

Municipality of Jasper
Committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda

August 11, 2026 | 9:30 am

Jasper Library & Cultural Centre – Quorum Room

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1. Call to order Deputy Mayor Rodger to chair meeting

2. Additions to agenda

3. Approval of agenda

3.1 August 11, 2026 Committee of the Whole agenda attachment

4. July 14, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes attachment

4.1 Business arising from minutes

5. Delegations

6. Correspondence

6.1 Mark Maki, Chief Executive Officer - Trans Mountain attachment

7. New business

7.1 Church Lands Redevelopment Update attachment

7.2 2026 Community Conversations Interim Report attachment

7.3 Dinnerware, Jasper Activity Centre Community Kitchen attachment

7.4 Wastewater Treatment Plant Emergency Storage/Lagoon Re-commissioning attachment

7.5 Future Ownership of CorCan Housing Units attachment

8. Motion Action List attachment

9. Councillor upcoming meetings

10. Upcoming events

Legislative Committee Meeting – 10:30am, August 18, Quorum Room

Communities in Bloom Judges in Jasper – September 10

Jasper Folk Music Festival – September 11 & 12, Commemoration Park

Alberta Municipalities Convention – September 23-25, Edmonton Convention Centre Library

& Cultural Centre Anniversary – 6pm-9pm, October 2, Jasper Library & Cultural Centre

11. In Camera

11.1 Labour Relations - ATIA s. 29(1)(b), 29(1)(c)

12. Adjournment

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AGENDA ITEM 4.1

Municipality of Jasper
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 14, 2026 | 9:30am
Jasper Library & Cultural Centre, Quorum Room

Virtual viewing and participation	Council attendance is in Council chambers at the Jasper Library & Cultural Centre. This meeting was also conducted virtually and available for public livestreaming through Zoom. Public viewing during Council meetings is through both Zoom livestreaming and in-person attendance. Public participation is facilitated through in-person attendance.		
Present	Mayor Richard Ireland, Deputy Mayor Laurie Rodger, Councillors Wendy Hall, Ralph Melnyk, Danny Frechette, Kathleen Waxer, and Kable Kongsrud		
Absent	none		
Also present	Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer Christopher Read, Director of Community Development Doug Olthof, Director of Recovery Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance & Administration Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator Bob Covey, The Jasper Local 8 observers		
Call to Order	Deputy Mayor Rodger called the July 14, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 9:30am and reminded all that the statutory 2-year insurance deadline for claims from the 2024 wildfire is next week.		
Additions/deletions to the agenda	Councillor Kongsrud requested that Committee add a discussion about residential parking to the agenda.		
Approval of agenda #315/26	MOTION by Councillor Frechette that Committee approve the agenda for the July 14, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting as amended: • Add 7.7 Residential Parking		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillor	CARRIED
Business arising from minutes	Mayor Ireland shared that he has not yet written to the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services as captured in the minutes, but will be shortly.		
Delegations	none		
Correspondence	none		
Jasper Cenotaph Update	Committee received a report from Administration regarding the Jasper Cenotaph and work ongoing with the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #31. Director of Community Development Christopher Read reviewed the report and shared progress made since the topic was first raised at budget discussions.		

#316/26 MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee receive the report for information, and direct Administration to continue to support the Legion with the Jasper Cenotaph Project.

FOR	AGAINST	
7 Councillors	0 Councillor	CARRIED

Unsolicited Committee received a draft policy for considerations regarding unsolicited donations
Donations Policy made to the Municipality of Jasper. Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance &
Administration, reviewed the draft policy and topic which was previously discussed at the
March 24, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting.

#317/26 MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee recommend Council approve the Unsolicited
Donations Policy with the following amendment:

- Amend definition of unsolicited donations to read, “Unsolicited Financial Donation” means money voluntarily given to the Municipality without having been identified by the donor with a fundraising campaign, sponsorship program, grant application, or other formal solicitation process.”

FOR	AGAINST	
7 Councillors	0 Councillor	CARRIED

Audit Services RFP Committee received a request for decision regarding audit services. Ms. Malenchak
Award reviewed the contents of the RFP, scoring methods, and recommendations.

#318/26 MOTION by Councillor Melnyk that Committee recommend Council approve the award of
the 5-year Audit Services agreement to MNP for the term of August 1, 2026 to July 31,
2031.

FOR	AGAINST	
7 Councillors	0 Councillor	CARRIED

Yellowhead CAO Bill Given reviewed a request for decision regarding a Yellowhead Regional Library
Regional Library Municipal Levy Increase and options available to Council.

Municipal Levy MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee recommend Council approve the proposed
Increase increase to the Yellowhead Regional Library municipal levy and conduct a special Council
#319/26 meeting before the summer break to formalize the approval.

FOR	AGAINST	
7 Councillors	0 Councillor	CARRIED

Section 194(4) of the Municipal Government Act (MGA), RSA 2000, Chapter M-26 provides: (4) A special council meeting may be held with less than 24 hours’ notice to all councillors and without notice to the public if at least 2/3 of the whole council agrees to this in writing before the beginning of the meeting.

The Mayor received written agreement; which is attached to the minutes of the Special meeting, from all seven members of Council to conduct a Special meeting for the purpose of passing a resolution regarding the Yellowhead Regional Library municipal levy increase.

Recess

Deputy Mayor Rodger called a recess from 10:13am to 10:23pm to conduct a Special Council meeting in regards to the Yellowhead Regional Library item.

Jasper Recovery
Coordination
Centre Year 2
Progress Report
#322/26

Committee received a revised Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre Year 2 Progress Report after having received a first draft at the June 23, 2026 Committee meeting. Director of Recovery Doug Olthof reviewed updates made to the first draft.

MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee receive the Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre Year 2 Progress Report for information.

FOR

AGAINST

7 Councillors

0 Councillor

CARRIED

Jasper Municipal
Housing
Corporation -
Annual Written
Shareholder
Resolution
#323/26

Committee received documents from the Jasper Municipal Housing Corporation (JMHC) Board. The JMHC Board passed its annual director resolutions at the June 25, 2026 JMHC Board Meeting. At the July 9, 2026 JMHC Annual Shareholder Meeting the Corporation provided a review of the proposed Annual Written Shareholder Resolution, the 2025 Audited Financial Statements and the JMHC 2025 Annual Report.

MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee recommend Council authorize the Jasper Municipal Housing Corporation Annual Written Shareholder Resolution as presented; and

That Committee recommend Council receive the Jasper Municipal Housing Corporation 2025 Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements for information.

FOR

AGAINST

7 Councillors

0 Councillor

CARRIED

Residential
Parking

Committee discussed the item on residential parking which Councillor Kongsrud had requested to add to the agenda.

#324/26

MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee direct Administration to circulate to all Councillors any information regarding residential parking which was made available to previous Council; and

That Committee direct Administration to provide an update regarding future residential parking plans at a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

FOR

AGAINST

7 Councillors

0 Councillor

CARRIED

Motion Action List

Administration reviewed the Motion Action List.

#325/26

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

- Royal Canadian Legion Branch #31
- Unsolicited Donations
- Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre Year 2 Progress Report

And date changes for:

- Recovery Advisory Committee Terms of Reference
- Indigenous Relations Framework

FOR

7 Councillors

AGAINST

0 Councillors

CARRIED

Councillor
upcoming
meetings

Councillor Frechette will be meeting with the Communities in Bloom Committee this Friday.

Councillor Melnyk will be at a Jasper Partnership Initiative meeting on July 29th.

Councillors Waxer and Melnyk plan to attend the event from 2pm-6pm at Commemoration Park, July 22nd to recognize two years since the 2024 Jasper wildfire.

Mayor Ireland and Councillor Waxer will be at a media event for the Jasper Food Bank on the afternoon of July 29th.

Mayor Ireland reminded all that it is the 25-year anniversary of the Municipality of Jasper incorporation on July 20, 2026.

Upcoming Events

Council reviewed a list of upcoming events.

Adjournment
#326/26

MOTION by Councillor Frechette that, there being no further business, the Committee of the Whole meeting of July 14, 2026 be adjourned at 11:24am.

FOR

7 Councillors

AGAINST

0 Councillors

CARRIED

August 6, 2026

Sent Via Email

Mayor and Council
Municipality of Jasper
500 Robson Street
Jasper, AB T0E 1E0
Info@jasper-alberta.ca

Dear Mayor and Council,

On July 2, 2026, the Government of Canada officially referred the proposed West Coast Oil Pipeline Project (the Project) to the Major Projects Office (MPO). Also on July 2, 2026, the Government of Canada and the Alberta Government announced that the Project will be advanced by a new joint venture with the Alberta Petroleum Marketing Commission, Pembina Pipeline Corporation and Trans Mountain Corporation, who will lead Project development and execution. Together this group brings world-class expertise in pipeline design, construction and operation.

The referral seeks a designation of this proposed project as a project of national interest by October 1, 2026. Should the Project proceed, Trans Mountain will serve as the Project's developer responsible for construction of the Project, the regulatory process, Indigenous engagement and stakeholder engagement and will also be responsible for the subsequent operation of the asset.

The Proposed Project Corridor

The Project is in the early stages of development with additional regulatory processes to follow. The final corridor and route remain to be determined and will continue to be developed through the next stages of the Project. Detailed routing will continue to be refined through engagement with Indigenous groups, local stakeholders, landowners, environmental review, as well as engineering design.

The proposed corridor identified in Alberta's submission has been identified along the Trans Mountain pipeline system and is designed to follow existing disturbances where possible. In Alberta, the Project corridor originates near Bruderheim and then joins the existing Trans Mountain pipeline system near Wabamun and follows this corridor to the Alberta-BC Border. In BC, the Project corridor generally follows the existing Trans Mountain pipeline system between the Alberta-BC border and Hope, BC. The corridor deviates from the Trans Mountain route near Hope due to the location of the delivery terminal and marine facility, which is proposed to be in the Delta, BC area.

Current information regarding the proposed route can be found in Alberta's submission that can be accessed [here](#). Further engagement on the proposed route would occur following listing of the Project as a national interest project.

Next Steps

The Government of Canada has stated it will make a determination on the national interest listing by October 1, 2026. The core criteria the MPO will look at are:

1. Strengthening Canada's autonomy, resilience and security;

2. Providing economic or other benefits to Canada;
3. Having a high likelihood of successful execution;
4. Advancing the interests of Indigenous Peoples; and
5. Contributing to clean growth and to Canada's objectives with respect to climate change.

Should the project receive listing as a project of national interest, Trans Mountain, on behalf the Project, will commence engagement on the Project directly.

Our relationship with you and your community is very important to Trans Mountain. We are just at the beginning of the conversation, we look forward to working with you on this proposed Project. Any questions you have at this time can be sent to WestCoast@transmountain.com.

Sincerely,



Chief Executive Officer
Trans Mountain

.cc Chief Administrative Officer Bill Given
.cc Lexa Hobenshield, Director External Relations Trans Mountain

AGENDA ITEM 7.1

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Subject: Church Lands Redevelopment Update
From: Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer
Prepared by: Beth Sanders RPP, Director of Urban Design and Standards
Reviewed by: Leanne Pelletier, Housing Manager
Micheal Borland RPP, Town Planner
Date: August 11, 2026



Recommendation:

- That Committee receive the Church Lands Redevelopment Update for information.

Alternatives:

- That Committee direct Administration to inform the Anglican Church and United Church that the municipality does not wish to proceed with exploring redevelopment of the properties.

Background:

- The 2024 Jasper Wildfire destroyed the Anglican Church and United Church structures located at the corner of 301 Miette Avenue (Block C), and 701 Turret Street (Block 2, Lot R9).
- On December 9, 2025, Committee of the Whole directed Administration to identify an opportunity to partner with the congregations and report back.
- On January 13, 2026, Committee directed Administration to prepare a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Anglican Church and the United Church and return to a future meeting.
- On April 14, 2026, Committee of the Whole directed Administration to enter into the MOU as proposed.
- From June 4, 2026, to July 5, 2026, online and in-person community engagement was conducted to gather community ideas about how the lands can be used for community benefit.

Discussion:

The Diocese of Edmonton (Anglican Church) and the United Church of Canada have contributed funds to retain the services of an external consultant to assist the local congregations with redevelopment decision-making. Administration has worked with the representatives of the Anglican Church and the United Church, and their representative (Anna Bubel of Another Way Consulting), to advance redevelopment of the two church sites.

The Anglican and United Churches have faithfully served the community of Jasper, and visitors, for approximately 100 years. Both congregations hope to leave a legacy for future generations and rebuild in a way that could include a multi-faith worship space, multi-purpose community space, community group offices, and housing.

The MOU signed in April 2026 establishes an expectation that the parties will explore how to use the site to support a small set of generalized uses including but not limited to; Multifaith worship space, Housing (including below-market and /or market seniors' housing) and Community services.

Community Engagement

On June 18 and 19, 2026, 46 people participated in two in-person workshops, held to explore the possibilities for redevelopment of the church lands. In addition, opportunities for virtual engagement were provided on the Engage Jasper webpage.

Nine people contributed to the online public forum. Three people shared their input in other ways (1 prepared a model and a conceptual design study they had prepared for the reconstruction of the Anglican Church, 1 shared ideas through a letter, and 1 shared images of a possible memorial through an email.)

Highlights of community sentiment:

- Prior to the fire, the church sites provided vital contributions to community life in Jasper:
 - Ceremonies
 - Community safety, emergency response
 - Gathering space
 - Faith/worship space
 - Food gatherings, programs, and supports
 - History
 - Music and art space
 - Sales of community goods
 - Youth programs and groups
- At a minimum, the church sites should continue to contribute to community life.
- Additional possibilities for redevelopment of the church sites include:
 - Community centre/hall
 - Multi-purpose flexible performance space
 - Seniors’ centre
 - Housing (i.e., vestry, seniors, families, special needs)
 - Memorial for the 2024 wildfire
 - Memorial for Morgan Kitchen
 - Garden space
 - Outdoor event space (farmers’ market, etc.)
- While many participants seem to be interested in turning the ruins of the St. Mary and St. George Anglican Church into a memorial to the fire, a few want to restore the church to its historical form.

Bishop Stephen London has advised that the Anglican Church does not require the worship space to be a standalone structure and will not preemptively decide construction and design details for the project (Attachment 3).

Project Update

At Committee of the Whole on April 14, 2026, Administration proposed four actions after signing the MOU. The four actions and their status are noted below:

ACTIONS (identified on April 14, 2026)		ACTIONS TAKEN
1	Community engagement and conceptual design.	Initial community engagement is complete. Conceptual design will be informed by engagement and initial work done by the churches.
2	Preparation of a term sheet.	Complete.

3	Approval of major components for the term sheet.	The approach has been adjusted. Since the task focuses on establishing shared understanding of administrative details, Council will be presented with a draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) rather than a term sheet.
4	Final approval of the term sheet.	Formal approval will come to Council as an MOA and a proposed lease transfer, as applicable.

Next Steps

Following community engagement, the project will proceed through two distinct planning stages: *Development Planning* and *Construction Planning*. In each stage, there are tasks that are shared between the Churches and the Municipality and tasks that are explicitly within the domain of one party or the other. There are also steps that will require formal approval of Council.

DEVELOPMENT Planning (to determine high-level financial viability)		Churches	Municipality
1	Prepare a development concept design		
2	Prepare a conceptual pro forma		
3	Determine an ownership model for worship space (rent or own)		
4	Prepare a high-level feasibility assessment		
5	Prepare the terms of a Memorandum of Agreement by January 2027 (the nature of the proposed land transfer)	★ Subject to formal approvals	
6	Determine necessary lease requirements with Parks Canada		MOJ will initiate
7	Determine if proceeding to construction planning		
8	Sign lease transfer documents by April 2027	★ Subject to formal approvals	

Administration anticipates that a Memorandum of Agreement will include the terms for the lease transfer, subject to the approval of Council and the Anglican Church and United Church. This approach will ensure that all parties are clear about whether they wish to proceed with a construction project, and the terms of the project.

Should a Memorandum of Agreement be approved by Council and Church representatives, the parties will undertake Construction planning activities.

CONSTRUCTION Planning (to determine financial viability)		Churches	Municipality
1	Prepare design drawings		
2	Engage community on building use and conceptual design		
3	Prepare a detailed feasibility study to determine if proceeding		
4	Sign agreements and contracts between the parties	★ Subject to formal approvals	
5	Identify funds for the project	Provide support	
6	Prepare final design and drawings to proceed with permit applications and costing documents	Provide support	
7	Decide to proceed to construction		

Receiving this report for information allows Administration and the Churches to continue development planning without committing the Municipality to construction or a land transfer. The phased approach provides an opportunity to assess the development concept, governance model, financial feasibility, lease requirements, and proposed terms before any binding decisions are made.

The next item Council can expect to see is the draft Memorandum of Agreement in early 2027.

The alternative of ending the partnership at this stage would conclude further exploration of community, worship, and housing uses on the properties.

Strategic Relevance:

- Maintain our system of community-based social infrastructure.
- Leverage recreational and cultural opportunities and spaces to increase community connection.
- Facilitate development of diverse housing options to meet community needs.
- Align land use decisions to local priorities.
- Foster public engagement and informed dialogue to strengthen trust and clarity.
- Nurture relationships that advance the community's interests.

Inclusion Considerations:

The proposed Memorandum of Understanding supports an exploration between the Municipality and two faith-based organizations with deep historical roots in the community. A shared approach to redevelopment may create future opportunities to incorporate inclusive uses, such as multi-faith space, non-market housing, or community programming, that would provide broad benefits to the community for generations.

Relevant Legislation:

- Community Sustainability Plan
- Jasper Land Use Policy

Financial:

The development planning steps can be carried out within the existing approved budget, and no additional resources are needed. Should Council choose to proceed with construction planning (in the future), there will be capital budget implications.

Attachments:

1. Memorandum of Understanding (April 9, 2026)
2. Bishop Stephen London's statement (June 25, 2026)
3. [Click link here to read](#) - "What We Heard Report—Church Site Redevelopment", July 2026

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

April ____, 2026

1. Purpose of this document

The terms and conditions outlined below have been prepared solely to outline a potential basis upon which the Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton, the Anglican Parish of St. Mary and St. George, the United Church of Canada along with the Jasper United Church (“Churches”) together with the Municipality of Jasper (“MOJ”) hereinafter referred to as the “Parties” may enter into an agreement to facilitate financing, building, operating and managing of a multi-purpose, community-benefitting development (the “Project”).

These terms and conditions are for discussion purposes only and do not, at this time, represent an offer or commitment on behalf of the Parties to enter into a transaction or business relationship. A formal commitment in respect of the terms and conditions would require a satisfactory due diligence review and authorization of the proposed transactions or business relationship by the Parties.

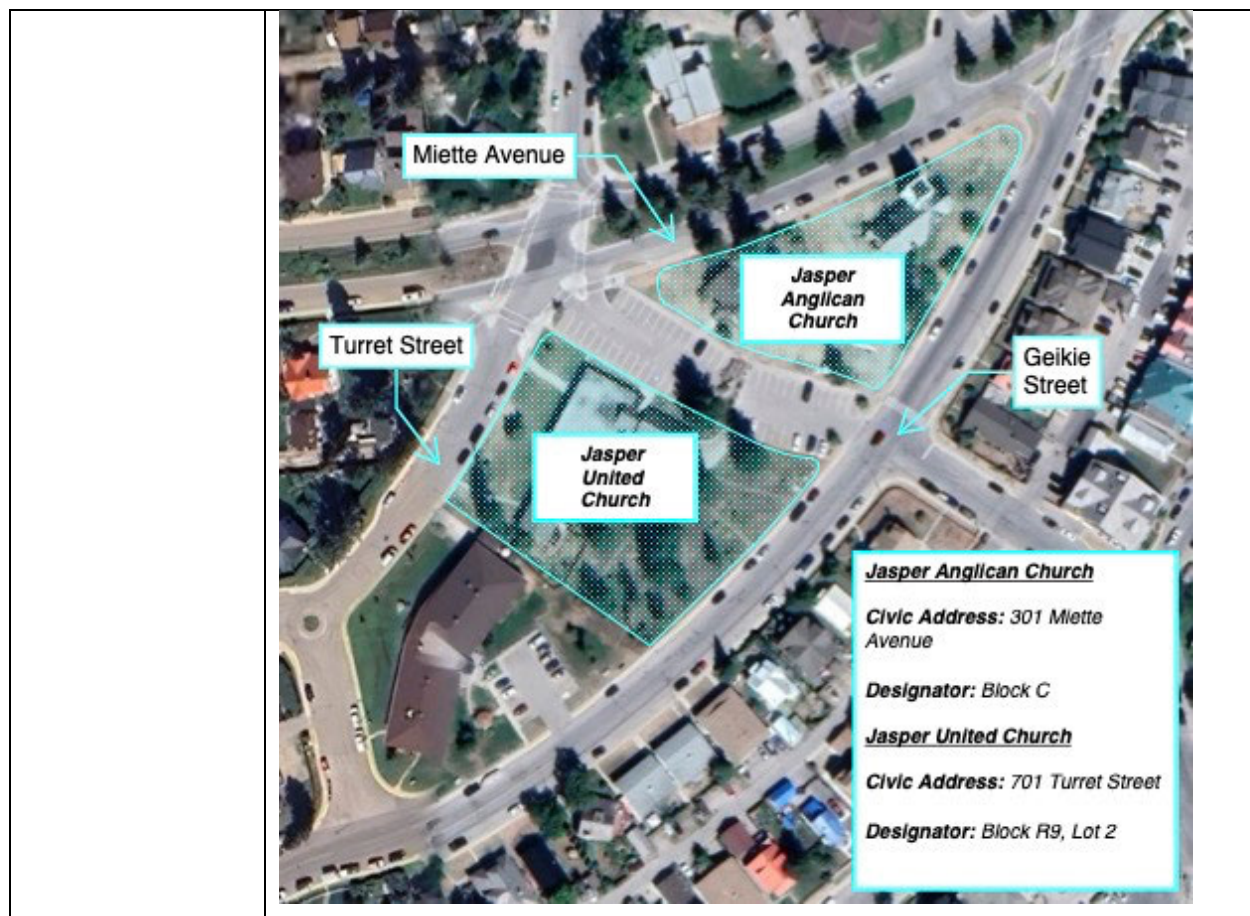
2. Project Description

The Project refers to the development, construction, ownership, and operation of multipurpose community-benefitting buildings, including but not limited to multifaith worship space, housing units (including affordable and not for profit seniors housing) and community services at the following legal parcels Block C, Plan 37651 CLSR (Anglican Church) and Lot 2, Block R9, Plan 53563 CLSR (United Church) (the “Project”).

The output for this phase of the Project is confirmation of whether the Parties wish to proceed with any transactions or business relationship as outlined in this MOU.

1. NO → No further action is required; or
2. YES → A Term Sheet is prepared for approval of the Parties’ appropriate decision-makers.

A conceptual diagram reflecting workflow after the MOU is included in APPENDIX A: Redevelopment Process.



3. Parties and Roles

Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton, Anglican Parish of St. Mary and St. George along with the United Church of Canada, Jasper United Church
(“Churches”)

The Church’s responsibilities include):

- Contribute land (as Lessees) of the two properties) and make equity contributions to the Project. in both the predevelopment and development phases;
- Actively support the pursuit of grant funding and philanthropic capital for the Project; and
- Be materially involved in determining the feasibility and conceptual design of the Project as a whole, as well as the design of the multifaith worship space in particular.

Municipality of Jasper (“MOJ”)

The MOJ is the potential recipient of land and equity, which it would use to develop, build, manage and operate the Project. Responsibilities include:

- Coordinate municipal and federal approvals;
- Confirm which entity/entities will enter into a legal agreement for the Project (Municipality of Jasper and/or the Jasper Municipal Housing Corporation);
- Conduct community engagement;

	• Oversee the overall design, feasibility assessment and financing of the Project; • Shepherd the permitting, construction and project management of the Project (including negotiating all lease agreements, transfers, consolidations, subdivision and permissions from Parks Canada); and • Operation and management of the Project once complete.
4. Shared Purposes	In addition to rebuilding a worship space, the Parties also intend for the Project to have broader community significance by: • Advancing new and innovative practices to leverage Church land to accelerate the development of community infrastructure and housing; • Develop a sustainable, financial, legal and operating model that is a gift to future generations and a legacy from our two Churches; and • Honour the history and legacy of the Churches in the Jasper community on this site and the tragedy of the 2024 wildfire.
5. Development of a Term Sheet and Land Transfer Agreements	On signing the MOU, the Parties will develop a Term Sheet, including (but not limited to) or supported by the following contents as determined by the Churches and MoJ: ○ Definition of terms, such as “materially involved” ○ Terms and conditions of eventual (lease assignment) agreements ○ Confirmation of possible future uses on the site, and a process should the MoJ wish to change the uses of the site ○ Feasibility study (conceptual design, conceptual pro forma) ○ Potential financing (loans, grants, philanthropic capital, etc.) ○ Cash contributions (uses, amounts and dispersal timelines) ○ Confirmation of Parks Canada terms for the lease assignment ○ Approach to ownership of the Project – in whole or in part ○ Approach to operation of the future multifaith worship space (post construction) ○ A “process charter” that will outline roles and responsibilities during various phases, and will articulate degrees of participation and/or decision-making after a lease assignment is executed ○ Determination of lease value ○ Timelines and key milestones
6. Decision-Making Lines of Authority	Both parties will respect the lines of authority and decision-making requirements of each other’s respective governance bodies.
7. Withdrawal	Either party may withdraw from this Memorandum of Understanding with 90 days notice until such time as the Lease Assignment Agreement is signed.

8. Term	This MOU shall come into force and effect as of the date it is signed by the Parties and shall continue in force until the earlier of signing of either the Lease Assignment Agreement or December 31, 2026 unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties.
9. Expenses	Until the Lease Assignment Agreement is signed, each Party will be responsible for its own internal and external costs. Predevelopment expenses may be reimbursed should the Project proceed and grant funds cover these expenses.

The Parties agree to the terms and intent of this Memorandum of Understanding effective ____, 2026.



Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton

April 15, 2026

Date



United Church of Canada

April 16, 2026

Date

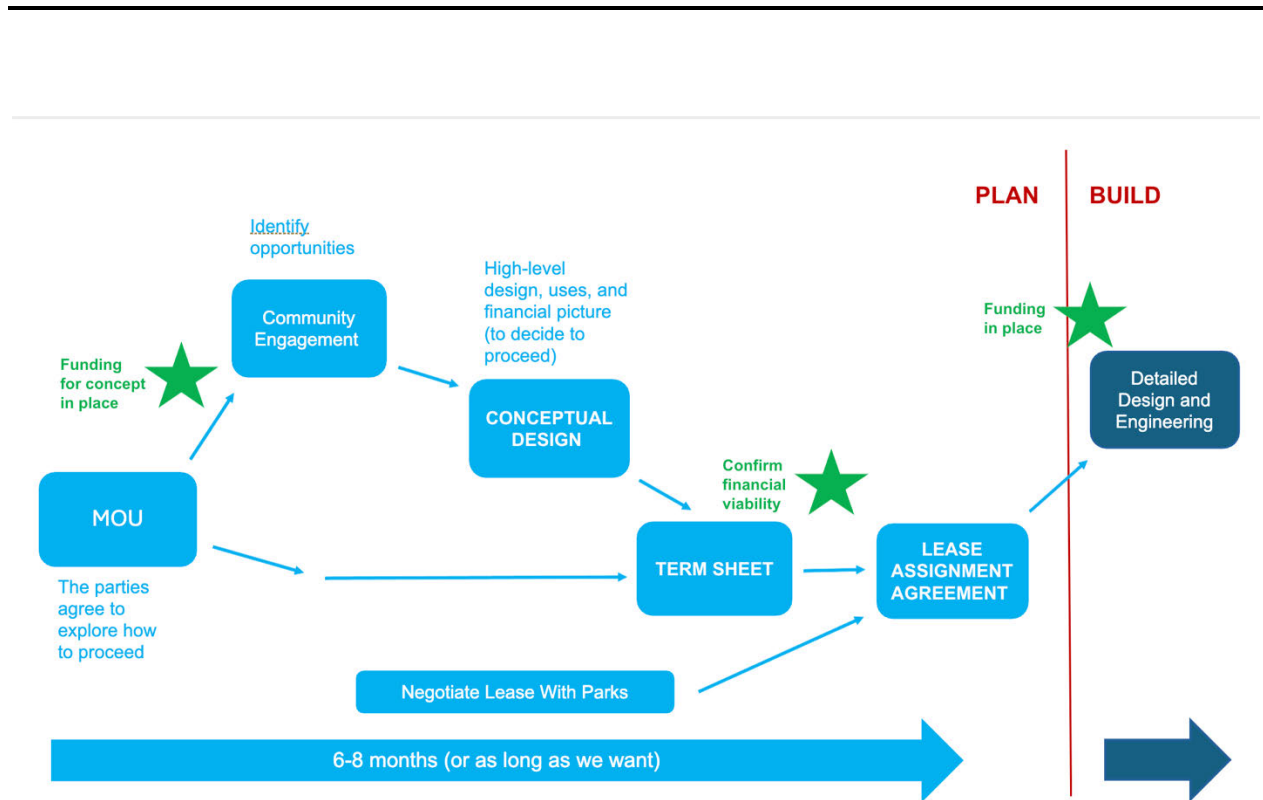
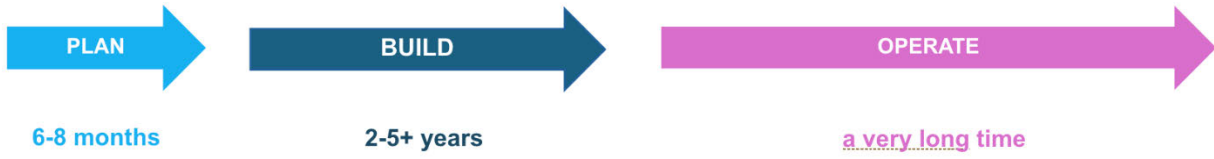


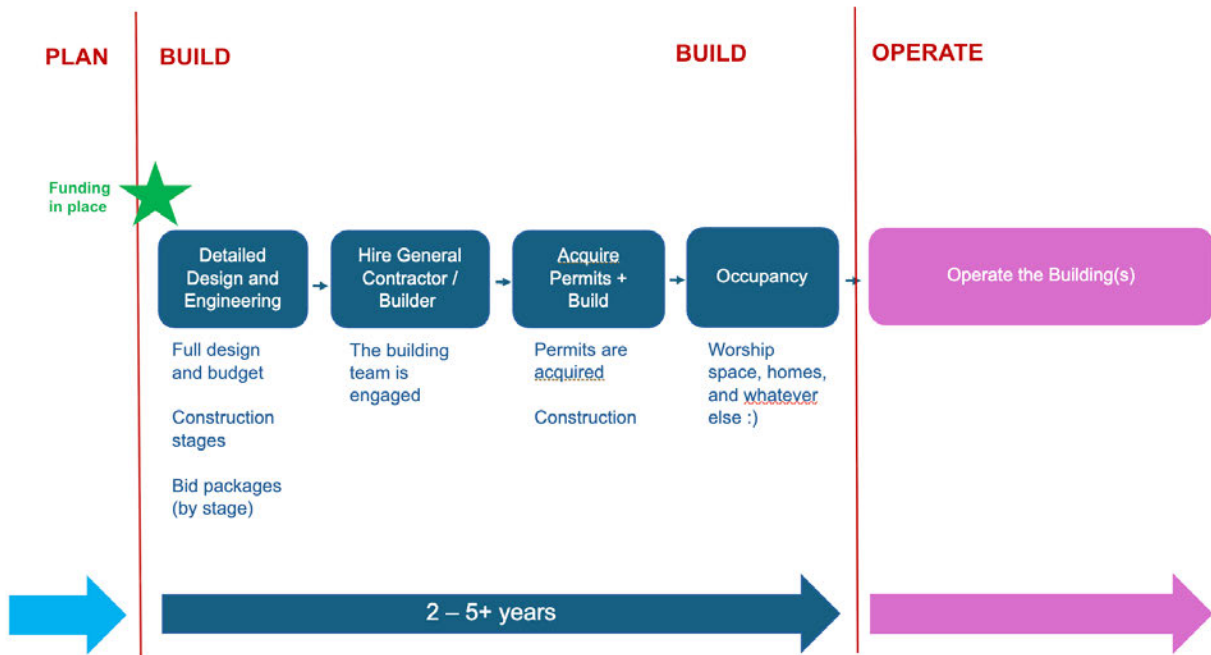
Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer
Municipality of Jasper

2026-04-14

Date

APPENDIX A – REDEVELOPMENT PROCESS





[REDACTED]

From: Bishop Stephen London <Bishop@edmonton.anglican.ca>

Date: Thursday, June 25, 2026 at 3:07 PM

[REDACTED]

Cc: Beth Sanders <BSanders@jasper-alberta.ca>; Azbubel <Azbubel@telus.net>

Subject: RE: [REDACTED] Anglican Church rebuild

Statement from the Anglican Church about the rebuilding of St Mary and St George Anglican Church in Jasper:

The wildfire in July of 2024 was a tragedy that deeply changed the town of Jasper. A particular part of the sadness for the Anglicans was having to watch our beautiful historic church of St Mary and St George burn to the ground. We received messages from around the world from people who were praying for the town of Jasper and particularly for the parishioners of the church. This was a shared tragedy with our siblings in Christ at Jasper United Church.

Since that time, we have been in significant conversation with our Anglican parishioners and with our partners in the United Church about what a rebuild would look like. We hired the consultant, Anna Bubel, of *Another Way Consulting*, to help facilitate these conversations. From the beginning, we decided that we wanted to work with community partners to build something that would be of benefit not only to the churches but to the entire community of Jasper. It is in that spirit that we are excited to have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Municipality of Jasper towards a potential rebuild that will take place on the properties of the Anglican and United Churches. At this time, it is premature to speculate about what a future facility may look like. It is not our requirement that the worship space be a standalone structure. Our number one value is to do this work in good relationship and consultation with our partners in the United Church and the Municipality of Jasper. We are not going to preemptively decide on



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AGENDA ITEM 7.2

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Subject: 2026 Community Conversations Interim Report

From: Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer

Prepared by: Bree-Anna Gaboury, Project Coordinator
Lisa Riddell, Community Development Manager

Reviewed by: Christopher Read, Director of Community Development

Date: August 11, 2026



Recommendation:

- That Committee receive the Community Conversations Interim Report for January to June 2026 for information.

Alternatives:

- That Committee direct Administration to bring forward additional information on any items of interest in the Community Conversations report to a future Committee meeting.

Background:

On September 21, 2021 Council approved the [Community Conversations Policy \(A-105\)](#) which establishes a requirement for administration to:

"provide a report summarizing the trends and opportunities identified to Committee of the Whole a minimum of two times per year."

Discussion:

From January to June 2026, 18 life-stage focused Community Conversations took place.

At the time of this report, there are 37 groups, agencies, and organizations represented at Community Conversations with 77 unique participants in total (many agencies have more than one representative).

The table below provides a breakdown of attendance in 2026 compared to 2025 numbers.

	Year	Jan. to March 2026			April to June 2026			6 Month Total
		MOJ	Non MOJ	Total	MOJ	Non MOJ	Total	
Adults	2025	10	19	29	8	15	23	104
	2026	29	26	55	17	16	33	176
Seniors	2025	6	22	28	10	17	27	110
	2026	16	10	26	15	10	26	103
Early Childhood & School Age	2025	11	15	26	10	11	21	94
	2026	29	7	36	32	9	41	154

Participants at Community Conversations discussed many items impacting the community. When grouped into thematic areas, the topics discussed were:

- Housing
- Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing
- Community Belonging & Rebuilding Connections
- Food Insecurity
- Employment, Income Support and Economic Recovery
- Youth Mental Health & School Engagement
- Seniors' Needs
- Transportation & Accessibility
- Disaster Preparedness
- Displaced Residents

In Conclusion, Community Conversations remains a vibrant and important support for sharing information, targeting program and service development and delivery, and connecting the community for all attendees, including the Municipality. Additionally, the data we collect in community conversations is a foundational piece for funding applications and reporting to funders.

Strategic Relevance:

- Maintain our system of community-based social infrastructure.
- Strengthen social cohesion to reinforce community belonging.
- Leverage recreational and cultural opportunities and spaces to increase community connection.
- Invest in practices and processes which support high-quality decision making.
- Foster public engagement and informed dialogue to strengthen trust and clarity.
- Nurture relationships that advance the community's interests.

Inclusion Considerations:

Community Conversations is a forum to discuss the changing needs of Jasperites with particular focus on groups who may be at risk of exclusion. Many participants at Community Conversations are organization and agency leaders who serve, in part, groups at risk of exclusion.

Relevant Legislation:

- [Policy – A-105 – Community Conversations Policy](#)

Financial:

The costs to carry out the Community Conversations are within the 2026 operating budget.

Attachments:

Community Conversations Interim Report for January to June 2026.

Introduction:

The first six months of Community Conversations continued to bring together organizations, and service providers to share information, identify emerging needs, and coordinate support as Jasper navigates the second year of recovery following the July 2024 wildfire. Community Conversations remains an important forum for agencies to share what they are hearing from Jasper residents, identify emerging trends, and coordinate programs, services, and community initiatives.

As the community approaches the two-year anniversary of the wildfire, many of the trends identified in previous reports continued to be reflected in community conversations. Many of the broader social, emotional, and community challenges identified following the wildfire continue to be discussed, reinforcing that recovery is ongoing and that coordinated, community-based support remains important.

Since the 1990s, Community Conversations has brought together partners from the public, private, and non-profit sectors to support the wellbeing of Jasper residents. This collaborative approach continues to help the community respond to changing needs, build on local strengths, and foster long-term recovery and resilience.

Membership:

Here is a revised member list as of April 2026. There are 38 member organizations/agencies and 78 individual participants:

- Alberta Health Services – Homecare
- Alpine Summit Seniors' Lodge
- Brain Care Centre
- Community Futures West Yellowhead
- Crisis Team Society Jasper
- Ecole Jasper Elementary School
- Ecole Desroches
- Friends of Jasper National Park
- Grande Yellowhead Public School Division
- Government of Alberta – Alberta Supports
- Hinton Wellness Program
- Jasper Community Habitat for the Arts
- Jasper Community Team Society
- Jasper Employment and Education Centre
- Jasper Minor Sports
- Jasper Municipal Library
- Jasper Museum
- Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre
- Individual Jasperites x 4
- Jasper Seniors' Society
- L'Association Canadienne Française de l'Alberta, Régionale de Jasper
- Jasper Mettra Pharmacy
- Mamowichihitowin (Hinton Wellness Program)
- Municipality of Jasper – CAO Office
- Municipal Council
- Municipality of Jasper – Community Development
- Municipality of Jasper – Fitness and Aquatic Centre
- Municipality of Jasper – Outreach Services
- Municipality of Jasper – Settlement Services
- Parks Canada – Engagement Officer
- Parks Canada – Indigenous Relations & Cultural Heritage
- Pursuit Jasper Banff Collection
- Recovery Alberta – Addictions & Mental Health
- Red Cross
- Service Canada
- Western Alberta Regional Victim Serving Society
- Yellow Emergency Shelter for Women

At Community Conversations, participants identify the changing needs of residents as well as opportunities to take action in response to those needs. A review of all trends and opportunities identified through Conversations from January-June 2026 reveals the following thematic areas:

1. Housing & Interim Housing Stability

- Housing remains the most significant and persistent concern across the community.
- Interim housing demand continues to exceed capacity, with long waitlists impacting families, seniors, newcomers, and workers.
- Residents continue to experience uncertainty related to what happens after interim housing, particularly as recovery timelines extend and long-term housing solutions remain limited at this time.
- Seniors, renters, families, and individuals on fixed incomes are experiencing increased stress related to affordability, downsizing, upsizing, availability of suitable housing, and concerns about remaining connected to the community.
- Housing instability is directly affecting mental health, family wellbeing, workforce recruitment, and decision about whether individuals remain in Jasper.
- There is continued interest in clearer communication regarding housing eligibility, rebuilding timelines, and pathways for displaced residents to return to Jasper.
- Affordable housing, supportive housing, and accessible housing options remain key priorities, particularly for seniors and vulnerable populations.

2. Mental Health, Recovery Fatigue & Emotional Wellbeing

- Mental health remains one of the most significant community concerns, with increasing anxiety, burnout, and emotional exhaustion related to wildfire recovery, housing uncertainty, financial pressures, and ongoing system navigation.
- Many residents are experiencing heightened stress as the two-year anniversary of the wildfire approaches.
- While mental health services remain available, barriers continue to limit access, including stigma, discomfort seeking support in a small community, limited evening/weekend appointment options, childcare needs, lack of private spaces for virtual appointments, and uncertainty about where to begin.
- Support needs are becoming more complex, with individuals requiring assistance navigating insurance, financial systems, legal timelines, and recovery processes.
- There is continued need for low-barrier, trauma-informed, culturally appropriate, and relationship-based supports.
- Seniors, caregivers, families, youth, and individuals experiencing displacement remain particularly impacted.

3. Community Connection, Belonging & Recovery Through Engagement

- Community programming continues to play an important role in rebuilding connection, reducing isolation, and supporting wellbeing.
- Low-barrier activities, social gatherings, recreation, creative programing, and community events continue to experience strong participation.
- Programs focused on connection, wellness, and affordability are especially valued as residents seek opportunities to rebuild routines and relationships.
- Community spaces such as the library, Pop-Up Village, seniors' lounge, and recreation programs continue to function as important gathering places.

3. Community Connection, Belonging & Recovery Through Engagement (continued)

- Interest in recovery-focused programming remains present, although some fire-specific programming is seeing declining participation as community attention shifts toward broader wellbeing, rebuilding, and everyday community life.
- Volunteerism remains strong; however, organizations continue to experience challenges recruiting and retaining volunteers to sustain programs.

4. Youth Mental Health, Child Development & Family Supports

- Youth and children continue to experience increased anxiety, social isolation, bullying, friendship challenges, and difficulty navigating transitions.
- Schools and youth-serving organizations are reporting growing complexity in student needs, including emotional regulation challenges, cyberbullying, substance-related concerns, and increased demand for mental health supports.
- Younger students continue to experience challenges related to peer relationships, belonging, and bullying, while older youth report stress related to graduation, future planning, and adulthood transitions.
- Families are seeking additional support for parenting, neurodivergent children, respite needs, and navigating available services.
- Childcare demand remains high, with long waitlists and limited spaces available for certain age groups and children requiring additional supports.
- Programs supporting social connection, leadership, healthy relationships, digital safety, and peer support continue to be highly valued.

5. Food Security & Financial Pressures

- Food insecurity continues to affect households across the community, particularly families with children.
- While food bank usage has decreased from previous peak levels, many households continue to rely on consistent food supports.
- Programs such as the school breakfast program and community hamper initiatives continue to provide essential support food access, reducing stress and strengthening social connection.
- Rising costs of living, reduced work hours, housing expenses, and delays accessing financial supports continue to impact household stability.

6. Employment, Workforce Development & Economic Recovery

- Workforce shortages continue across sectors, particularly hospitality, kitchen roles, construction, trades, and frontline positions.
- Housing availability remains the primary barrier to recruitment and retention, limiting employers' ability to attract workers from outside the community.
- Temporary Foreign Workers and newcomers continue to face uncertainty related to employment, immigration processes, documentation requirements, and access to training opportunities.
- Employment opportunities exist; however, matching workers with available positions remains challenging due to housing constraints and system barriers.
- Job fairs, employment programs, training opportunities, and settlement supports continue to be important pathways for connecting residents and employers.

7. Seniors' Needs, Aging & Accessibility

- Seniors continue to experience significant challenges related to housing, isolation, healthcare access, transportation, and navigating increasingly digital systems.
- Many displaced seniors remain uncertain about returning to Jasper, while others face affordability challenges related to fixed incomes and rising rental costs.
- Seniors continue to express the need for clearer communication, compassionate engagement, and meaningful inclusion in recovery and rebuilding discussions.
- Demand remains strong for social, wellness, technology support, and connection-based programming.
- Accessible programming, transportation options, supportive housing, and opportunities for intergenerational connection remain important priorities.

8. Newcomer Settlement, Language & Inclusion

- Newcomers continue to face barriers related to housing availability, employment mobility, language access, documentation processes, and navigating community systems.
- Immigration policy changes and delays continue to create uncertainty for newcomer families and temporary workers.
- Families require practical support with school registration, recreation access, healthcare navigation, and understanding local services.
- There is continued interest in culturally appropriate programming, language supports, and opportunities that foster belonging and connection.
- Francophone residents continue to identify a need for accessible French-language mental health supports and community programming.

9. Transportation, Accessibility & Service Navigation

- Transportation remains a barrier affecting access to programs, employment, healthcare, and community activities, particularly for seniors, youth, and families.
- Limited transportation options can prevent participation in recreation, social connection opportunities, and support programs.
- Residents continue to experience challenges navigating complex systems, including insurance, financial supports, recovery programs, immigration processes, and eligibility requirements.
- There is ongoing need for coordinated communication, clear pathways to services, and accessible outreach approaches.

10. Disaster Recovery, Preparedness & Long-Term Resilience

- Wildfire recovery continues to influence many aspects of community life, including housing, mental health, finances, and social connection.
- Residents continue to seek information and support related to rebuilding, insurance timelines, soil remediation, and recovery processes.
- Wildfire preparedness, ecological recovery, emergency planning, and education remain important areas of community interest.
- Nature-based programming, outdoor activities, and environmental education continue to support healing, connection, and community resilience.
- As recovery progresses, community priorities are increasingly shifting from immediate wildfire response toward long-term rebuilding, stability, and strengthening community systems.

AGENDA ITEM 7.3

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Subject: Dinnerware, Jasper Activity Centre Community Kitchen
From: Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer
Prepared by: Angella Franklin, Recreation Facilities Manager
Reviewed by: Christopher Read, Director Community Development
Date: August 11, 2026



Recommendation:

- That Committee receive this report for information and take no further action.

Alternatives:

- That Committee refer replacement of all or part(s) of the Activity Centre dinnerware inventory to the 2027 budget discussions.

Background:

At a Council Meeting of March 24, 2026 Council directed Administration to return to a future Committee of the Whole meeting with a recommendation regarding the dinnerware in the multi-purpose hall community kitchen at the Jasper Activity Centre.

Discussion:

The existing dinnerware inventory in the Jasper Activity Centre community kitchen has been accumulated over time through municipal purchases and donations from local hotels. As a result, the inventory includes a range of styles, sizes, colours, and patterns, as shown in the attached inventory list.

The current inventory is sufficient to meet the operational requirements of the community kitchen. Administration has not identified a shortage or other functional issue that prevents the kitchen from supporting community gatherings, private rentals, or larger events. The inventory therefore continues to provide the service for which it is intended.

Possible Advantages

Replacing the existing inventory with a standardized dinnerware set would improve the consistency and appearance of table settings. Matching pieces could also make it easier for staff, volunteers, and renters to organize place settings, confirm available quantities, and prepare for larger or more formal events. These benefits relate primarily to presentation and convenience rather than correcting an identified service deficiency.

Possible Challenges

A standardized set would require ongoing replacement as pieces are broken, damaged, or lost. Maintaining a consistent pattern could also become difficult if the selected product is later discontinued. A complete replacement would create operational considerations. Storage space would be required for the new inventory, and Administration would need to determine whether the existing usable dinnerware should be retained, donated, sold, or disposed of.

Standardized dinnerware may improve the experience of some facility users and could support the presentation of larger events. However, Administration does not currently have information demonstrating that the existing dinnerware has affected rental demand or that replacement would generate additional revenue. A projected payback period or increase in rentals cannot be confirmed without supporting rental data or customer feedback.

No funding has been allocated in the Municipality's current approved budget to replace the existing dinnerware inventory.

Directing Administration to include full or partial replacement in the 2027 budget would allow Council to consider the purchase alongside other municipal priorities. A phased replacement could reduce the initial expenditure and allow the most frequently used or least consistent items to be addressed first. However, either approach would allocate municipal funds toward a presentation and convenience improvement while the existing inventory remains functional.

Taking no further action avoids an unfunded expenditure and does not reduce the current service capacity of the community kitchen. Administration can continue to monitor the quantity, condition, and suitability of the inventory through regular operations. Replacement can be reconsidered through a future budget process if the inventory becomes insufficient, creates operational difficulties, or is shown to affect facility use. Based on the continued functionality of the existing inventory, the absence of approved funding, and the lack of a demonstrated effect on rentals or service delivery, Administration recommends that Committee receive the report for information and take no further action.

Strategic Relevance:

- Leverage recreational and cultural opportunities and spaces to increase community connection.
- Invest in practices and processes which support high quality decision making.

Inclusion Considerations:

- This recommendation will not increase or decrease inclusion at the facility or during events.

Financial:

No funding has been allocated within the Municipality's current approved budget for the replacement of the existing inventory with a new, standardized dinnerware set. Administration has sourced one quote of nearly \$12,000 to purchase a new complete 400 count dinnerware set.

Attachments:

Activity Centre Dinnerware Inventory (July 2026)

JASPER ACTIVITY CENTRE COMMUNITY KITCHEN DINNERWARE INVENTORY

Item Type	Pattern / Description	Color	Material	Quantity	Notes
Dinner Plates "11-12 in."	Big Dinner Plates	White	Ceramic	57	Rim, Blue & Burgundy
Dinner Plates "11-12 in."	Big Dinner Plates	White	Ceramic	35	Mixed designs
Medium Lunch Plates "8-9 in."	Dessert/lunch plates	White	Ceramic	136	Plain
Medium Lunch Plates "8-9 in."	Dessert/lunch plates	White	Ceramic	66	Rim Burgundy
Medium Lunch Plates "8-9 in."	Dessert/lunch plates	White	Ceramic	23	Mixed designs
Small Plates "7.8 in."	Side/salad plates	White	Ceramic	144	Rim Burgundy
Small Plates "7.8 in."	Side/salad plates mixed	White	Ceramic	18	Mixed designs
Total				479	
SIDE PLATES					
Side/salad plates 7-7.5 in."	Side/plates	White	Ceramic	39	Rim Burgundy
Side/salad plates 7-7.5 in."	Side/plates	White	Ceramic	34	Plain White
Side/salad plates 6-6.5 in."	Side/plates	White	Ceramic	123	Rim Burgundy
Side/salad plates 6-6.5 in."	Side/plates	White	Ceramic	66	Plain White
Side/salad plates 6-6.5 in."	Side/plates	White	Ceramic	97	Rim Flower
Side/salad plates 5.5in."	Side/plates	White	Ceramic	55	Plain White
Side/salad plates 4.5-5.5in."	Side/plates	White	Ceramic	190	Rim Burgundy
Side/salad plates mixed	Side/plates	White	Ceramic	35	Mixed designs
Total				639	
Bowls					
Soup Bowls 6.5in."	Soup bowls	White	Ceramic	31	Rim Brown
Soup Bowls 5.5in."	Soup bowls	White	Ceramic	31	Plain
Soup Bowls 5 in."	Soup bowls	White	Ceramic	65	Plain
Bowls, 4.5"	Bowls	White	Ceramic	84	Plain
Bowls, 4.5"	Bowls	White	Ceramic	35	Rim Burgundy
Bowls, 4.5"	Bowls	White	Ceramic	14	Rim Brown
Total				260	
Dessert Cups	Pedestal		Glass	88	
Drinkware					
Coffee/Tea Cups			Ceramic	187	
Tea Cup Saucers			Ceramic	191	
Wine Glasses			Glass	396	
Drinking Cups			Plastic	226	
Cutlery					
Dessert Spoons				150	
Soup Spoons				195	
Forks				313	
Dinner Knives				474	

Dated: July, 2026

AGENDA ITEM 7.4

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Subject: WWTP Emergency Storage/Lagoon Re-commissioning
From: Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer
Prepared by: Vidal Michaud, A/Project Manager, Operations & Utilities
Reviewed by: Courtney Donaldson, Director of Operations & Utilities
Date: August 11, 2026



Recommendation:

That Committee recommend Council:

- Endorse the Municipality of Jasper's Wastewater Treatment Plant Emergency Storage/Lagoon Re-commissioning Project; and,
- Authorize the Municipality of Jasper to enter into a funding agreement with Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada under the Build Communities Strong Fund for a federal contribution of up to \$3,963,750, representing up to 50 percent of eligible project costs.

Alternatives:

- That Committee direct Administration decline the federal grant and fund the project through other sources.

Background:

- In May of 2024 the municipality received Government of Alberta approval for a new 10-year operating licence for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The approval included a requirement that the municipality recommission the Emergency Storage Lagoon by December 31, 2026.
- The approved 2026 Capital Budget includes a \$4.8M project for the recommissioning.

Discussion:

The project is required to meet the Municipality's obligations under the wastewater treatment plant operating licence. Recommissioning and upgrading the existing lagoon will provide emergency wastewater storage during treatment disruptions, maintenance activities, equipment failures, or other circumstances that temporarily limit the plant's ability to receive or treat wastewater.

The lagoon may also be used to divert and temporarily store peak wastewater flows before returning them to the treatment process. This additional capacity would reduce peak loading on the plant, improve operational resilience, and may delay the need for more costly treatment plant capacity upgrades or expansion.

The Municipality has secured provincial funding support through the Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership and has received federal approval in principle through the Build Communities Strong Fund.

- On August 17, 2025, the Municipality entered into an Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership agreement for a maximum provincial contribution of \$2,213,280 toward the Emergency Wastewater

Storage Facility Upgrade and Monitor Well project.

- On March 23, 2026, Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada approved the project in principle for a federal contribution of up to \$3,963,750, representing up to 50 percent of eligible project costs

The federal contribution is subject to Council endorsement, confirmation of the remaining project funding, completion of applicable environmental assessment and Indigenous consultation requirements, and execution of a contribution agreement.

Administration is advancing the required environmental assessment and consultation work. No site preparation, vegetation removal, demolition, or construction will begin until Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada confirms in writing that the applicable federal requirements have been met.

Administration will also track project costs against each funding program's eligibility requirements, contribution limits, approved scope, procurement conditions, and stacking rules. The same expense will not be reimbursed through more than one funding source.

Council endorsement is required before the federal contribution agreement can be executed. Approving the recommendation will satisfy this requirement and allow Administration to continue finalizing the agreement while completing the remaining pre-construction requirements.

Declining the federal contribution would require the Municipality to identify another funding source for the project. This could increase the municipal contribution and create a risk that the project will not be completed by the December 31, 2026 deadline.

Administration recommends endorsing the project and authorizing execution of the federal funding agreement. This approach maintains access to available grant funding while allowing the Municipality to proceed with the work required to meet its regulatory obligation.

Strategic Relevance:

- Provide and maintain the core services and infrastructure that enable the visitor economy.
- Advance interests of strategic importance to secure policy and funding outcomes.
- Focus on prevention, mitigation and preparation for natural disasters.

Inclusion Considerations:

Reliable wastewater infrastructure benefits all residents and users of the community by protecting public health, the environment, and continuity of essential services. The required Indigenous consultation process also provides identified Indigenous communities with an opportunity to review the project, identify potential impacts on Aboriginal or treaty rights, and propose measures to address concerns before physical work begins.

Relevant Legislation:

- Canada National Parks Act
- Provincial Priorities Act
- Municipal Government Act
- Agreement for the Establishment of Local Government in the Town of Jasper

Financial:

The project's current target budget is approximately \$4.8 million, consistent with the original capital request to Council.

At this amount, and assuming all costs are eligible, the Build Communities Strong Fund could contribute up to \$2.4 million (50%), while the Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership could contribute approximately \$2.064 million (43%). Combined, the grants could cover approximately \$4.464 million, leaving an estimated municipal contribution of \$336,000.

Final funding will be based on actual eligible costs and applicable stacking limits.

Attachments:

- Project Budget Summary

PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY

WWTP Emergency Storage/Lagoon Re-commissioning

The project is presented as a budget range, with a current target of approximately \$4.8 million and a conservative maximum funding envelope of \$8,053,750.

Budget Scenario	Total Project Cost	BCSF	AMWWP	Municipal Share
Current target / best case	\$4,800,000	\$2,400,000 (50%)	\$2,064,000 (43%)	\$336,000 (7%)
Maximum envelope / worst case	\$8,053,750	\$3,963,750 (capped)	\$2,213,280 (capped)	\$1,876,720 (23%)

Funding Notes

- At the \$4.8 million target, the calculation assumes all project costs are eligible and applies the stated BCSF contribution of 50% and AMWWP contribution of 43%.
- At the \$8,053,750 maximum envelope, the BCSF contribution is limited to \$3,963,750 and the AMWWP contribution is limited to \$2,213,280, as identified in the funding application and approvals.
- Final grant reimbursements and the municipal share will be based on actual eligible costs, program conditions and applicable stacking limits.

AGENDA ITEM 7.5

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Subject: Future Ownership of CorCan Housing Units
From: Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer
Reviewed by: Doug Olthof, Director of Recovery
Lisa Daniel, Executive Advisor
Date: August 11, 2026



Recommendation:

That Committee recommend Council authorize the Mayor to write to Parks Canada requesting that the agency consider transferring ownership of the CorCan housing units to the Municipality of Jasper, upon the conclusion of the interim housing program in 2028.

Alternatives:

- That Committee direct Administration to inform Parks Canada that the Municipality does not have any interest in the CorCan housing units following the end of the interim housing program.
- That Committee receive the report for information and take no further action.

Background:

- In 2022, the Jasper Community Housing Corporation Governance Review identified Jasper's housing gap as 609 new affordable housing units.
- On June 30, 2026, the Government of Canada announced approximately \$520 million in additional funding for Parks Canada, a portion of which will enable the interim housing program to continue into 2028.
- Administration reported in the August 4, 2026 Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre update that 420 households, representing 765 individuals, were housed through the interim housing program.

Discussion:

Twenty-four CorCan housing units are located within the Jasper townsite as part of the interim housing program.

On March 17, 2026, CAO Given acting as the Chief Executive Officer of the Jasper Municipal Housing Corporation wrote to the Superintendent of the Jasper Field Unit on an administrative basis to inquire about Parks Canada's plans for the CorCan units following the interim housing program.

The Jasper Municipal Housing Corporation expects its 40-unit Connaught Drive below-market housing development to open in early 2027. While this project will increase the supply of below-market housing, the number of units remains limited relative to the housing gap identified in the 2022 governance review. The CorCan units may provide an additional opportunity to address a portion of that gap.

Exploring acquisition of the CorCan structures would allow Council to determine whether the 24 existing units

could continue contributing to Jasper's housing supply after the federal program ends.

Because the units are already located in the townsite, they may offer a more immediate housing option than developing an equivalent number of new units.

Authorization of the letter would not commit the Municipality to acquiring the units or accepting future financial obligations. Any proposed transfer would require further information regarding the condition of the units, land arrangements, operating requirements, costs and transfer terms before returning to Council for consideration.

The recommendation allows intergovernmental discussions to proceed while reserving any acquisition or funding decision for future Council approval.

Strategic Relevance:

- Facilitate development of diverse housing options to meet community needs.
- Leverage JMHC to increase supply of below market housing.
- Nurture relationships that advance the community's interests.

Inclusion Considerations:

Retaining the units could support additional housing options for households experiencing difficulty accessing housing in Jasper. Any future transfer proposal would require separate consideration of affordability, accessibility, and equitable access.

Relevant Legislation:

- Jasper Community Sustainability Plan
- Agreement for the Establishment of Local Government in the Town of Jasper

Financial:

There is no immediate financial impact beyond existing staff time. Any future acquisition, operating or capital costs would be presented to Council for consideration and approval before the Municipality entered into an agreement.

Attachments:

- None

MOTION ACTION LIST

SHORT TITLE	REQUESTED (DATE)	RESPONSIBLE (WHO)	COUNCIL MOTION (DESCRIPTION)	TARGET (DATE)	STATUS
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.	August 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.	August 2026	
Tax Policy – Principles & Engagement Approach	February 10, 2026	CAO and Director of Finance & Administration	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.	September 2026	
2027 Paid Parking Program	March 10, 2026	Director of P&L Services and Director of F&A	That Committee direct Administration to explore the feasibility of a year-round visitor paid parking program; including potential winter operating models, and to engage with the community and report back at a future Committee meeting.	September 2026	
Dishware at Multi Purpose Hall	March 24, 2026	Director of Community Development	That Committee direct Administration to return to a future Committee of the Whole meeting with a recommendation regarding the dishware in the Multi-purpose Hall at the Jasper Activity Centre.	August 2026	
Canada Day	April 28, 2026	Director of Community Development	That Committee direct Administration to bring forward a report to discuss future municipal involvement in organizing Canada Day events, prior to the 2027 budget discussions.	August 2026	

Green Space Vision Plan	May 12, 2026	Director of Urban Design & Standards	That Committee direct Administration to refer the financial costs and available grant funding for the preparation of a new plan for green spaces to the 2027 budget discussion.	October 2026	Recommended to be deferred to November
Jasper Economic Impact & Opportunity Assessment	June 9, 2026	CAO	That Committee direct Administration to return to a future Committee of the Whole meeting prior to 2026 budget presentations with a report identifying opportunities for Council and the Municipality to support the recommendations and strategic actions in the report presented today.	October 2026	
External Funding Trends & Community Outreach Services Capacity	June 9, 2026	Director of Community Development	That Committee direct Administration to report on options to maintain community social service levels as part of 2027 budget deliberations.	October 2026	Recommended to be deferred to November
Jasper Park Cycling Association	June 23, 2026	Director of Community Development	That Committee direct Administration to bring a report back with options for the Jasper Park Cycling Association to a future Committee of the Whole meeting before the end of August 2026.	August 2026	
Jasper Transit Business Planning	June 23, 2026	Director of Operations	That Committee direct Administration to incorporate the following expansion options into the 2026 - 2031 Transit business plan and return prior to budget: • Summer frequency increase; • Year-round townsite service by fixed route; • Winter service span increase; and Marmot Basin winter service.	October 2026	
Arnica Avenue Servicing Cost Recovery Policy	June 23, 2026	Director of Finance & Administration	That Committee direct Administration to develop an Arnica Avenue Servicing Cost Recovery Policy and return to a future meeting.	September 2026	
Rural Renewal Program	July 7, 2026	CAO	That Council direct Administration to return to a future Committee meeting with a report on the Rural Renewal Program; including recommendations, before the annual Organizational meeting.	September 2026	
Library & Cultural Centre Anniversary	July 7, 2026	Director of Community Development	That Council refer the request for support for the Library & Cultural Centre anniversary to Administration to report back to Council.	August 2026	Recommended to be removed

Records Retention and Disposition Bylaw	July 7, 2026	Director of Protective & Legislative Services	That Council direct Administration to amend Bylaw #285 by adding a definition for a municipal record. That Council direct Administration to review 7.2 in its entirety for appropriate verbiage.	August 2026	Recommended to be removed
Residential Parking	July 14, 2026	Director of Urban Design & Standards	That Committee direct Administration to circulate to all Councillors any information regarding residential parking which was made available to previous Council; and That Committee direct Administration to provide an update regarding future residential parking plans at a future Committee of the Whole meeting.	August 2026	