

Municipality of Jasper
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday, April 16, 2024 | 1:30 pm
 Jasper Library and Cultural Centre, Quorum Room

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

Present Mayor Richard Ireland, Deputy Mayor Ralph Melnyk, Councillors Wendy Hall, Helen Kelleher-Empey and Rico Damota

Absent Councillors Kathleen Waxer and Scott Wilson

Also present Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer
 Christopher Read, Director of Community Development
 Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator
 Marie-Pierre Flipo-Bergeron, Mayor’s Recognition Award Recipient
 Kiara Davis, Mayor’s Recognition Award Recipient
 Tanya Fillion, Bill Friesen & Sean Hynes, ATCO
 Theresa Westhaver, Matricia Bauer & Paulette Blanchette-Dubé, Residents
 Peter Shokeir, The Fitzhugh
 Bob Covey, The Jasper Local
 17 observers

Call to order Mayor Ireland called the April 16, 2024 Regular Council meeting to order at 1:30pm and began with a [Traditional Land Acknowledgement](#).

Additions or Deletions MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council add the following items to the agenda:

#175/24

- 5.3 Delegations – Theresa Westhaver, Matricia Bauer & Paulette Blanchette-Dubé
- 6.4 Traffic Safety Bylaw
- 10.1 In-camera item - Labour Relations
- 10.2 In-camera item - Discussion on Land

FOR	AGAINST	
5 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Approval of agenda MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the agenda for the April 2, 2024 Regular Council meeting as amended:

#176/24

- 5.3 Delegations - Theresa Westhaver, Matricia Bauer & Paulette Blanchette-Dubé
- 6.4 Traffic Safety Bylaw
- 10.1 In-camera item - Labour Relations
- 10.2 In-camera item - Discussion on Land
- 11. Adjournment

FOR	AGAINST	
5 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Approval of Legislative Committee meeting minutes MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the April 2, 2024 Legislative Committee meeting as presented.

#177/24

FOR	AGAINST	
5 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Approval of Regular minutes MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the April 2, 2024 Regular Council meeting as amended:

#178/24

- Replace the word “update” with “survey” in motion #156/24

FOR	AGAINST	
5 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Approval of Committee of the Whole minutes #179/24	<p>MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the April 9, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented.</p> <p>FOR 5 Councillors</p> <p>AGAINST 0 Councillors</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
Correspondence – Minister Jason Nixon	<p>Council received a response to a letter which was sent to the Minister of Seniors, Community & Social Services, Jason Nixon on March 15, 2024 regarding housing income thresholds for Jasper. The correspondence indicated there may be more news regarding the core needs income threshold (CNIT) for Jasper before the end of the month. Council chose to defer any decision until any news has been announced.</p>
Delegations – Mayor’s Recognition Awards	<p>Mayor & Council were grateful for the opportunity to acknowledge two community members in attendance with Recognition Awards after considering all nominations submitted by their fellow residents. Their efforts and accomplishments have made a significant contribution to the Municipality of Jasper and they are an inspiration to all fellow community members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marie-Pierre Flipo-Bergeron - “Distinguished Voluntary Service” • Kiara Davis - “Athletics”
Delegations – ATCO	<p>Council received a presentation from ATCO representatives Tanya Fillion, Bill Friesen and Sean Hynes regarding street lighting.</p>
#180/24	<p>MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the presentation for information; and</p> <p>That Council direct Administration to come back to a future Committee of the Whole meeting with recommendations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the conversion to LED lighting • the replacement of decorative fixtures <p>FOR 5 Councillors</p> <p>AGAINST 0 Councillors</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
Delegations – Theresa Westhaver, Matricia Bauer, and Paulette Blanchette-Dubé #181/24	<p>Mr. Hynes also shared a quick verbal update on the preparation being done by ATCO for the upcoming fire season.</p> <p>Residents Theresa Westhaver, Matricia Bauer, and Paulette Blanchette-Dubé invited Council to a community event on Sunday, May 5th to acknowledge a Day for Awareness of Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) with further details to be confirmed. The residents presented a draft proclamation for consideration.</p> <p>MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the presentation for information; and</p> <p>That Council proclaim May 5th as the Day for Awareness of Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls in Jasper, Alberta; and</p> <p>That Council approve a red dress educational installation within the downtown portion of Patricia Street on May 5, 2024.</p> <p>FOR 5 Councillors</p> <p>AGAINST 0 Councillors</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
Community Development – National Volunteer Week Proclamation Request #182/24	<p>MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the correspondence for information; and</p> <p>That Council proclaim April 14-20, 2024 as National Volunteer Week in Jasper.</p> <p>FOR 5 Councillors</p> <p>AGAINST 0 Councillors</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

Municipality of Jasper Library Board – Financial Reviewer #183/24	MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve Andrea Terrill and her qualifications as per the Libraries Act to act as Financial Reviewer for the Municipality of Jasper Library Board.	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Community & Economic Development Fund Applications #184/24	MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the following Community & Economic Development Fund allocations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeffrey Wilson - \$1,667, • Danny Frechette - \$1,667, and; • Jasper Physiotherapy and Massage - \$1,667 	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Traffic Safety Bylaw	Mayor Ireland raised questions about terminology within the Traffic Safety Bylaw regarding scooters on the streets. The bylaw was drafted at a time when e-scooters were not yet present in the townsite. Council agreed the topic could be added to the next Committee of the Whole agenda.			
Notices of Motion	none			
Councillor Reports	<p>Councillor Kelleher-Empey attended the Evergreens Foundation first Recognition Awards last Friday and will be fundraising with the group this week.</p> <p>Councillor Melnyk attended a Jasper Yellowhead Historical Society meeting last week. Steve Pavlov will be taking the place of Warren Waxer as President of the board.</p> <p>Councillor Hall attended a Municipality of Jasper Library Board meeting last week and will be at the Pride Storytime event here this Friday.</p> <p>Mayor Ireland, Councillor Melnyk and Councillor Damota attended the progressive flag raising on Friday at the High School to mark the opening of the Jasper Pride & Ski Festival.</p> <p>Councillor Damota will be attending a Community Futures West Yellowhead meeting in Hinton this week.</p> <p>Mayor Ireland RI was in attendance at the Legislative Assembly in Edmonton on April 8th as the MLA for Banff/Kananaskis presented a motion concerning tourism-based communities.</p> <p>Mayor Ireland was in Banff on April 9th to attend a fireside chat session organized by the Association for Mountain Parks Protection & Enjoyment with Parks Canada CEO Ron Hallman.</p> <p>Mayor Ireland and CAO Bill Given met with representatives of the Jasper Hotel Association on April 11th to discuss communications and emergency operations.</p> <p>Mayor Ireland was invited on Sunday to an event at the Wicked Cup which was related to Ukrainian refugees and was asked to speak.</p> <p>Mayor Ireland attended a meeting of the Jasper Community Team Society Monday evening and the annual general meeting will be held this week.</p>			
Upcoming events	Council received a list of upcoming events for information.			
In-camera #185/24	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey to move in-camera at 3:37pm to discuss added agenda items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10.1 In camera item - Labour Relations s. 19 • 10.2 In-camera item - Discussion on Land s. 21 			

FOR	AGAINST	
5 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Mr. Given also attended the in-camera session.

Move out of
camera
#186/24

MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey to move out of camera at 4:25pm.

FOR	AGAINST	
5 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Adjournment
#187/24

MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that, there being no further business, the Regular Council meeting of April 16, 2024 be adjourned at 4:25pm.

FOR	AGAINST	
5 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer