval of agenda #501/25

MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the agenda for the Budget Presentations meeting of November 25, 2025 as presented.

FOR AGAINST

6 Councillors 0 Councillors CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Ralph Melnyk joined the meeting at 9:05am.

Process Overview CAO Bill Given presented an overview of the agenda and discussed the factors impacting

the 2026 municipal budget.

Budget 2026-2028 Discussion Committee received the 2026-2028 budget presentation from Administration and was given an opportunity to ask clarifying questions. The budget package can be found in the

November 25, 2025 agenda package on the municipal website.

Recess Mayor Ireland called for a recess from 10:08am to 10:17am.

Budget 2026-2028 The present

Discussion continued

The presentation resumed with Director of Finance & Administration Natasha Malenchak reviewing the Finance & Administration section of the budget. Mr. Given also reviewed

the expenses related to the CAO Office.

#502/25 MOTION by Councillor Hall that Committee accept the Finance & Administration

Operating Budget as presented.

FOR AGAINST

7 Councillors 0 Councillors CARRIED

#503/25 MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee accept the Finance & Administration

Capital Budget as presented.

FOR AGAINST

7 Councillors 0 Councillors CARRIED

Recess Mayor Ireland called a recess from 11:15am to 11:21am.

Budget 2026-2028

Discussion continued

The presentation resumed and Director of Recovery Michael Fark reviewed the Jasper

Recovery Coordination Centre section of the budget.

#504/25 MOTION by Councillor Melnyk that Committee accept the Recovery Operating Budget as

presented.

FOR AGAINST

7 Councillors 0 Councillors CARRIED

Budget 2026-2028

Discussion continued

The presentation resumed and Director of Urban Design & Standards Beth Sanders

reviewed the next section of the budget.

#505/25 MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee accept the Urban Design & Standards

Operating Budget as presented.

FOR AGAINST

7 Councillors 0 Councillors CARRIED

#506/25 MOTION by Councillor Frechette that Committee accept the Urban Design & Standards

Capital Budget as presented.

FOR AGAINST

7 Councillors O Councillors CARRIED

Councillor Rodger left the meeting at 12:12pm.

Recess Mayor Ireland called a recess from 12:13pm to 1:31pm.

Budget 2026-2028

Discussion continued

The presentation resumed and Director of Protective & Legislative Services Christine

Nadon reviewed the next section of the budget.

Meeting Extension #507/25

MOTION by Councillor Melnyk at 1:51pm that the November 25, 2025 Budget Presentation meeting be extended beyond four hours.

FOR AGAINST

6 Councillors 0 Councillors CARRIED

Budget 2026-2028 Discussion continued #508/25 MOTION by Councillor Hall that Committee direct Administration to amend the 2026 Protective & Legislative Services Operating Budget by increasing the revenue amount for visitor paid parking to 1.8 million dollars.

FOR AGAINST

6 Councillors 0 Councillors CARRIED

#509/25 MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee accept the Protective & Legislative Services

Operating Budget as amended.

FOR AGAINST

6 Councillors 0 Councillors CARRIED

Mayor Ireland relinquished the Chair to Deputy Mayor Melnyk in order to make the

following motion.

#510/25 MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee direct Administration to amend the Protective

& Legislative Services Capital Budget by deleting the allocation to the Firesmart

residential incentive program.

FOR AGAINST

6 Councillors O Councillors CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Melnyk returned the Chair to Mayor Ireland.

#511/25 MOTION by Councillor Hall that Committee accept the Protective & Legislative Services

Capital Budget as amended.

FOR AGAINST

6 Councillors 0 Councillors CARRIED

Recess Mayor Ireland called a recess from 3:09pm to 3:20pm.

Budget 2026-2028

Discussion continued

The presentation resumed and Director of Community Development Christopher Read

reviewed the next section of the budget.

#512/25 MOTION by Councillor Frechette that Committee accept the Community Development

Operating Budget as presented.

**FOR AGAINST** 

6 Councillors **0** Councillors CARRIED

#513/25 MOTION by Councillor Frechette that Committee accept the Community Development

Capital Budget as presented.

**FOR AGAINST** 

6 Councillors **0** Councillors **CARRIED** 

Recess Mayor Ireland called a recess from 4:34pm on November 25, 2025 to 9:00am on

November 26, 2025.

Budget 2026-2028

Discussion continued

The presentation resumed and Director of Operations & Utilities Courtney Donaldson proceeded with the Operations Budget. CAO Bill Given also reviewed information related

to the transit system.

Councillor Rodger rejoined the meeting at 9:38am.

Budget 2026-2028

Discussion continued

MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee accept the Operations Operating Budget as

presented, with an additional \$10,000 for Cenotaph maintenance.

#514/25 **FOR AGAINST** 

> 7 Councillors **O** Councillors **CARRIED**

MOTION by Councillor Hall that Committee accept the Operations Capital Budget as #515/25

presented.

AGAINST FOR

7 Councillors 0 Councillors CARRIED

Mayor Ireland called a recess from 10:42am to 10:51am. Recess

Budget 2026-2028

Discussion

The presentation resumed and Ms. Donaldson proceeded with the Utilities Budget.

continued

MOTION by Councillor Melnyk that Committee accept the Utilities Operating Budget as

#516/25 presented.

> **FOR AGAINST**

7 Councillors 0 Councillors CARRIED

MOTION by Councillor Frechette that Committee accept the Utilities Capital Budget as #517/25

presented.

**FOR AGAINST** 

7 Councillors 0 Councillors **CARRIED**  Recess Mayor Ireland called a recess from 11:41pm to 11:45pm.

Budget 2026-2028

Discussion continued

The presentation resumed and Ms. Malenchak and Mr. Given reviewed the Reserves & Debt section of the budget.

Recess Mayor Ireland called a recess from 12:33pm to 1:32pm.

Budget 2026-2028

Discussion continued #518/25

The presentation resumed and Ms. Malenchak and Mr. Given continued reviewing the Reserves & Debt section of the budget.

MOTION by Councillor Melnyk that Committee accept the 2026 use of Reserves as

presented.

FOR AGAINST

6 Councillors O Councillors CARRIED

#519/25 MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee receive the revised 2026 debt projections

for information.

FOR AGAINST

6 Councillors O Councillors CARRIED

Budget 2026-2028 Discussion

continued #520/25 Administration reviewed information on Community Group Requests which were presented at the November 18, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting.

MOTION by Councillor Hall that Committee amend the budget to increase funding for the Jasper Municipal Library by \$5,329 to a total of \$218,485 in funding for 2026.

FOR AGAINST

6 Councillors 0 Councillors CARRIED

Mayor Ireland relinquished the Chair to Deputy Mayor Melnyk in order to make the following motion.

#521/25

MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee amend the budget to include:

- \$40,000 in funding for the Jasper-Yellowhead Museum & Archives for 2026;
- \$10,000 plus rent relief in funding for the Habitat for the Arts for 2026;
- the \$4,200 funding request to allow the lease to remain at \$950.00 (plus GST) to June 30, 2026 for the Jasper Artists Guild for 2026;
- \$10,000 in funding for the Evergreens Foundation (Seniors Bus) for 2026;
- \$10,000 in funding for Community Futures West Yellowhead for 2026;
- \$20,000 in funding for the Jasper Heritage Folk & Blues Society for 2026; and
- \$10,000 in funding for the Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce for 2026.

FOR AGAINST

0 Councillors 6 Councillors CARRIED

Mayor Ireland declared a conflict of interest and asked to excuse himself at 2:20pm for the next item on the agenda in relation to Section 10.2 of the Code of Conduct Bylaw. Mayor Ireland is a close family relation of one of the organizers of the festival.

#522/25

MOTION by Councillor Hall that Committee amend the budget to include \$25,000 in funding for the UpLift! Mural Festival for 2026.

**FOR AGAINST** 

4 Councillors 1 Councillor CARRIED

(Kongsrud)

Mayor Ireland returned to the meeting at 2:27pm. Deputy Mayor Melnyk returned the Chair to Mayor Ireland.

#523/25

MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee direct Administration to amend the draft budget to add "Cenotaph Replacement Project" as an unfunded item in the amount of \$240,000 in the 2027 year.

**AGAINST FOR** 

6 Councillors 0 Councillors CARRIED

Recess Mayor Ireland called a recess from 2:35pm to 2:54pm.

Budget 2026-2028 Discussion

continued #524/25

MOTION by Councillor Hall that Committee direct Administration to identify and implement \$236,000 in reductions; roughly two percent of the proposed operating budget, in whatever way they determine feasible without reducing Community Group funding and bring a revised budget back to our next Committee of the Whole meeting.

**FOR** AGAINST

3 Councillors 3 Councillors **DEFEATED** 

(Hall, Ireland, Kongsrud) (Frechette, Melnyk, Waxer)

#525/25

MOTION by Councillor Melnyk that Committee direct Administration to make available to the general public the updated draft 2026 budget document by December 5, 2025; and

That the 2026 -2028 Proposed Draft Budget be added to the December 16, 2025 Regular Council meeting agenda.

**FOR AGAINST** 

6 Councillors 0 Councillors CARRIED

#526/25

MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee direct Administration to add 2026 Budget discussions to the December 9, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting agenda.

**FOR AGAINST**  5 Councillors 1 Councillor **CARRIED** (Melnyk)

Adjournment

MOTION by Councillor Waxer that, there being no further business, the November 25, #527/25 2025 Budget Presentation meeting be adjourned at 3:48pm on November 26, 2025.

> FOR **AGAINST** 6 Councillors 0 Councillors **CARRIED**



#### **Municipality of Jasper**

# **Municipal Contribution Request Form External Groups - BUDGET 2026**



Date:	
Submitted by:	
Name of Group:	
Phone Number:	
Email:	
Mailing Address:	
Total Amount Requested:	
Strategic Alignment: If additional space is required, please attach document to form.	Does your request align with Council's Strategic Priorities? Explain which priority and how your project aligns.  https://jasper.municipalwebsites.ca/UploadFiles/Docs/CouncilStrategicPlan2022web_qnaJGL.pdf
Project Narrative:  If additional space is required, please attach document to form.	Help us understand what the group intends to do with any funds received from the Municipality.

Did your group receive funding in a prior fiscal year?	Yes	No
If yes, how much was requested?		
If yes, which year?		
If yes, how much was approved?		
If yes, please attach your prior year project summary report.		

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#### JASPER PRIDE FESTIVAL SOCIETY

#### **Statement of Financial Position**

June 30, 2025

		2025	2024
ASSETS			
CURRENT			
Cash	\$	42,978	\$ 1,309
Accounts receivable		1,093	39,546
Goods and services tax recoverable		87	99
Prepaid expenses		370	370
	\$	44,528	\$ 41,324
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS			
CURRENT			
Accounts payable	<u>\$</u>	2,956	\$ 13,532
NET ASSETS			
Net assets - beginning		27,792	10,296
Excess (deficiency) of income over expenses		13,780	17,496
		41,572	27,792
	\$	44,528	\$ 41,324

#### ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

 Director
 Director

#### JASPER PRIDE FESTIVAL SOCIETY Statement of Revenues and Expenditures Year Ended June 30, 2025

	2025	%	2024	%
INCOME				
Sponsorship	\$ 90,048	56.55	\$ 87,550	44.92
Grants	50,335	31.61	74,187	38.07
Ticket sales	12,575	7.90	23,747	12.18
Fundraising	3,752	2.36	6,609	3.39
Merchandise sales	2,086	1.31	2,473	1.27
Membership	 450	0.28	328	0.17
	159,246	100.01	194,894	100.00
DIRECT COSTS				
Festival sub-contracts	29,488	18.52	37,708	19.35
Purchases	 7,005	4.40	17,003	8.72
	 36,493	22.92	54,711	28.07
GROSS MARGIN	 122,753	77.09	140,183	71.93
EXPENSES				
Sub-contracts	56,700	35.61	90,407	46.39
Advertising and promotion	34,109	21.42	20,847	10.70
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Professional fees	1,763	1.11	1,920	0.99
Insurance	1,087	0.68	1,095	0.56
Office	1,041	0.65	308	0.16
Business taxes, licenses and memberships	714	0.45	683	0.35
Delivery, freight and express	667	0.42	994	0.51
Interest and bank charges	432	0.27	26	0.01
Meals and entertainment	423	0.27	408	0.21
Fundraising	 388	0.24	98	0.05
	 108,973	68.44	122,687	62.96
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENSES	\$ 13,780	8.65	\$ 17,496	8.97



# REQUEST FOR FUNDING

Your financial and in-kind support helps us keep Jasper a welcoming and inclusive town. By helping to fund the Jasper Pride Festival Society endeavours, you make it clear that this town is a safe space for all who live, work and visit.

6 Why?

Who are we?

2 How much are we asking for?

# WHO ARE WE?

**CO-CHAIRS:** 

Mik Vanderkamer Rowan Bell-Marusich they/them she/her

The Jasper Pride Festival began a little over sixteen years ago after a small group of local residents and business owners came together to create a welcoming celebration for the 2SLGBTQIA+ community. What started as a small volunteerrun event has since grown into one of Jasper's largest annual festivals and the third-largest pride festival in Alberta. Today, it continues to be community-led, widely supported by local businesses, and recognized as a key tourism and cultural event for the municipality.



**Current Board from left to right:** 

Jackie Bohnet
Rowan
Melissa Mercer
Lynn Wannop
Mik
Chris Murray
Elena Kellis
Hayley Petrie
Vanessa Bolduc



# HOW MUCH ARE WE ASKING FOR?

\$2500 CASH

\$8085 IN-KIND

We are requesting \$2,500 in funding to support small, year-round queer community programs, and an in-kind facility donation valued at roughly \$8,000 to ensure we can deliver a safe, inclusive, community-wide Pride Festival — especially with key venues still unavailable after the wildfire. This combined support reflects a long-standing partnership between the Municipality and Jasper Pride, and it directly enables us to offer accessible programming, rebuild community connection, and keep Pride strong and welcoming for all residents.

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# There is great economic value and social benefit in bringing Pride to town

Pride brings people together, boosts local business, strengthens belonging, and offers inclusive, low-barrier programming that supports residents of all ages and identities.

It builds community health, connection, and visibility — especially important as Jasper continues recovering from the wildfire.

# Pride in Jasper has been happening for years

For over sixteen years,
Pride has been a
trusted, well-loved
celebration in this
community, with the
Municipality as a longstanding partner and
supporter.

# Pride meets real community needs

Residents consistently ask for more year-round queer programming and safe, welcoming spaces to gather. With key venues lost to post-wildfire renovations, support from Council directly enables us to keep delivering these essential community connections.

# Other community groups are close allies

We work closely with local partners — including Friends of Jasper, community non-profits, businesses, volunteers, and municipal departments — demonstrating broad community support and collaboration.

# OPLEASE OTHANK YOU

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5.1**

Good day,

Jasper RCMP Detachment is pleased to provide you with the Q2 2025-26 Community Policing Reports for distribution to Mayor and Council. Please find the following documents attached:

- 1. Q2 2025-2026 Community Policing Report
- 2. Jasper Q2 Provincial Detachment Crime Statistics
- 3. Q2 2025-26 Community Letter

We experienced some technical difficulties with one of the a/n documents. Please include the following as part of my Q2 Jasper Detachment comments:

Q2 resulted in significant 2025 tourism visitation to Jasper National Park following the 2024 Jasper Wildfire. Parks Canada provided the numbers for July and August, reflecting numbers on par with previous years. The numbers for September are still being tabulated. Added to this equation is the shadow population based on the various construction fields of expertise involved in the Jasper rebuild. Parks Canada indicated they anticipate the September 2025 numbers will surpass previous years. Calls for service pertaining to poor driving practices on local roadways continued into Q2 in addition to use of the park related investigations. Unfortunately, at the end of Q2 one recorded homicide resulted in manslaughter charges levied against a visitor to the community. This event understandably created significant emotional trauma for family and friends of the victim, in addition to the community. The victim was a well known and liked resident of the community, the unfortunate event added to the existing emotional trauma stemming from the 2024 wildfire. The 2024 Jasper Wildfire rebuild continues with significant construction efforts in both the residential and commercial components of the community.

Should there be any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call or email. Kindest regards,



#### RCMP GRC \*

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We respectfully acknowledge that Jasper National Park is located in Treaty 6 and 8 as well as the traditional lands of the Anishinabe, Aseniwuche Winewak, Dene-zaa, Nêhiyawak,

Secwépemc, Stoney Nakoda, and Métis. We acknowledge the past, present, and future generations of these nations who continue to steward the land.

Nous reconnaissons respectueusement que le parc national Jasper se trouve dans le territoire des Premières Nations signataires des Traités nºs 6 et 8 ainsi que dans le territoire ancestral des Anishinabe, des Aseniwuche Winewak, des Dene-zaa, des Nêhiyawak, des Secwépemc, des Stoney Nakoda et des Métis. Nous rendons hommage aux générations de ces Nations – celles d'hier, celles d'aujourd'hui et celles de demain – qui continuent d'assurer l'intendance de ce territoire.

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#### **Alberta RCMP - Provincial Policing Report**

#### **Detachment Information**

**Detachment Name** 

Jasper

**Detachment Commander** 

Sgt. Rick Bidaisee

**Report Date** 

**Fiscal Year** 

Quarter

November 6, 2025

2025-26

Q2 (July - September)

#### **Community Priorities**

**Priority #1: Traffic Safety** 

#### **Updates and Comments:**

The unit continues to focus on this objective and have now surpassed the cumulative target for the fiscal year. Multiple calls for service relating to dangerous driving practices received in Q2. Education and enforcement are both priorities built into this objective. Additionally, given the increased presence of construction personnel in the community, the detachment is focused on delivering the required traffic safety messaging via media (including social media) and other innovative methods. Parks Canada and the Municipality of Jasper have voiced their support for these ongoing initiatives. Policing visibility is another avenue the community would like to see increased. They do understand the vast detachment area that makes up Jasper National Park presents challenges for a unit our size. There are major tourism attractions at the far borders of the park see significant visitation. Most of the police visibility in those areas are related to calls for service and the response.

#### Priority #2:

**Priority #3: Mental Health Awareness** 

#### **Updates and Comments:**

Jasper 2024 Wildfire and the resulting destruction and emotional trauma, the Jasper Detachment Commander consulted Parks Canada JNP, the Municipality of Jasper, residents, and business stakeholders. Community engagement is one of the pillars of policing for the unit and we have always successfully met the requirements of this objective. This fiscal year, we will continue to engage this







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objective with a focus on mental health supports and initiatives for residents and emergency first responders including the Jasper Detachment membership. Several detachment membership socials and initiatives that focuses on team building and camaraderie. The Detachment Commander continues to assist the Jasper Recovery Team and the Red Cross with managing interim housing tenant interactions. Three social events were held for the three interim housing location resulting in opportunities to promote the goals of removing the mental health stigma, encouraging supports and awareness. Det. BBQ - Morale build.





#### **Community Consultations**

#### Consultation #1

Date Meeting Type

July 1, 2025 Community Connection

**Topics Discussed** 

Canada Day Ceremony at Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge

**Notes/Comments:** 

Attend this venue at 08:00 Hrs in Red Serge. Parade and flag raising ceremonies accompanied by bagpipes. Interacted with management, staff, international, national and provincial tourism guests. Photo opportunities, discuss the RCMP history and service delivery for JNP. Handed out RCMP memorabilia.

#### Consultation #2

Date Meeting Type

July 1, 2025 Community Connection

**Topics Discussed** 

Canada Day celebrations and ceremonies

**Notes/Comments:** 

Participated in municipal ceremonies and celebrations for Canada Day. Parade, flag raising ceremonies and downtown foot patrol. Members in Red Serge interacted with international, national and provincial tourists. Photo opportunities, discuss the RCMP history and service delivery for JNP. Handed out RCMP memorabilia.

#### Consultation #3

Date Meeting Type

July 9, 2025 Community Connection

**Topics Discussed** 

Bicycle Safety Presentation Summer Fun Program

**Notes/Comments:** 

Member attended event to deliver bicycle safety practices. Utilized RCMP issued bicycle and safety gear to demonstrate and deliver safety messaging.





#### **Consultation #4**

Date

**Meeting Type** 

July 21, 2025

Meeting with Stakeholders

**Topics Discussed** 

Mount Alberta Centennial Anniversary

**Notes/Comments:** 

Invited to participate in this acknowledgement and celebrating the centennial of the remarkable first ascent of Mount Alberta. Members attend in Red Serge. Local and provincial dignitaries, Japanese Consulate, Japanese Alpine Club, Alpine Club of Canada in attendance. Photo opportunities, discussions around policing service delivery in JNP. Handed out RCMP memorabilia.

#### **Consultation #5**

Date

**Meeting Type** 

August 5, 2025

Meeting with Stakeholders

**Topics Discussed** 

Opening ceremony for the Jasper Crisis Team Golf Tournament

**Notes/Comments:** 

Members attend the opening ceremony for the annual Crisis Team golf tournament. Interacted with related emergency services agencies, community stakeholders and guests at the Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge.





#### **Provincial Service Composition**

Staffing Category	Established Positions	Working	Soft Vacancies	Hard Vacancies
Regular Members	9	9	0	0
Detachment Support	3	3	0	0

#### **Notes:**

- 1. Data extracted on September 29, 2025 and is subject to change.
- 2. Soft Vacancies are positions that are filled but vacant due to maternity/paternity leave, medical leave, etc. and are still included in the overall FTE count.
- 3. Hard Vacancies reflect positions that do not have an employee attached and need to be filled.

#### **Comments:**

Police Officers: Of the nine established positions, ten officers are currently working with none on special leave. There is no hard vacancy currently.

Detachment Support: Of the three established positions, three resources are currently working with none on special leave. There is no hard vacancy currently.





#### Jasper Provincial Detachment Crime Statistics (Actual) July - September: 2021 - 2025

All categories contain "Attempted" and/or "Completed"

October 7, 2025

CATEGORY	Trend	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	% Change 2021 - 2025	% Change 2024 - 2025	Avg File +/- per Year
Offences Related to Death		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Robbery	$\overline{}$	0	2	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	-0.2
Sexual Assaults		1	3	2	0	1	0%	N/A	-0.3
Other Sexual Offences		0	1	1	0	1	N/A	N/A	0.1
Assault	/	21	17	13	7	9	-57%	29%	-3.4
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction		1	0	0	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.2
Extortion		0	1	1	0	0	N/A	N/A	-0.1
Criminal Harassment		5	2	1	0	2	-60%	N/A	-0.8
Uttering Threats		8	4	3	1	2	-75%	100%	-1.5
TOTAL PERSONS	/	36	30	21	8	15	-58%	88%	-6.4
Break & Enter	_	1	1	1	6	4	300%	-33%	1.1
Theft of Motor Vehicle	/	5	2	2	1	4	-20%	300%	-0.3
Theft Over \$5,000		0	1	2	0	2	N/A	N/A	0.3
Theft Under \$5,000	~	19	24	43	10	20	5%	100%	-1.2
Possn Stn Goods	$\langle$	2	5	2	0	1	-50%	N/A	-0.7
Fraud		8	11	7	5	5	-38%	0%	-1.2
Arson		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Mischief - Damage To Property		14	21	19	6	10	-29%	67%	-2.3
Mischief - Other	>	16	11	9	4	16	0%	300%	-0.7
TOTAL PROPERTY	>	65	76	85	32	62	-5%	94%	-5.0
Offensive Weapons	>	1	0	2	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.2
Disturbing the peace		16	14	11	0	8	-50%	N/A	-3.0
Fail to Comply & Breaches		7	17	9	5	3	-57%	-40%	-2.0
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE	1	1	7	0	1	2	100%	100%	-0.4
TOTAL OTHER CRIMINAL CODE		25	38	22	6	13	-48%	117%	-5.6
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE	~	126	144	128	46	90	-29%	96%	-17.0



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Drug Enforcement - Production		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Drug Enforcement - Possession		2	2	2	1	1	-50%	0%	-0.3
Drug Enforcement - Trafficking	<b>~</b> /	1	0	1	0	3	200%	N/A	0.4
Drug Enforcement - Other		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Total Drugs	<b>~</b>	3	2	3	1	4	33%	300%	0.1
Cannabis Enforcement		2	0	0	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.4
Federal - General		2	3	4	4	3	50%	-25%	0.3
TOTAL FEDERAL	~~	7	5	7	5	7	0%	40%	0.0
Liquor Act		5	9	11	4	3	-40%	-25%	-0.9
Cannabis Act		4	1	1	2	4	0%	100%	0.1
Mental Health Act	~	13	13	9	4	10	-23%	150%	-1.5
Other Provincial Stats	~	25	29	17	31	18	-28%	-42%	-1.2
Total Provincial Stats	~	47	52	38	41	35	-26%	-15%	-3.5
Municipal By-laws Traffic		2	1	0	0	1	-50%	N/A	-0.3
Municipal By-laws		24	19	10	6	3	-88%	-50%	-5.5
Total Municipal		26	20	10	6	4	-85%	-33%	-5.8
Fatals		2	1	0	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.5
Injury MVC	~~	9	6	8	5	6	-33%	20%	-0.7
Property Damage MVC (Reportable)		45	60	60	14	40	-11%	186%	-5.6
Property Damage MVC (Non Reportable)	~	9	16	22	13	40	344%	208%	5.9
TOTAL MVC		65	83	90	32	86	32%	169%	-0.9
Roadside Suspension - Alcohol (Prov)		6	5	6	7	8	33%	14%	0.6
Roadside Suspension - Drugs (Prov)		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Total Provincial Traffic	~	1,379	747	1,090	724	840	-39%	16%	-110.1
Other Traffic	<b>^</b> ~	0	5	0	2	1	N/A	-50%	-0.1
Criminal Code Traffic	~	12	19	11	12	15	25%	25%	-0.1
Common Police Activities							ı	ı	
False Alarms	<b>\</b>	12	8	1	17	8	-33%	-53%	0.1
False/Abandoned 911 Call and 911 Act	/	7	16	15	14	13	86%	-7%	1.0
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Property	<b>\_</b>	25	18	23	21	17	-32%	-19%	-1.3
Persons Reported Missing	~	12	12	14	3	9	-25%	200%	-1.5
Search Warrants		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Spousal Abuse - Survey Code (Reported)	~	13	15	10	4	5	-62%	25%	-2.7
Form 10 (MHA) (Reported)		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0









November 5, 2025

Mayor and Council Municipality of Jasper Jasper, AB

To Mayor and Council,

Please find attached the quarterly Community Policing Report covering the period from July 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025. This report provides a snapshot of human resources, financial data, and crime statistics for the Jasper RCMP Detachment.

In the past few months, Alberta RCMP has observed significant changes to our senior management team that I want to highlight in this quarter's update. In addition to our new Commanding Officer, Deputy Commissioner Trevor Daroux, we are pleased to welcome a new Criminal Operations Officer, Assistant Commissioner Wayne Nichols. Since entering his new role, the Commanding Officer and other members of the senior management team have been taking time to meet with community and elected officials throughout the province. The team is also looking forward to meeting with representatives from several communities during the upcoming meetings at Alberta Municipalities and Rural Municipalities of Alberta convention this November.

Deputy Commissioner Daroux is focused on prioritizing meeting opportunities between the senior management team and all communities that we serve. These meetings serve as an opportunity to further strengthen our relationship and allow us the chance to listen to the needs and concerns of our communities. If you are interested in meeting with our senior management team, please do not hesitate to reach out so that we can coordinate a time that is convenient for you.

Thank you for your ongoing support and engagement. As your Chief of Police for your community, please do not hesitate to contact me with any other questions or concerns.

Sgt. Rick Bidaisee Detachment Commander Jasper RCMP Detachment





# JASPER RECOVERY COORDINATION CENTRE (JRCC)

December 2, 2025

# PROGRESS UPDATE





## RECOVERY PRIORITIES

#### **Debris management**

Coordinate the safe and timely removal of wildfire debris to enable rebuilding and protect public health, safety and the environment.

#### Interim housing

Provide safe and appropriate interim housing for displaced residents and workers, to support stability and continuity during recovery.

#### Rebuilding homes and businesses

Support the safe, efficient reconstruction of damaged and destroyed homes and businesses, while creating opportunities to address long-term housing needs and increasing resilience to future events.

#### **Social recovery**

Foster individual and community well-being through inclusive supports that help people heal and connect.

#### **Economic recovery**

Stabilize and strengthen Jasper's economy by supporting affected businesses, welcoming visitors and enabling workforce recovery.

#### Park recovery

Rehabilitate park assets and natural areas to support ecological integrity and provide safe and quality visitor experiences.

## RECOVERY NOTES

- Preparing a "What We Heard" report from the JRCC public support sessions held on November 18 & 19
- Building industry engagement event was held on November 28
- Over 100 building permits have been issued by Parks Canada for rebuilding properties that were destroyed in the wildfire, which includes residential, commercial and outlying commercial accommodations

# SUMMARY OF KEY RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

## SITE PREPARATION

# Site preparation status of properties impacted by the 2024 Jasper wildfire within the Municipality of Jasper only

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- Properties where the site is confirmed safe for human health and ready for rebuild
- Properties where soil sample reports (confirmatory sampling) are being reviewed by Parks Canada
- Properties where soil sample reports (confirmatory sampling) need to be submitted to Parks Canada
- Properties with debris remaining

### INTERIM HOUSING

- Occupancy of 450 Bonhomme Street (Museum) began the week of November 24.
- Units showing as available but unoccupied reflect the arrival of recent new inventory and the availability
  of winter vacancy in dorm units due to seasonal staff departures.
- The JRCC has processed over 890 applications for interim housing
  - Offers have been made to all eligible households who can be accommodated with our current housing supply and configuration, including retirees
  - 9 households are awaiting an offer, including newly received applications and households unable to be accommodated by the current interim housing supply

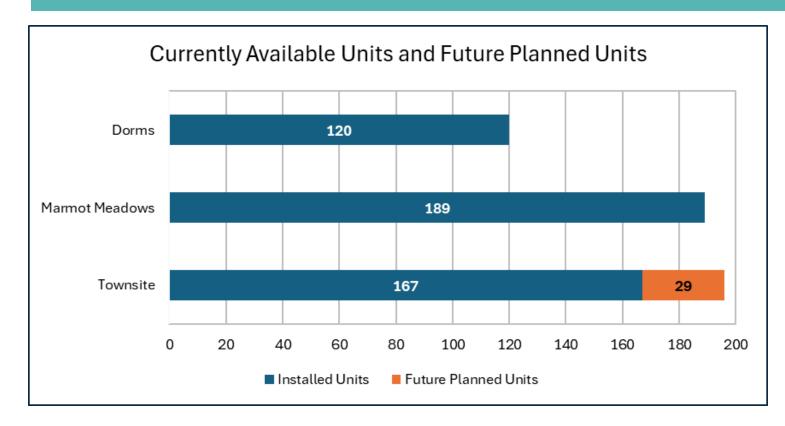
# COMMUNITY INTERIM HOUSING - SUPPLY & ALLOCATION

Updated November 24, 2025

Supply of Units								
	477							
Units Al	llocated	Units Available*						
39	95	82						
In-House	Offered/Lease Signed	*Units available includes new units, those in process of being allocated as we receive applications, as well as						
350	45	excess dormitory stock during the winter season*						

	In-House	Offered/Lease Signed	Total
Units	350	45	395
Households	304	33	337
Individuals	580	51	631

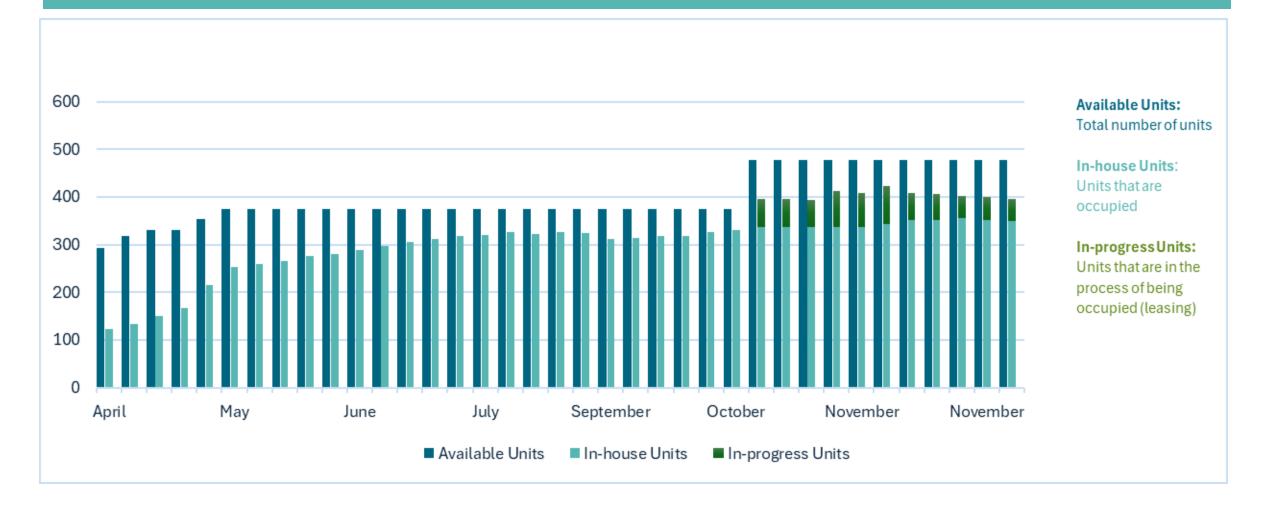
# INTERIM HOUSING - UNIT AVAILABILITY



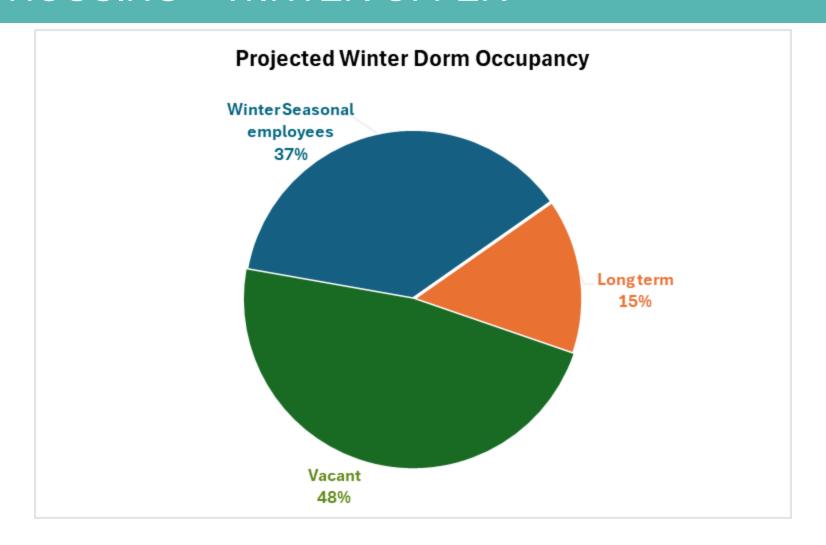
Future units are planned in the following locations:

- Patricia Circle, 6 units, occupancy beginning January 2026
- United Church, 23 units, occupancy early 2026
- Total units (current and future): 505
  - o 120 Dorms
  - 189 at Marmot Meadows
  - 167 in Townsite
  - 29 scheduled to arrive

# INTERIM HOUSING – OCCUPANCY RATES



# INTERIM HOUSING – WINTER OFFER



## REBUILDING HOMES AND BUSINESSES

- Builders workshop held November 28 to understand what worked well and what needs improving from the 2025 construction season
- Interactive <u>Rebuild and Site Preparation Status Map</u> continues to be live on Municipality of Jasper website showing progress throughout town
- Rebuild statistics and timelines can be found on the <u>Jasper Recovery</u> webpage on the Parks Canada website
- Key milestones were reached for rebuilding:
  - Over 100 building permits have been issued by Parks Canada for rebuilding properties that were destroyed in the wildfire
  - For the first time, permit backlogs have been cleared. Every application received by Parks Canada's Jasper Development office is currently under review

# Rebuild status of properties impacted by the 2024 Jasper wildfire within the Municipality of Jasper only



- Phases 1 & 2: Prepare & Design (properties with no permit applications)
- Phase 3A: Application Process (properties in the rebuild application process)
- Phase 3B: Building Permit Approved (properties ready for construction)
- Phase 4: Build (properties where construction is underway)
- Phase 5: Occupancy (properties with finished buildings)

Updated: November 24, 2025 - Source: Parks Canada (Phases 1&2, 3A, 3B, and 5) and Municipality of Jasper (Phase 4)

<sup>\*</sup>An additional 27 properties have visible signs of construction work starting which are included in the Phase 3B overall numbers

# REBUILD – DWELLING UNITS

Number of dwelling units building p	Number of dwelling units requiring rebuild with occupancy permits	
Total - 209	Net New - 54	7

## **ECONOMIC RECOVERY**

An evaluation of overall business health and monitoring of recovery progress is actively underway

#### **Interim Industrial Park**

Utility and inspection has been completed and occupancy started on the 28th of November

#### Pop-Up Village

Creative Space Between the Trees: Internal space enhancement work completed. Occupancy resumed for December

# SOCIAL RECOVERY

- 72 Jasper residents have completed training as Recovery Pathfinders. Training of new cohorts will
  continue in the New Year with funding support from Pursuit.
- 40 Jasper youths are undergoing psychological first aid and related training in an effort to expand the base of peer support capacity throughout the community
- The second Jasper Recovery Needs Assessment survey launched on November 27th and was circulated to 1600 households selected at random from a list of 4035 that registered with the Canadian Red Cross following the July 2024 evacuation order. Results will be published early in the New Year.
- The JRCC is working with the Canadian Red Cross to activate holiday programming at all interim housing sites.
- 55 submissions have been made to the Jasper Recovery Challenges online form, with 25 requesting a response.
   21 responses (84%) have been provided at the time of writing

## PARK RECOVERY

- Return of grooming and track setting for cross-country skiing at Whistlers Campground, as an addition to last year's grooming offer
- Winter camping at Wapiti Campground was opened for self-registration beginning November 1
- "Canada Strong Pass" provides free access to Jasper National Park and 25% off camping during the holiday period from December 12, 2025, to January 15, 2026
- Initial danger tree removal has been completed at Cavell Road and Maligne Canyon. Geotechnical
  assessments of these locations were completed in October and are currently under review
- Final trail work on the Valley of Five Lakes trail will resume in the spring

# FOCUS ON INTERIM HOUSING

**RECOVERY PRIORITY #2** 

# INTERIM HOUSING - COMPLETED OBJECTIVES

The tasks/ outcomes listed below have been completed and directly support our progress toward the strategic objectives of the recovery effort. Task completion for our interim housing priority stands at 56%, reflecting measurable progress toward our target of long-term recovery and resilience.

#### **Expanded seasonal and temporary housing options**

Interim Temporary Use Policy created for RVs and temporary work camps

#### Fair and transparent housing allocation

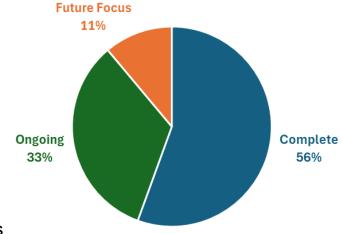
 Housing allocation matrix created and applied with Canadian Red Cross to ensure fair and transparent allocation in assigning available supply

#### Provide scalable and adaptable interim housing

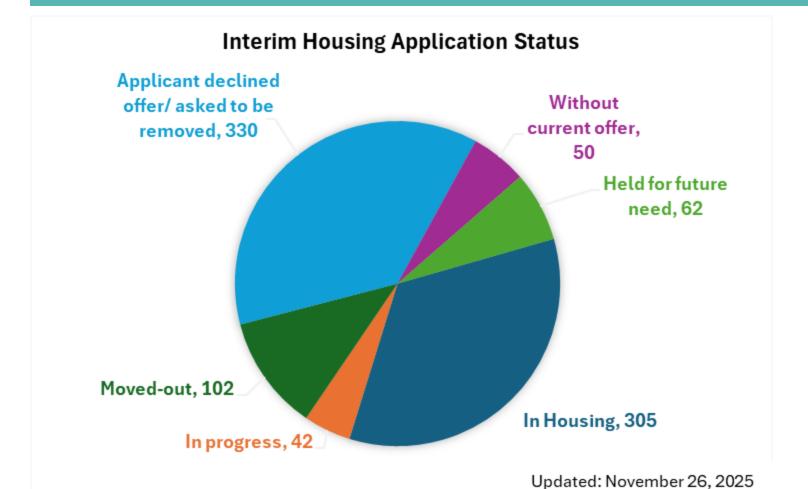
- Funding secured for interim housing units
- Transitional housing in place at hotels for essential workers (August 2024 to February 2025)
- Needs analysis completed, drawing on responses from 621 households requesting interim housing
- Interim housing locations assessed and selected, with site preparation and utility connections (power, water, sewer, gas) completed at four in-town sites and at Marmot Meadows
- More than 300 interim housing units procured and installed, with property management services in place through the Canadian Red Cross for leases and maintenance

#### Regional transit access

 Funding allocated and contract confirmed for daily commuter bus service, Hinton to Jasper with support from the Government of Alberta



# INTERIM HOUSING - APPLICATIONS



- Since interim housing was in place, 891 applications have been processed
- 62 applicants asking to remain active for a future need (requested date past 6 months, or indeterminate)
- "Without current offer", 35 have been made an offer at Marmot Meadows, but requested to be in town. The remainder includes new applications, or those we are unable to offer due to the type of units available

## INTERIM HOUSING – ONGOING OBJECTIVES

#### **Demobilization and site restoration**

Preliminary planning in progress to establish scope and funding

#### **Expanded seasonal and temporary interim housing options**

- Campsites for residents at Whistler's Campground and for seasonal and construction workers at Sleepy Hollow Road confirmed for summer 2026
- Campsites for contractors at Wabasso Campground have been confirmed for summer 2026

#### Fair and transparent housing allocation

 In collaboration with the Canadian Red Cross, 631 residents (304 households) are currently moved in or in the process of signing leases and moving in

#### Provide scalable and adaptable interim housing

- Interim housing livability is being supported through initiatives such as Halloween and Winter holiday programming, and the Jasper Community Team Society's new grant program for resident-led community projects
- Additional interim housing at the Museum site was secured and occupied in November, with further occupancy expected at Patricia Circle and the United Church sites in January and February

# INTERIM HOUSING – FUTURE FOCUS OBJECTIVES

#### Provide scalable and adaptable interim housing

- Winter dorm occupancy: 26 seasonal fixed-term offers signed and 9 additional offers issued
- Offers were extended to businesses to reserve blocks of winter seasonal leases; no business took advantage of this opportunity
- There are currently no updates on securing additional funding for interim housing beyond the initial three-year term