

Municipality of Jasper
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 4, 2026 | 1:30pm
Jasper Library & Cultural Centre, Quorum Room

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 Laurie Rodger, Councillors Ralph Melnyk, Kathleen Waxer, Wendy Hall, and Danny Frechette.		
Absent	Councillor Kable Kongsrud		
Also present	Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer Beth Sanders, Director of Urban Design & Standards Christine Nadon, Director of Protective & Legislative Services Doug Olthof, Director of Recovery Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance & Administration Logan Ireland, Project Recovery Manager Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator Bob Covey, The Jasper Local 7 observers		
Call to order	Mayor Ireland called the August 4, 2026 Regular Council meeting to order at 1:30pm and noted important dates which have passed since the last meeting including the 25th anniversary of the incorporation of the Municipality of Jasper. Events to mark two years since the evacuation of the townsite and the loss of properties due to the Jasper Wildfire Comple took place on July 22nd and July 24th. Council observed a moment of silence to acknowledge the sacrifice made on August 3, 2024 with the passing of firefighter Morgan Kitchen during the Jasper Wildfire Complex.		
Additions/ deletions to agenda	none		
Approval of agenda #327/26	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the agenda for the August 4, 2026 Regular Council meeting as presented.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of Regular minutes #328/26	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the July 7, 2026 Regular Council meeting as presented.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of Committee of the Whole minutes #329/26	MOTION by Councillor Frechette – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the July 14, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of Special meeting minutes #330/26	MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the July 14, 2026 Special meeting as presented.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED

Business arising from minutes	none		
Delegations	none		
Correspondence	none		
Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre Progress Update	Council received a Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre progress update from Director of Recovery Doug Olthof and Project Recovery Manager Logan Ireland. Highlights included information on key recovery activities as well as a closer at utility infrastructure.		
#331/26	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the report for information.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Director's Report – Finance & Administration	Council received a department update from Director of Finance & Administration Natasha Malenchak. Highlights included information on major projects in information technology; upcoming budget planning; grants; staffing; utilities; taxes; and more.		
#332/26	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the report for information.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Jasper Encroachment Bylaw 2026 #333/26	MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the third time, Bylaw #286, being a bylaw of the Specialized Municipality of Jasper in the province of Alberta to address encroachment on Municipal Lands in the Town of Jasper.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Borrowing Bylaws #334/26	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the third time, Bylaw #281, being a bylaw of the Municipality of Jasper in the province of Alberta to authorize Council to incur indebtedness by the issuance of debenture in the amount of \$1,900,000 for the purpose of the Jasper Recreation Complex Renovation Phase 3.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
#335/26	MOTION by Councillor Rodger – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the third time, Bylaw #282, being a bylaw of the Municipality of Jasper in the province of Alberta to authorize Council to incur indebtedness by the issuance of debenture in the amount of \$3,200,000 for the purpose of wastewater treatment facilities renovations and upgrades.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
#336/26	MOTION by Councillor Frechette – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the third time, Bylaw #283, being a bylaw of the Municipality of Jasper in the province of Alberta to authorize Council to incur indebtedness by the issuance of debenture in the amount of \$776,705 for the purpose of servicing Arnica Avenue.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED

#337/26	MOTION by Councillor Rodger – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the third time, Bylaw #284, being a bylaw of the Municipality of Jasper in the province of Alberta to authorize Council to incur indebtedness by the issuance of debenture in the amount of \$4,000,000 for the purpose of servicing wildfire affected water and wastewater infrastructure.	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Unsolicited Financial Donations Policy #338/26	MOTION by Councillor Frechette – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve B-128 Unsolicited Financial Donations Policy as presented.	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Audit Services RFP Award #339/26	MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the award of the 5-year Audit Services agreement to MNP for the term of August 1, 2026 to July 31, 2031.	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Jasper Municipal Housing Corporation - Annual Written Shareholder Resolution #340/26	MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorize the Jasper Municipal Housing Corporation Annual Written Shareholder Resolution as presented; and That Council receive the Jasper Municipal Housing Corporation 2025 Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements for information.	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Records Retention and Disposition Bylaw #341/26	Director of Protective & Legislative Services Christine Nadon reviewed updates made to the first draft of the bylaw which was given first reading at the July 7, 2026 Regular Council meeting. MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the second time, Bylaw #285, being a bylaw of the Specialized Municipality of Jasper in the province of Alberta to regulate the retention and disposition of records.	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Notices of Motion	none			
Councillor Reports	Councillor Frechette attended meetings for the Communities in Bloom Committee on July 24th and August 1st in preparation for September 10th; when judges will be in the townsite. Councillor Waxer was in Hinton last Friday for a ribbon cutting ceremony; hosted by the Evergreens Foundation, for the new interim housing for displaced Pine Grove residents. Councillor Melnyk participated in an FCM webinar on Canada Post service changes on July 22nd, and a Jasper Partnership Initiative meeting with Mayor Ireland on July 29th. Mayor Ireland, Councillors Waxer; Melnyk; and Kongsrud, attended the reopening of the Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge and commemorative event July 24th. Mayor Ireland, along with other Councillors, attended the July 22nd BBQ hosted by the Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre at Commemoration Park.			

Mayor Ireland and Councillor Waxer participated in a media event for the Jasper Food Bank on July 29th. The foodbank received a large donation from Amazon which was being stored in Leduc until there was space in Jasper for it to be received.

Upcoming events	Council received a list of upcoming events for information.		
Adjournment #342/26	MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that, there being no further business, the Regular Council meeting of August 4, 2026 be adjourned at 3:03pm.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

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