

Municipality of Jasper
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 8, 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 Ralph Melnyk, Councillors Helen Kelleher-Empy, Wendy Hall, Rico Damota and Kathleen Waxer		
Absent	Councillor Scott Wilson		
Also present	Christine Nadon, Acting Chief Administrative Officer Beth Sanders, Director of Urban Design & Standards Leanne Pelletier, Municipal Housing Manager Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator Margot Walker, Resident Art Jackson, Resident Peter Shokeir, The Fitzhugh Bob Covey, The Jasper Local Jacqui Sundquist, CBC Edmonton 15 observers		
Call to Order	Deputy Mayor Melnyk called the April 8, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 9:30am and began with a Traditional Land Acknowledgement . He also noted that this week is National Tourism Week in Canada, with this being the 15 th year of recognition.		
Additions and/or deletions to agenda #170/25	Councillor Kelleher-Empy made a request to add four items to the agenda related to community matters. MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee add the following items to the April 8, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7.2 Storage lots• 7.3 Fire Pits• 7.4 Dust• 7.5 Closure of Geikie Street on 900 Block		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of agenda #171/25	MOTION by Councillor Damota that Committee approve the agenda for the April 8, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting as amended: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Add 7.2 Storage Lots• Add 7.3 Fire Pits• Add 7.4 Dust• Add 7.5 Closure of Geikie Street on 900 Block		

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Business arising from March 25, 2025 minutes	none		
Delegations	Committee received two Jasper residents as delegations who wished to speak to an added agenda item. Residents Margot Walker and Art Jackson both shared their concerns with the use of the storage lots in the S-Block.		
Correspondence	none		
Accessory Dwelling Incentive Program #172/25	Committee received a report and draft policy from Director of Urban Design & Standards Beth Sanders and Municipal Housing Manager Leanne Pelletier.		
	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empy that Committee recommend Council approve the Accessory Dwelling Incentive Program; and		
	That Committee recommend Council approve the Accessory Dwelling Policy with discussed amendments.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Storage Lots	Committee discussed adding an item to the next Intergovernmental meeting regarding future storage areas for resident RV's.		
#173/25	MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee direct Administration to add the topic of future storage lots to the next Intergovernmental meeting.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Fire Pits	Committee asked Administration if there was an updated information or legislation regarding having fire pits in the townsite following last summer's wildfire.		
#174/25	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empy that Committee direct Administration to return to a future Committee of the Whole meeting with a report regarding the Fire Bylaw and communications for the upcoming season.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Dust	Committee asked Administration to share concerns with staff in Bylaw and at the Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre regarding dust, driving speed of trucks removing debris, and the tightness of the coverings on the back of the trucks when leaving town with full loads.		

Closure of Geikie Street on the 900 Block	Committee inquired of Administration as to the duration of the road closure on the 900 Block of Geikie Street. Acting Chief Administration Officer Christine Nadon confirmed the section of road will be staying closed for the foreseeable future and during the rebuild.		
Motion Action List	Administration reviewed the Motion Action List.		
#175/25	MOTION by Councillor Hall that Committee approve the updated Motion Action List with date changes for the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wildfire Recovery Strategic Priorities • Climate Change Adaptation Plan 		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Councillor upcoming meetings	Starting tomorrow, Councillor Melnyk will be attending the Economic Developers of Alberta conference in Kananaskis as part of his work with Community Futures West Yellowhead.		
Upcoming Events	Council reviewed a list of upcoming events.		
#176/25	MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee add the following item to the April 8, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10.1 In-camera item: Labour Relations FOIP s. 18 (1)a, 24 (1)(b)(i) 		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Move In-camera #177/25	MOTION by Mayor Ireland to move in-camera at 11:00am to discuss agenda items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10.1 Labour Relations FOIP s. 18 (1)a, 24 (1)(b)(i) 		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
	Ms. Nadon also attended the in-camera session.		
Move out of camera #178/25	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empy to move out of camera at 12:32pm.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Adjournment #179/25	MOTION by Mayor Ireland that, there being no further business, the Committee of the Whole meeting of April 8, 2025 be adjourned at 12:33pm.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED