

Municipality of Jasper  
**Committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda**  
February 24, 2026 | 9:30 am  
Jasper Library & Cultural Centre – Quorum Room

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**1. Call to order** Deputy Mayor Waxer to chair meeting

**2. Additions to agenda**

**3. Approval of agenda**

3.1 February 24, 2026 Committee of the Whole agenda attachment

**4. February 10, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes** attachment

4.1 Business arising from minutes

**5. Delegations**

**6. Correspondence**

**7. New business**

7.1 Lot HG (CH) Development attachment

7.2 Utilities Emergency Capital Funding Request attachment

7.3 2026 Paid Parking attachment

7.4 Alberta Police Funding Model attachment

**8. Motion Action List** attachment

**9. Councillor upcoming meetings**

[9.1 Council appointments to boards and committees](#)

**10. Upcoming events**

[Jasper Job Fair](#) – 3-5pm, February 25, 631 Patricia Street, Jasper Employment & Education Centre

[AB Munis 2026 Spring Municipal Leaders Caucus](#) – March 26-27, Edmonton

[Federation Canadian Municipalities Annual Conference](#) – June 4-7, Edmonton

**11. In-Camera**

11.1 Land Matter, ATIA s. 26(1)(a)

11.2 Advice from Officials, ATIA s. 29(1)(a)

**12. Adjournment**

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## AGENDA ITEM 4.1

Municipality of Jasper  
**Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**  
Tuesday, February 10, 2026 | 9:30am  
Jasper Library and Cultural Centre, Quorum Room

Virtual viewing and participation	Council attendance is in Council chambers at the Jasper Library and Cultural Centre. This meeting was also conducted virtually and available for public livestreaming through Zoom. Public participation is through in person attendance and public viewing during Council meetings is through Zoom livestreaming and in person attendance.		
Present	Deputy Mayor Kathleen Waxer, Councillors Ralph Melnyk, Laurie Rodger, and Danny Frechette		
Absent	Mayor Richard Ireland, Councillors Wendy Hall and Kable Kongsrud		
Also present	Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer Christine Nadon, Director of protective & Legislative Services Beth Sanders, Director of Urban Design & Standards Courtney Donaldson, Director of Operations & Utilities Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance & Administration Varvara Shmygalova-Murray, Asset Coordinator Marley Pollock, Town Planner Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator Sergeant Bidaisee, Jasper RCMP Detachment Commander Maggie Kirk, CBC Bob Covey, The Jasper Local 10 observers		
Call to Order	Deputy Mayor Kathleen Waxer called the February 10, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 9:30am and began with a <a href="#">Traditional Land Acknowledgement</a> . Deputy Mayor Waxer also acknowledged that it has been 40 years since the Hinton train collision, which was a railway accident that took twenty-three lives on February 8, 1986.		
Additions/ deletions to the agenda	none		
Approval of agenda #49/26	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk that Committee approve the agenda for the February 10, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented.		
	FOR 4 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillor	CARRIED
Business arising from minutes	none		
Delegations	none		
Correspondence – RCMP	Committee received correspondence from Sergeant Rick Bidaisee, Detachment Commander for the Jasper RCMP, regarding a Community Priorities Plan. Sergeant		

Bidaisee was able to attend the meeting in person and answered Committee questions.

#50/26

MOTION by Councillor Melnyk that Committee receive the correspondence for information.

FOR

4 Councillors

AGAINST

0 Councillor

CARRIED

Asset  
Management  
Policy

Committee received a draft Asset Management Policy from Director of Operations & Utilities Courtney Donaldson and Asset Coordinator Varvara Shmygalova-Murray.

#51/25

MOTION by Councillor Rodger that Committee recommend Council approve the Asset Management Policy as presented.

FOR

4 Councillors

AGAINST

0 Councillor

CARRIED

Adoption of  
Jasper Off-Site  
Levies Bylaw  
(2026)

CAO Bill Given introduced a draft Jasper Off-Site Levies Bylaw and reviewed the legislative process involved. Director of Urban Design & Standards Beth Sanders and Town Planner Marley Pollock reviewed the background information, recommendations, and purpose of the bylaw.

#52/26

MOTION by Councillor Melnyk that Committee recommend Council give first reading to the Jasper Off-Site Levies Bylaw (2026) as presented; and

That Committee recommend that Council set the date, time, and location of the public hearing for March 17, 2026, at 1:30pm in the Quorum Room.

FOR

4 Councillors

AGAINST

0 Councillor

CARRIED

Tax Policy –  
Principles &  
Engagement  
Approach

Mr. Given introduced a recommendation to Committee regarding tax policies and public engagement. Director of Finance & Administration Natasha Malenchak was also in attendance to assist with Committee questions.

#53/26

MOTION by Councillor Rodger that Committee direct Administration to undertake the engagement process, as discussed, on the proposed areas of focus and guiding principles for a Tax Policy and return to a future meeting.

FOR

4 Councillors

AGAINST

0 Councillor

CARRIED

Motion Action List

Administration reviewed the Motion Action List.

#54/26

MOTION by Councillor Frechette that Committee approve the updated Motion Action List with the removal of the following items:

- Adoption of Jasper Off-Site Levies Bylaw 2025

- Property and Business Tax Policy

FOR	AGAINST	
4 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Councillor  
upcoming  
meetings

Councillors Melnyk, Waxer, and Rodger will be at the Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce Speaker Series event tomorrow morning.

Councillors Melnyk, Waxer, Frechette, and Waxer plan to participate in the upcoming Strategic Priorities Planning session along with the rest of Council February 17-20<sup>th</sup>.

Councillor Frechette will be in Edson for a Community Futures West Yellowhead meeting on February 26<sup>th</sup> and a Communities in Bloom Committee later that same day.

Councillor Waxer will be at an Evergreens Foundation meeting tomorrow.

Upcoming Events

Council reviewed a list of upcoming events.

Adjournment  
#55/26

MOTION by Councillor Frechette that, there being no further business, the Committee of the Whole meeting of February 10, 2026 be adjourned at 11:03am.

FOR	AGAINST	
4 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

## AGENDA ITEM 7.1

### REQUEST FOR DECISION

**Subject:** Lot HG (CH) Development  
**From:** Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer  
**Prepared by:** Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance & Administration  
**Reviewed by:** Emily Dawson, Finance Manager  
**Date:** February 24, 2026



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#### Recommendation:

- That Committee direct Administration to bring forward a borrowing bylaw to cover the remaining costs associated with the servicing of parcels HH and HF, and;
- That Committee direct Administration to identify approaches to recoup costs associated with the servicing of parcels HH and HF should the municipality gain access to land use and planning authority under section 17 of the Municipal Government Act.

#### Alternatives:

- That Committee recommend Council approve the use of reserves to fund the remaining costs associated with the servicing of parcels HH and HF.

#### Background:

For a number of years, parcel CH (directly adjacent to the Forest Park Hotel) had been planned to be the site of a new RCMP detachment. In discussion with the RCMP and Parks Canada, administration identified an opportunity to subdivide parcel CH into two smaller parcels. This approach created a new lot against the Pyramid bench (HF) which could be used for future housing, while the lot at the front (HG) could be used for the RCMP building.

The RCMP opted to enter into a development agreement with the municipality to directly pay 33.33% of the costs to service the lot while the balance was intended to be recovered overtime through a Local Improvement Levy.

**In 2023** a total of \$1,806,000 was included in the approved capital budget for "Parcel CH Servicing", to be funded from external contributions, debt and levies.

**Late spring of 2024** the municipality issued a Request for Proposals for the construction of the improvements, but it was not awarded prior to the fire.

**In July 2024**, Jasper Complex Wildfire impacted the community. Following the fire, parcels HF and HH (the triangle shaped lot to the east) were identified as prime sites for interim housing.

**On September 17, 2024** Council passed the following motions:

- *Award the 'Parcel CH Access Road & Spruce Avenue Road Development' Tender to Jasper Concrete Ltd in the amount of \$1,227,229.75 (excluding GST) as the lowest evaluated bidder;*

- *Direct Administration to initiate a Local Improvement Bylaw process to recover the servicing costs the Parcel CH Access Road from benefitting adjacent parcels; and*
- *Fund the Spruce Avenue Road Development from the Housing Reserve (\$220,000) and the Financial Stabilization Reserve (\$90,000).*

**Discussion:**

Following the July 2024 wildfire, parcels HH and HF were identified as priority locations for interim housing to support community recovery. In that context, administration recommended award the construction contract to advance roadway and servicing works as quickly as possible in order to ready the sites for occupancy. The urgency of establishing interim housing informed the timing of the decision to proceed with construction.

Administration has since reviewed the feasibility of applying a Local Improvement Levy (LIL) to recover a portion of the servicing costs. A LIL allows municipalities to recover infrastructure costs from benefitting properties; however, under the Municipal Government Act (MGA), advance notice and a petition process must occur prior to construction.

Because the required notice and petition process was not initiated before construction began, the authority to impose a local improvement tax did not arise and cannot be applied retroactively. As a result, a local improvement levy is not available for this project.

It is important to note that even if a LIL had been initiated, the Municipality would still have been required to finance the project upfront. The levy mechanism allows for cost recovery over time but does not eliminate the need to borrow funds to complete the works. Accordingly, the associated debt servicing costs have been incorporated into the 2026 budget assumptions. The primary impact of not proceeding with a levy is the loss of the ability to recover annual debt payments from benefitting property owners. In the absence of a levy or future development-based contributions, debt servicing will be funded from general municipal revenues.

The MGA does provide prospective, development-triggered cost recovery tools under Part 17 (Planning and Development). However, these mechanisms are only available if Part 17 authority is granted to the Municipality, which is not currently the case. Should such authority be secured, infrastructure contributions could be required at the time of future development or redevelopment applications for HH and HF. These tools are forward-looking and cannot be used to recover costs from existing landowners.

In summary, although a Local Improvement Levy is not available, the financial requirement to borrow for the project would have existed regardless of the recovery mechanism chosen. The key distinction is that the Municipality cannot now allocate the debt servicing costs directly to benefitting parcels. As a result, debt payments will be funded through general revenues unless future development-based tools become available. Administration therefore recommends proceeding with a borrowing bylaw and continuing to evaluate opportunities for prospective cost recovery.

**Strategic Relevance:**

- Communicate and engage with residents.
- Pursue alternative revenue sources and equitable distribution of costs.

**Inclusion Considerations:**

The servicing of parcels HH and HF supports interim and future housing opportunities, which contributes to

reducing barriers to stable housing during community recovery. Housing availability directly affects vulnerable residents, including lower-income households, seniors, and workers who may face systemic barriers to securing accommodation.

**Relevant Legislation:**

- Alberta Municipal Government Act

**Financial:**

The total project budget set in 2023 was \$1,806,000.

WSP has sent a preliminary estimate that the project will be under budget at approximately \$1.2 million

The RCMP will be responsible for 33.33% of the total and have paid \$347,291.04 to date, with their final contribution to be settled at the completion of the project.

After the RCMP contribution administration estimates the final amount to be covered would be approximately \$776,000.

The approved budget contains a forecast for municipality's normalized remaining debt capacity will be \$14.6 million at the end of 2026.

The project could be funded through reserves with the funding coming from a mix of the Utility Capital Reserve the Community Housing Reserve and/or the Financial Stabilization Reserve.

## AGENDA ITEM 7.2

### REQUEST FOR DECISION

**Subject:** Utilities Emergency Capital Funding Request  
**From:** Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer  
**Prepared by:** Courtney Donaldson, Director of Operations & Utilities  
**Reviewed by:** Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance & Administration  
**Date:** February 24, 2026



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#### Recommendation:

That Committee recommend Council approve the allocation of \$1,230,000 from the Utility Capital Reserve for the emergency replacement of Water Supply Pump 1 and the Wastewater Treatment Plant Primary Clarifier rake arms.

#### Alternatives:

- That Committee recommend Council defer the allocation of Utility Capital Reserve funds pending receipt of the final engineering report for the Primary Clarifier failure.
- That Committee receive the report for information and take no further action.

#### Background:

- In **September 2025**, Council adopted the Utility Masterplan, which identified water supply pump replacement as a high-priority project. The implementation schedule is planned to commence in 2027 to align with capital project sequencing and integration of long-term financial planning.
- In **November 2025**, Water Supply Pump 1 experienced a full unit failure.
- Also in **November 2025**, the structural rake arms in the Primary Clarifier at the Wastewater Treatment Plant failed. Aquatera has completed a root cause analysis; the final report is not yet available. The Primary Clarifier is currently non-operational, and an engineering review is in progress.
- In **December 2025**, Council approved the 2026 Operating and Capital budgets.

#### Discussion:

The Municipality relies on critical infrastructure within both the water supply and wastewater treatment systems to maintain service delivery and regulatory compliance. The failure of Water Supply Pump 1 and the structural failure within the Primary Clarifier represent significant operational risks affecting two separate utility systems.

The failure of Water Supply Pump 1 has reduced system redundancy within the water supply network. Operating without full redundancy increases reliance on remaining pumps and limits operational flexibility during periods of peak demand or emergency response. Although pump replacement had been forecast in the Utility Master Plan, the failure occurred prior to capital funding being approved. Replacement is necessary to restore redundancy and maintain reliable water production capacity.

The structural failure of the Primary Clarifier rake arms has rendered a key treatment component non-operational. The primary clarifier is responsible for solids separation prior to secondary treatment. Continued operation at reduced capacity places additional strain on downstream equipment and increases risk during higher flow periods. Restoration of full clarification capacity is required to maintain regulatory compliance and reduce operational risk.

Under Policy B-109, Administration is required to seek Council approval for capital projects that have not been previously approved in the regular budget approval process.

The first alternative—deferring funding pending receipt of the final engineering report—would delay restoration of system redundancy and treatment capacity. While additional engineering detail may provide further technical insight, it does not change the operational necessity of replacement. Delay would extend the period of reduced redundancy and capacity, increasing exposure to service interruption and environmental compliance risk.

The second alternative—receiving the report for information and taking no further action—would leave both systems operating in a compromised state. This approach would not address reduced water system redundancy or wastewater treatment limitations and would increase operational and regulatory risk.

Administration recommends allocation of Utility Capital Reserve funds to proceed with both replacements. The Utility Capital Reserve was established specifically to fund large-scale water and wastewater system projects. Use of the reserve in this circumstance aligns with its approved purpose and supports continuity of essential services.

As these repairs were not included in the approved 2026 Capital Budget, reserve funding is the only viable financial mechanism should DRP/HARP funding request be denied. The amount potentially recoverable from DRP/HARP would be 90% of \$280,000. However, this amount is not guaranteed at this time. The primary clarifier would not be eligible as its failure is not related to the wildfire.

### **Strategic Relevance:**

- Proactively plan for and invest in the maintenance and management of our natural assets and built infrastructure.
- Focus on prevention, mitigation, and preparation for natural disasters.
- Ensure residents receive quality service that provides strong value for dollar.

### **Inclusion Considerations:**

Reliable access to safe drinking water and wastewater treatment services supports equitable access to essential municipal infrastructure. Restoring full system functionality reduces service disruption risk across the community. The recommendation supports public health and environmental protection for all residents and visitors.

### **Relevant Legislation:**

- [Policy B-109: Fiscal Controls and Financial Reporting](#)
- [Policy B-112: Reserves Policy](#)

### **Financial:**

The combined funding request totals \$1,230,000. The total projected cost of replacing Water Supply Pump 1 is \$280,000, while the projected cost of replacing the Primary Clarifier rake arms is \$950,000. The opening 2026 balance of the Utility Capital Reserve is \$1,911,574. Following the proposed allocation of \$1,230,000, the projected remaining balance will be \$681,574.

## AGENDA ITEM 7.3

### REQUEST FOR DECISION

**Subject:** 2026 Paid Parking  
**From:** Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer  
**Prepared by:** Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance & Administration  
**Reviewed by:** Christine Nadon, Director of Protective & Legislative Services  
**Date:** February 24, 2026



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#### Recommendation:

Committee recommend that Council increase 2026 paid parking rates to:

- \$7/hour on street
- \$7/hour off street; and,
- \$28 full day off street.

#### Alternatives:

- That committee direct administration to identify alternate approaches to increase parking revenue.

#### Background:

In 2021, paid parking began as a pilot project for downtown on-street parking at a single uniform rate of \$2 per hour, generating \$91,111 in revenue.

In 2022, Council approved a permanent, seasonal program. The area was expanded to include downtown lots and parts of Geikie Street and a on-street payment kiosk was added. At the same time Council approved a differential rate system of: **\$3 per hour on-street, or \$2 per hour (\$12 per day)** in off-street lots. The program generated \$686,438 in revenue.

In 2023, Council approved the expansion of the program to include the 200-block of Connaught Drive as well as the adjacent parking lot. A small number of stalls located directly in front of commercial premises on the 700-block of Connaught Drive were also added to the paid parking zone. Three new payment kiosks were installed, for a total of five kiosks in the paid parking zone. Rates increased to: **\$3.50 per hour on-street parking and \$2.50 per hour (\$15 per day)** in off-street lots.

The revenue target set by Council for 2023 was \$675,000; this projection was exceeded significantly with a total of \$1,157,815 in revenue collected.

For 2024, Council set a revenue target of \$1,350,000 and the municipality was on pace to meet this expectation but due to the wildfire actual revenue was \$760,783. The revenue shortfall was addressed through Financial Stabilization grant funding provided by the province of Alberta. Rates increased to: **\$4.50 per hour on-street, or \$3.50 per hour (\$17 per day)** in off-street lots.

For 2025, there were no program or rate changes and the overall revenue target was maintained at \$1.35M. Year-end revenue for the year was \$1,390,255.

**For 2026**, Council has established a revenue target of \$1.8M.

**Discussion:**

An increase in fees supports Council’s strategic objective of allocating costs more equitably between taxpayers and service users. Municipal parking infrastructure is heavily utilized by visitors, particularly during peak tourism periods. By adjusting rates, the Municipality ensures that those who directly benefit from the availability and upkeep of parking contribute proportionately to its costs. This approach reduces reliance on property tax revenues and mitigates the extent to which residents subsidize visitor-driven demand.

From a mobility and environmental management perspective, appropriate pricing of parking supports more efficient use of limited curbside space. Higher rates in high-demand areas can encourage turnover, reduce long-duration parking in premium locations, and promote consideration of alternative transportation modes such as walking, cycling, transit, or shared rides. Effective pricing is a recognized tool in curbside management strategies and can contribute to reduced congestion and improved access to the downtown core.

For contrast, the Town of Banff operates paid parking year-round, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Its downtown rate is \$12 per hour from May 1 to October 31 and \$7 per hour from November 1 to April 30, with a single-zone structure applying equally to on-street and lot parking. Even with the recommended increase to \$7 per hour, Jasper’s rate would remain \$5 per hour lower than Banff’s peak-season rate and equivalent only to Banff’s winter rate, while applying for a shorter portion of the year.

In summary, the recommendation to increase paid parking fees in 2026 is grounded in financial sustainability, equitable cost allocation, effective demand management, and alignment with municipal best practices. Adjusting rates will help ensure the program continues to meet revenue targets, reduce pressure on property taxes, and manage high visitor demand in a manner that supports long-term operational efficiency and community objectives.

**Strategic Relevance:**

- Communicate and engage with residents.
- Pursue alternative revenue sources and equitable distribution of costs.

**Inclusion Considerations:**

The proposed rate increase advances a user-pay approach that distributes costs between taxpayers and service users. Revenue generated supports municipal services and infrastructure that benefit a broad cross-section of the community, while reducing reliance on property taxes and helping to mitigate the financial burden on local residents.

**Relevant Legislation:**

- Policy #B112 – Reserves Policy

**Financial:**

The 2026 budget of \$1,800,000 reflects a 33.33% increase over the 2025 budget.

## AGENDA ITEM 7.4

### INFORMATION REPORT

**Subject:** Alberta Police Funding Model  
**From:** Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer  
**Prepared by:** Christine Nadon, Director of Protective & Legislative Services  
**Reviewed by:** Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance & Administration  
**Date:** February 24, 2026

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#### Recommendation:

- That Committee direct Administration to work with the provincial Police Funding Model team to identify which modifiers and subsidies might apply to Jasper and report back at a future meeting.

#### Alternatives:

- That the Committee recommend that Council authorise the Mayor to write the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services requesting that any appropriate modifiers be applied to Jasper's policing costs.
- That the Committee receive the report for information and take no further action.

#### Background:

**December 2019**, the provincial government announced a new police costing model that applied to urban municipalities with populations under 5,000 and all municipal districts and counties.

**In April 2020**, the Government of Alberta passed the Police Funding Regulation (PFR), which included the implementation of the new Police Funding Model (PFM). The PFM established a cost-recovery model for communities receiving provincial police services in Alberta.

Under the model communities such as Jasper began to directly contribute to the cost of RCMP policing and costs were planned to increase over the 5-year period of the program. Section 4(2) of the regulation states:

*A municipality shall pay the amount determined by the Minister within 45 days of receiving the invoice and any unpaid amount after that time shall be recoverable as a debt owing to the Crown.*

In the first year of the model Jasper's policing cost was \$126,269.

**In 2022** Council authorized the Mayor to write Government to request that a shadow population modifier be applied to Jasper to reduce the cost of policing. The Minister of Justice and Solicitor General responded that because Jasper did not have an officially recognized shadow population the modifier would not be applied.

**In 2025**, the Municipality of Jasper's operating budget included \$286,565 for policing costs.

While the PFR was originally set to expire March 31, 2025, the Government of Alberta extended it by one year to March 31, 2026.

**The 2026** operating budget was prepared and approved by Council using \$379,080 as the projected cost.

**Discussion:**

In December 2025, Administration received correspondence from the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services regarding changes to the PFM to be implemented in 2026.

The correspondence outlined that municipal contributions towards policing would increase from 19% of the total cost of provincial policing to 22% in 2026, gradually reaching 30% over five years but no financial calculations for individual municipalities were provided.

Administration recently requested further information from the Government of Alberta. In early February administration received the 2026-27 estimated municipal share for Jasper, for the period beginning April 1, 2026, before any modifiers are applied, is \$512,750.52.

Modifications to the base formula will be implemented in stages, including the weighted occurrences factor taking effect on April 1, 2028, with the full model implementation scheduled to be completed by April 1, 2030. The new funding model also includes updates to previous cost modifiers and subsidies.

Considerations which may affect Jasper include position vacancy, population density and a change in process for the calculation of the shadow population consideration.

Fiscal Year	Inc %	Jasper Cost	% Inc Yr over Yr	\$ Inc Yr over YR
2026-27	22%	\$ 512,750.52		
2027-28	24%	\$ 604,113.34	17.82%	\$ 91,362.82
2028-29	26%	\$ 751,662.80	24.42%	\$ 147,549.46
2029-30	28%	\$ 926,405.88	23.25%	\$ 174,743.08
2030-31	30%	\$ 1,192,706.87	28.75%	\$ 266,300.99

The preliminary 5-year estimates provided by the Police Funding Model team are shown at right.

The formula utilized to calculate municipal contributions over the course of the phased implementation will be based on:

- 50% population;
- 30% equalized assessment (down from 50%); and
- 20% weighted occurrences (calls for service).

Given the significant projected increase in Jasper’s policing costs under the revised Police Funding Model, and the absence of applied modifiers in the preliminary estimate, further engagement with the provincial Police Funding Model team is warranted.

Several updated or newly structured modifiers — including population density, and revised shadow population calculations — may have a material impact on Jasper’s final assessed contribution. Direct collaboration will allow Administration to clarify eligibility, ensure accurate data is being used in the formula, and advocate for appropriate consideration of Jasper’s unique circumstances as a small municipality with fluctuating service demands.

An alternative approach would be for Council to authorize the Mayor to write the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services requesting that appropriate modifiers be applied. While such correspondence may eventually be required administration believes engagement with the Police Funding Model team to determine eligibility and confirm calculations would strengthen any future political advocacy.

For these reasons, Administration recommends that Committee direct Administration to work with the province to identify which modifiers and subsidies might apply to Jasper and report back at a future meeting.

**Strategic Relevance:**

- Recognize the fundamental importance of our tourism economy
- Communicate and engage with residents
- Increase awareness and understanding of our unique conditions with other orders of government and funders

**Relevant Legislation:**

- [Police Act](#) (RSA 2000, cP-17)
- [Royal Canadian Mounted Police Act](#) (RSC 1985, cR-10)
- Alberta Provincial Police Service Agreement
- Alberta Police Funding Regulation (7/2020)

**Financial:**

Policing costs are budgeted on a fiscal cycle running from April 1 to March 31. The province will provide the Municipality with the preliminary estimated impact on its 2026 operating budget in March 2026 for the 2025–2026 fiscal period. The final amount for the 2026–2027 period is currently estimated at \$512,750.52 and will be calculated and issued March 2027. These preliminary figures serve as the Municipality’s initial budgeting guidelines. The 2027 and future budgets will see an increase in taxation for these changes annually. In 2027, the increase in Municipal taxation is expected to increase by at least 1% due to these changes.

**Attachments:**

- Renewed Police Funding Model Preliminary 5-year Estimate
- Alberta Police Funding Regulation

## Renewed Police Funding Model Preliminary 5-year Estimate for Municipality of Jasper

Thank you for connecting with the Police Funding Model team and for providing a designated contact to receive your estimated municipal contributions under the renewed Police Funding Model (PFM). Based on the most recent data available to the ministry, we have prepared a preliminary five-year estimate to assist with your municipal budget process for PFM costs moving forward, effective April 1, 2026.

It is important to note that the estimate provided is an approximation. Final amounts payable under the renewed PFM will be based on current data when calculations are completed each March.

Fiscal year	Percentage	Municipal Share before modifiers
2026–27	22%	\$512,750.52
2027–28	24%	\$604,113.34
2028–29	26%	\$751,662.80
2029–30	28%	\$926,405.88
2030–31	30%	\$1,192,706.87

### Important Notes:

- This preliminary estimate for Municipality of Jasper is provided for budget planning purposes only.
- All figures are subject to revision.
- Base cost calculations are derived from 2024–25 PPSA frontline policing actuals, with an assumed year-over-year increase of 8% applied to PPSA frontline policing costs.
- The five-year projection is based on Municipal Affairs 2024–25 population data, equalized assessment values, preliminary RCMP occurrence statistics, and RCMP hard vacancy rates. Final invoiced amounts will reflect updated data as it becomes available.
- Modifications to the base formula will be implemented in phases: the weighted occurrences factor will take effect on April 1, 2028, with full model implementation completed by April 1, 2030.

Please contact the PFM team at [abpfm@gov.ab.ca](mailto:abpfm@gov.ab.ca) if you require any clarification regarding these estimates.



Province of Alberta

POLICE ACT

# POLICE FUNDING REGULATION

## **Alberta Regulation 7/2020**

With amendments up to and including Alberta Regulation 301/2025

Current as of December 19, 2025

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(Consolidated up to 301/2025)

**ALBERTA REGULATION 7/2020**

**Police Act**

**POLICE FUNDING REGULATION**

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**Definitions**

**1** In this Regulation,

- (a) “fiscal year” means the period commencing April 1 of one year and ending on March 31 of the next year;
- (b) “Minister” means the Minister designated under section 16 of the *Government Organization Act* as the Minister responsible for the Act;
- (c) “municipality” means
  - (i) every municipal district and specialized municipality, and
  - (ii) every town, village and summer village that has a population that is not greater than 5000;
- (d) “PPSA” means the Provincial Police Service Agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of Alberta dated April 1, 2012 and extensions or renewals of that Agreement.

**Requirement to pay for policing services**

**2** Pursuant to section 4(1) of the Act, each municipality shall, subject to section 4(3) of the Act, pay a cost in each fiscal year for receiving general policing services provided by the provincial police service in an amount determined by the Minister in accordance with this Regulation.

**Cost formula**

**3(1)** The cost that a municipality must pay in each fiscal year is the amount determined by the following formula:

$$(E + P) - (SP + CSI + D)$$

where

- E is the Weighted Equalized Assessment for the municipality determined in accordance with subsection (2)(a);
- P is the Weighted Population Amount of the municipality determined in accordance with subsection (2)(b);
- SP is the Shadow Population Subsidy of the municipality determined in accordance with subsection (2)(c);
- CSI is the Crime Severity Index Subsidy determined in accordance with subsection (2)(d);
- D is the Police Detachment Subsidy determined in accordance with subsection (2)(e).

**(2)** For the purposes of this section,

- (a) the Weighted Equalized Assessment for a municipality for a fiscal year is the amount determined by the following formula:

$$\frac{MEA}{TEA} \times ATS \times 50\%$$

where

- MEA is the equalized assessment prepared by the Minister of Municipal Affairs for each municipality as sent to the municipality annually under section 320 of the *Municipal Government Act*;
- TEA is the total of all of the equalized assessments prepared by the Minister of Municipal Affairs for the municipalities;
- ATS is the annual total share of policing costs, which is
- (i) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, \$23 250 000, representing 10% of frontline policing costs under the PPSA,

- (ii) for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, \$34 900 000, representing 15% of the frontline policing costs under the PPSA,
  - (iii) for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, \$46 500 000, representing 20% of the frontline policing costs under the PPSA,
  - (iv) for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 fiscal years, \$69 800 000, representing 30% of the frontline policing costs under the PPSA, and
  - (v) for a subsequent fiscal year, the total cost of the PPSA multiplied by the percentage of all positions funded by the PPSA that the Minister determines to be frontline policing costs, and then multiplied by a percentage to be determined by the Minister that is to be charged to the municipalities;
- (b) the Weighted Population Amount for a municipality is the amount determined by the following formula:

$$\frac{MP}{TP} \times ATS \times 50\%$$

where

MP is the population of the municipality as determined by the President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance;

TP is the total of the municipal populations of all the municipalities;

ATS has the same meaning as in clause (a);

- (c) the Shadow Population Subsidy for a municipality is the amount determined by the following formula:

$$\frac{MSP}{MP} \times \_ \% \times (E + P)$$

where

MSP is the shadow population of a municipality as determined by the President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance;

MP has the same meaning as in clause (b);

\_ % is 5%, or a percentage determined by dividing the MSP by the MP and then multiplying that number by 5, whichever is lower;

E is the Weighted Equalized Assessment for the municipality determined in accordance with clause (a);

P is the Weighted Population Amount of the municipality determined in accordance with clause (b);

- (d) the Crime Severity Index Subsidy is the amount determined by the following formula:

$$\frac{(MA - TA) \times 0.05\%}{100} \times (E + P)$$

where

MA is the 3-year average of the municipality's Crime Severity Index, as determined by the Minister;

TA is the 3-year average of the combined Crime Severity Indexes of all of the municipalities;

E is the Weighted Equalized Assessment for the municipality determined in accordance with clause (a);

P is the Weighted Population Amount of the municipality determined in accordance with clause (b);

- (e) the Police Detachment Subsidy, where applicable, is determined by the following formula:

$$(E + P) \times 5\%$$

where

E is the Weighted Equalized Assessment for the municipality determined in accordance with clause (a);

P is the Weighted Population Amount of the municipality determined in accordance with clause (b).

- (3) For the purposes of this section, if a specialized municipality has an urban service area with a population greater than 5000, the

population of the urban service area shall be excluded when determining the population or shadow population of the municipality.

**(4)** For the purposes of this section, the Police Detachment Subsidy is only applicable to a municipality identified in section 1(c)(ii) that does not have a police detachment within the municipality.

#### **Obligation to pay**

**4(1)** The Minister shall, in each fiscal year, send an invoice to each municipality stating the amount that the municipality shall pay for that fiscal year for receiving general policing services provided by the provincial police service.

**(2)** A municipality shall pay the amount determined by the Minister within 45 days of receiving the invoice and any unpaid amount after that time shall be recoverable as a debt owing to the Crown.

**(3)** Despite anything to the contrary in this Regulation, the Minister may by order exempt a municipality from paying a cost for receiving general policing services provided by the provincial police service, and the Minister shall not send an invoice to a municipality that has been exempted.

#### **Enhanced policing**

**5** The Minister may exempt a municipality from paying a cost for full-time enhanced policing positions funded under an agreement entered into under section 22 of the Act.

#### **Expiry**

**6** For the purposes of ensuring that this Regulation is reviewed for ongoing relevancy and necessity, with the option that it may be repassed in its present or an amended form following a review, this Regulation expires on March 31, 2033.

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## MOTION ACTION LIST

SHORT TITLE	REQUESTED (DATE)	RESPONSIBLE (WHO)	COUNCIL MOTION (DESCRIPTION)	TARGET (DATE)	STATUS
Jasper Skatepark Committee	March 19, 2024	CAO and Director of Finance & Administration	That Council authorize, in principle, interim financing to the Jasper Skatepark Committee, not to exceed \$150,000, with loan details to be presented to Council following completion of the Skatepark construction.	March 2026	
Parcel CH Access Road & Spruce Avenue Development Tender Award	September 17, 2024	CAO	That Council direct Administration to initiate a Local Improvement Bylaw process to recover the servicing costs the Parcel CH Access Road from benefitting adjacent parcels.	February 2026	
Transit Bus RFP	November 19, 2024	CAO	That Council direct Administration to reissue an RFP in spring of 2025 for the procurement of electric buses and/or any other viable zero emission options.	March 2026	
Jasper Artists Guild Lease	April 22, 2025	CAO	That Committee refer the correspondence from the Jasper Artists Guild to Administration for a report back at a future Committee of the Whole meeting.	April 2026	
Indigenous Relations Framework	July 15, 2025	Director of Community Development	That Committee direct Administration to engage Indigenous Partners and Indigenous residents to develop a strategy based on the framework – and return to a future meeting.	May 2026	
Recovery Advisory Committee Terms of Reference	November 18, 2025	Director of Recovery	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.	March 2026	

<b>Royal Canadian Legion Branch #31</b>	<b>November 18, 2025</b>	<b>Director of Community Development</b>	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.	<b>May 2026</b>	
<b>Jasper Artists Guild</b>	<b>November 18, 2025</b>	<b>Director of Community Development</b>	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.	<b>April 2026</b>	
<b>Memorandum of Understanding to Redevelop Anglican &amp; United Church Lands</b>	<b>January 13, 2026</b>	<b>Director of Urban Design &amp; Standards</b>	That Committee direct Administration to prepare a Memorandum of Understanding with the Anglican Church and United Church and return to a future meeting.	<b>March 2026</b>	
<b>Urban Design &amp; Standards Budget</b>	<b>January 13, 2026</b>	<b>Director of Urban Design &amp; Standards</b>	That Committee direct Administration to bring forward a review of the 2026-2030 Urban Design & Standards budget including projected revenue and expenditure assumptions; and the historical basis for these assumptions, and bring a report back to the March 10, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting.	<b>March 2026</b>	
<b>SKIJORING for MS</b>	<b>January 27, 2026</b>	<b>CAO</b>	That Committee direct Administration to work with other interested local organizations to investigate; with SKIJORING for MS, the feasibility of hosting a skijoring event in Jasper in subsequent years and to return to a future Committee of the Whole meeting with a report and recommendations.	<b>April 2026</b>	
<b>2025 Annual Transit Service Update</b>	<b>January 27, 2026</b>	<b>Director of Operations &amp; Utilities</b>	That Committee direct Administration to return to Committee with the results of the 2027-2031 Transit Business Plan prior to July 2026.	<b>June 2026</b>	
<b>Tax Policy – Principles &amp; Engagement Approach</b>	<b>February 10, 2026</b>	<b>CAO and Director of Finance &amp; Administration</b>	That Committee direct Administration to undertake the engagement process, as discussed, on the proposed areas of focus and guiding principles for a Tax Policy and return to a future meeting.	<b>June 2026</b>	