

Municipality of Jasper
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 10, 2025 | 9:30am
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 Zoom livestreaming and in person attendance.		
Present	Mayor Richard Ireland, Deputy Mayor Scott Wilson, Councillors Kathleen Waxer, Helen Kelleher-Empey, Wendy Hall, Ralph Melnyk, and Rico Damota		
Absent	none		
Also present	Beth Sanders, Director of Urban Design & Standards Michael Fark, Director of Recovery Leanne Pelletier, Housing Manager Doug Olthaf, Housing & Social Recovery Manager Isla Tanaka, Town Planner Michael Boreland, Town Planner Cam Jenkins, Housing Coordinator Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator Jacqui Sundquist, CBC Edmonton 11 observers		
Call to Order	Deputy Mayor Wilson called the June 10, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 9:30am.		
Additions or deletions to agenda	Mayor Ireland requested the following item be added to the June 10, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none">6.1 Correspondence – Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Jasper		
Approval of agenda #283/25	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey that Committee approve the agenda for the June 10, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting as amended: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Add 6.1 Correspondence – Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Jasper		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Business arising from May 27, 2025 minutes	Committee asked if there were any updates to share on the Construction Coordinator position and its eligibility for the Disaster Recovery Program funding. Director of Recovery Michael Fark confirmed there was no update to share today.		
Delegations	none Councillor Damota joined the meeting at 9:35am.		
Correspondence – Jasper Park	Committee received an email over the weekend signed by both the Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Jasper regarding congestion at fuel stations in the townsite.		

Chamber of Commerce #284/25	<p>MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee direct Administration to add the correspondence to the next Regular Council meeting agenda; and</p> <p>That Committee direct Administration to report on any possible efforts for amelioration of the identified problem.</p>	<p>FOR 7 Councillors</p> <p>AGAINST 0 Councillors</p>	CARRIED
Director's Report – Urban Design & Standards	Committee received a departmental update from Director of Urban Design & Standards Beth Sanders. Highlights include information on community engagement on values for Jasper's Town Plan and residential density and parking; service trends; staffing; town planning; development coordination; housing; and updates on the Climate Change Adaptation Action Plan.		
#285/25	MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee receive the report for information.	<p>FOR 7 Councillors</p> <p>AGAINST 0 Councillors</p>	CARRIED
Values to Guide the Development of Jasper's Town Plan	Committee received a request for decision from the Urban Design & Standards department focused on the values expressed by residents in recent engagement sessions to guide the development of the next iteration of Jasper's Town Plan. The current plan is the Jasper Community Sustainability Plan, established in 2011.		
#286/25	MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee recommend Council receive the values of "belonging, connection, nature, responsible, thriving and inclusive" as information.	<p>FOR 7 Councillors</p> <p>AGAINST 0 Councillors</p>	CARRIED
#287/25	MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee recommend Council direct Administration to incorporate the values of "belonging, connection, nature, responsible, thriving and inclusive" in the creation of Jasper's Town Plan, fulfilling the requirements of a community plan under the Canada National Parks Act and a municipal development plan under Alberta's Municipal Government Act.	<p>FOR 7 Councillors</p> <p>AGAINST 0 Councillors</p>	CARRIED
Public Hearing Process – Land Use Policy Amendments to Increase Residential Density #288/25	<p>Committee received a report regarding proposed amendments to the Town of Jasper Land Use Policy. Ms. Sanders reviewed the community engagements initiatives which have taken place so far, and shared the reasons for considering a public hearing in the near future to provide another opportunity for residents to share their input.</p> <p>MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee select June 17, 2025, at 1:30 for Council to conduct a public hearing about proposed amendments to the Town of Jasper Land Use Policy.</p>		

	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillor	CARRIED
Recovery Advisory Committee Feedback on Draft Wildfire Recovery Priorities #289/25	<p>Committee reviewed the feedback given by the Recovery Advisory Committee (RAC) on the list of Wildfire Recovery Strategic Priorities. Housing & Social Recovery Manager Doug Olthaf spoke to the amendments suggested by the RAC; recommendations made by Administration, and possible alternatives for consideration.</p> <p>MOTION by Councillor Hall that Committee direct Administration to organize a Council Strategic Priorities workshop to consider and integrate the Recovery Advisory Committee's feedback on the draft wildfire recovery strategic priorities.</p>		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Motion Action List #290/25	<p>Administration reviewed the Motion Action List.</p> <p>MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee approve the Motion Action List as presented.</p>		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Councillor upcoming meetings	<p>Councillor Hall will be attending a Jasper Municipal Library Board meeting this evening; a Yellowhead Regional Library Board meeting next week; and the first Pathfinders gathering tomorrow.</p> <p>Councillor Melnyk attended a workshop last week with the rest of Council on Residential Density & Parking, as well as a meeting of the Recovery Advisory Committee with Councillors Hall and Waxer.</p> <p>Councillor Melnyk will be attending a Jasper Yellowhead Historical Society meeting this evening.</p> <p>Councillor Waxer will be at the Community Conversation for Early Childhood and School Age children tomorrow and at a Communities in Bloom meeting this Friday.</p> <p>Mayor Ireland will be acting as a panelist this Saturday at a Rural Resilience Symposium.</p>		
Upcoming Events	Council reviewed a list of upcoming events.		
Adjournment #291/25	<p>MOTION by Councillor Hall that, there being no further business, the Committee of the Whole meeting of June 10, 2025 be adjourned at 10:40am.</p>		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED