

Municipality of Jasper
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday, November 5, 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	Mayor Richard Ireland, Councillors Rico Damota, Kathleen Waxer, Ralph Melnyk, Scott Wilson, and Wendy Hall.
Absent	Deputy Mayor Helen Kelleher-Empey
Also present	Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer Christine Nadon, Director of Protective & Legislative Services Beth Sanders, Director of Urban Standards & Design Lucas Sherwin, Town Planner Jen Dillon, Protective Services Coordinator Lisa Daniel, Executive Advisor Erin Saunders, Parks Canada Manager Realty & Municipal Services Emily Goldney, Parks Canada Planner Janelle Verbruggen, Parks Canada Public Relations & Communications Officer Paul Butler, Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce Eric Dietiker, Jasper resident Jacqui Sundquist, CBC Edmonton Peter Shokeir, The Fitzhugh 18 observers
Call to order	Mayor Ireland called the November 5, 2024 Regular Council meeting to order at 9:30am.
Additions or deletions to agenda #461/24	<p>MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council add the following item to the November 5, 2024 Regular Council meeting agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10.2 In-camera Legal matter • 10.3 In-camera Land matter • 10.4 In-camera Private sector accommodation <p>FOR 6 Councillors</p> <p>AGAINST 0 Councillors</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
Approval of agenda #462/24	<p>MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the agenda for the November 5, 2024 Regular Council meeting as amended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add 10.2 In-camera Legal matter • Add 10.3 In-camera Land matter • Add 10.4 In-camera Private sector accommodation <p>FOR 6 Councillors</p> <p>AGAINST 0 Councillors</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
Approval of Regular minutes #463/24	<p>MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the October 22, 2024 Regular Council meeting as presented.</p> <p>FOR 6 Councillors</p> <p>AGAINST 0 Councillors</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
Approval of Organizational Meeting minutes #464/24	<p>MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the October 22, 2024 Organizational meeting as presented.</p> <p>FOR 6 Councillors</p> <p>AGAINST 0 Councillors</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
Delegations	Jasper resident Mr. Eric Dietiker addressed Council to discuss the rebuilding of properties in S-Block (Stan Wright industrial area), and the absence of guidance on this specific area of town in the Rebuild Guide. Mr. Dietiker explained the

services and storage will be needed to help rebuild Jasper, and is asking for Superintendent Fehr to approve like for like rebuilds in S-Block as long as they meet building code. Mr. Dietiker is looking for specific answers on the rebuilding process for S-Block.

Director Sanders invited Mr. Dietiker to meet with the planning team and discuss specific concerns with staff.

Mr. Paul Butler, Executive Director for the Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce, acknowledged the good work presented in the Rebuilding Guide, and raised concerns about the lack of detail on commercial rebuilds in the guide in view of the vast economic impacts on the community. Mr. Butler also raised concerns on the lack of information or initiatives on economic recovery and urged Council to turn their attention to the matter promptly.

CAO Bill Given indicated that an employment opportunity focused on economic recovery is currently posted on the municipal website. Director of Recovery Michael Fark indicated that the first Recovery Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for next week, and that outreach on the work plan for economic recovery is upcoming.

Correspondence	None		
JRCC Project Update	Council received a Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre (JRCC) update from Director of Recovery Michael Fark. Highlights include 30 residential demolition permits being issued; ongoing debris removal in the residential zones; and the Government of Alberta issuing a Request for Proposals for interim housing. Work is ongoing on utility servicing for interim housing sites and updating the land use policy. The JRCC will be relocating from the Multipurpose Hall to the provincial building this week, returning the Multipurpose Hall for community use.		
#465/24	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre project update for information.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Rebuilding Jasper: changes to land use planning tools	Council received an update from Director of Urban Standards & Design Beth Sanders and her team on the Rebuilding Guide which was released last week. Town Planner Lucas Sherwin presented some of the new development policy highlights, including the guiding principles behind the updates. Changes to make building easier for lessees include a streamlined variance process and more flexible landscape plans requirements. The guide also includes a focus on non-combustible construction materials and ways to increase housing options.		
#466/24	MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the report on the Rebuilding Jasper guide and recent changes to Parks Canada’s land use planning tools for information.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Director’s Report, Community Development	CAO Given provided an update on the Community Development department on behalf of Director Christopher Read. CAO Given presented a renovation project update, including challenges with the paint chipping inside the pool. Performing repairs now should prevent the need for an additional maintenance shutdown for up to 18 months. The pool reopening will be delayed while the issue is resolved. The report also included a highlight of Jasperites’ social needs during recovery.		
#467/24	MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the Community Development Director’s Report for information.		
	FOR	AGAINST	

	6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED
Notices of Motion	none		
Councillor Reports	Councillor Wilson attended the Build Alberta Conference.		
	Mayor Ireland attended a provincial housing announcement with Minister Nixon on temporary housing in Jasper.		
	Mayor Ireland attended the National Climate Adaptation Summit Day in Ottawa where he spoke as a panelist.		
	Mayor Ireland met with the VP of Intact Insurance to raise concerns on the need for assistance to residents to navigate insurance issues. He also attended a round table with Minister Sajjan on a national recovery strategy. He was also a guest of Senator Sorenson as an observer on the Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry.		
	Mayor Ireland returned to Jasper and spoke with the seniors at their annual fall dinner at Alpine Summit Seniors Lodge. Mayor Ireland also hosted Mary Simon, Governor General of Canada at the Library, Alpine Summit and the Jasper Legion.		
	Mayor Ireland attended an update on housing prior to a meeting with Minister Mclver.		
	Mayor Ireland attended a Jasper Community Team Society meeting to develop a plan to disperse the funding that has come in.		
	Mayor Ireland acted as a witness for the Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry to give evidence about our experience in Jasper, specifically about FireSmart preparatory work on the landscape. He then met with Minister Mclver, and Minister Boissonneault (separately), then the Jasper Community Team Society again.		
Upcoming events	Council received a list of upcoming events for information.		
	Councillor Melnyk noted that Moonlight Madness is November 22, 2024 and encouraged all Jasperites to support local businesses.		
	Mayor Ireland will be away on November 12th. He will also be speaking at the Wounded Warriors Conference in Edmonton on November 20 & 21, 2024.		
Meeting Schedule #468/24	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council cancel the budget meetings on November 19 & 20, 2024 and reschedule November 19, 2024 as Regular meeting of Council starting at 1:30pm.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
#469/24	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council schedule budget hearings for November 26 & 27, 2024 commencing at 9am both days in the Quorum Room.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
#470/24	MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that Councillor Damota be authorized to attend budget presentation and dinner with the Premier in Edmonton on November 19, 2024.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED

Move In-camera
#471/24

MOTION by Councillor Waxer to move in-camera at 3:20pm to discuss agenda item:

- 10.1 Mayor's Special Awards FOIP s. 19, 29(1)(b)
- 10.2 In-camera Legal matter
- 10.3 In-camera Land matter
- 10.4 In-camera Private sector accommodation

FOR
6 Councillors

AGAINST
0 Councillors

CARRIED

Mr. Given attended the in-camera session.

Move out of
camera
#472/24

MOTION by Councillor Damota to move out of camera at 4:41pm.

FOR
6 Councillors

AGAINST
0 Councillors

CARRIED

Adjournment
#473/24

MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that, there being no further business, the Regular Council meeting of November 5, 2024 be adjourned at 4:41pm.

FOR
6 Councillors

AGAINST
0 Councillors

CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer