

Municipality of Jasper
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday, May 19, 2026 | 1:30pm
 Jasper Library & Cultural Centre, Quorum Room

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| Virtual viewing and participation | Council attendance is in Council chambers at the Jasper Library & 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 Kable Kongsrud, Councillors Ralph Melnyk, Kathleen Waxer, Laurie Rodger, Danny Frechette, and Wendy Hall. | | |
| Absent | none | | |
| Also present | Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance & Administration Christopher Read, Director of Community Development Christine Nadon, Director of Protective & Legislative Services Doug Olthof, Director of Recovery Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator Angie Thom, Director of Library Services Paul Butler, Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce 9 observers | | |
| Call to order | Mayor Ireland called the May 19, 2026 Regular Council meeting to order at 1:30pm. | | |
| Additions/ deletions to agenda | none | | |
| Approval of agenda #210/26 | MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the agenda for the May 19, 2026 Regular Council meeting as presented. | | |
| | FOR 7 Councillors | AGAINST 0 Councillors | CARRIED |
| Approval of Regular minutes #211/26 | MOTION by Councillor Rodger – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the May 5, 2026 Regular Council meeting as presented. | | |
| | FOR 7 Councillors | AGAINST 0 Councillors | CARRIED |
| Approval of Committee of the Whole minutes #212/26 | MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the May 12, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented. | | |
| | FOR 7 Councillors | AGAINST 0 Councillors | CARRIED |
| Business arising from minutes | none | | |
| Delegations – Jasper Municipal Library #213/26 | Council received a presentation from Director of Library Services Angie Thom. The presentation included information on staffing; operations; services; visitor and circulation numbers; programs and events; board accomplishments; details on the provincial government’s Bill 28; and the annual financial review. MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council accept the Financial Review for the Municipality of Jasper Library Board. | | |
| | FOR 7 Councillors | AGAINST 0 Councillors | CARRIED |

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| Delegations – Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce | Council received Paul Butler, Executive Director of the Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce, as a delegation to address Item 6.6, the Taxation Rates Bylaw 2026. He requested Council look closely at other options for the tax rate ratio and shared hopes to be involved in any future public engagement regarding tax policies. | | |
| Correspondence | none | | |
| Director’s Report – Community Development | Council received a department update from Director of Community Development Christopher Read. The report provided updates on the Jasper Activity Centre; arena; parks; Fitness & Aquatic Centre; Wildflowers Childcare; Out of School Care; Outreach & Settlement Services; Community Conversations; Community Dinners; past and upcoming events; and more. | | |
| #214/26 | MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the report for information. | | |
| | FOR 7 Councillors | AGAINST 0 Councillors | CARRIED |
| Recess | Mayor Ireland called a recess from 2:44pm to 2:56pm. | | |
| Mayor’s Awards Policy #215/26 | MOTION by Councillor Rodger – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve B-115, the Mayor’s Awards Policy as presented; and that Council rescind the previous Mayor’s Awards Policy B-015. | | |
| | FOR 7 Councillors | AGAINST 0 Councillors | CARRIED |
| Housing Reserve Transfer #216/26 | MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council allocate \$876,185 of remaining insurance proceeds for 1251 Cabin Creek Drive to the Fixed Asset Reserve Fund. | | |
| | FOR 7 Councillors | AGAINST 0 Councillors | CARRIED |
| Wildfire Utility Repairs Phase 2: Water Utility Rehabilitation #217/26 | MOTION by Councillor Rodger – BE IT RESOLVED that Council amend the 2026 capital budget to include the Wildfire Utility Repairs – Phase 2 project at an estimated total budget of \$7,630,000, to be funded in part by the Disaster Recovery Program/HARP, borrowing, and reserves. | | |
| | FOR 7 Councillors | AGAINST 0 Councillors | CARRIED |
| Jasper Water Services Bylaw 2026 #218/26 | MOTION by Councillor Frechette – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the third time, Bylaw #279, being a bylaw of the Municipality of Jasper in the province of Alberta to provide for the regulation of water services. | | |
| | FOR 7 Councillors | AGAINST 0 Councillors | CARRIED |
| Taxation Rates Bylaw 2026 | Council received a draft tax rate bylaw for consideration. Director of Finance & Administration Natasha Malenchak reviewed pertinent background; current requisitions; continued effects of the 2024 wildfire; and more. CAO Bill Given shared legislative timelines and the potential for adjustments to the mill rates due to late assessments. | | |
| #219/26 | MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the first time, Bylaw #280, being a bylaw of the Municipality of Jasper in the province of Alberta to authorize the rates of taxation to be levied against assessable property within the Municipality of Jasper for the 2026 taxation year. | | |

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| | FOR 7 Councillors | AGAINST 0 Councillors | CARRIED |
| #220/26 | MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the second time, Bylaw #280, being a bylaw of the Municipality of Jasper in the province of Alberta to authorize the rates of taxation to be levied against assessable property within the Municipality of Jasper for the 2026 taxation year. | | |
| | FOR 7 Councillors | AGAINST 0 Councillors | CARRIED |
| Door-to-Door Solar Sales Resolution | Resolutions for the fall Alberta Municipalities convention must be submitted prior to May 31, 2026. The City of St. Albert reached out to Council to ask if they would consider being a seconder on a proposed resolution regarding door-to-door solar sales. | | |
| | Mayor Ireland relinquished the Chair to Deputy Mayor Kongsrud in order to make the following motion. | | |
| #221/26 | MOTION by Mayor Ireland – BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Municipality of Jasper second the motion of the City of St. Albert to be presented at the fall Alberta Municipalities convention regarding door-to-door solar sales calling upon Alberta Municipalities to advocate to the Government of Alberta to enhance regulatory oversight for door-to-door solar PV sales, and to engage with Alberta municipalities and the solar PV industry to protect consumers from misinformation regarding municipal clean energy improvement programs. | | |
| | FOR 7 Councillors | AGAINST 0 Councillors | CARRIED |
| | Deputy Mayor Kongsrud returned the Chair to Mayor Ireland. | | |
| Insurance Deadline Communication | Councillor Rodger brought forward a draft letter for consideration by Council regarding the approaching two-year statutory insurance claim deadline following the 2024 Jasper wildfire. | | |
| #222/26 | MOTION by Councillor Rodger – BE IT RESOLVED that Council amend the draft letter as follows: | | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change date from July 24th to July 22nd • Italicize from “Dear Insured to July 22, 2027” • Change phrase “due to you” to “claimed by you”; and | | |
| | That Council direct Administration to forward the amended letter to all current property tax owners and to those who were property tax owners on July 22, 2024. | | |
| | FOR 7 Councillors | AGAINST 0 Councillors | CARRIED |
| #223/26 | MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to post the letter on the website and reach out to Red Cross to consider distributing this letter to the affected individuals on their records who registered after the 2024 Jasper Wildfire evacuation. | | |
| | FOR 7 Councillors | AGAINST 0 Councillors | CARRIED |
| Notices of Motion | none | | |
| Councillor Reports | Councillor Hall was at a Library Board meeting last Monday and a Climate Caucus national call last Friday. | | |

Mayor Ireland was in Edmonton last week and joined Ryan Jesperson on “Real Talk” on May 13th; and also spoke at the Canadian Risk & Hazard Network Symposium which took place at the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology on Thursday morning.

Upcoming events

Council received a list of upcoming events for information.

Adjournment
#224/26

MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that, there being no further business, the Regular Council meeting of May 19, 2026 be adjourned at 4:10pm.

FOR
7 Councillors

AGAINST
0 Councillors

CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer