

Municipality of Jasper
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday, February 18, 2025 | 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	Mayor Richard Ireland, Deputy Mayor Kathleen Waxer, Councillors Helen Kelleher-Empey, Ralph Melnyk, Rico Damota, Scott Wilson, and Wendy Hall.						
Absent	none						
Also present	Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer Christine Nadon, Director of Protective & Legislative Services Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance & Administration Beth Sanders, Director of Urban Design & Standards Marley Pollock, Town Planner Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator Troy Birtles & Tyler Birtles, Accurate Assessment Group Ltd. Paul Butler, Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce Jacqui Sundquist, CBC Edmonton Peter Shokeir, The Fitzhugh Bob Covey, The Jasper Local 25 observers						
Call to order	Mayor Ireland called the February 18, 2025 Regular Council meeting to order at 1:30pm.						
Approval of agenda #80/25	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the agenda for the February 18, 2025 Regular Council meeting as presented.						
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Approval of Regular minutes #81/25	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the February 4, 2025 Regular Council meeting as presented.						
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Approval of Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes #82/25	MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the February 11, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented.						
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Delegations – Accurate Assessment Group Ltd. #83/25	Council received a presentation, attached to the agenda package, from Troy Birtles of Accurate Assessment Group Ltd. detailing the 2024 assessments of properties in the Municipality of Jasper. Tyler Birtles was also in attendance.						
	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the presentation from Accurate Assessment Group Ltd. for information.						
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Delegations – Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce	Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce (JPCC) Executive Director Paul Butler attended the meeting to share concerns of the business community represented by the JPCC. He requested Council revisit the budget and review the tax structure.						

#84/25	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the presentation for information.			
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors		CARRIED
Correspondence – Jasper-Yellowhead Historical Society	Council received correspondence from President Steve Pavlov of the Jasper-Yellowhead Historical Society expressing gratitude for past support from Council. Mr. Pavlov also hoped to bring awareness to new initiatives and efforts currently being undertaken by the organization.			
#85/25	MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the correspondence for information.			
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors		CARRIED
Recess	Mayor Ireland called a recess from 2:55pm to 3:06pm.			
Director’s Report – Protective & Legislative Services	Council received a report from Director of Protective & Legislative Services Christine Nadon. Highlights included details on renovation projects; staffing updates; service trends; and work being undertaken on the After-Action Review of the 2024 Jasper Wildfire. The report is included in the agenda package.			
#86/25	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the report for information.			
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors		CARRIED
Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre Progress Update	Council received a Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre progress update from CAO Bill Given. Highlights include information on interim housing; debris management & demolition permits; social & economic recovery; communications; and more.			
#87/25	MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the progress update for information.			
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors		CARRIED
Parcel HI Roadway Naming #88/25	MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the name "Arnica Avenue" for the roadway on Parcel HI.			
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors		CARRIED
2024 Property Tax Relief Measures #89/25	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve funding the required 10% municipal contribution toward tax relief for the 2024 year from the Financial Stabilization Reserve.			
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors		CARRIED
	Mayor Ireland declared a conflict of interest regarding the next item on the agenda as he has a family member currently working in the Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre who would be affected by the outcome of the decision. The Mayor relinquished the chair to Deputy Mayor Waxer and left the meeting at 3:55pm.			
Recess	Deputy Mayor Waxer called a recess from 3:55pm to 4:02pm.			
Retirement Contributions	Council discussed updates to a municipal policy regarding staff participation in the Local Authorities Pension Plan. Administration presented a draft updated			

Policy	policy for Council's consideration.		
#90/25	MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve Policy E-107 Retirement Contributions as presented.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Notices of Motion	none		
Councillor Reports	<p>Councillor Kelleher-Empy attended a Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association meeting on Friday, February 7th.</p> <p>Councillors Kelleher-Empy, Melnyk, Damota, Wilson, and Hall attended a media event at the Lobstick Lodge on February 6th. The event was for an announcement of funding support with Terry Duguid, the minister responsible for Prairies Economic Development Canada and the new ministerial liaison for Jasper sharing news of the support intended for interim housing.</p> <p>Councillor Kelleher-Empy, Councillor Melnyk, Councillor Waxer and Mr. Given met with NDP Representatives last Saturday.</p> <p>Councillor Hall, Councillor Melnyk and Mr. Given attended the 2025 Alberta Tourism Advocacy Summit in Edmonton last week.</p> <p>Councillor Waxer recently attended the Rocky Mountain Business Seminar on behalf of Mayor Ireland.</p>		
Upcoming events	Council received a list of upcoming events for information.		
Move In-camera #91/25	<p>MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empy to move in-camera at 4:13pm to discuss agenda item:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10. 1 Land Matters FOIP s. 25, 27, 29 		
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	Mr. Given also attended the in-camera session.		
Move out of camera #92/25	MOTION by Councillor Damota to move out of camera at 4:43pm.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
#93/25	MOTION by Councillor Wilson that Council direct Administration to proceed as discussed during closed session.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Adjournment #94/25	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empy – BE IT RESOLVED that, there being no further business, the Regular Council meeting of February 18, 2025 be adjourned at 4:45pm.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer