

Municipality of Jasper
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 25, 2026 | 9:30am
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 Wendy Hall, Ralph Melnyk, Danny Frechette, Kathleen Waxer, and Kable Kongsrud		
Absent	none		
Also present	Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer Christine Nadon, Director of Protective & Legislative Services Christopher Read, Director of Community Development Doug Olthof, Director of Recovery Lisa Riddell, Community Development Manager Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator 16 observers		
Call to Order	Deputy Mayor Rodger called the August 25, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 9:30am.		
Additions/ deletions to the agenda #363/26	MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee amend the agenda for the August 25, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting as follows: • Move agenda item 7.4 Indigenous Relations Strategy to be in-camera.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillor	CARRIED
Approval of agenda #364/26	MOTION by Councillor Hall that Committee approve the agenda for the August 25, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting as amended.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillor	CARRIED
Business arising from minutes	none		
Delegations	none		
Correspondence – RCMP Quarterly Report #365/25	Council received a quarterly report from Sergeant Rick Bidaisee, Detachment Commander of the Jasper RCMP. MOTION by Mayor Ireland – BE IT RESOLVED that Committee receive the correspondence for information.		

	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Rescinding Policy F-008 Encroachments	Committee received a report regarding Policy F-008 Encroachments and the recently passed Bylaw #286, the Jasper Encroachment Bylaw 2026. Director of Protective & Legislative Services Christine Nadon reviewed the request and answered Committee questions.		
#366/26	MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee recommend Council rescind Policy F-008, Encroachments.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillor	CARRIED
Access to Information and Protection of Privacy	Committee received a request for decision connected to recent changes in Provincial legislation surrounding privacy and access to information. Ms. Nadon reviewed the work undertaken to date; presented a draft bylaw for consideration; as well as a Privacy and Management Program.		
#367/26	MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee recommend Council give first and second reading to the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Bylaw.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillor	CARRIED
#368/26	MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee recommend Council approve the Privacy Management Program as presented.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillor	CARRIED
#369/26	MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee direct Administration to forward to Brownlee Law a list of the concerns regarding the Privacy Management Program as expressed by Committee members during the August 25, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillor	CARRIED
Jasper Municipal Leasehold Assets Society Transfer of Assets	Committee received an update on the transfer of assets from the Jasper Municipal Leasehold Assets Society to the Municipality of Jasper. Ms. Nadon reviewed the report and recommendations. Mr. Given assisted in answering Committee questions.		
#370/26	MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee direct Administration to return this item to the first Committee of the Whole meeting in September; and		
	That in the interim, Committee direct Administration to consult with our auditors regarding the potential to have an assignment of some of the leasehold assets directly to the Jasper Municipal Housing Corporation; and		

That Committee direct the Mayor to write to the Minister responsible for land titles to request a waiver of transfer fees or registration fees for all properties.

FOR	AGAINST	
7 Councillors	0 Councillor	CARRIED

Recess Deputy Mayor Rodger called a recess from 11:08am to 11:23am.

Indigenous Relations Strategy Mayor Ireland acknowledged that he had supported Councillor Waxer's earlier motion to move agenda item 7.4 Indigenous Relations Strategy to an in-camera discussion. After reflection, and with Councillor Waxer's support, he made the following motion.

#371/26 MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee refer the Indigenous Relations Strategy to a Council workshop to be arranged with Administration.

FOR	AGAINST	
7 Councillors	0 Councillor	CARRIED

2026 Bike Park Project Plan Committee received recommendations and alternatives for consideration regarding the Jasper Bike Park Project Plan. Mr. Read reviewed information on funding and work undertaken so far; as well as timeline considerations.

#372/26 MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee recommend Council approve the following support to the Jasper Park Cycling Association subject to confirmation of CFEP grant funding:

- Up to \$90,000 cash contribution to be funded through debenture,
- Up to \$10,000 gifts-in-kind; and

That Committee recommend Council approve the following support to the Jasper Park Cycling Association should CFEP grant funding not be secured or not be fully funded:

- Up to \$125,000 cash contribution to be funded through debenture,
- Up to \$10,000 gifts-in-kind; and
- Up to \$90,000 in repayable loan.

FOR	AGAINST	
7 Councillors	0 Councillor	CARRIED

#373/26 MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee direct Administration to provide Council with the terms of the license of occupation concurrent with this matter coming back to Council.

FOR	AGAINST	
7 Councillors	0 Councillor	CARRIED

Municipal Recovery Transition Framework Committee received the Municipal Recovery Transition Framework for consideration. Director of Recovery Doug Olthof and CAO Bill Given reviewed recommendations; alternatives; background; transition objectives; staffing considerations; and more.

#374/26

MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee receive the Municipal Recovery Transition Framework for information; and

That Committee recommend Council authorize the extension of recovery positions as described in the Framework; and

That Committee recommend Council dissolve the Recovery Advisory Committee following the conclusion of the closeout process outlined in the Framework; and

That Committee direct Administration to develop a draft terms of reference for an Economic Development Advisory Committee and return to a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

FOR

AGAINST

7 Councillors

0 Councillor

CARRIED

Green Burials Information Request #375/26

MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee direct Administration to prepare a report on the potential for adding a green burial area to the Jasper Cemetery and/or the possibility of allowing natural burial in the existing cemetery and return to a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

FOR

AGAINST

7 Councillors

0 Councillors

CARRIED

Motion Action List #376/26

Administration reviewed the Motion Action List.

MOTION by Councillor Melnyk that Committee approve the updated Motion Action List with the removal of the following items:

- Jasper Park Cycling Association
- Indigenous Relations Framework
- Recovery Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

And date changes for:

- Residential Parking
- Canada Day

FOR

AGAINST

7 Councillors

0 Councillors

CARRIED

Councillor upcoming meetings

Councillor Frechette will be meeting with the Communities in Bloom Committee this week.

Upcoming Events

Council reviewed a list of upcoming events.

Adjournment #377/26

MOTION by Mayor Ireland that, there being no further business, the Committee of the Whole meeting of August 25, 2026 be adjourned at 12:43pm.

FOR

AGAINST

7 Councillors

0 Councillors

CARRIED