

MUNICIPALITY OF JASPER  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**  
February 4, 2025 | 1:30 pm  
Jasper Library & Cultural Centre – Quorum Room  
[Municipality of Jasper Strategic Priorities 2022-2026](#)



**Notice:** 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:**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87657457538>

**1 CALL TO ORDER**

**2 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

2.1 Regular meeting agenda, February 4, 2025 attachment

*Recommendation: That Council approve the agenda for the regular meeting of February 4, 2025 as presented.*

**3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3.1 Regular meeting minutes, January 21, 2025 attachment

*Recommendation: That Council approve the minutes of the January 21, 2025 Regular Council meeting as presented.*

3.2 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes, January 28, 2025 attachment

*Recommendation: That Council approve the minutes of the January 28, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented.*

**4 DELEGATIONS**

**5 CORRESPONDENCE**

**6 NEW BUSINESS**

6.1 Department Update – Urban Design & Standards attachment

*Recommendation: That Council receive the update for information.*

6.2 Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre Update *Recommendation:* attachment

*That Council receive the update for information.*

6.3 Federation of Canadian Municipalities 2025 Annual Conference

*Recommendation: That Council approve the attendance of any Councillor who wishes to attend the Federation of Canadian Municipalities 2025 Annual Conference May 29-June 1, 2025 in Ottawa.*

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6.5 In-Town Contractor Camps, Interim Residences & Laydown Requests

*Recommendation: That Council support in principle the approach to In-Town Contractor Camps, Interim Residences, and Laydown Requests as proposed.*

6.6 Temporary Pop-Up Business Village for Displaced Businesses

*Recommendation: That Council approve the Pop-Up Business Village initiative on Connaught Drive public washrooms parking lot as presented.*

**7 NOTICES OF MOTION**

**8 COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

**9 UPCOMING EVENTS**

[2025 Tourism Advocacy Summit](#) – February 9-11, JW Marriot Edmonton ICE District  
[Federation of Canadian Municipalities Annual Conference & Tradeshow](#) – May 29 to June 1, Ottawa

**10 ADJOURNMENT**

*Recommendation: That, there being no further business, the regular meeting of February 4, 2025 be adjourned at \_\_\_\_\_.*

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

Municipality of Jasper  
**Regular Council Meeting Minutes**  
 Tuesday, January 21, 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 Kathleen Waxer, Councillors Helen Kelleher-Empey, Rico Damota, Ralph Melnyk, Scott Wilson, and Wendy Hall.		
Absent	none		
Also present	Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer Christine Nadon, Director of Protective & Legislative Services Michael Fark, Director of Recovery Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance & Administration Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator Dave Argument & Christine Brown, Parks Canada Paul Butler, Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce Eric Dietiker, Resident Jacqui Sundquist, CBC Edmonton 16 observers		
Call to order	Mayor Ireland called the January 21, 2025 Regular Council meeting to order at 1:30pm.		
Additions or deletions to agenda #30/25	MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that Council add the following item to the January 21, 2025 Regular Council meeting agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10.1 In-camera - Land</li> <li>• 10.2 In-camera - Land &amp; Legal</li> </ul>		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of agenda #31/25	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the agenda for the January 21, 2025 Regular Council meeting as amended: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add 10.1 In-camera - Land</li> <li>• Add 10.2 In-camera - Land &amp; Legal</li> </ul>		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of Regular minutes #32/25	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the January 7, 2025 Regular Council meeting as presented.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes #33/25	MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the January 14, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Delegations - Eric Dietiker	Jasper resident Eric Dietiker spoke to Council to share ideas on housing and the sale of leaseholds following the 2024 Jasper Wildfire Complex.		
Delegations – Parks Canada	Council received a presentation from Parks Canada Resource Conservation Manager Dave Argument on the strategy to reduce the wildfire risk around the townsite in 2025. The presentation is attached to the meeting minutes. He was joined by Wildfire Risk Reduction Project Manager Christine Brown to assist in answering Council questions.		

	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the presentation for information.		
#34/25		FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors  CARRIED
Delegations – Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce	Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Paul Butler requested Council review the current utility model for equity and conservation considerations. Council took the opportunity to ask clarifying questions of Mr. Butler and Administration, but did not make any motions as the item would be discussed further on in the agenda.		
Correspondence	none		
Recess	Mayor Ireland called a recess from 2:56pm to 3:05pm.		
Supplementary Assessment of Improvements and Supplementary Tax Bylaws #35/25	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the third time, Bylaw #264, being a bylaw of the Specialized Municipality of Jasper in the province of Alberta to authorize the supplementary assessment of improvements for the taxation year 2025.	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors  CARRIED
#36/25	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the third time, Bylaw #265, being a bylaw of the Specialized Municipality of Jasper in the province of Alberta to authorize the imposition of a supplementary tax for the taxation year 2025.		
		FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors  CARRIED
Utilities Fees Levy and Collection Bylaw 2024 #37/25	MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the third time, Bylaw #266, being a bylaw of the Specialized Municipality of Jasper in the province of Alberta to provide for the levying and collection of fees for the provision of water, sewer, solid waste and recycling services in 2025.		
		FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors  CARRIED
#38/25	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to host a workshop to review the utility rate model with interested stakeholders.		
		FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors  CARRIED
Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre Progress Update	Council received a Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre progress update from Director of Recovery Michael Fark. Highlights include information on interim housing; demolition; temporary accommodations; a review of the information sessions scheduled in January; and more.		
#39/25	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the progress update for information.		
		FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors  CARRIED
2025 Alberta Tourism Advocacy Summit #40/25	MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the attendance of any Councillor who wishes to attend the 2025 Alberta Tourism Advocacy Summit February 9-11, 2025 in Edmonton.		
		FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors  CARRIED

Rewrite of B-109 Fiscal Controls & Financial Reporting Policy #41/25	MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that Council adopt the revised Policy B-109 Fiscal Controls and Financial Reporting as presented.	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Development of Recovery Strategic Priorities #42/25	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the addition of a new focus area, Wildfire Recovery, to the 2022-2026 Strategic Priorities.	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Property Tax Penalty Receivable Write-Off Request #43/25	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the write off of Property Tax receivable Penalty for Roll 006841 (Café within Parks Canada Admin Building) for penalties incurred in 2022, 2023 and 2024 in the amount of \$2,866.40.	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
2024 Property Tax Penalty Posting #44/25	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to adjust the property tax penalty to 15% (from 18%) for one year only, being the 2024 tax year.	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
#45/25	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration; in respect to tax payers who are in arrears for the 2024 tax year and who enroll in the preauthorization plan by Feb 15, 2025, to impose no penalties on such arrears so long as arrears and 2024 taxes are fully paid by December 31, 2025.	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
#46/25	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to adjust the property tax penalty posting date to March 1st (from January 1st) for one year only, being the posting of penalties for the 2024 year.	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Notices of Motion	none			
Councillor Reports	Councillor Waxer attended the Early Childhood Community Conversation last week.  Councillor Hall attended a Municipality of Jasper Library Board meeting last Tuesday night.  Mayor Ireland gave an interview to CTV News on January 10th and Alberta Primetime on January 17th. He attended the Jasper Artist Guild Buzzfest event and the opening of the Rockaboo ice climbing wall that same Friday.  Mayor Ireland attended the monthly meeting of the Jasper Community Team Society on Monday night.  Mayor Ireland and Mr. Fark had a media availability this morning regarding interim housing.			

Upcoming events	Council received a list of upcoming events for information.		
Move In-camera #47/25	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey to move in-camera at 3:57pm to discuss agenda item:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10.1 Land</li> <li>• 10.2 Land &amp; Legal</li> </ul>		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
	Mr. Given and Mr. Fark also attended the in-camera session.		
Move out of camera #48/25	MOTION by Councillor Hall to move out of camera at 4:56pm.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Adjournment #49/25	MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that, there being no further business, the Regular Council meeting of January 21, 2025 be adjourned at 4:56pm.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer



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Canada

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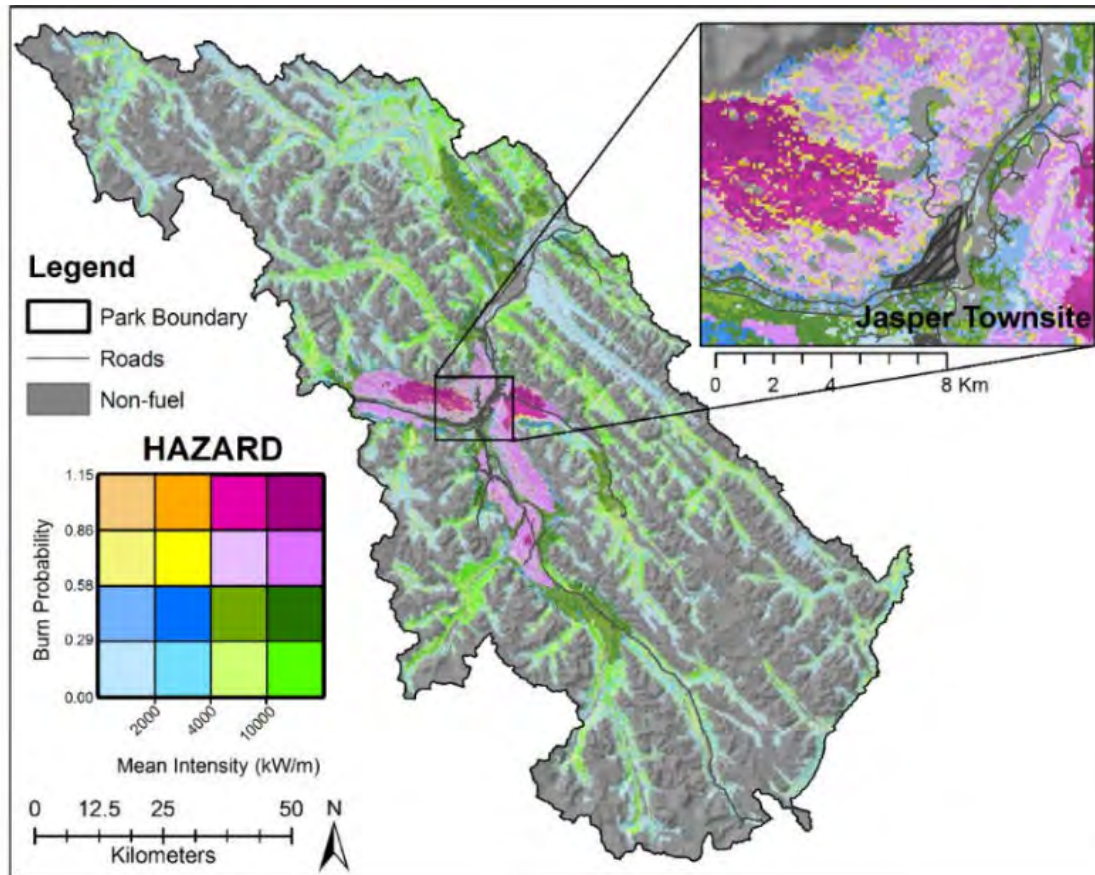
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# Wildfire Risk Reduction Jasper National Park

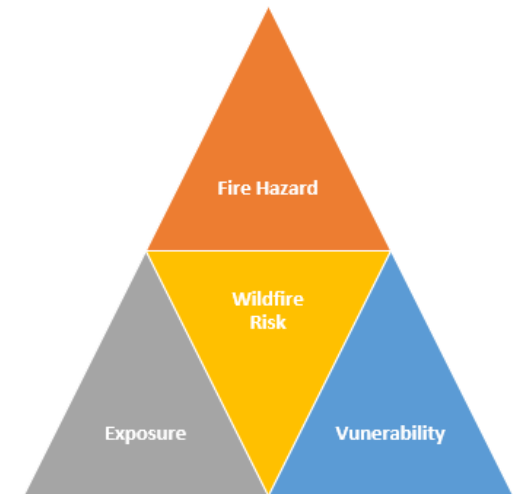




## Wildfire Hazard vs Risk



Stockdale et al. (2020)

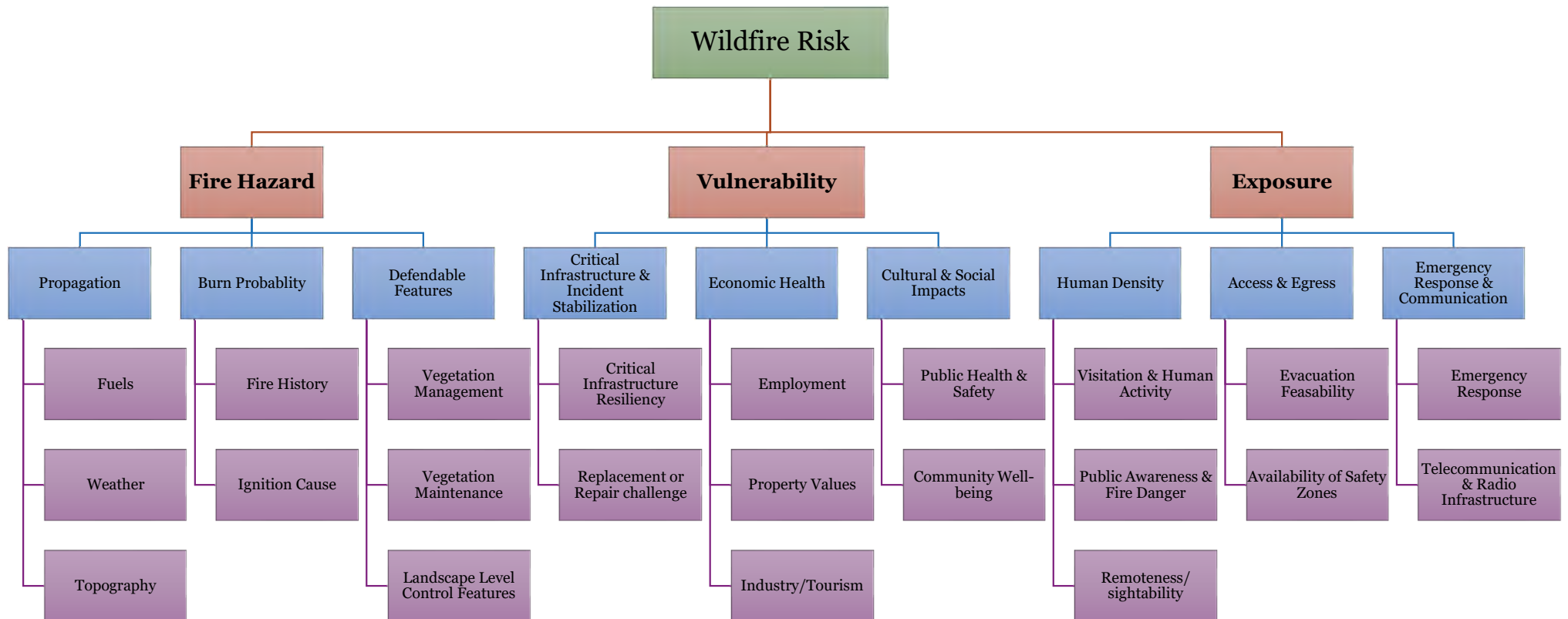


Wildfire Risk =  
Probability x Consequence





# 2025 Wildfire Risk Reduction Model Elements





# Jasper National Park: Wildfire Risk Reduction Strategy



Parks  
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<b>Emergency Planning</b>	Prevention and mitigation
	Emergency preparedness
	Response and recovery
<b>Vegetation Management</b>	Reduce potential fire behaviour
	Facilitate emergency response
	Reduce potential for short range ember transfer
<b>Legislation, Plans, and Agreements</b>	Regulatory frameworks
	Legislative processes
	Policy tools
<b>Development and Infrastructure</b>	Identify structural vulnerabilities
	Structural upgrades
	Increase water supply and volume
<b>Education</b>	Shared responsibility among land managers, leaseholders, and homeowners
	Understand our individual roles and responsibilities
	Improve outreach and timely communications
<b>Interagency Cooperation</b>	Collaborative efforts
	Common goals
	Whole of society approach
<b>Cross-training</b>	Coordinated response within the Wildland Urban Interface
	Enhance safety
	Ensure informed decision making

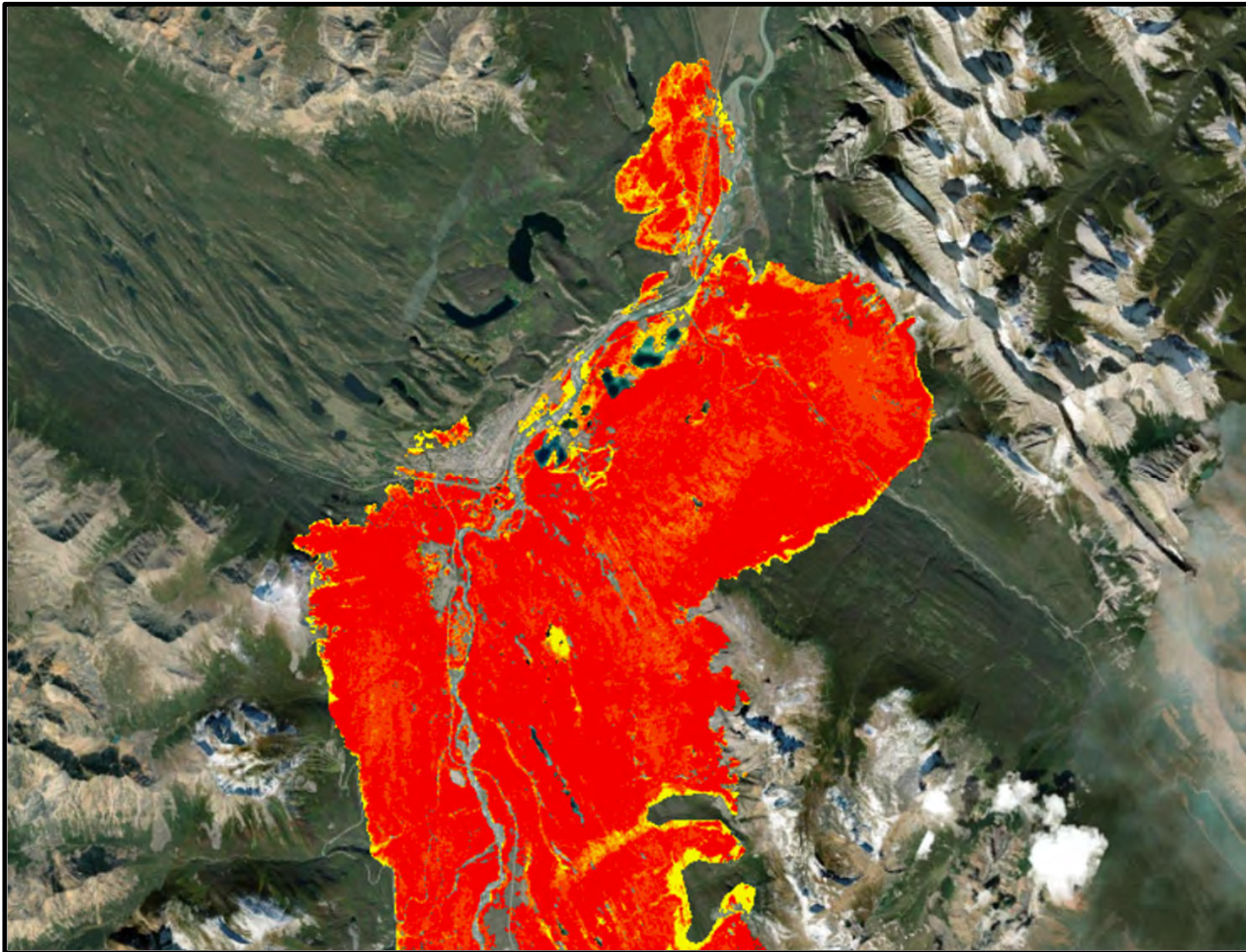
A layered and integrated approach



Seven FireSmart Disciplines

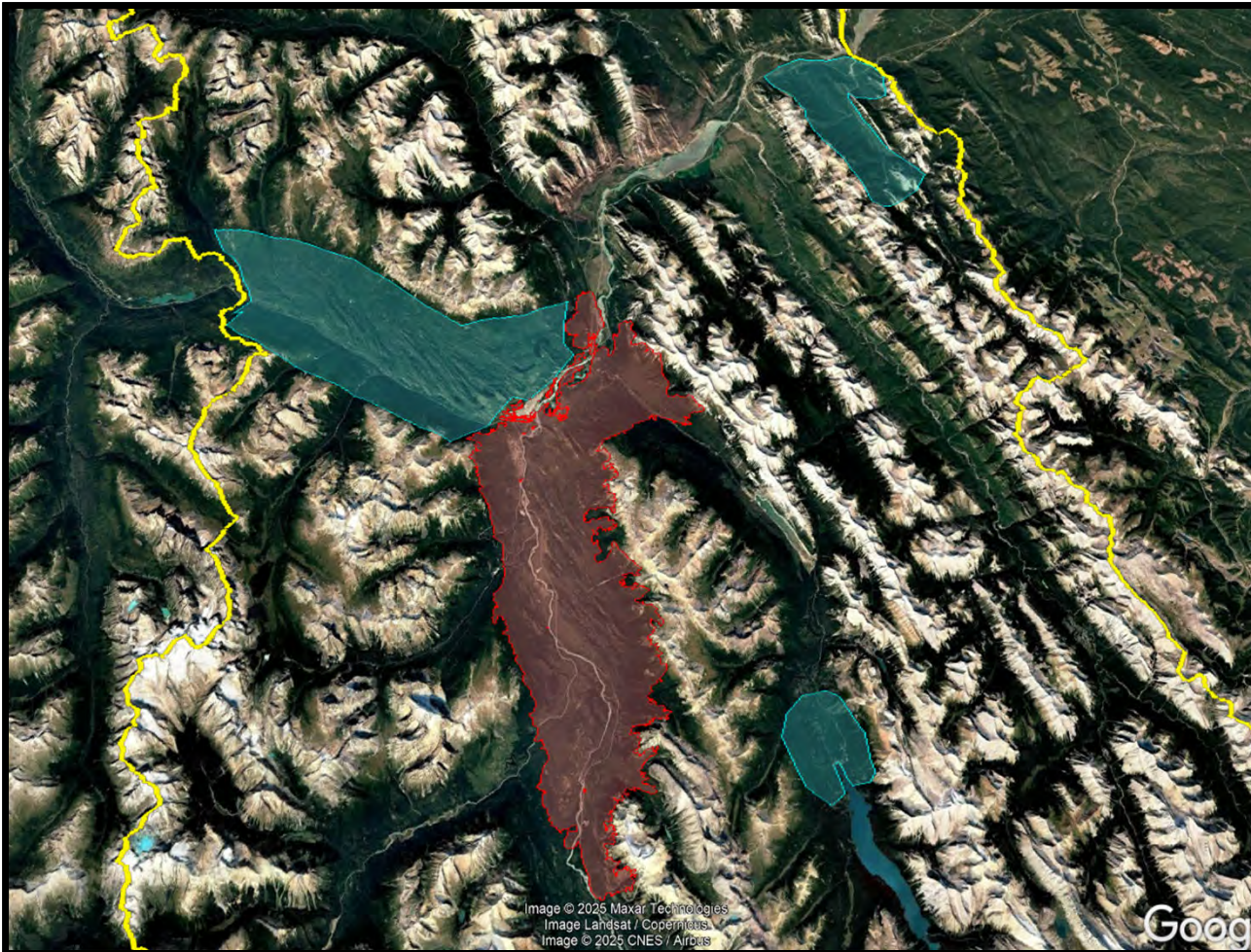


## Wildfire Risk Reduction: Areas of Concern





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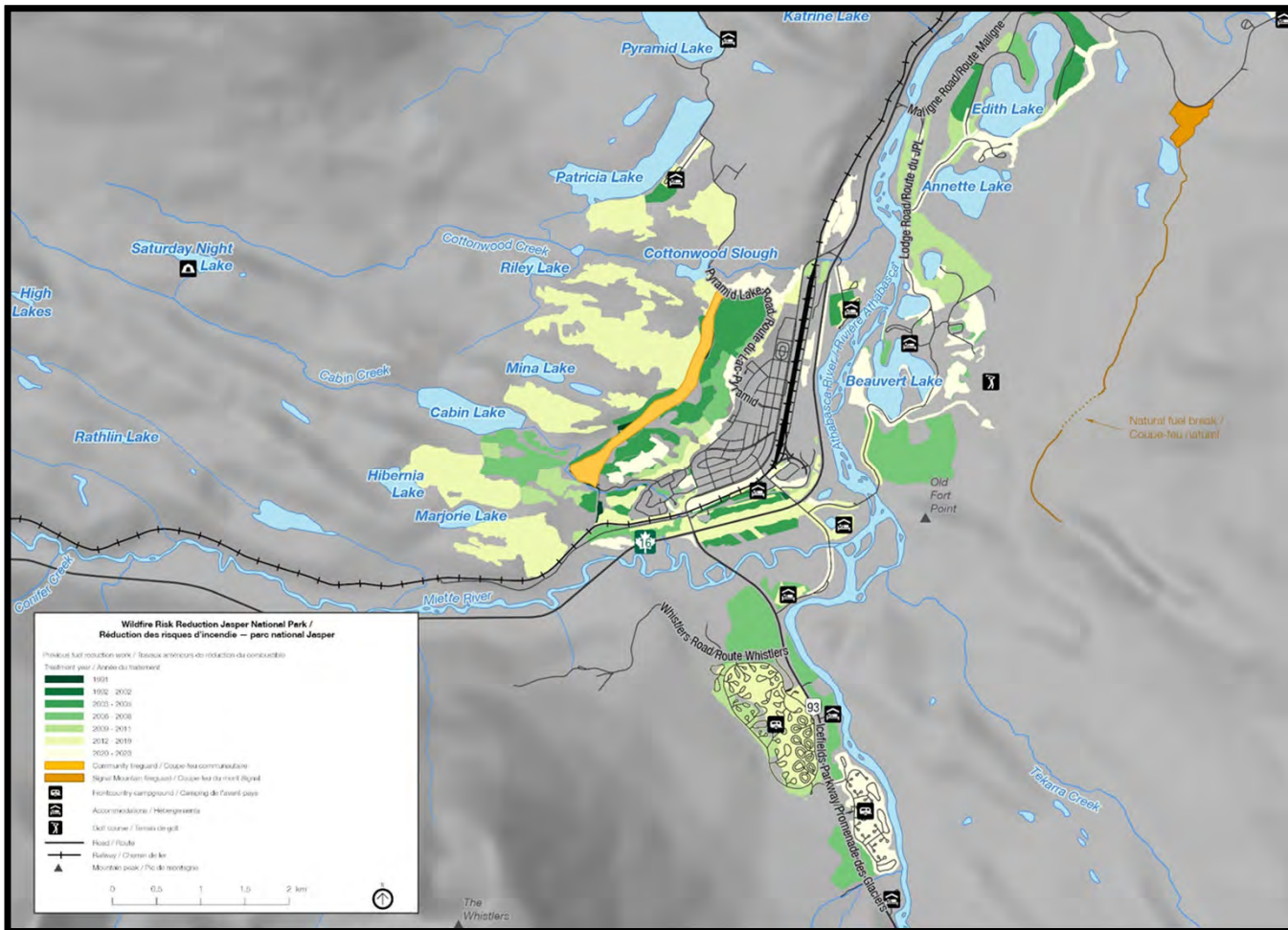
- Miette (West Valley)
- Maligne Lake area
- Lower Fiddle Valley and drainage
- East and West boundary

Image © 2025 Maxar Technologies  
Image Landsat / Copernicus  
Image © 2025 CNES / Airbus

Google



## Wildfire Risk Reduction: Vegetation Management 2003 to 2024



- Over 1700 hectares of fuel reduction and FireSmart treatments over 20 years.
- 800 hectares since 2018.



## Wildfire Risk Reduction: Vegetation Management 2025



### Fuel Treatment Units

1. FTU 11 (Magic Ridge)  
Feb. 10, 2025
2. FTU 12 (Watertower Upper)  
Feb. 17, 2025
3. FTU 13 (Watertower Lower)  
Mar 6, 2025
4. FTU 14 (Pyramid Rd S-turn)  
Jan 23, 2025
5. Patricia Lake Bungalows FireSmart  
Jan 15, 2025
6. Pine Bungalows FireSmart  
Nov 19, 2024
7. Pyramid Stables FireSmart  
Feb 27, 2025



## Wildfire Risk Reduction: Vegetation Management 2025 to 2029



### Areas under assessment:

- Whistler Mountain
- Marjorie West
- Mina Reilly
- Razorback
- Cottonwood Slough
- Lost Lands
- Commercial Horse Area
- Community Fireguard SE



## Other Future Direction & Initiatives

- Consider FireSmart incentives/regulations for entire community, OCAs, and Lake Edith **\*not just new builds**
- Add to the 2025 Wildfire Risk Reduction Strategy with more collaboration projects
- Critical Infrastructure resiliency
- MOJ WRR partnership for Interface / Access-Egress
- Water delivery/sprinkler systems for structures, control lines and perimeters; fixed or rapid-deploy, high-volume solutions and improvements
- Collaborative projects near provincial boundary
- Prescribed fire treatments





Municipality of Jasper  
**Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**  
Tuesday, January 28, 2025 | 9:30am  
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Call to Order	Deputy Mayor Waxer called the January 28, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 9:30am and began with a <a href="#">Traditional Land Acknowledgement</a> .
Additions or deletions to agenda #50/25	MOTION by Councillor Hall that Committee add the following item to the January 28, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>7.4 AB Munis President’s Summit on Civility &amp; 2025 Spring Municipal Leader’s Caucus</li></ul>
	FOR 7 Councillors                      AGAINST 0 Councillors                      CARRIED
Approval of agenda #51/25	MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee approve the agenda for the January 28, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting as amended: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Add 7.4 AB Munis President’s Summit on Civility &amp; 2025 Spring Municipal Leader’s Caucus</li></ul>
	FOR 7 Councillors                      AGAINST 0 Councillors                      CARRIED
Business arising from January 14, 2024 minutes	none

Correspondence – Governor General  
Committee received correspondence from the Governor General of Canada conveying thanks to Mayor Ireland and admiration for the individuals she and her husband met at the Royal Canadian Legion, Alpine Seniors Summit Lodge, and the Jasper Municipal Library during her visit in October 2024.

#52/25  
MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey that Committee receive the correspondence for information.

FOR	AGAINST	
7 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Director Report – Urban Design & Standards  
Committee received a report from Director of Urban Design & Standards Beth Sanders reviewing the work accomplished between August and December of 2024. Highlights included details on town planning, housing, staffing, service trends, communications and engagement. The report can be found in the agenda package.

#53/25  
MOTION by Councillor Melnyk that Committee receive the report for information.

FOR	AGAINST	
7 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

In-Town Contractor Camps, Interim Residences & Laydown Requests  
Committee received a report from Administration on the need to address potential changes to legislation and plans for contractors and residents seeking temporary spaces within the townsite to support wildfire recovery efforts. CAO Bill Given reviewed the report with Director of Recovery Michael Fark and Ms. Sanders assisting in answering Committee questions.

#54/25  
MOTION by Councillor Damota that Committee recommend Council support in principle the approach to In-Town Contractor Camps, Interim Residences, and Laydown Requests as proposed; and

That Committee direct Administration to return with legislative changes as required to implement the changes.

FOR	AGAINST	
7 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Temporary Pop-Up Business Village for Displaced Businesses  
Committee received a report regarding a Pop-Up Business Village concept, providing temporary spaces for wildfire impacted businesses to resume operations in a centralized and visible location. Town Planners Lucas Sherwin & Isla Tanaka were available to answer Committee questions, as was Recovery Project Manager Logan Ireland.

#55/25  
MOTION by Councillor Hall that Committee recommend Council approve the Pop-Up Business Village initiative on Connaught Drive public washrooms parking lot as presented.

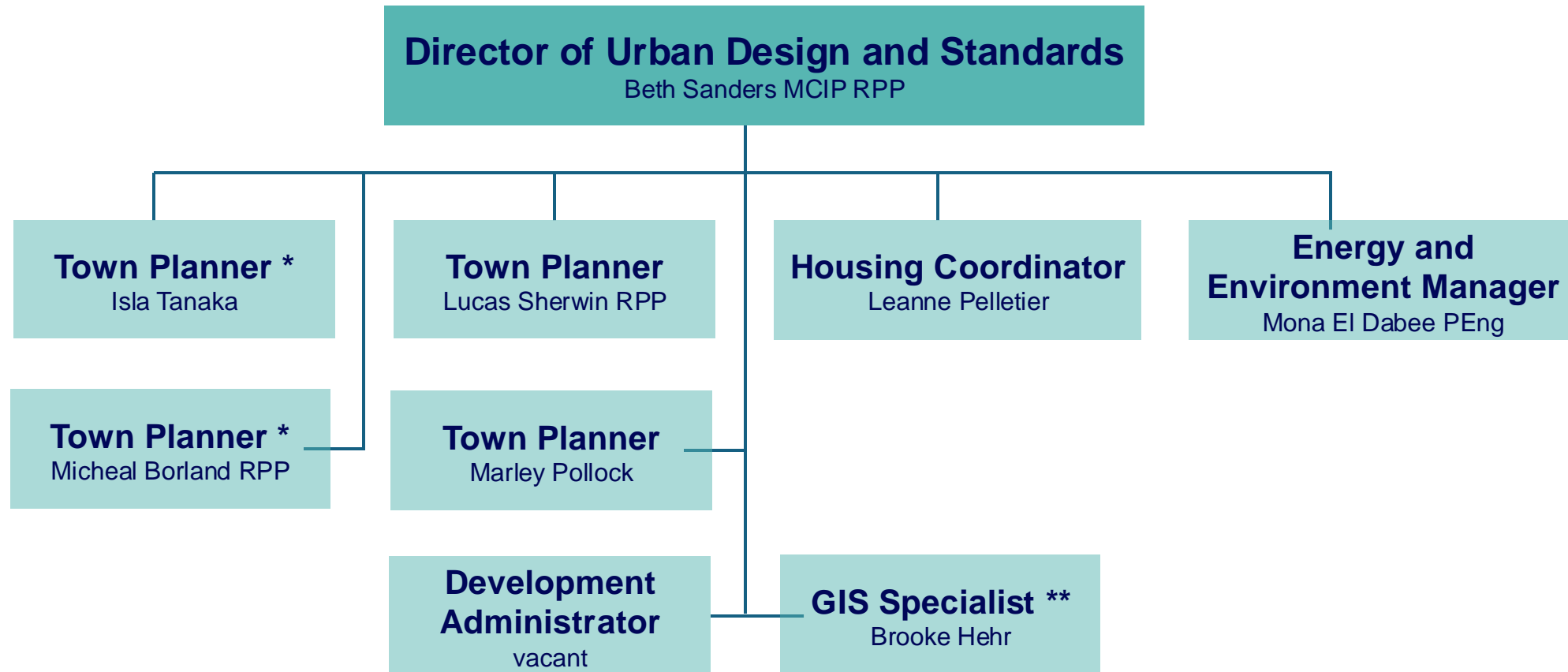
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<p>AB Munis President's Summit on Civility &amp; 2025 Spring Municipal Leader's Caucus #56/25</p>	<p>Councillor Melnyk requested Committee discuss his potential attendance at the AB Munis President's Summit on Civility &amp; 2025 Spring Municipal Leader's Caucus coming up in March in Edmonton.</p> <p>MOTION by Councillor Hall that Committee recommend Council approve the attendance of Councillor Melnyk at the AB Munis President's Summit on Civility &amp; 2025 Spring Municipal Leader's Caucus in Edmonton March 5-7, 2025.</p>						
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<p>Motion Action List  #57/25</p>	<p>Administration reviewed the Motion Action List.</p> <p>MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey that Committee approve the updated Motion Action List with the removal of the following item:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First section of Jasper Seniors Society item And a date change for the following item:</li> <li>• Second section of Jasper Seniors Society item</li> </ul>						
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<p>Councillor upcoming meetings</p>	<p>none</p>						
<p>Upcoming Events</p>	<p>Council reviewed a list of upcoming events.</p>						
<p>Move In-camera #58/25</p>	<p>MOTION by Councillor Hall to move in-camera at 10:57am to discuss agenda items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11.1 Land Matter, Third Party Confidence FOIP s.16(1)(b)</li> <li>• 11.2 Intergovernmental Relations FOIP s.21(1)(a)</li> </ul>						
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<p>Move out of camera #59/25</p>	<p>MOTION by Councillor Melnyk to move out of camera at 12:54pm.</p>						
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<p>Adjournment #60/25</p>	<p>MOTION by Mayor Ireland that, there being no further business, the Committee of the Whole meeting of January 28, 2025 be adjourned at 12:54pm.</p>						
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# OUR FIRST 6 MONTHS

Urban Design + Standards  
Department

# The Team



\* Three-year term position

\*\* 50/50 MOJ/PCA

January 2025



# Our Work

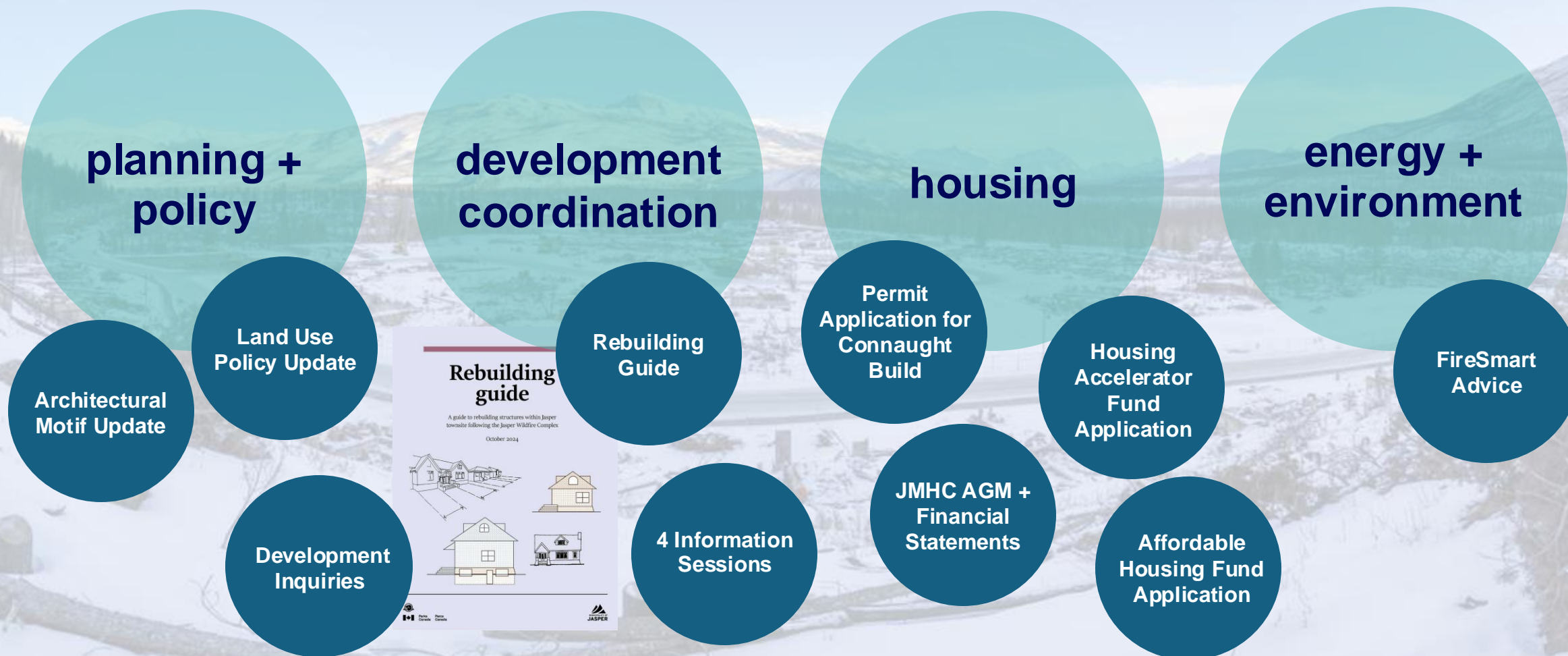
**planning +  
policy**

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coordination**

**housing**

**energy +  
environment**

# Our Work to Date





# Our Work Now



# In the Community (programs)

**planning +  
policy**

**Pop-Up  
Business  
Village**

**For businesses  
that lost their  
physical space**

**development  
coordination**

**housing**

**Grants for more  
housing choice**

**Housing  
Accelerator  
Fund Program**

**energy +  
environment**

**Clean Energy  
Improvement  
Program**

**Grants for home  
improvements**

# In the Community (engagement)

**planning +  
policy**

**Jasper's  
Town Plan**

**Phase 1 starts with gentle  
community engagement  
about our values (spring  
2025)**

**development  
coordination**

**Community engagement about  
the relationship between  
density, parking and housing  
choice (spring 2025)**

**housing**

**LUP Update  
(Density +  
Parking)**

**energy +  
environment**

**Climate  
Adaptation  
Action Plan**

**Community  
engagement on a draft  
plan (summer 2025)**

# In the Community (building support)



# Our Commitments

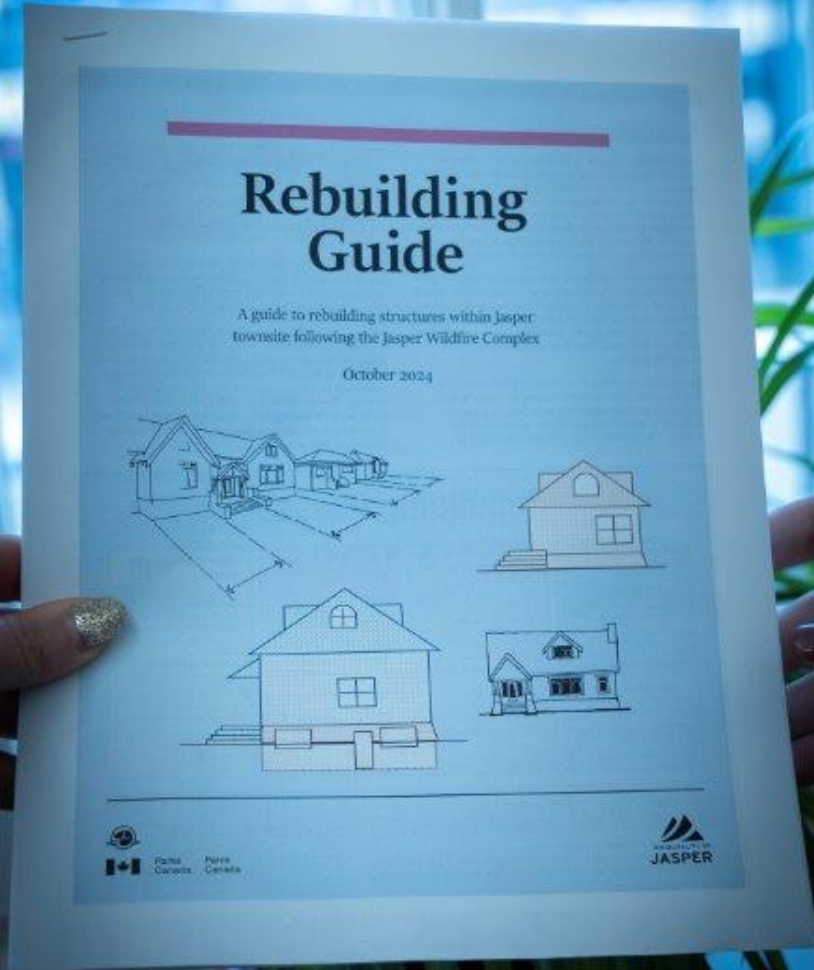


## Uphold the values in the 2011 Community Sustainability Plan:

- Environmental stewardship
- Economic health
- Social equity
- Cultural vitality
- Participative governance

## Through:

- Partnership
- Service
- Community



# JASPER RECOVERY COORDINATION CENTRE (JRCC)

- January 30, 2025

## PROGRESS UPDATE

# JRCC EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **Interim Housing:** Over 300 units to be in place by end of Feb 2025.
- **Demolition Permits:** 94% of demolition permits have been issued.
- **Town Rebuild:** hosted 90 pre-application meetings and responded to 800+ inquiries from Lessees and Contractors. Reduced requirements on compliance deposits and foundation permitting.
- **Social Recovery:** Food bank trailer to begin operating Feb 6. First "Pathfinder" training sessions to begin on February 17. Initiating 6-months post-incident needs assessment.
- **Economic Recovery:** Working on a Commerce Continuity Initiative to help businesses who lost commercial space, Committee of the Whole approved the part 1 of 3 with the retail pop-up village
- **Communications:** Preparing a 'What We Heard Summary' on the December and January open houses

# TRANSITIONAL ACCOMMODATIONS

- **67 households bridging to Interim Housing:**
  - 51 MoJ, 16 PC
  - 22 Individuals, 21 couples, 24 families of three or more
  - No further requests will be processed as the program ends Feb 28.
- Transitional accommodations organized through the MoJ will not involve cost recovery
- Hotel partners at capacity on holiday weekends and after February 27. Contingencies in works for any overlap of availability of Interim Housing and end of transitional accommodations program



# INTERIM HOUSING

- The Government of Alberta has indicated they will not deliver interim housing units in Jasper.
- Parks Canada has procured over 300 interim housing units set to arrive mid-February with occupancy by the end of February. This includes:
  - ✓ 200 duplex units most of which will be located on serviced land in town.
  - ✓ 120 single unit dorm style camp to be located at Marmot Meadows.
- Work is ongoing to finalize site layouts, facilitate unit installation and utility connections and address parking and amenity considerations as well as property management.
- Eligibility and prioritization matrix for occupancy has been finalized, cost recovery model and rents are now public.

# DEBRIS MANAGEMENT

- **Demolition permits:** 94% of demolition permits have been issued: demolition permits have been issued for 333 of 358 primary structures representing 577 of the 615 dwelling units damaged/destroyed. PC has reached out to remaining leaseholders to facilitate permitting moving forward.
- **Post debris removal sampling:** Properties must undergo appropriate post-debris removal soil sampling. Qualified professionals (e.g., environmental consultants, industrial hygienists) must contact PC to submit plans if proposing alternative sampling methods.
- **Prime contractor agreement:** As per OHS regulations, all worksites must have an assigned Prime Contractor. An agreement has been sent to all parties listed as the main contact on at least one active demolition permit in Jasper and is also posted on the MoJ debris removal website. Signing is a requirement.

# JOINT TOWN REBUILD

- **Responding to development inquiries and reviewing applications:** since December, planners have hosted 90 pre-application meetings and responded to over 800 inquiries from Lessees and Contractors
- **Streamlining the development review and approval process**
  - Ensuring consistency across development officers
  - Identifying and implementing process improvements- reduced requirements on compliance deposits and foundation permitting
- **Community support**
  - Preparing pre-approved building designs
  - Engaging with the builder community – hosting a builders meeting on February 7th
  - Developing a pop-up business village

# SOCIAL RECOVERY

- **Food bank:** The foodbank trailer in the parking lot opposite the Jasper Activity Centre will begin operating February 6th.
- **Recovery Pathfinders:** First "Pathfinder" training sessions to begin on February 17, with more sessions to follow. Additional cohorts of Pathfinders will be recruited for participation throughout the remainder of 2025.
- **Needs assessment:** Planning for a community needs assessment six months post event in collaboration with the Conference Board of Canada the Canadian Red Cross and academic partners from Alberta Universities.

# ECONOMIC RECOVERY

- **Retail Pop-Up Village Proposal:** The Committee of the Whole recommended Council approve a temporary retail village (May–October, 3 years, possible 2-year extension) to support businesses unable to rebuild before peak season.
  - Goal: Keep businesses open, sustain economic diversity, and reduce rebuilding barriers
  - Funding: Applied for support in operations, beautification, and space activation
  - Part 1 of 3-phase Commerce Continuity Initiative
- **Local contractor and construction support:** BILD Alberta hosting a Jasper local's meeting February 3, where we will gather feedback on challenges facing local construction/trade/building businesses in recovering.
- **Business lunch and learn series exploration:** Exploring bringing in experts on Business Recovery topics for business owners to attend in late March or April.

# COMMUNICATIONS

- Preparing a 'What We Heard Summary' on the December and January open houses to share with the public in February:
  - Virtual session on Thursday, January 23, 2025 had 240 participants
  - In-person session on Saturday, January 25, 2025 had 150 participants
- Working on interim housing information packages
- Continue promoting drop-in hours for questions on rebuilding at the Parks Canada Admin Building and virtual until February 28, 2025