

Municipality of Jasper
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday, April 7, 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 Deputy Mayor Danny Frechette, Councillors Kathleen Waxer, Laurie Rodger, and Wendy Hall.

Absent Mayor Richard Ireland, Councillors Ralph Melnyk and Kable Kongsrud

Also present Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer
 Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance & Administration
 Courtney Donaldson, Director of Operations & Utilities
 Doug Olthaf, Director of Recovery
 Beth Sanders, Director of Urban Design & Standards
 Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator
 George Andrew, Resident
 Paul Butler, Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce
 Bob Covey, The Jasper Local
 26 observers

Call to order Deputy Mayor Frechette called the April 7, 2026 Regular Council meeting to order at 1:30pm.

Additions/deletions to agenda none

Approval of agenda #139/26 MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the agenda for the April 7, 2026 Regular Council meeting as presented.

FOR	AGAINST	
4 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Approval of Regular minutes #140/26 MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the March 17, 2026 Regular Council meeting as presented.

FOR	AGAINST	
4 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Approval of Committee of the Whole minutes #141/26 Councillor Rodger noted the wording needed an amendment in the description of the 2025 Tax Recovery Auction item.

MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the March 24, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting as amended:

- The description for the 2025 Tax Recovery Auction item should read; “Councillor Rodger declared a conflict of interest; as he has close family that holds a mortgage on one of the properties, and left the meeting at 9:39am.”

FOR	AGAINST	
4 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Approval of Public Hearing meeting minutes #142/26 MOTION by Councillor Rodger – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the March 24, 2026 Public Hearing meeting as presented.

FOR	AGAINST	
4 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Business arising from minutes	none		
Delegations – Accurate Assessment Group Ltd. #143/26	Council received a presentation from Troy Birtles of Accurate Assessment Group Limited. Mr. Birtles reviewed the presentation which was included in the agenda package and answered Council questions. MOTION by Councillor Rodger – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the presentation for information.	FOR 4 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors CARRIED
Delegations	Council opened the floor to delegations. Resident George Andrew rose to speak to Item 6.3 on today’s agenda. Councillor Rodger declared a conflict of interest; as he has a close family member that holds a mortgage on one of the properties. He left the meeting at 2:17pm. CAO Given noted that Council lost Quorum with Councillor Rodger declaring a conflict of interest. While it was acknowledged that Council could take no action, as a courtesy, remaining Council members chose to hear from delegations expecting to speak to item 6.3. Mr. Andrew requested an extension, of at least two months, on the Tax Recovery Auction which is listed as an item for decision on today’s agenda. Paul Butler, Executive Director of the Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce, also addressed Council and shared his concerns with the Tax Recovery Auction and the penalties which were incurred. Councillor Rodger returned to the meeting at 2:35pm.		
Recess	Deputy Mayor Frechette called a recess from 2:35pm to 2:45pm.		
Correspondence	none		
Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre Progress Update #144/26	Council received a Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre Progress Update from Director of Recovery Doug Olthaf. Highlights included a summary of key recovery activities as well as a deeper dive into interim housing. MOTION by Councillor Rodger – BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to undertake efforts to increase public awareness about the impending deadline with respect to insurance claims.	FOR 4 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors CARRIED
#145/26	MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the report for information.	FOR 4 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors CARRIED
Director’s Report – Operations & Utilities #146/26	Council received a department update from Director of Operations & Utilities Courtney Donaldson. The report provided information on major projects; staffing; service trends; communications; and engagement. The report is included in the agenda package. MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the report for information.	FOR 4 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors CARRIED

2025 Tax Recovery Auction	Councillor Rodger noted that he would again declare a conflict of interest. CAO Bill Given reviewed the relevant legislation and process to be followed when losing Quorum due to a declared conflict of interest and advised moving Item 6.3 to the next Regular Council meeting date.
#147/26	MOTION by Councillor Rodger – BE IT RESOLVED that Council table Item 6.3 on today’s agenda, the 2025 Tax Recovery Auction, to the next Regular Council meeting. FOR 4 Councillors
	AGAINST 0 Councillors
	CARRIED
Jasper Skatepark Final Financing	Director of Finance & Administration Natasha Malenchak provided Council with updated numbers; since last week’s Committee of the Whole meeting; following further contributions made by the Jasper Skatepark Committee.
#148/26	MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the use of Annual General Capital Reserve in the amount of up to \$21,706.66 to offset the outstanding amount owing from the Skatepark Committee. FOR 4 Councillors
	AGAINST 0 Councillors
	CARRIED
Unsolicited Donations – Post Wildfire #149/26	MOTION by Councillor Rodger – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the transfer of \$32,625.44 in unsolicited donations received post wildfire to the Jasper Community Team Society’s Caring Community Fund. FOR 4 Councillors
	AGAINST 0 Councillors
	CARRIED
Transit Fleet Procurement	Council asked about an item on the Motion Action List; which is included in Committee of the Whole meeting agendas, regarding the 2025 Annual Transit Service Update. Mr. Given confirmed the timeline and expectations for the report.
#150/26	MOTION by Councillor Rodger – BE IT RESOLVED that Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amend the approved capital budget to remove the item “Transit Fleet Zero Emission Bus Purchase (3)” in the total amount of “\$2,250,000”; • Amend the approved capital budget to add the item “Transit Bus Purchase” in the total amount of \$2,250,000; and • Direct administration to proceed with transit fleet procurement.
	FOR 4 Councillors
	AGAINST 0 Councillors
	CARRIED
Parking Authority Bylaw Update #151/26	MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the third time, Bylaw #277, being a bylaw of the Municipality of Jasper in the province of Alberta to establish the Municipality of Jasper Parking Authority 2026. FOR 4 Councillors
	AGAINST 0 Councillors
	CARRIED
Jasper Off-Site Levies Bylaw 2026	Mr. Given confirmed certification; which is required before final reading, was not received from Parks Canada in time for the meeting today. Following process this item will be added to the April 21, 2026 Regular Council meeting agenda.
Notices of Motion	none
Councillor Reports	Councillor Frechette took part in the Community Futures West Yellowhead business walk in Jasper last week, as well as the re-opening of Adriano Laundry Service.

Upcoming events Council received a list of upcoming events for information.

Adjournment #152/26 MOTION by Councillor Rodger – BE IT RESOLVED that, there being no further business, the Regular Council meeting of April 7, 2026 be adjourned at 3:55pm.

FOR
4 Councillors

AGAINST
0 Councillors

CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer