

Municipality of Jasper
Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 6, 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 Wixer, 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 Beth Sanders, Director of Urban Design & Standards Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance & Administration Courtney Donaldson, Director of Operations & Utilities Emily Goldney, Parks Canada Rebuild Planning Manager Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator Paul Butler, Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce 20 observers		
Call to order	Mayor Ireland called the January 6, 2026 Regular Council meeting to order at 1:30pm.		
Additions or deletions to agenda	none		
Approval of agenda #1/26	MOTION by Councillor Wixer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the agenda for the January 6, 2026 Regular Council meeting as presented.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of Regular minutes #2/26	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the December 16, 2025 Regular Council meeting as presented.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Business arising from minutes	none		
Delegations	Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Paul Butler shared concerns with equity and the Utility Fees Levy and Collection Bylaw 2026 included in the meeting agenda package. He would prefer to see a consumption-based model.		
	Councillor Rodger joined the meeting at 1:47pm.		
Correspondence	none		
Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre Progress Update	Council received a Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre progress update from Director of Urban Design & Standards Beth Sanders and Parks Canada Rebuild Planning Manager Emily Goldney. Highlights include information on debris removal; site preparation; interim housing supply and allocation; economic and social recovery; and a more detailed look at the rebuild. Director of Recovery Michael Fark also assisted in answering Council questions.		

#3/26	MOTION by Councillor Wixer – 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 – Urban Design & Standards	Committee received a report from Ms. Sanders reviewing the work accomplished between July and December of 2025. Highlights included details on town planning, development coordination, housing, staffing, service trends, communications and engagement. The report can be found in the agenda package.		
#4/26	MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the report for information.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Recess	Mayor Ireland called a recess from 2:52pm to 3:01pm.		
Supplementary Assessment of Improvements and Supplementary Tax Bylaws #5/26	Director of Finance & Administration Natasha Malenchak reviewed the annual process required for tax purposes and additional information regarding recovery and the rebuild.		
	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the first 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
#6/26	MOTION by Councillor Wixer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the second 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
#7/26	MOTION by Councillor Frechette – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the first 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
#8/26	MOTION by Councillor Frechette – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the second 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	Ms. Malenchak introduced the draft bylaw for first reading and gave a review of basic principles. CAO Bill Given and Director of Operations & Utilities Courtney Donaldson were also present to help answer Council questions.		
#9/26	MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the first 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.

FOR	AGAINST	CARRIED
6 Councillors	1 Councillor (Kongsrud)	

#10/26 MOTION by Councillor Wixer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the second 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.

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Notices of Motion none

Councillor Reports Councillor Frechette met with the Communities in Bloom Committee on December 22nd.

Councillor Wixer attended The Evergreens Foundation orientation training on December 13th & 14th.

Councillors Rodger and Kongsrud attended a Jasper Municipal Housing Corporation meeting on December 18th.

Mayor Ireland and available Councillors participated in municipal facility tours yesterday afternoon and this morning.

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

Adjournment MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that, there being no further business, the Regular Council meeting of January 6, 2026 be adjourned at 4:17pm.

FOR	AGAINST	CARRIED
7 Councillors	0 Councillors	

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer