

Municipality of Jasper
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 6, 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	Mayor Richard Ireland, Deputy Mayor Wendy Hall, Councillors Ralph Melnyk, Kable Kongsrud, Kathleen Waxer, Laurie Rodger, and Danny Frechette.		
Absent	none		
Also present	Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer Christine Nadon, Director of Protective & Legislative Services Christopher Read, Director of Community Development Courtney Donaldson, Director of Operations & Utilities Doug Olthof, Director of Recovery Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator 10 observers		
Call to order	Mayor Ireland called the October 6, 2026 Regular Council meeting to order at 1:31pm.		
Additions/ deletions to agenda	none		
Approval of agenda #424/26	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the agenda for the October 6, 2026 Regular Council meeting as presented.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of Regular minutes #425/26	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the September 15, 2026 Regular Council meeting as presented.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of Committee of the Whole minutes #426/26	MOTION by Councillor Rodger – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the September 29, 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 #427/26	Council received the Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre Progress Update from Director of Recovery Doug Olthof which reviewed key recovery activities along with a deep dive on economic recovery.		
	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the report for information.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED

Director's Report – Operations & Utilities	Council received a report from Director of Operations & Utilities Courtney Donaldson reviewing information on major projects; staffing; service trends; communications; engagement; and more.		
#428/26	MOTION by Councillor Frechette – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the report for information.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
2027 Visitor Paid Parking Program #429/26	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council expand the seasonal Visitor Paid Parking season from April 1 to October 31 annually.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Jasper Municipal Leasehold Assets Society Transfer of Assets #430/26	<p>Director of Protective & Legislative Services Christine Nadon shared a second recommendation with Council regarding the property at 895 Bonhomme Street, and the reasons for taking it into consideration.</p> <p>MOTION by Councillor Rodger – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the transfer of the Cottage Medical Clinic and 1251 Cabin Creek from the Jasper Municipal Leasehold Assets Society to the Jasper Municipal Housing Corporation; and</p> <p>That Council approve the transfer of 895 Bonhomme Street from the Municipality of Jasper to the Jasper Municipal Housing Corporation.</p>		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
ATCO Electric & Natural Gas Franchise Fee Rates #431/26	<p>MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve an increase of the ATCO Electric franchise fee by 2 percentage points; and</p> <p>That Council approve an increase of the ATCO Gas franchise fee by 2 percentage points.</p>		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Recess	Mayor Ireland called a recess from 2:51pm to 3:00pm.		
Jasper Transit Business Planning Update #432/26	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the 2027 – 2031 Jasper Transit Business Plan as presented.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Activity Centre Emergency Capital Funding Request #433/26	MOTION by Councillor Frechette – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the allocation of up to \$250,000 from the Annual General Capital Reserve for the emergency repairs at the Jasper Activity Centre.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Notices of Motion	none		
Councillor Reports	<p>Mayor Ireland, Councillor Waxer, and Councillor Melnyk attended the celebrations Friday evening for the 10th Anniversary of the Jasper Municipal Library & Cultural Centre.</p> <p>Councillor Waxer will be attending a meeting of the Family & Community Support Services Association of Alberta on Wednesday in Edmonton. On Thursday she will</p>		

be at a meeting of the North Zone of the Alberta Seniors Community Housing Association.

On September 28th Mayor Ireland and Councillor Melnyk attended a meeting of the West Yellowhead Regional Waste Management Authority.

Councillors Melnyk and Frechette were in Hinton on September 29th for a Community Futures West Yellowhead board meeting.

Mayor Ireland, Councillor Melnyk, and Councillor Kongsrud attended events to recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30th at Commemoration Park. Mayor Ireland spoke at the event.

Mayor Ireland was at a meeting of the Jasper Partnership Initiative on September 16th; the grand opening of Sunwapta Apartments on the 19th; and a Log Cabin ceremony on the 21st to recognize funding received from Trans Mountain to revitalize the facility.

All of Council was in Edmonton from September 22nd to September 25th at the AB Munis Convention and Tradeshow. While there they met with counterparts from Banff and Canmore. Mayor Ireland also met with Minister of Emergency Management and Community Resilience Eleanor Olszewski.

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

Adjournment
#434/26 MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that, there being no further business, the Regular Council meeting of October 6, 2026 be adjourned at 3:13pm.

FOR	AGAINST	
7 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer