

MUNICIPALITY OF JASPER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
March 3, 2026 | 1:30 pm
Jasper Library & Cultural Centre – Quorum Room
[Municipality of Jasper Strategic Priorities 2022-2026](#)



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

1 CALL TO ORDER

2 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2.1 Regular meeting agenda, March 3, 2026 attachment

Recommendation: That Council approve the agenda for the regular meeting of March 3, 2026 as presented.

3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 Regular meeting minutes, February 17, 2026 attachment

Recommendation: That Council approve the minutes of the February 17, 2026 Regular Council meeting as presented.

3.2 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes, February 24, 2026 attachment

Recommendation: That Council approve the minutes of the February 24, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented.

4 DELEGATIONS

4.1 West Central Airshed Society attachment

Recommendation: That Council receive the presentation for information.

5 CORRESPONDENCE

6 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre Progress Update attachment

Recommendation: That Council receive the report for information.

6.2 Director's Report – Community Development attachment

Recommendation: That Council receive the report for information.

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6.3 Utilities Emergency Capital Funding Request

attachment

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6.4 2026 Paid Parking

Recommendation: That Council increase 2026 paid parking rates to:

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

7 NOTICES OF MOTION

8 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

9 UPCOMING EVENTS

[Public Hearing on proposed 2026 Off-Site Levies Bylaw](#) – 1:30pm, March 24, Quorum Room in Jasper Library & Cultural Centre

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

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

10 IN-CAMERA

10.1 Board Appointments ATIA s. 22(1), 29(1)(a)

11 ADJOURNMENT

Recommendation: That, there being no further business, the regular meeting of March 3, 2026 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, February 17, 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 viewing during Council meetings is through both Zoom livestreaming and in-person attendance. Public participation is facilitated through in-person attendance.
Present	Mayor Richard Ireland, Deputy Mayor Kathleen Waxer, Councillors Ralph Melnyk, Kable Kongsrud, Danny Frechette, Laurie Rodger, and Wendy Hall.
Absent	none
Also present	Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer Christine Nadon, Director of Protective & Legislative Services Beth Sanders, Director of Urban Design & Standards Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance & Administration Doug Olthaf, Housing and Social Recovery Manager Gord Hutton, Municipal Buildings & Asset Manager Vidal Michaud, Utilities Manager Varvara Shmygalova-Murray, Asset Coordinator Marley Pollock, Town Planner Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator Jen Dillon, Protective Services Coordinator Bob Covey, The Jasper Local 16 observers
Call to order	Mayor Ireland called the February 17, 2026 Regular Council meeting to order at 9:30am.
Additions or deletions to agenda	none
Approval of agenda #56/26	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the agenda for the February 17, 2026 Regular Council meeting as presented. FOR 7 Councillors AGAINST 0 Councillors CARRIED
Approval of Regular minutes #57/26	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the February 3, 2026 Regular Council meeting as presented. FOR 7 Councillors AGAINST 0 Councillors CARRIED
Approval of Committee of the Whole minutes #58/26	MOTION by Councillor Frechette – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the February 10, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented. FOR 7 Councillors AGAINST 0 Councillors CARRIED
Business arising from minutes	none
Delegations	none
Correspondence – RCMP Quarterly Report #59/26	Council received a quarterly report from Sergeant Rick Bidaisee, Detachment Commander of the Jasper RCMP. MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the correspondence for information.

	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Correspondence – Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce #60/26	Council received correspondence from the Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce expressing concerns with Transit financing. Mayor Ireland will be sending a reply on behalf of Council.		
	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the correspondence for information.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre Progress Update #61/26	Council received a Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre progress update from Housing and Social Recovery Manager Doug Olthaf. Highlights include information on debris removal; site preparation; interim housing; construction coordination; social & economic recovery; and more.		
	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre progress update for information.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Director’s Report – Finance & Administration #62/26	Council received a department update from Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance & Administration. The report provided information on major projects taking place in information technology; budget and planning details; staffing; services; communications & engagement; and more.		
	MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the report for information.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Asset Management Policy #63/26	Municipal Buildings & Asset Manager Gord Hutton and Asset Coordinator Varvara Shmygalova-Murray were present to answer any Council questions.		
	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council amend the Asset Management Policy by switching the order of the two introductory paragraphs.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
#64/26	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the Asset Management Policy as amended:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Switch the order of the two introductory paragraphs. 		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Recess	Mayor Ireland called a recess from 10:35am to 10:46am.		
Adoption of Jasper Off-Site Levies Bylaw (2026) #65/26	Director of Urban Design & Standards Beth Sanders and Town Planner Marley Pollock were in attendance to answer any Council questions regarding the adoption of the Jasper Off-Site Levies Bylaw.		
	MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council give first reading to the Jasper Off-Site Levies Bylaw (2026) as presented.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED

#66/26 MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council set the date, time, and location of the public hearing for March 24, 2026, at 1:30pm in the Quorum Room.

FOR	AGAINST	
7 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Notices of Motion none

Councillor Reports Councillor Frechette attended a meeting of the Communities in Bloom Committee on February 9th.

Mayor Ireland, Councillor Hall, and Councillor Kongsrud were in Edmonton February 8th-10th for the Tourism Industry Association of Alberta conference.

Mayor Ireland, Councillors Rodger, Waxer, and Melnyk attended the Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce Speaker Series event on February 11th.

Councillor Melnyk participated in a Zoom meeting hosted by Alberta Municipalities focused on funding for infrastructure, preventative programs, policing, and more.

Councillor Waxer attended the Early Childhood/School Age Community Conversation last week as well as The Evergreens Foundation budget review meeting.

Mayor Ireland took part in the Economic Developers of Alberta workshop on February 5th and met with Executive Director of the Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce Paul Butler on February 12th.

Upcoming events Council received a list of upcoming events for information.

Adjournment #67/26 MOTION by Councillor Frechette – BE IT RESOLVED that, there being no further business, the Regular Council meeting of February 17, 2026 be adjourned at 11:13am.

FOR	AGAINST	
7 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

AGENDA ITEM 3.2

Municipality of Jasper
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 24, 2026 | 9:30am
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Absent	none		
Also present	Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer Courtney Donaldson, Director of Operations & Utilities Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance & Administration Christine Nadon, Director of Protective & Legislative Services Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator Bob Covey, The Jasper Local 13 observers		
Call to Order	Deputy Mayor Kathleen Waxer called the February 24, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 9:30am and began with an acknowledgement of the tragic highway accident which took place yesterday and took the lives of two young female hockey players from Hinton.		
Additions/ deletions to the agenda #68/26	MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee amend the agenda for the February 24, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting by adding the following item: <ul style="list-style-type: none">7.5 Insurance Matter		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillor	CARRIED
Approval of agenda #69/26	MOTION by Councillor Hall that Committee approve the agenda for the February 24, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting as amended: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Add 7.5 Insurance Matter		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillor	CARRIED
Business arising from minutes	none		
Delegations	none		
Correspondence	none		

Lot HG (CH) Development Committee received recommendations and alternatives regarding the servicing of parcels HH and HF. CAO Bill Given reviewed the background, applicable legislation, and past Council decisions.

#70/25 MOTION by Mayor Ireland 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; including interest, if possible; associated with the servicing of parcels HH and HF and return to Committee of the Whole at an appropriate time.

FOR	AGAINST	
7 Councillors	0 Councillor	CARRIED

Utilities Emergency Capital Funding Request Director of Operations & Utilities Courtney Donaldson reviewed the recommendation and background for the funding request. Ms. Donaldson did make note of a mistake in the financial section of the report. The opening balance of the Utility Capital Reserve should read "\$3,118,020". This emergency allocation, if approved, would be in the amount of \$1,230,000 which would leave an ending balance of \$3,174,594 in the Capital Reserve after accounting for other activity over the past year in utilities.

#71/26 MOTION by Councillor Melnyk 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.

FOR	AGAINST	
7 Councillors	0 Councillor	CARRIED

Recess Deputy Mayor Waxer called a recess from 10:43am to 10:55am.

2026 Paid Parking Mr. Given reviewed the past practices for paid parking in Jasper, revenue targets, and decisions that could be made by Council for the upcoming season. Director of Finance & Administration Natasha Malenchak and Director of Protective & Legislative Services Christine Nadon were also present to answer Committee questions.

#72/26 MOTION by Councillor Hall that Committee recommend Council increase 2026 paid parking rates to:

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

FOR	AGAINST	
7 Councillors	0 Councillor	CARRIED

Councillor Hall left the meeting at 11:39am.

Alberta Police
Funding Model

Committee received an information report from Administration regarding a new police funding model in the Province of Alberta. Ms. Nadon reviewed the changes and considerations which may affect Jasper.

#73/26

MOTION by Mayor Ireland 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.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillor	CARRIED

Insurance Matter

Mayor Ireland wanted to bring to Committee's attention the fact that there is usually a two-year window to file insurance claims and the two-year anniversary of the Jasper Wildfire Complex is five months away.

#74/26

MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee direct Administration to contact the Government of Alberta through the Minister of Finance and the Insurance Bureau of Canada to advocate for the extension of the deadline for filing insurance claims in respect to losses of any nature arising from or related to the July 2024 Jasper Wildfire Complex.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillor	CARRIED

Motion Action List

Administration reviewed the Motion Action List.

#75/26

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

- Parcel CH Access Road & Spruce Avenue Development Tender Award

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Councillor
upcoming
meetings

Councillor Frechette will be in Edson this Thursday morning for a Community Futures West Yellowhead meeting, and back in Jasper that afternoon for a Communities in Bloom Committee meeting.

Mayor Ireland will be in Vancouver next Monday to provide a keynote address at the British Columbia Climate Resilience Summit.

Councillor Melnyk will be participating in an online course with Community Futures West Yellowhead on March 5th focused on the legal responsibilities of boards.

Councillors Rodger and Waxer will be at the next Recovery Advisory Committee meeting this Monday.

Councillor Waxer plans to attend the staff appreciation event this Friday at the Jasper Activity Centre.

Upcoming Events Council reviewed a list of upcoming events.

Move In-camera #76/26 MOTION by Councillor Frechette to move in-camera at 12:21pm to discuss agenda items:

- 11.1 Land Matter, ATIA s. 26(1)(a)
- 11.2 Advice from Officials, ATIA s. 29(1)(a)

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Mr. Given and Ms. Nadon also attended the in-camera session.

Councillor Rodger left the meeting at 1:20pm.

Move out of camera #77/26 MOTION by Councillor Frechette to move out of camera at 1:30pm.

FOR	AGAINST	
5 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Adjournment #78/26 MOTION by Mayor Ireland that, there being no further business, the Committee of the Whole meeting of February 24, 2026 be adjourned at 1:30pm.

FOR	AGAINST	
5 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

West Central Airshed Society

Providing Trusted Air Quality Data Since 1995

Municipality of Jasper
March 3, 2026

Salina Fairbank
Yvonne Barker
Engagement Coordinators, WCAS

Why Air Quality Matters



What is an Airshed?

West Central Airshed Society...



- A not-for-profit, multi-stakeholder organization that monitors, reports, evaluates, and educates on air quality.



- Primary role: gather information from air quality monitoring data ensuring all stakeholders, including the public, have access to this important information.



- Operates a broad network of air monitoring sites including permanent continuous monitoring stations, and other monitoring technology, used to provide AQHI.

How do we measure air quality?



Hinton Hillcrest Continuous Monitoring Station



Jasper Air Monitoring



Jasper Station

Community	Current AQHI	Last Updated	Forecast Today	Forecast Tonight	Forecast Tomorrow
Drayton Valley	3	1/26/2026, 1:00:00 PM	4	3	3
Edson	2	1/26/2026, 1:00:00 PM	3	3	2
Genesee	2	1/26/2026, 1:00:00 PM	2	2	2
Hinton	2	1/26/2026, 1:00:00 PM	3	3	2
Jasper	2	1/26/2026, 1:00:00 PM	Forecast Unavailable		
Steeper	2	1/26/2026, 1:00:00 PM	Forecast Unavailable		

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 Low Risk Moderate Risk High Risk Very High



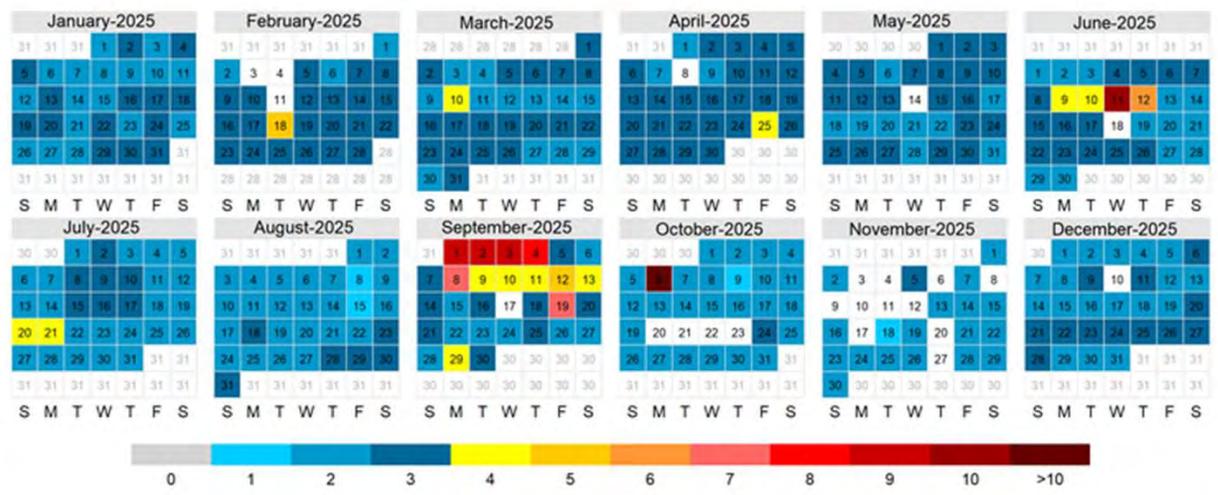
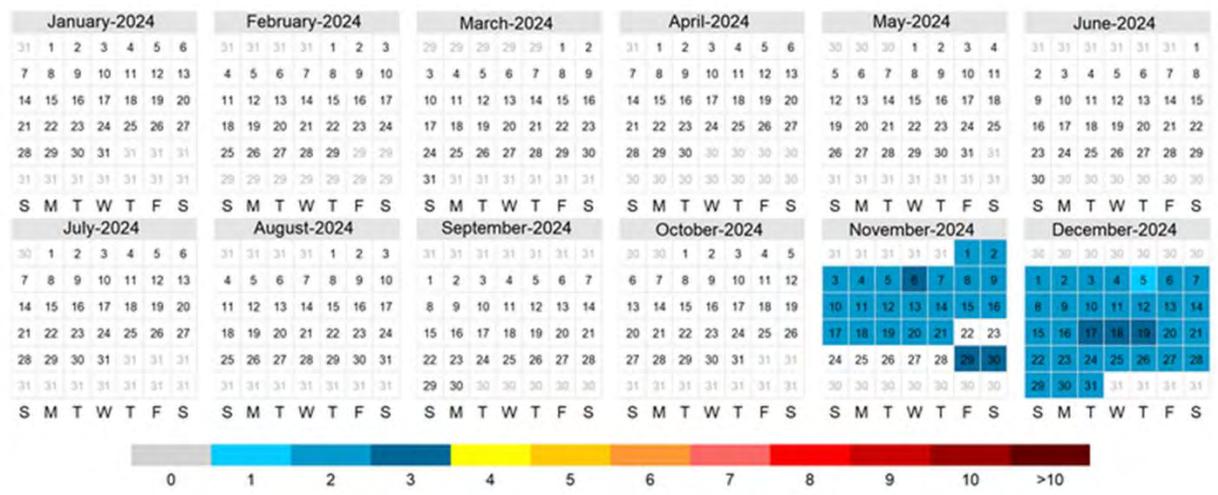
MOJ Maintenance BLDG
Microsensor

Jasper Air Monitoring

- The Alberta Airshed model sees monitoring paid primarily by industrial emitters (either compulsory or voluntarily).
- A new, permanent, air monitoring station costs approximately \$375,000 (station, analyzers, meteorological, IT, safety, etc.).
- Operations average \$75,000/year (daily checks, monthly calibrations, repair, etc.).
- A novel approach is needed to fund a permanent station.



AQHI Calendar Plots



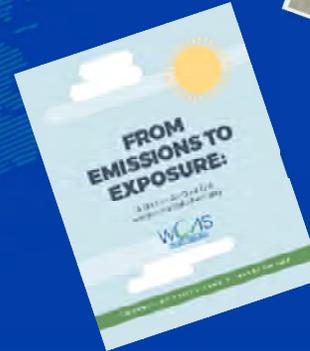
AQHI interactive chart

AQHI in Jasper

AQHI Calendar Plot for Jasper
 November 2024
 to
 December 2025



Education, Outreach, and Data



AQHI Cloud Light Program

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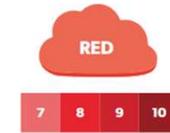
- Jasper Recreation Centre
- Jasper Alpine Summit Lodge
- Drayton Valley Library
- Edson Library
- Hinton Library
- Edson Friendship Centre
- Hinton Friendship Centre
- Hinton Pine Valley Lodge

Air Quality Health Index (AQHI)

AQHI light provided by West Central Airshed Society – Monitoring the Air We Breathe Since 1995

The AQHI provides a number from 1 to 10 to indicate the level of health risk associated with local air quality.

By checking the AQHI, you can stay informed about the current air quality conditions in your area and protect your health.



Jasper Community Open House



Details coming soon.....

Thank you!

Questions?

wcas.ca



Jasper Continuous Air Monitoring Station



Alpine Summit Lodge
Microsensor

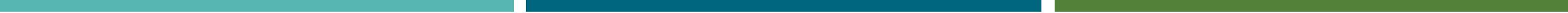


Jasper Recreation Centre
Cloud Light

JASPER RECOVERY COORDINATION CENTRE (JRCC)

March 3, 2026

PROGRESS UPDATE



SUMMARY OF KEY RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

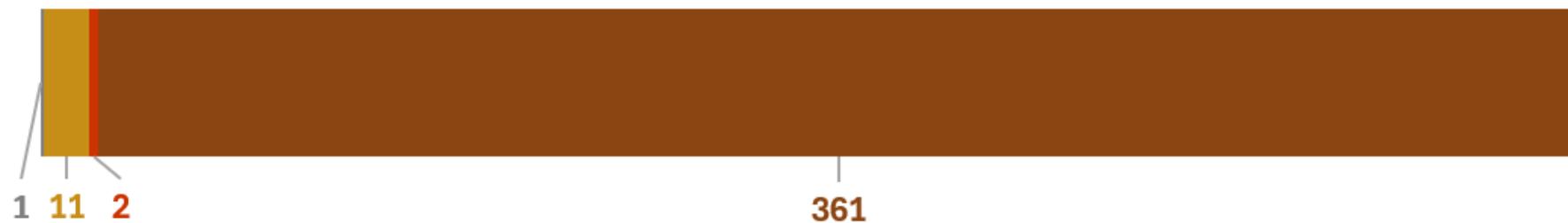
DEBRIS REMOVAL

- Total number of permits issued (in and out of town): 393
 - **Certificates of Completion issued: 372**
 - In Town non-commercial certificates: **335** (out of 341 properties with demolition permits)
- Certificates of completion pending review/and or sign off: 4
- Properties pending submission of confirmatory reports: 16
- Of these, **0** properties are completing additional remediation

This coordinated progress is enabling safe, timely debris removal; paving the way for rebuilding and protecting public health, safety, and the environment.

SITE PREPARATION

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



■ 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 and ready for rebuild

Updated: February 23, 2026 - Source: Parks Canada

This coordinated progress is enabling safe, timely debris removal; paving the way for rebuilding and protecting public health, safety, and the environment.

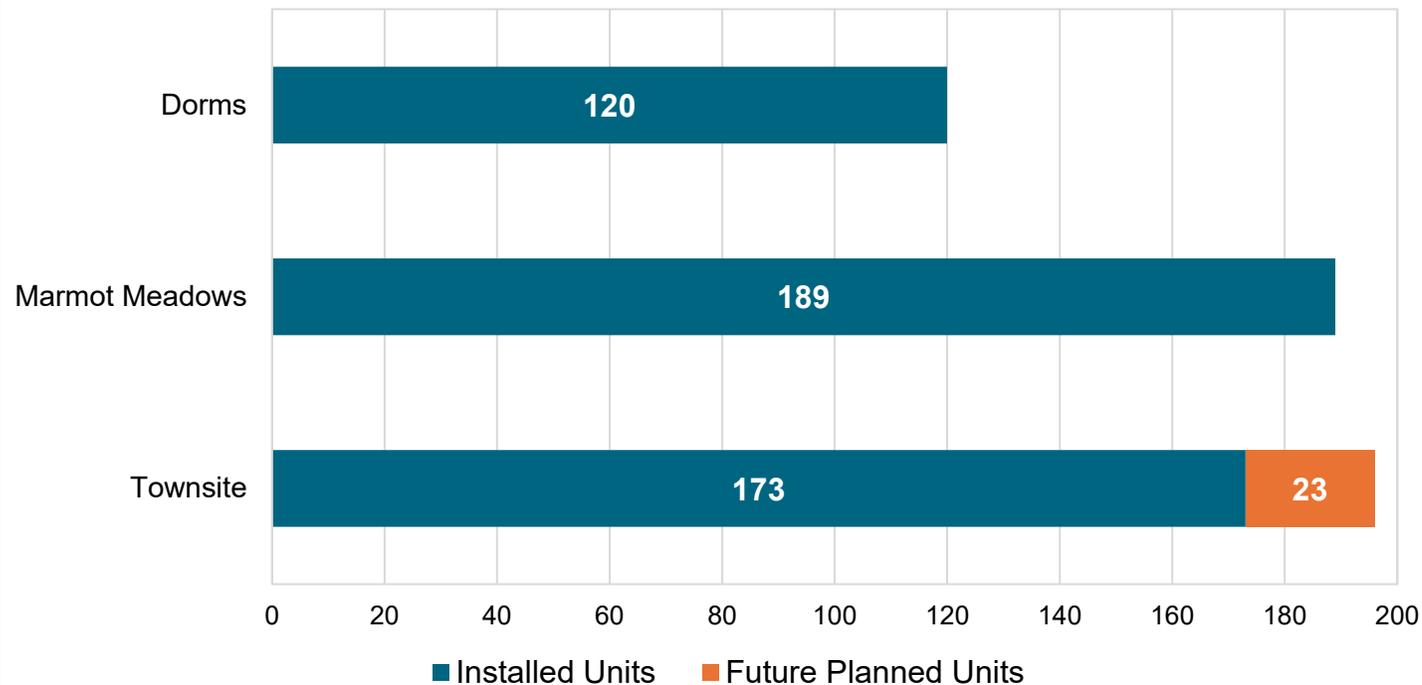
INTERIM HOUSING

- 367 households (713 individuals) are currently in the program
- Occupancy has been granted on the Patricia Circle site and move-ins are underway
- Occupancy of the United Church site is expected before March 15
- All interim housing units in-town continue to remain fully occupied or allocated
- The application portals for long-term resident camping (Whistlers) and contractor camping (Wabasso) are now live on Parks Canada's [website](#)
- The GoA has confirmed that Jasper will be included in this year's Apartment Vacancy and Rental Cost Survey

These combined actions underscore our ongoing progress toward delivering scalable and adaptable interim housing.

INTERIM HOUSING – UNIT AVAILABILITY

Currently Available Units and Future Planned Units



Future units are planned in the following locations:

- United Church, 23 units, occupancy March 2026

Total units (current and future): 505

- 120 Dorms
- 189 at Marmot Meadows
- 173 in Townsite
- 23 in preparation for occupancy

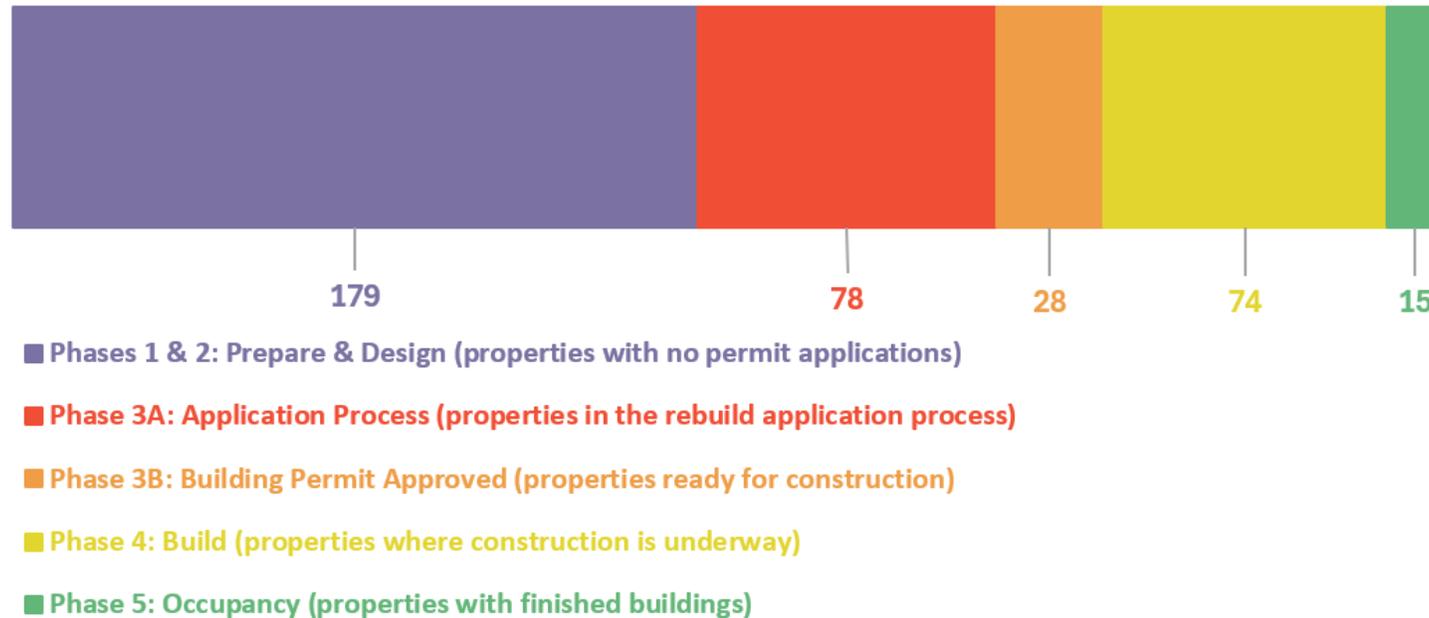
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REBUILDING HOMES AND BUSINESSES

- The Municipality of Jasper is issuing a competitive tender for contractors to support municipal water and sewer infrastructure work. This tender applies to Municipality of Jasper infrastructure within the municipal rights of way as part of rebuilding efforts
- Over 50% of wildfire affected leaseholders have now initiated the permitting process with Parks Canada
- Jasper continues to significantly outperform comparable municipalities in development permit timelines, with complete applications issued in an average of **24 business days over the last 6 months**, substantially faster than regional benchmarks
- Work continues to open an interim Home Hardware

REBUILDING HOMES AND BUSINESSES

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

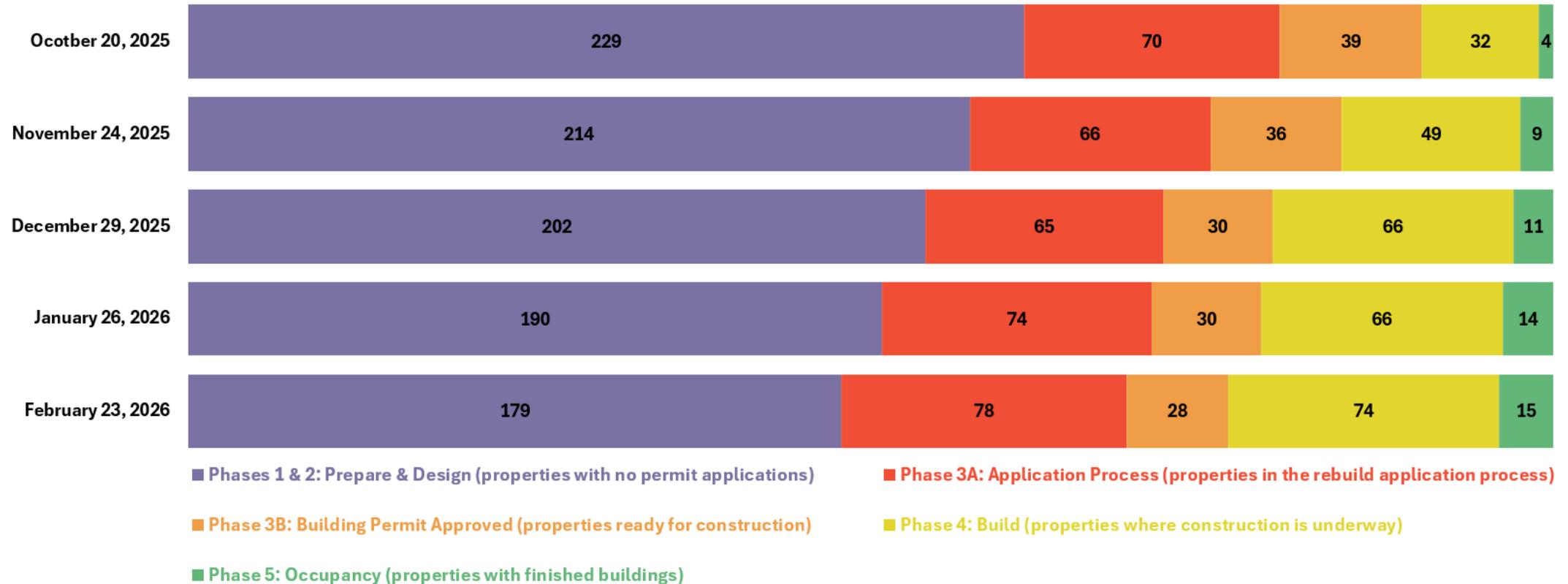


Updated: February 23, 2026 - Source: Parks Canada (Phases 1&2, 3A, 3B, and 5) and Municipality of Jasper (Phase 4)

*Of the 28 properties in Phase 3B, 15 have visible signs of construction work but have not yet poured foundation

REBUILDING HOMES AND BUSINESSES

Rebuild status over time of 374 fire-damaged properties within the Municipality of Jasper



Rebuild Challenges

Results gathered by Canadian Red Cross survey of 80 households in Phase 1 & 2 (conducted Jan 2026)

- Design Considerations
- Need to work through financial challenges
- Need to settle claims before obtaining building permits
- New lot owners not yet in a position to apply
- Geotechnical complexity

Status	%
Obtaining quotes for rebuilding	38%
Waiting for insurance decision	25%
No plan to rebuild but would like to	25%
Not sure what to do	5%
Relocating outside of Jasper	4%
Buying a new property (not rebuilding)	1%
Does not want to rebuild	1%

REBUILD – DWELLING UNITS

Updated February 23, 2026

Rebuilding properties in-town issued a building permit	# Dwelling units in rebuilding properties in-town issued a building permit		Rebuild dwelling units in-town complete for occupancy
117	262		14
	# Replacement Units	# Net New Units	
	194	68	

CURRENT PERMIT TIMELINES

Application category	January 13 to January 26, 2026	January 27 to February 9, 2026	February 10 to February 23, 2026
Complete and conforming	18 Business Days	18 Business Days	11 Business Days
Incomplete or minor non-conformance	21 Business Days	49 Business Days	-
Major non-conformance	62 Business Days	72 Business Days	53 Business Days

SOCIAL RECOVERY

- A Pathfinders Summit was held on February 24 to honour the 84 Jasper residents who have completed training to become Pathfinders
- Data analysis continues for the second recovery needs assessment in collaboration with the Canadian Red Cross. A report will be forthcoming in the coming weeks
- The JRCC is working with community partners on a Healing through Creative Expression Program for Spring 2026
- 82 submissions have been made to the Jasper Recovery Challenges online form. All of the 52 submissions requesting a response have received one

Our work on these programs supports the wellbeing of Jasperites while advancing our objectives of providing access to recovery supports and fostering community connection.

2-YEAR INSURANCE CLAIMS LIMITS

- Alberta's *Insurance Act (section 526)* stipulates a statutory limit of two-years post-event for the initiation of legal action against an insurer
- Insurers are required by law to provide written notification to the insured of this statutory limitation
- Insured parties with open claims are encouraged to request a voluntary extension of this deadline from their insurance provider in writing
- Insured parties who wish to dispute their claim must initiate a Statement of Claim prior to the 2-year statutory limit date
- In past wildfire recovery situations, the Alberta Superintendent of Insurance has provided official notice to insurance providers of the expectation that insurers will consider all request for a voluntary extensions in good faith
 - At the JRCC's request, the Alberta Superintendent of Insurance is preparing similar notice to insurance providers, as well as guidance to insured parties, for Jasper. This is expected in mid-March

ECONOMIC RECOVERY

Business Recovery Assessment & Planning

- Monitoring of overall business health and recovery progress is underway. JRCC outreach calls are in progress to collect updated recovery information and emerging support needs from physically fire-impacted businesses, while external business support partners are concurrently conducting similar engagement across the broader business community
- Planning continues in order to assess and modernize the Municipality of Jasper's Business Registry and Licensing System, to improve efficiency, compliance, and support for local businesses
- **Interim Industrial Park**
 - The Interim Industrial Park has reached full occupancy and continues to support fire-impacted businesses operating in the community. The program is still accepting applications for the waitlist
- **Pop-Up Village**
 - Planning for the 2026 full operating season (May–October) is underway. Space is still available for eligible businesses interested in participating. More information is available on the municipal website: www.jasper-alberta.ca/p/pop-up-village

Business Communication Tool

- The JRCC has launched the **Business Recovery Bulletin**, a tool to share business-focused recovery updates from the JRCC. Businesses can view the first edition and subscribe for future briefs by signing up for Engage Jasper, here: www.engagejasper.ca/jrcc-business-recovery-bulletin

Through these activities, we are revitalizing Jasper's economy; supporting businesses, attracting visitors, and restoring workforce capacity.

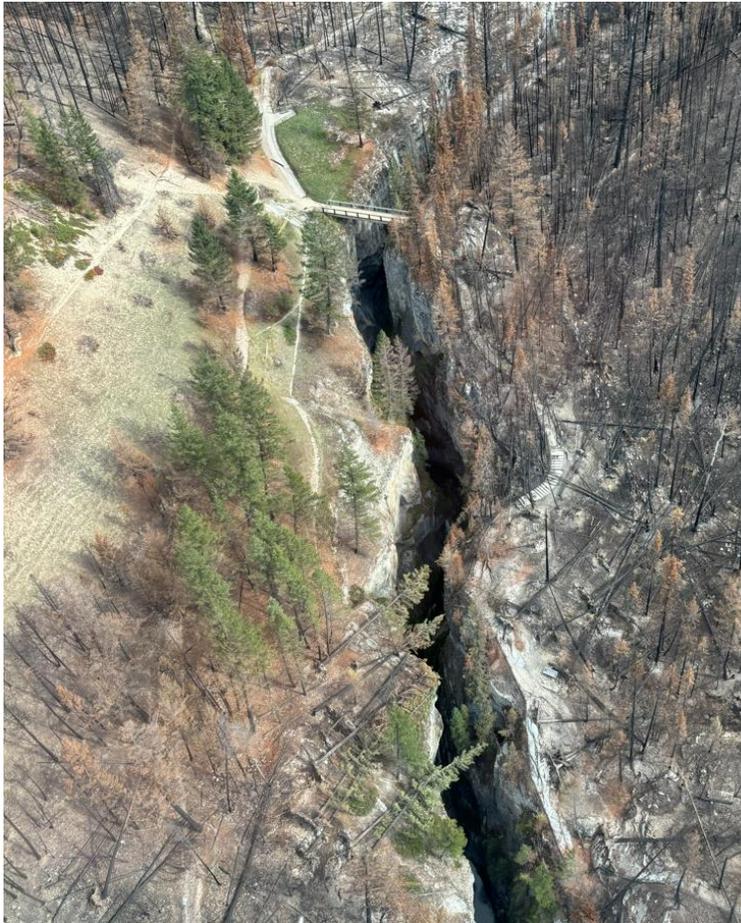


FOCUS ON PARK RECOVERY

RECOVERY PRIORITY #6

PARK RECOVERY – OUR ROLE

- Coordinate park-wide recovery to restore:
 - safe access
 - support ecological renewal
 - rebuild operationally efficient, climate-resilient infrastructure
- Advance ecosystem renewal by:
 - supporting natural processes
 - minimizing landscape impacts
 - applying ecological design standards to all rebuild projects



PARK RECOVERY – IMPACT OVERVIEW

- Jasper Wildfire 2024: 32,654 hectares
- Immediate safety risks included:
 - danger trees
 - slope instability
 - contamination, and
 - fire debris
- Detailed impact assessments were required to support safe reopening and recovery planning



PARK RECOVERY – IMPACT OVERVIEW

Parks Canada infrastructure impacts:

- **131** assets were a total loss
- **55** assets sustained major damage
- **85** assets sustained minor damage
- Assets lost included staff housing, campgrounds, visitor facilities, and bridges
- In addition, **142km** of trails and **95km** of roads were damaged



PARK RECOVERY – IMMEDIATE RESPONSE AND EARLY RECOVERY

Debris removal

- Mixed waste: 5,558 MT
- Concrete recycled: 636 MT
- Metal recycled: 113 MT
- Contaminated soil disposed: 6,603 MT
- Backfill imported and placed: 11,324 MT

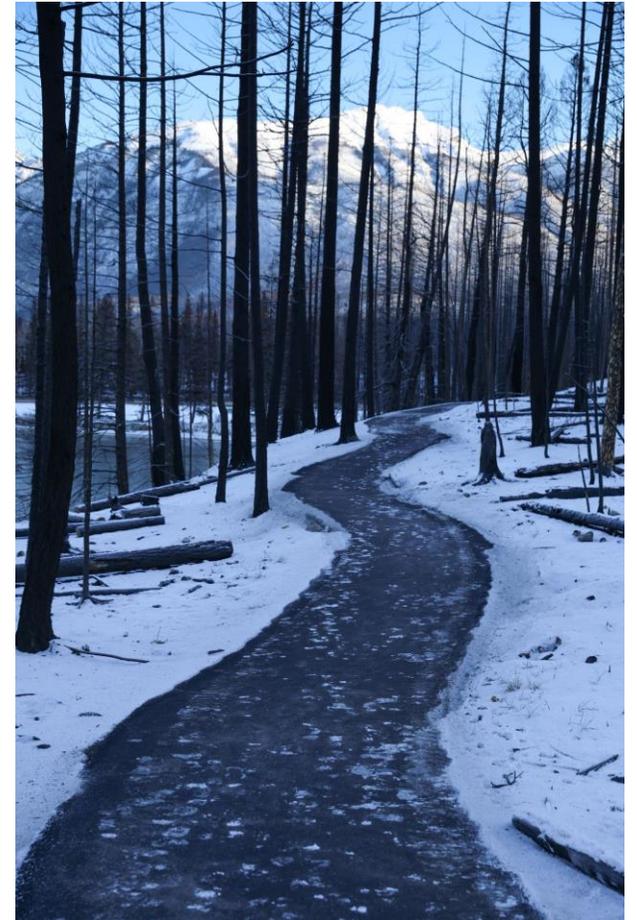
Danger trees

- Treated over 600 hectares
- Removed 500,000 danger trees



PARK RECOVERY – IMMEDIATE RESPONSE AND EARLY RECOVERY

- Hazard assessments and management completed before reopening areas
- Early reopening of high-priority and lower-impacted visitor areas
- Winter 2024 recreation opportunities restored: cross-country and backcountry skiing, alternative canyoning locations, access to Marmot Basin
- Facilities cleaned and prepped to ensure visitor safety
- Visitor communication tools launched: multimedia updates and “What’s Open in Jasper National Park” webpage
- Areas outside the fire perimeter reopened quickly: Columbia Icefields, Miette Hot Springs



PARK RECOVERY – TRAILS AND DAY USE AREAS

Roads and trails

 **112 km** of wildfire-impacted roadways cleared

 **69 km** of trails cleared

 Danger trees removed from roads, trails, and campsites



Campgrounds and facilities

 **1,215+** campsites cleared of hazard trees

 **6** footbridges replaced

 **165** picnic tables replaced

 **50+** fire pits replaced

 **175** campsite markers replaced

 **80+** signs/posts replaced (ongoing)

Visitor access and ongoing work

 **1,573** frontcountry campsites reopened (~75% capacity)

 All backcountry campsites reopened

 Spring/Summer 2025: most roads and day-use areas reopened (Whistlers Road, Horseshoe Lake)

 Ongoing: danger tree clearing, slope monitoring, hazard mitigation, visitor communications

 Damaged privies under construction, reopening spring 2026

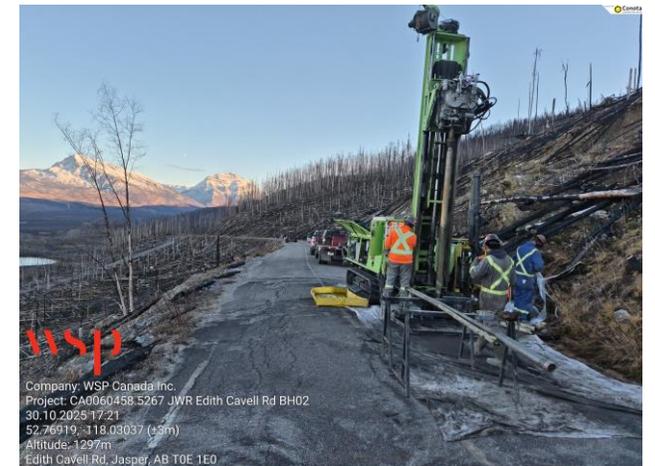
PARK RECOVERY – GEOTECHNICAL WORK

What's happening under the ground?

Site safety assessments underway (Maligne Canyon, Edith Cavell Road, Mile 5 Hill, Portal Creek), including:

- Geotechnical assessments to understand slope stability
- Hydrotechnical analysis to assess water flow and drainage impacts
- Safety audits to identify roadway mitigation needs
- Asset condition assessments (roads, culverts, guardrails, retaining structures, bridges)

Together, this information informs our plans for these areas.



PARK RECOVERY – INFRASTRUCTURE

- Wayfinding and visitor signage: 136 highway wayfinding signs and 142 campground signs to be replaced by spring 2026 to improve navigation and safety
- 8 privies to be replaced by spring 2026 at key day-use and visitor locations
- Facility repairs and rebuilding: park entry gate and staff housing to be rebuilt to restore operational capacity



PARK RECOVERY – VALLEY OF FIVE LAKES



- Planned reopening late spring 2026
- Trail users will enjoy:
 - a realigned section of trail with stunning new ridgeline views
 - improved signage for trail selection and wayfinding
 - upgraded trail surfaces with improved drainage
 - new rest areas with benches and picnic tables

Thank you, Friends of Jasper volunteers!

PARK RECOVERY - CAMPGROUNDS



- Spring/Summer 2025: 75% of frontcountry (1,573 campsites) and all backcountry campsites reopened
- Rebuild planning underway for heavily impacted campgrounds
- Planning underway for utility reconnection
- Overflow and extended-season camping added to maintain visitor access
- Whistlers Campground provides temporary accommodation for displaced residents and supports local businesses
- Camping and accommodation options available at Wabasso Campground and Kerkeslin Pit for the rebuild workforce

PARK RECOVERY – ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND NATURAL REGENERATION

- Restored disturbed areas by planting 18,000 native trees and 1,400 native grasses
- Ongoing invasive species control and ecological monitoring ensure long-term ecosystem health
 - Inventoried 49 hectares for invasive species presence
 - Manually removed and incinerated 4,875 kg of invasive plants
 - Installed three boot brush stations at trailheads
- Interpretive programs and visitor guidance promote responsible use and stewardship



PARK RECOVERY – FOCUS FOR 2026

- Trail reopenings planned: Valley of the Five Lakes, Wabasso Lake, Curator Trail
- Areas remaining closed: Cavell Road, Maligne Canyon (pending hazard removal and assessment)
- Campgrounds: Maintain 75% frontcountry and 100% backcountry capacity; rebuild continues on heavily impacted sites
- Wildlife and ecological monitoring ongoing: elk, deer, grizzly bears, bats, black swifts, whitebark pine
- Community and Indigenous engagement: continued input on recovery planning, cultural monitoring, and rebuild priorities
- Infrastructure planning, design and construction
- Stay informed: Most up-to-date information available through the park's "What's Open" resources; Park Recovery updates are available on the Jasper Recovery webpage





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Wildfire Risk Reduction: Jasper National Park

Building a More Wildfire-Resilient Jasper

March 3, 2026



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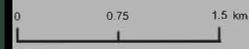
Discussion Topics:

1. Vegetation Management Project: 2026 Update
2. Reducing Risk & Enhancing Resilience: A Shared Responsibility
3. Recommendations for Consideration

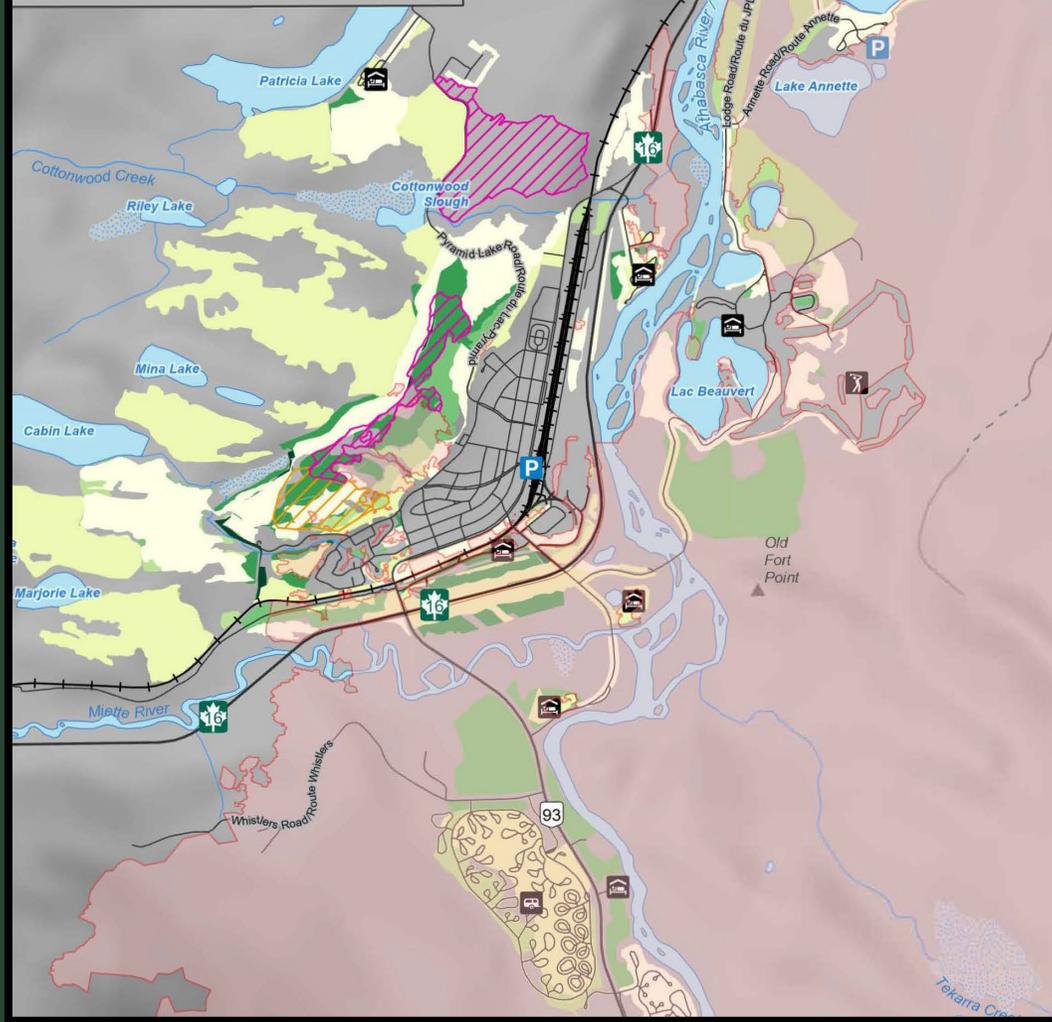
**Wildfire Risk Reduction Jasper National Park/
Réduction des risques d'incendie - parc national Jasper**

Previous fuel reduction work / Travaux
précédents de réduction du combustible
Treatment year / Année du traitement

Signal Mountain fireguard /
Coupe-feu du mont Signal
The 2024 Jasper Wildfire /
L'incendie de forêt de Jasper
2024



- Frontcountry campground /
Camping de l'avant-pays
- Accommodations /
Hébergements
- Golf course / Terrain de golf
- Road / Route
- Railway / Chemin de fer
- Mountain peak / Pic de
montagne
- Maintenance Unit / Unité de
maintenance 2026
- Planned Fuel Treatment Units /
Unités de traitement des
combustibles prévues 2026



Vegetation Management: 2026 Update





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REDUCING RISK AND ENHANCING RESILIENCE: A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

7 FireSmart Disciplines

Education

Emergency
Planning

Infrastructure &
Development

Cross-training

Policy &
Legislation

Vegetation
Management

Interagency
Cooperation

JASPER WILDFIRE: COMMUNITY IMPACT RESEARCH



Key Findings

- Fuel treatments measurably reduced fire intensity in treated areas
- Extreme conditions still enabled wildfire to reach developed areas
- Ember exposure was a primary driver of structure ignitions
- Building proximity and combustible features influenced spread

Why This Matters

- Vegetation management is effective and necessary
- Wildfire resilience depends on multiple, interconnected systems
- Long-term outcomes are shaped by landscape, structures, planning, and preparedness



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Infrastructure & Development

• Parks Canada Actions

- FireSmart assessments of federal buildings (Home Ignition Zone)
- Roof replacements & structural upgrades
- Structure protection systems will be installed

• Municipality of Jasper Actions

- Wildfire-resilient development guidelines
- ~150 residential assessments | 70 sprinkler kits acquired
- Critical infrastructure protection (Wastewater Plant, Fire Hall, Hospital planning)





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JASPER EVACUATION PLAN 2022 - DRAFT



Emergency Planning

2022 Draft Evacuation Plan – Review & Update Required

- **Focus Areas**

- Clarified ownership and governance
- Consistent planning and timely implementation
- Increased readiness under evolving conditions
- Coordinated response during emergency incidents



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Intra- & Inter-Agency Cooperation

- **Scientific & Strategic Alignment**
 - Multidisciplinary expert review informing wildfire risk reduction
 - Evidence-based prioritization across FireSmart disciplines
- **Parks Canada & Municipality of Jasper**
 - Townsite Wildfire Resilience Plan
 - Alignment of goals within jurisdictional authorities
 - Defined shared priorities and roles
- **Strategic Partners**
 - Provincial wildfire agencies (Alberta & British Columbia)
 - NRCan / Canadian Forest Service risk framework



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Building a More Wildfire-Resilient Jasper

- **What We Know**
 - Vegetation management is effective — and must be maintained
 - Wildfire resilience extends beyond landscape fuels
 - Fire weather conditions are changing
- **What Strengthens Resilience**
 - Continued inter-agency collaboration
 - Infrastructure hardening and structural protection
 - Clear governance and coordinated emergency planning
 - Evidence-based, long-term decision-making
- **Moving Forward**
 - Sustain momentum across all FireSmart disciplines
 - Protect rebuilding investments through proactive risk reduction
 - Maintain a prevention–mitigation–resilience mindset



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* AI Generated image; actual sprinkler implementation will not match this image.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Christopher Read, Director March 3, 2026

Across the Department

- ❖ Staff turnover and staff vacancies remain our biggest challenge. Other job opportunities outside and within the MoJ, high cost of living, housing insecurity, and continued personal impacts from the wildfire are the main reasons given.

Wildflowers Childcare and Out of School Care

- ❖ Cristin Murphy has been hired as the Childcare Services Manager, bringing that team back to full strength.
 - Welcome aboard Cristin!
- ❖ Space Creation grant is approved, will bring ~22 new spaces in ~18 months.
- ❖ Waitlist/spaces available still a challenge for the community, but modifications and clarity in the waitlist program are underway, and we continue to work the Jasper Community Childcare Strategy to increase capacity.

Activity Centre, Parks, and Arena/Curling

- ❖ Pet Park solution is in development, expecting a pilot project to roll out before spring.
- ❖ Jasper Tennis Association and Operations working with us to rehabilitate our existing tennis courts and install new pickleball courts in the old skate park area - hoping for construction the spring of 2026.
- ❖ Ice will go out April 8th, as we do not have any tournaments booked in April. We have been contacting all former renters, and if some bookings materialize, we will of course revisit the closing date.
- ❖ Many new programs in the facility thanks to both internal Community Programming and external partners (IE movement collective, minor sports, etc.)
- ❖ New Outside Air Quality meter installed in the lobby, it's a very neat and immediate way to see what the air quality is in the community in real time!

Fitness and Aquatic Centre

- ❖ Facility busy with child, youth, and adult programming – swimming, aquafit, spin cycle, climbing, volleyball, and partnering with Outreach for many KAOS and Rec Room events.
- ❖ Fitness Centre piloting EARLY BIRD 6am opening Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday – with enough demand we will keep that time open.

Outreach, Settlement, and Mini-CD

- ❖ Another amazing quarter of support and programs, in collaboration with our many funders, especially the Jasper Community Team Society, with nearly \$1M in direct support given to residents over the last year.
- ❖ Black History Month programming out now, check out our website for more info.
- ❖ TRENDS: continued reports of stress around immigration, interim and regular housing, food insecurity, employment and hours of work, smoky conditions, and navigating the re-build process.
- ❖ Community Dinners off to another fantastic start, averaging 500-600 people each Sunday.
- ❖ Community Conversations well attended to start the year.

Stories of Gratitude from the Front Line:

- ❖ Glenda's Soup Kitchen continues to draw residents in for a meal and conversation weekdays from 11am to 7pm (Fun Fact: the soup kitchen serves up 40 litres of soup per day! That's about 120 bowls!)
- ❖ There were 15 hardy souls waiting at 0600 for the first day of early bird fitness centre opening!
- ❖ Staff continue to be recognized by the community in small and large ways, like simple notes and messages of thanks for all that they do. The front line continues as ever to make a difference in community, especially around creating a sense of belonging and safety every day. Well done one and all!

AGENDA ITEM 6.3

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



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.~~

Corrected information: the opening balance of the Utility Capital Reserve in 2026, as identified in the 2026–2028 Budget document, is \$1,911,574. The 2026 year-end projections for the Utility Capital Reserve, after contributions to and from reserves, is approximately \$4.4M. Should the proposed allocation of \$1,230,000 be funded by reserves, the 2026 year-end projection would be approximately \$3.2M.