

Municipality of Jasper  
**Regular Council Meeting Minutes**  
Tuesday, November 19, 2024 | 1:30pm  
Jasper Library and Cultural Centre, Quorum Room

Virtual viewing and participation	Council attendance is in Council chambers at the Jasper Library and Cultural Centre. This meeting was also conducted virtually and available for public livestreaming through Zoom. Public viewing and participation during Council meetings is through both Zoom livestreaming and in-person attendance.						
Present	Deputy Mayor Helen Kelleher-Empey, Councillors Kathleen Waxer, Ralph Melnyk, Scott Wilson, Rico Damota and Wendy Hall.						
Absent	Mayor Richard Ireland						
Also present	Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance & Administration Michael Fark, Director of Recovery Bernd Manz, Interim Director of Operations & Utilities Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator Jacqui Sundquist, CBC Edmonton Peter Shokeir, The Fitzhugh Bob Covey, The Jasper Local 17 observers						
Call to order	Deputy Mayor Kelleher-Empey called the November 19, 2024 Regular Council meeting to order at 1:30pm and began with <a href="#">a Traditional Land Acknowledgement</a> .						
Additions or deletions to agenda #488/24	MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council add the following item to the November 19, 2024 Regular Council meeting agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 6.5 Arena Update</li><li>• 10.2 In-camera Economic matter</li></ul> <table><tr><td>FOR</td><td>AGAINST</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>6 Councillors</td><td>0 Councillors</td><td>CARRIED</td></tr></table>	FOR	AGAINST		6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED
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Approval of agenda #489/24	MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the agenda for the November 19, 2024 Regular Council meeting as amended: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Add 6.5 Arena Update</li><li>• Add 10.2 In-camera Economic matter</li></ul> <table><tr><td>FOR</td><td>AGAINST</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>6 Councillors</td><td>0 Councillors</td><td>CARRIED</td></tr></table>	FOR	AGAINST		6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED
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Approval of Regular minutes #490/24	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the November 5, 2024 Regular Council meeting as presented. <table><tr><td>FOR</td><td>AGAINST</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>6 Councillors</td><td>0 Councillors</td><td>CARRIED</td></tr></table>	FOR	AGAINST		6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED
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Approval of Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes #491/24	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the November 12, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented. <table><tr><td>FOR</td><td>AGAINST</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>6 Councillors</td><td>0 Councillors</td><td>CARRIED</td></tr></table>	FOR	AGAINST		6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED
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Delegations	None						
Correspondence	None						
Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre Progress Update	Council received a Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre (JRCC) progress update from Director of Recovery Michael Fark. Highlights include information on interim housing; debris management; social recovery; communications; and more. The update is included in the agenda package.						

#492/24	MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre progress update for information.			
	FOR	AGAINST		
	6 Councillors	0 Councillors		CARRIED
Director’s Report – Finance & Administration	Council received a report from the Director of Finance & Administration Natasha Malenchak reviewing the work achieved within the department up until October 31, 2024 and a summary of department budgets.			
#493/24	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the report for information.			
	FOR	AGAINST		
	6 Councillors	0 Councillors		CARRIED
Grant Funding – Emergency Wastewater Storage Facility #494/24	MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the submission of an application for Alberta Water Wastewater Partnership (AMWWP) 2025 Funding toward an Emergency Wastewater Storage Facility Upgrade and a New Monitoring Well.			
	FOR	AGAINST		
	6 Councillors	0 Councillors		CARRIED
Transit Bus RFP Cancellation #495/24	MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that Council cancel the current procurement process for the Electric Vehicle (EV) buses.			
	FOR	AGAINST		
	6 Councillors	0 Councillors		CARRIED
#496/24	MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to reissue an RFP in spring of 2025 for the procurement of electric buses and/or any other viable zero emission options.			
	FOR	AGAINST		
	6 Councillors	0 Councillors		CARRIED
Arena Update	Mr. Given shared the most up to date information available on the progress in the arena at the Jasper Activity Centre. An update was sent out this morning to arena users and administration will continue to deliver these updates until the arena is open. The next one will be delivered this Friday and will include photos.			
#497/24	MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the update for information.			
	FOR	AGAINST		
	5 Councillors	0 Councillors		CARRIED
	Councillor Damota was briefly absent while the vote took place.			
Notices of Motion	none			
Councillor Reports	Councillor Waxer attended the Family & Community Support Services Association of Alberta annual conference last week and was elected as the representative for the Yellowhead region.			
	Councillor Wilson attended a meeting of the West Yellowhead Regional Waste Management Authority last week, as well as visiting the landfill prior to the meeting.			
	Mayor Ireland and Councillor Melnyk participated in a media event with Employment Minister Randy Boissonnault on November 14 <sup>th</sup> for the announcement of federal grants to assist Jasper small businesses with their			

recovery following the wildfire. Councillors Hall, Kelleher-Empey, and Wilson were also in attendance.

Councillor Kelleher-Empey attended the Early Childhood Community Conversation as an alternate for Councillor Waxer last week. She also was in a Zoom meeting today for the Rural Renewal Initiative Stream.

Upcoming events

Council received a list of upcoming events for information.

Move In-camera  
#498/24

MOTION by Councillor Hall to move in-camera at 3:06pm to discuss agenda items:

- 10.1 Intergovernmental matter FOIP s. 21(1)(a)
- 10.2 Economic matter

FOR  
6 Councillors

AGAINST  
0 Councillors

CARRIED

Mr. Given and Mr. Fark also attended the in-camera session.

Move out of  
camera  
#499/24

MOTION by Councillor Melnyk to move out of camera at 4:55pm.

FOR  
6 Councillors

AGAINST  
0 Councillors

CARRIED

Adjournment  
#500/24

MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that, there being no further business, the Regular Council meeting of November 19, 2024 be adjourned at 4:56pm.

FOR  
6 Councillors

AGAINST  
0 Councillors

CARRIED

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer