

Municipality of Jasper  
**Regular Council Meeting Minutes**  
 Tuesday, March 17, 2026 | 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 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 Danny Frechette, Councillors Kathleen Waxer, Ralph Melnyk, Kable Kongsrud, Laurie Rodger, and Wendy Hall.						
Absent	none						
Also present	Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance & Administration Christine Nadon, Director of Protective & Legislative Services Leanne Pelletier, Housing Manager Vidal Michaud, Utilities Manager Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator Bob Covey, The Jasper Local 10 observers						
Call to order	Mayor Ireland called the March 17, 2026 Regular Council meeting to order at 1:30pm.						
Additions or deletions to agenda	none						
Approval of agenda #108/26	MOTION by Councillor Frechette – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the agenda for the March 17, 2026 Regular Council meeting as presented.						
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Approval of Regular minutes #109/26	MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the March 3, 2026 Regular Council meeting as presented.						
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Approval of Committee of the Whole minutes #110/26	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council amend the minutes of the March 10, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion #101/26: Amend the votes to reflect a 6 to 1 vote, with Councillor Melnyk voting against the motion</li> </ul>						
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#111/26	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the March 10, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting as amended: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion #101/26: Amend the votes to reflect a 6 to 1 vote, with Councillor Melnyk voting against the motion</li> </ul>						
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Business arising from minutes	none						
Delegations	none						

Correspondence – Habitat for the Arts - Letter of Support Request #112/26	Council received correspondence from Marianne Garrah of Habitat for the Arts requesting Council’s support with advocacy work undertaken by the Canadian Arts Coalition.	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorize the Mayor to sign the letter of support as requested by Habitat for the Arts.	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Correspondence – Jasper Pride Festival Society Flag Raising Request #113/26	Council received correspondence from Rowan Bell-Marusich, Co-Chair of the Jasper Pride Festival Society. The annual Jasper Pride & Ski Festival is scheduled to begin April 10 <sup>th</sup> and wrap-up April 19 <sup>th</sup> .	MOTION by Councillor Frechette – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the flag raising request for a ‘Progressive’ Pride flag at Commemoration Park on Friday, April 10th, as requested by the Jasper Pride Festival Society; and to keep it raised for the duration of the Jasper Pride & Ski Festival.	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Director’s Report – Urban Design & Standards	Council received a department update from Housing Manager Leanne Pelletier who was filling in for Director of Urban Design & Standards Beth Sanders. Highlights included a review of work accomplished in development planning; housing; staffing; information on service trends; and more.				
#114/26	MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the report for information.				
FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED			
Capital Budget Carry Forward to 2026 #115/26	MOTION by Councillor Frechette – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the carry forward capital list of incomplete 2025 projects to the 2026 Capital Budget as presented.				
FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED			
Wastewater Treatment Plant Primary Clarifier Repair RFP Award #116/26	MOTION by Councillor Rodger – BE IT RESOLVED that Council award the Request for Proposal for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Primary Clarifier Rake Arm Replacement, for an amount not to exceed \$718,000, to Ovivo Water Inc., as the highest evaluated proponent.				
FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED			
Parking Authority Bylaw Update #117/26	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the first time, Bylaw #277, being a bylaw of the Municipality of Jasper in the province of Alberta to establish the Municipality of Jasper Parking Authority 2026.				
FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED			
#118/26	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the second time, Bylaw #277, being a bylaw of the Municipality of Jasper in the province of Alberta to establish the Municipality of Jasper Parking Authority 2026.				
FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED			

Memorial Bench & Tree Program	Council discussed the proposed Memorial Bench & Tree Program, with CAO Bill Given answering questions on behalf of Administration.						
Recess	Mayor Ireland called a recess from 2:45pm to 2:59pm.						
Memorial Bench & Tree Program #119/26	<p>MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the Memorial Bench &amp; Tree Program as amended to reflect the changes made to Schedule A.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>FOR</td> <td>AGAINST</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>7 Councillors</td> <td>0 Councillors</td> <td>CARRIED</td> </tr> </table> <p>The amended Schedule A is attached to the minutes.</p>	FOR	AGAINST		7 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED
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Jasper Municipal Housing Corporation Director Selection #120/26	<p>MOTION by Councillor Rodger – BE IT RESOLVED that Council, representing the Municipality of Jasper as sole Jasper Municipal Housing Corporation (JMHC) Shareholder, appoint the following individual, to the JMHC Board of Directors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For a 1-year term (March 17, 2026 to March 1, 2027): Irish Caunceran</li> </ul> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>FOR</td> <td>AGAINST</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>7 Councillors</td> <td>0 Councillors</td> <td>CARRIED</td> </tr> </table>	FOR	AGAINST		7 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED
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Municipality of Jasper 2026–2030 Strategic Priorities #121/26	<p>Council participated in a facilitated Strategic Planning session with Tracey Lorensen of Civic Excellence in February 2026. This was the first planning session for the newly elected Council since the election in October 2025.</p> <p>MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council adopt the amended Municipality of Jasper 2026–2030 Strategic Priorities as discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Desire to change photo</li> <li>• Change icon for financial stewardship</li> <li>• Values section - add “in a manner”</li> <li>• Navigating trade-offs - change to “balancing competing priorities”</li> <li>• Moving mobility &amp; access to lower in the list</li> <li>• Climate &amp; Emergency - add “and adaptation”</li> <li>• Financial Understanding - “clearly and simply communicate the facts around our finances”</li> </ul> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>FOR</td> <td>AGAINST</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>7 Councillors</td> <td>0 Councillors</td> <td>CARRIED</td> </tr> </table>	FOR	AGAINST		7 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED
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Notices of Motion	none						
Councillor Reports	<p>Councillor Frechette attended a Communities in Bloom Committee meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup>. He also participated in online training sessions with Community Futures West Yellowhead on March 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Councillor Hall participated in a 3-day online course as part of her appointment to the Regional Assessment Review Board.</p> <p>Councillor Melnyk completed a 3-hour educational course with Community Futures West Yellowhead on March 5<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Councillor Waxer attended an online meeting with Family &amp; Community Support Services Association of Alberta on Friday and later in the afternoon visited Alpine Summit Seniors Lodge.</p> <p>All of Council was present at a Transit Workshop hosted by the Operations Department this morning.</p>						
Upcoming events	Council received a list of upcoming events for information.						

Adjournment  
#122/26

MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that, there being no further business, the Regular Council meeting of March 17, 2026 be adjourned at 3:41pm.

FOR  
7 Councillors

AGAINST  
0 Councillors

CARRIED

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer



**Schedule A: Fees and Pricing**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Price</b>
New Bench (including plaque and 15 years maintenance)	\$4185
Concrete Bench Base (If and as required)	\$900
Bench Renewal with 15-year maintenance renewal	\$450
Plaque on a Reused Bench (New plaque and 15 years maintenance) 15-year term maximum	\$1185
Tree Deciduous (1.5 - 2-inch caliper)	\$600
Tree Coniferous/Evergreen (1.5 - 2-inch caliper)	\$700
Tree Planting Fee	\$250
Tree Plaque (Includes Stone/Rock base)	\$1000
Tree Grate - New	\$900
Tree Grate - Refurbished	\$150
Watering for the first 2 years	\$1000