

Municipality of Jasper
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 27, 2026 | 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 participation is through in person attendance and public viewing during Council meetings is through Zoom livestreaming and in person attendance.		
Present	Mayor Richard Ireland, Deputy Mayor Kathleen Waxer, Councillors Ralph Melnyk, Kable Kongsrud, Wendy Hall, Laurie Rodger, and Danny Frechette		
Absent	none		
Also present	Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer Beth Sanders, Director of Urban Design & Standards Courtney Donaldson, Director of Operations & Utilities Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance & Administration Erin Toop, Transit Manager Leanne Pelletier, Housing Manager Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator James Purdy, SKIJORING for MS Bob Covey, The Jasper Local 16 observers		
Call to Order	Deputy Mayor Kathleen Waxer called the January 27, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 9:30am and began with a Traditional Land Acknowledgement .		
Additions/deletions to the agenda	none		
Approval of agenda #33/26	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk that Committee approve the agenda for the January 27, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillor	CARRIED
Business arising from minutes	none		
Delegations	none		
Correspondence – James Purdy of SKIJORING for MS	Committee received correspondence from James Purdy who is the head organizer of SKIJORING for MS which is an annual fundraiser for MS Canada held in northeastern Alberta. Mr. Purdy was also able to join the meeting over Zoom to answer Committee questions.		

#34/26	MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee receive the correspondence and presentation for information; and		
	That Committee direct Administration to work with other interested local organizations to investigate; with SKIJORING for MS, the feasibility of hosting a skijoring event in Jasper in subsequent years and to return to a future Committee of the Whole meeting with a report and recommendations.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillor	CARRIED
2025 Annual Transit Service Update	Committee received the annual Transit Service Update from CAO Bill Given and Transit Manager Erin Toop. Highlights included information on fares; routes; ridership numbers; rider survey results; funding breakdowns; business planning and more.		
#35/26	MOTION by Councillor Rodger that Committee receive the 2025 Annual Transit Service Update for information, and		
	That Committee direct Administration to return to Committee with the results of the 2027-2031 Transit Business Plan prior to July 2026.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillor	CARRIED
Recess	Deputy Mayor Waxer called a recess from 11:02am to 11:11am.		
2025 Property Tax Receivable/Write-Off Request	Committee received a request for decision from Director of Finance & Administration Natasha Malenchak regarding the reoccurring issue with property taxes for the Provincial building.		
#36/26	MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee recommend Council authorize the write off of \$10,802.15 for Property Tax receivable for Roll 500000 (Provincial Building).		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillor	CARRIED
Housing Report – Status of Housing Initiatives	Committee received an information report from Director of Urban Design & Standards Beth Sanders and Housing Manager Leanne Pelletier. ‘The Housing Report: Status of Housing Action Plan and Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) Initiatives’ provides an overview of eight core initiatives, six of which are directly tied to HAF funding.		
#37/26	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk that Committee receive the Housing Action Plan/Housing Initiatives update for information.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillor	CARRIED

Councillor Hall was temporarily unavailable during the vote on the motion but returned after for the remainder of the meeting.

Motion Action List Administration reviewed the Motion Action List.

#38/26 MOTION by Councillor Melnyk that Committee approve the updated Motion Action List with date changes for the following items:

- Transit Bus RFP
- Jasper Artists Guild Lease
- Property and Business Tax Policy

FOR	AGAINST	
7 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Councillor
upcoming
meetings

Councillor Hall will be at a Public Service Library Board orientation this evening.

Councillors will be participating in an Equity, Diversity & Inclusion workshop this Thursday; a lunch meeting with ATCO on Friday; and the first Intergovernmental of their term on February 3rd.

Councillor Melnyk will be attending the Economic Developers Alberta course taking place February 5th.

Mayor Ireland will be attending a meeting of the Jasper Partnership Initiative tomorrow and will be speaking at the Jasper in January Street Party this Saturday.

Councillor Waxer will be participating in strategic planning sessions for Family and Community Support Services Association of Alberta tomorrow and Thursday.

Councillor Kongsrud and Councillor Rodger requested to swap their Community Conversations appointments. Mayor Ireland asked Committee if there were any objections to the change and none were raised. Councillor Kongsrud will now attend the Seniors Community Conversations and Councillor Rodger will attend the Adults Community Conversation.

Upcoming Events Council reviewed a list of upcoming events.

Adjournment
#39/26 MOTION by Councillor Hall that, there being no further business, the Committee of the Whole meeting of January 27, 2026 be adjourned at 12:06pm.

FOR	AGAINST	
7 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED