Municipality of Jasper

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 21, 2023 | 1:30 pm 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 Scott Wilson, Councillors Kathleen Waxer, Ralph Melnyk, Helen Kelleher-Empey, Rico Damota and Wendy Hall

Absent

none

Also present

Christopher Read, Director of Community Development Christine Nadon, Director of Protective & Legislative Services John Greathead, Director of Operations & Utilities

Amanda Stevens, Communications Manager Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator

Bob Covey, The Local

3 observers

Call to order

Mayor Ireland called the February 21, 2023 regular meeting to order at 1:30pm.

Additions to agenda #72/23

MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council add the following items to the February 21, 2023 meeting agenda:

- 6.6 Elected Officials Education Program
- 7.1 Notice of Motion

FOR AGAINST

7 Councillors 0 Councillors CARRIED

Approval of agenda #73/23

MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the agenda for the February 21, 2023 regular meeting as amended.

FOR AGAINST

7 Councillors 0 Councillors CARRIED

Approval of Regular minutes #74/23

MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the February 7, 2023 Regular Council meeting as presented.

FOR AGAINST

7 Councillors 0 Councillors CARRIED

Approval of Committee of the Whole minutes MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the February 14, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented.

#75/23

FOR AGAINST

7 Councillors 0 Councillors CARRIED

Correspondence none

Delegations none

Director of Operations and Utilities Report #76/23 Director of Operations and Utilities, John Greathead, presented a report to Council reviewing recent capital purchases and projects; staffing and service updates; and news in communications and engagement within the department.

MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council accept the Director of Operations and Utilities' report for information.

FOR AGAINST

7 Councillors 0 Councillors CARRIED

Permanent Continuous Position Request – Community Development #77/23 MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the conversion of the following positions to "permanent continuous" within the municipality's staff establishment chart:

- (1) Client Services Coordinator
- (2) Settlement Workers
- (1) Community Development Coordinator

FOR AGAINST 7 Councillors 0 Councillors

CARRIED

Community Conversations Policy #78/23

Mayor Ireland relinquished the chair to Deputy Mayor Wilson in order to make the following motion.

MOTION by Mayor Ireland – BE IT RESOLVED that Council make the following amendments to the draft Community Conversations Policy:

- In the Councillor roles section add "or their alternates" to the first line
- In the Councillor roles section change "Council will receive a report" to read "Administration will present a report"
- Add the word "capacity" before and whenever the phrase "scope, authority, and budget" is found in the document

FOR AGAINST

7 Councillors 0 Councillors CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Wilson returned chairing duties back to Mayor Ireland for the remainder of the meeting.

#79/23

MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the Community Conversations Policy A-105 as amended.

FOR AGAINST

7 Councillors 0 Councillors CARRIED

Jasper Municipal Library Board Appointment #80/23 MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council appoint Joanne Sommers to the Jasper Municipal Library Board for a term commencing February 21, 2023 and concluding December 31, 2025.

FOR AGAINST

7 Councillors 0 Councillors CARRIED

February 28, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting Attendance Council confirmed the expectation for Quorum to be met at the February 28, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting. Mayor Ireland, Deputy Mayor Wilson, and Councillor Hall will not be in attendance.

Elected Officials Education Program #81/23 MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the attendance of Councillor Hall at the Elected Officials Education Program "Council's Role in Service Delivery" in Edmonton this March.

FOR AGAINST

7 Councillors 0 Councillors CARRIED

Notices of Motion

Mayor Ireland gave a notice of motion for the upcoming February 28, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting. He will be sharing materials with Councillors on the "Alberta Living Wage Network" and asked that the item be added to the upcoming Committee meeting for discussion.

Councillor Reports

Councillor Melnyk attended the Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce meeting last Wednesday, the Museum's monthly meeting last Tuesday, as well as an Arts & Culture Community Conversation.

Councillor Waxer attended the Environmental Responsibility Community Conversation as a community member last week.

Mayor and Councillor were present for the February 16 staff appreciation event and Impact Awards held at the Lobstick Lodge. Former Mayor of Calgary Naheed Nenshi was a guest speaker for this first time event.

Mayor Ireland had dinner with the resource group working on the pipeline project on February 13; lunch with CAO Bill Given and representatives of Parks Canada, CAO and President Ron Hallman, Andrew Campbell, and Michaela Kent on February 15; attended the weekly meeting with consultants and counterparts in Canmore and Banff on the resort status initiative on February 17; and also attended a formal event in Calgary on February 17 with the Consulate General of Japan celebrating the Emperor of Japan's birthday.

Upcoming events

Council received a list of upcoming events for information.

Adjournment #82/23

MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that, there being no further business, the regular meeting of February 21, 2023 be adjourned at 2:24pm.

FOR	AGAINST		
7 Councillors	0 Councillors		CARRIED
		Mayor	

Chief Administrative Officer