

Municipality of Jasper
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 15, 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 Beth Sanders, Director of Urban Design & Standards Andy Esarte, Acting Director of Recovery Courtney Donaldson, Director of Operations & Utilities Leanne Pelletier, Municipal Housing Manager Doug Olthaf, Housing & Social Recovery Manager Amanda Stevens, Communications Manager Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator Sue & Keith Henderson, Karlie Keyes, Becky Conrad, James Peck, Greg Key, Scott Sherlow, and D.J. Klymchuk – The Royal Canadian Legion Branch #31 Nancy Addison, Resident Clara Adriano, Resident Bob Covey, The Jasper Local Peter Shokeir, The Fitzhugh Jacqui Sundquist, CBC Edmonton 34 observers		
Call to order	Mayor Ireland called the April 15, 2025 Regular Council meeting to order at 1:30pm and began with a Traditional Land Acknowledgement .		
Additions or deletions to agenda	none		
Approval of agenda #180/25	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the agenda for the April 15, 2025 Regular Council meeting as presented.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of Regular minutes #181/25	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the April 1, 2025 Regular Council meeting as presented.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes #182/25	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the April 8, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Delegations – Mayor’s Recognition Awards	Mayor & Council were grateful for the opportunity to acknowledge community members with Recognition Awards after considering all nominations submitted by their fellow residents. The winners were all recognized for their distinguished voluntary service. Their efforts and accomplishments have made a significant contribution to the Municipality of Jasper and they are an inspiration to all fellow community members.		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Royal Canadian Legion Branch #31 Staff & Executive - Sue & Keith Henderson, Karlie Keyes, Becky Conrad, James Peck, Greg Key, Scott Sherlow, and D.J. Klymchuk • Nancy Addison • Clara Adriano 	
Correspondence – Jasper-Yellowhead Historical Society	Council received a request for a letter of support from the Jasper-Yellowhead Historical Society. The society made the request to support the grant application to the Community Initiatives Program (CIP) of the Government of Alberta. This application pertains to the documentary film project, From the Ashes: A Jasper Story, in partnership with filmmaker Erin Karpluk, chronicling the July 2024 wildfires and their aftermath.	
#183/25	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorize the Mayor to provide a letter of support as requested by the Jasper-Yellowhead Historical Society.	
	<div>FOR</div> <div>7 Councillors</div>	<div>AGAINST</div> <div>0 Councillors</div> <div>CARRIED</div>
Day of Awareness for Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, 2SLGBTQI+ individuals & Two-Spirit People (MMIWG2S), also known as "Red Dress Day", Proclamation #184/25	<p>Council received a request for decision from Administration regarding an upcoming National Day of Awareness. Chef Administrative Officer Bill Given noted that the proclamation was written in plain language for increased accessibility. On October 12, 2021 Council adopted the five-year, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Plan which sets out how the policy will be ‘actioned’ by administration over the five-year period. Recognizing May 5th in Jasper is one way to implement that policy and plan.</p> <p>Similar to last year, a local group of residents will be organizing a Red Dress installation and learning opportunity along Patricia Street to coincide with May 5th.</p> <p>MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council proclaim May 5, 2025 a local Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, 2SLGBTQI+ individuals and Two-Spirit People (MMIWG2S), also known as "Red Dress Day".</p>	
	<div>FOR</div> <div>7 Councillors</div>	<div>AGAINST</div> <div>0 Councillors</div> <div>CARRIED</div>
Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre Progress Update	Council received a Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre progress update from Acting Director of Recovery Andy Esarte. Highlights include information on interim housing; debris management; joint town rebuild; social and economic recovery initiatives; and more.	
#185/25	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the progress update for information.	
	<div>FOR</div> <div>7 Councillors</div>	<div>AGAINST</div> <div>0 Councillors</div> <div>CARRIED</div>
Director’s Report – Operations & Utilities	Council received a report from Director of Operations & Utilities Courtney Donaldson. The report focused on work accomplished between February and April 2025 with updates on major projects; staffing; service trends; and more.	
#186/25	MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the report for information.	
	<div>FOR</div> <div>7 Councillors</div>	<div>AGAINST</div> <div>0 Councillors</div> <div>CARRIED</div>
Recess	Mayor Ireland called a recess from 2:52pm to 3:04pm.	

Accessory Dwelling Incentive Program	Council received an updated draft policy after having first discussed at the April 8 th Committee of the Whole meeting. Municipal Housing Manager Leanne Pelletier reviewed the draft policy with Director of Urban Design & Standards Beth Sanders available to answer Council questions.		
#187/25	MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the Accessory Dwelling Incentive Program; and That Council approve the Accessory Dwelling Policy as presented.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Notices of Motion	none		
Councillor Reports	Councillor Melnyk attended the Economic Developers of Alberta conference last week in Kananaskis and will be attending the Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce meeting tomorrow at Cassio’s. Councillor Waxer has been working with the Operations department on the Communities in Bloom program. Mayor Ireland attended two film screenings last week, with one being a documentary hosted at the Jasper-Yellowhead Museum & Archives and the second being a Jasper Pride & Ski Festival Event.		
Upcoming events	Council received a list of upcoming events for information.		
Adjournment #188/25	MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that, there being no further business, the Regular Council meeting of April 15, 2025 be adjourned at 3:27pm.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer