

Municipality of Jasper  
**Regular Council Meeting Minutes**  
 Tuesday, January 20, 2026 | 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 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 Kathleen Waxer, Councillors Ralph Melnyk, Kable Kongsrud, Danny Frechette, Laurie Rodger, and Wendy Hall.		
Absent	none		
Also present	Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer Michael Fark, Director of Recovery Courtney Donaldson, Director of Operations & Utilities Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance & Administration Caylee LaBranche, Business Liaison Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator 20 observers		
Call to order	Mayor Ireland called the January 20, 2026 Regular Council meeting to order at 1:30pm.		
Additions or deletions to agenda	none		
Approval of agenda #23/26	MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the agenda for the January 20, 2026 Regular Council meeting as presented.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of Regular minutes #24/26	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the January 6, 2026 Regular Council meeting as presented.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of Committee of the Whole minutes #25/26	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the January 13, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented.		
	FOR 7 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 Michael Fark and Business Liaison Caylee LaBranche. Highlights include a summary of key recovery activities with a more detailed look at economic recovery and acknowledgement of the many partners involved.		
#26/26	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre progress update for information.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED

Director's Report – Operations & Utilities	Council received a department update from Director of Operations & Utilities Courtney Donaldson covering the period from July 15, 2025 to January 15, 2026. Highlights included details on major projects; staffing; service trends; snow removal; utilities; communications & engagement; and more.		
#27/26	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the report for information.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Recess	Mayor Ireland called a recess from 3:07pm to 3:17pm.		
Supplementary Assessment of Improvements and Supplementary Tax Bylaws	Director of Finance & Administration Natasha Malenchak reviewed the annual process required for tax purposes and additional information regarding recovery and the rebuild.		
#28/26	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the third time, Bylaw #273, being a bylaw of the Specialized Municipality of Jasper in the province of Alberta to authorize the supplementary assessment of improvements for the taxation year 2026.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
#29/26	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the third time, Bylaw #274, being a bylaw of the Specialized Municipality of Jasper in the province of Alberta to authorize the imposition of a supplementary tax for the taxation year 2026.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Utilities Fees Levy and Collection Bylaw 2026	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the third time, Bylaw #275, being a bylaw of the Specialized Municipality of Jasper in the province of Alberta to provide for the levying and collection of fees for the provision of water, sewer, solid waste and recycling services in 2026.		
#30/26	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Board and Committee Appointments	Council received a recommendation from the Human Resources Committee of Council regarding an appointment to the Communities in Bloom Committee.		
#31/26	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council appoint Madison Kinshella to the Communities in Bloom Committee for a term commencing January 1, 2026 and concluding December 31, 2027.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Notices of Motion	none		
Councillor Reports	Councillor Melnyk attended the Seniors Community Conversations last Wednesday.		
	Councillor Waxer attended the Evergreens Foundation postponed Christmas Dinner.		
	Councillors Kongsrud and Hall attended the Adults Community Conversation.		
	Councillors Hall and Waxer attended a meeting of the Recovery Advisory Committee on January 12 <sup>th</sup> .		

Councillor Hall, along with other members of Council, attended an Off-site Levies Bylaw workshop on January 12<sup>th</sup>.

Councillor Hall was at a meeting of the Municipality of Jasper Library Board n January 12<sup>th</sup>.

Councillor Hall, Councillor Waxer, and CAO Given met with representatives of Telus on January 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Ireland and Councillor Melnyk were present for a meeting of the West Yellowhead Regional Waste Management Authority last Friday.

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

Adjournment  
#32/26      MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that, there being no further business, the Regular Council meeting of January 20, 2026 be adjourned at 3:28pm.

FOR	AGAINST	
7 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer