

Municipality of Jasper
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday, August 27, 2024 | 9:30 am

Virtual viewing and participation	Due to the ongoing wildfire recovery this meeting was conducted virtually and available for public livestreaming through Zoom. All meeting attendees participated or observed by electronic means.						
Present	Mayor Richard Ireland, Deputy Mayor Helen Kelleher-Empey, Councillors Kathleen Waxer, Ralph Melnyk, Scott Wilson, Wendy Hall and Rico Damota.						
Absent	none						
Also present	Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer Christine Nadon, Director of Protective & Legislative Services Mathew Conte, Jasper Municipal Fire Department Chief Michael Fark, Director of Recovery Beth Sanders, Director of Urban Design & Standards Bernd Manz, Interim Director of Operations & Utilities Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator Rob de Pruis, Insurance Bureau of Canada Peter Shokeir, The Fitzhugh Bob Covey, The Jasper Local 22 observers						
Call to order	Mayor Ireland called the August 27, 2024 Regular Council meeting to order at 9:33am. He also acknowledged that the week of August 25-31 is known as “Be Kind to Humankind Week” and today is “Touch a Heart Tuesday”.						
Additions or deletions to agenda	none						
Approval of agenda #355/24	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the agenda for the August 27, 2024 Regular Council meeting as presented. <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 35%;">FOR</td> <td style="width: 35%;">AGAINST</td> <td style="width: 30%;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td>7 Councillors</td> <td>0 Councillors</td> <td style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</td> </tr> </table>	FOR	AGAINST		7 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED
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Approval of Regular minutes #356/24	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the August 20, 2024 Regular Council meeting as presented. <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 35%;">FOR</td> <td style="width: 35%;">AGAINST</td> <td style="width: 30%;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td>7 Councillors</td> <td>0 Councillors</td> <td style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</td> </tr> </table>	FOR	AGAINST		7 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED
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Correspondence #357/24	Council received correspondence from the Mayor of Hakone; the Insurance Bureau of Canada; and Smoky Lake County all expressing concern for Jasper following the beginning of the wildfire. MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the correspondence for information. <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 35%;">FOR</td> <td style="width: 35%;">AGAINST</td> <td style="width: 30%;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td>7 Councillors</td> <td>0 Councillors</td> <td style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</td> </tr> </table>	FOR	AGAINST		7 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED
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Insurance Bureau of Canada #358/24	Council received a presentation from Rob de Pruis, the National Director of Consumer & Industry Relations for the Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC), focused on the industry’s response to the Jasper Wildfire Complex. Mr. de Pruis has been present since the beginning of the incident, took part in the town halls which were hosted by the province, and shared how IBC can be contacted through the IBC Consumer Information Centre. The presentation is included in the agenda package. MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the presentation for information.						

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Joint Recovery Coordination Centre Update	Council received an update on the Joint Recovery Coordination Centre (JRCC) from Director of Recovery Michael Fark. The extensive verbal update covered details of the transition from the Incident Management Team to the JRCC; priorities and objectives set by the JRCC; updated numbers related to re-entry; estimated timelines; and the formation of a recovery committee with governance and terms of reference in development.		
#359/24	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empy – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the update for information.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
	Councillor Melnyk left the meeting at 11:14am		
Fire Department Staffing Requests	Council received a report from administration, prepared by Director of Protective & Legislative Services Christine Nadon, requesting additional resources for the Fire Department in light of the Jasper Wildfire Complex. Fire Chief Mathew Conte was also available to answer questions. Mayor and Council shared their deep appreciation for all of the firefighters who helped protect the townsite.		
#360/24	MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the establishment of a Captain position in the Fire Department; and		
	That Council approve the hiring of 10 contract Firefighters for a six-month term, to be extended as needed.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
	Councillor Melnyk returned to the meeting at 11:41am.		
Climate Change Adaptation Action Plan Development Update	Council received a report from administration in response to a motion made at the February 27, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting to return with recommendations on developing a Climate Change Adaptation Action Plan. Energy & Environment Manager Mona El Dabee reviewed the report and provided further insight while answering Council questions.		
#361/24	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to proceed with developing a five-year Climate Change Adaptation Action Plan with internal resources and present the plan at a future Committee of the Whole Meeting in spring 2025.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Notices of Motion	none		
Motion Action List #362/24	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empy – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the updated Motion Action List.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Councillor Reports	none		
Upcoming events	Council received a list of upcoming events for information.		
Move In-camera #363/24	MOTION by Councillor Damota to move in-camera at 11:48am to discuss agenda item:		

- 10.1 Intergovernmental Relations FOIP s. 21, 22, 23, 24

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7 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Mr. Given, Ms. Sanders and Ms. Acorn also attended the in-camera session.

Move out of camera
#364/24

MOTION by Councillor Hall to move out of camera at 12:44pm.

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7 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Adjournment
#365/24

MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that, there being no further business, the Regular Council meeting of August 27, 2024 be adjourned at 12:45pm.

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7 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer