

Municipality of Jasper
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday, February 10, 2026 | 9:30am
 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 participation is through in person attendance and public viewing during Council meetings is through Zoom livestreaming and in person attendance.		
Present	Deputy Mayor Kathleen Waxer, Councillors Ralph Melnyk, Laurie Rodger, and Danny Frechette		
Absent	Mayor Richard Ireland, Councillors Wendy Hall and Kable Kongsrud		
Also present	Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer Christine Nadon, Director of protective & Legislative Services Beth Sanders, Director of Urban Design & Standards Courtney Donaldson, Director of Operations & Utilities Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance & Administration Varvara Shmygalova-Murray, Asset Coordinator Marley Pollock, Town Planner Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator Sergeant Bidaisee, Jasper RCMP Detachment Commander Maggie Kirk, CBC Bob Covey, The Jasper Local 10 observers		
Call to Order	Deputy Mayor Kathleen Waxer called the February 10, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 9:30am and began with a Traditional Land Acknowledgement . Deputy Mayor Waxer also acknowledged that it has been 40 years since the Hinton train collision, which was a railway accident that took twenty-three lives on February 8, 1986.		
Additions/ deletions to the agenda	none		
Approval of agenda #49/26	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk that Committee approve the agenda for the February 10, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented.		
	FOR 4 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillor	CARRIED
Business arising from minutes	none		
Delegations	none		
Correspondence – RCMP	Committee received correspondence from Sergeant Rick Bidaisee, Detachment Commander for the Jasper RCMP, regarding a Community Priorities Plan. Sergeant		

Bidaisee was able to attend the meeting in person and answered Committee questions.

#50/26

MOTION by Councillor Melnyk that Committee receive the correspondence for information.

FOR

4 Councillors

AGAINST

0 Councillor

CARRIED

Asset
Management
Policy

Committee received a draft Asset Management Policy from Director of Operations & Utilities Courtney Donaldson and Asset Coordinator Varvara Shmygalova-Murray.

#51/25

MOTION by Councillor Rodger that Committee recommend Council approve the Asset Management Policy as presented.

FOR

4 Councillors

AGAINST

0 Councillor

CARRIED

Adoption of
Jasper Off-Site
Levies Bylaw
(2026)

CAO Bill Given introduced a draft Jasper Off-Site Levies Bylaw and reviewed the legislative process involved. Director of Urban Design & Standards Beth Sanders and Town Planner Marley Pollock reviewed the background information, recommendations, and purpose of the bylaw.

#52/26

MOTION by Councillor Melnyk that Committee recommend Council give first reading to the Jasper Off-Site Levies Bylaw (2026) as presented; and

That Committee recommend that Council set the date, time, and location of the public hearing for March 17, 2026, at 1:30pm in the Quorum Room.

FOR

4 Councillors

AGAINST

0 Councillor

CARRIED

Tax Policy –
Principles &
Engagement
Approach

Mr. Given introduced a recommendation to Committee regarding tax policies and public engagement. Director of Finance & Administration Natasha Malenchak was also in attendance to assist with Committee questions.

#53/26

MOTION by Councillor Rodger that Committee direct Administration to undertake the engagement process, as discussed, on the proposed areas of focus and guiding principles for a Tax Policy and return to a future meeting.

FOR

4 Councillors

AGAINST

0 Councillor

CARRIED

Motion Action List

Administration reviewed the Motion Action List.

#54/26

MOTION by Councillor Frechette that Committee approve the updated Motion Action List with the removal of the following items:

- Adoption of Jasper Off-Site Levies Bylaw 2025

- Property and Business Tax Policy

FOR	AGAINST	
4 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Councillor
upcoming
meetings

Councillors Melnyk, Waxer, and Rodger will be at the Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce Speaker Series event tomorrow morning.

Councillors Melnyk, Waxer, Frechette, and Waxer plan to participate in the upcoming Strategic Priorities Planning session along with the rest of Council February 17-20th.

Councillor Frechette will be in Edson for a Community Futures West Yellowhead meeting on February 26th and a Communities in Bloom Committee later that same day.

Councillor Waxer will be at an Evergreens Foundation meeting tomorrow.

Upcoming Events

Council reviewed a list of upcoming events.

Adjournment
#55/26

MOTION by Councillor Frechette that, there being no further business, the Committee of the Whole meeting of February 10, 2026 be adjourned at 11:03am.

FOR	AGAINST	
4 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED