

Municipality of Jasper
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday, March 18, 2025 | 1:30pm
 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 both Zoom livestreaming and in-person attendance.		
Present	Mayor Richard Ireland, Deputy Mayor Ralph Melnyk, Councillors Helen Kelleher-Empey, Kathleen Waxer, Rico Damota, Scott Wilson, and Wendy Hall.		
Absent	none		
Also present	Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer Christine Nadon, Director of Protective & Legislative Services Michael Fark, Director of Recovery Beth Sanders, Director of Urban Design & Standards Lisa Riddell, Acting Assistant Director of Community Services Leanne Pelletier, Housing Coordinator Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator Lynn Wannop & Madison Goy, Jasper Pride Festival Society Jacqui Sundquist, CBC Edmonton Peter Shokeir, The Fitzhugh 46 observers (including 28 Grade 6 students and teacher Heidi Konsgrud)		
Call to order	Mayor Ireland called the March 18, 2025 Regular Council meeting to order at 1:30pm and began with a Traditional Land Acknowledgement .		
Additions or deletions to agenda #127/25	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council add the following item to the March 18, 2025 Regular Council meeting agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10.3 In-camera – Human Resources Update • 10.4 In-camera – Council Human Resources Committee Update 		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of agenda #128/25	MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the agenda for the March 18, 2025 Regular Council meeting as amended: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add 10.3 In-camera – Human Resources Update • Add 10.4 In-camera – Council Human Resources Committee Update 		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of Regular minutes #129/25	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the March 4, 2025 Regular Council meeting as presented.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes #130/25	MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the March 11, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Delegations	none		
	Councillor Kelleher-Empey joined the meeting at 1:47pm.		
Correspondence – Jasper Pride Festival Society and OUT Jasper – Non-	Council received Lynn Wannop and Madison Goy as representatives for the Jasper Pride Festival Society. They thanked Mayor and Council for the support the group has received in past years and brought a rainbow tie for the Mayor to replace the one he had lost in the fire in the summer of 2024.		

Standard Crosswalk Request #131/25	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the non-standard crosswalk request from the Jasper Pride Festival Society and OUT Jasper.	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Correspondence – Jasper Pride Festival Society – Flag Raising Request #132/25	MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the flag raising request from the Jasper Pride Festival Society.	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Correspondence – Office of the Minister responsible for Prairie Economic Development Canada #133/25	Council received correspondence from the Honorable Terry Duguid, Minister of Sport and Minister responsible for Prairie Economic Development Canada regarding the approval of the funding proposal to support economic recovery and the Commerce Continuity Program in Jasper. MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the correspondence for information.	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Director’s Report – Community Development #134/25	Council received a report from the Department of Community Development with Acting Assistant Director of Community Services Lisa Riddell reviewing news in outreach/recovery services; funding; programming; staffing; service trends and communications. The report is included in the agenda package. MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empy – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the report for information.	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
#135/25	MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to bring an update to a future meeting on a joint agreement with the Grande Yellowhead Public School Division.	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre Progress Update #136/25	Council received a progress update from the Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre. Director of Recovery Michael Fark presented updates on the debris removal process; interim housing; development review and the approval process; the Recovery Pathfinders program; the Commerce Continuity Initiative; and more. MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the progress update for information.	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Recess	Mayor Ireland called a recess from 3:10pm to 3:20pm.			
Interim Space for Non-Public Facing Businesses #137/25	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empy – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read, for the third time, Bylaw #267, being a bylaw of the Specialized Municipality of Jasper in the province of Alberta to repeal a bylaw for the regulation and control of Municipal storage lots.	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED

Housing Accelerator Fund and Housing Action Plan #138/25	MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the Jasper Housing Action Plan dated March 11, 2025.	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Residential Density & Parking Community Engagement Approach #139/25	MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the attached Community Engagement Approach for identifying town values and reviewing residential density and parking policies in the Land Use Policy (April to July 2025), as information.	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Housing Manager Position #140/25	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the establishment of a Housing Manager position to create, oversee and implement the Municipality of Jasper’s housing programs.	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
2024 Property Tax Receivable/Write-Off Request #141/25	MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to write off Property Tax receivable for Roll 500000 (Provincial Building) for half of the amount levied in the amount of \$35,136.62.	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Notices of Motion	none			
Councillor Reports	Councillor Melnyk attended a dinner Saturday night hosted by the Thermal Insulation Association of Alberta and a meeting of the Jasper-Yellowhead Historical Society meeting last week. Mayor Ireland attended a meeting of the West Yellowhead Regional Waste Management Authority last Thursday. He shared some statistics with Council which are attached to the meeting minutes.			
Upcoming events	Council received a list of upcoming events for information.			
Move In-camera #142/25	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey to move in-camera at 3:47pm to discuss agenda items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10.1 Mayor’s Recognition Awards FOIP s. 19, 29(1)(b) • 10.2 Land Matters FOIP s. 25, 27, 29 • 10.3 In-camera – Human Resources Update • 10.4 In-camera – Council Human Resources Committee Update 	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
	Mr. Given and Ms. Nadon also attended the in-camera session. Mayor Ireland recused himself for item 10.2 and left the meeting room for that portion of the in-camera.			
Move out of camera #143/25	MOTION by Councillor Hall to move out of camera at 4:50pm.	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED

Adjournment
#144/25

MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that, there being no further business, the Regular Council meeting of March 18, 2025 be adjourned at 4:50pm.

FOR
7 Councillors

AGAINST
0 Councillors

CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer