

Municipality of Jasper
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday, February 25, 2025 | 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 viewing and participation during Council meetings is through Zoom livestreaming and in person attendance.		
Present	Mayor Richard Ireland, Deputy Mayor Kathleen Waxer, Councillors Helen Kelleher-Empy, Wendy Hall, Ralph Melnyk, and Rico Damota		
Absent	Councillor Scott Wilson		
Also present	Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer Christine Nadon, Director of Protective & Legislative Services Michael Fark, Director of Recovery Logan Ireland, Recovery Project Manager Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator Jacqui Sundquist, CBC Edmonton 14 observers		
Call to Order	Deputy Mayor Waxer called the February 25, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 9:31am.		
Additions/ Deletions	Councillor Melnyk requested the following item be added to the February 25, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7.6 Economic Developers of Alberta Conference 		
Approval of agenda #95/25	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empy that Committee approve the agenda for the February 25, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting as amended: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add 7.6 Economic Developers of Alberta Conference 		
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Business arising from February 11, 2025 minutes	none		
Delegations	none		
Correspondence – RCMP Quarterly Report #96/25	Committee received a quarterly report from the RCMP containing a community policing report and Jasper Provincial Detachment Crime Statistics. MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empy that Committee recommend Council receive the report for information.		
	FOR	AGAINST	

	5 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED
Fire Department Staffing – Captain of Prevention	Committee received a report from Director of Protective & Legislative Services Christine Nadon regarding a position in the Fire Department which was first advertised in the fall of 2024.		
#97/25	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk that Committee recommend Council approve the conversion of the Captain of Prevention position to a continuous role, subject to Disaster Recovery Program eligibility.		
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
	Councillor Damota joined the meeting at 10:00am.		
Fire Department Staffing – Term Firefighters	Committee received another request from Administration regarding staffing within the Fire Department. Ms. Nadon reviewed the current staffing levels and challenges being faced within the department.		
#98/25	MOTION by Councillor Hall that Committee recommend Council approve the extension of eight term Firefighters positions to continue through the fall of 2025.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Interim Space for Non-Public Facing Businesses	CAO Bill Given and Recovery Project Manager Logan Ireland reviewed recommendations and alternatives regarding the storage lots area and considerations for future use.		
#99/25	MOTION by Councillor Damota that Committee recommend Council discontinue the Storage Lots service to support recovery and rebuild related projects; and		
	That Committee direct Administration to bring a bylaw to rescind the Storage Lots Bylaw #254 to the next regular meeting.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Recess	Deputy Mayor Waxer called a recess from 10:31am to 10:41am.		
Council Remuneration Post 2025 Elections	Committee received a report regarding Council Remuneration which was last discussed at the October 22, 2024 Regular Council meeting. Ms. Nadon reviewed the background and previous direction given by Council at that time.		
#100/25	MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee recommend Council approve policy B-104 as amended:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strike the third bullet under Section 2.1 • Strike entire sentence under Section 2.2 regarding thirds 		

	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Jasper Municipal Housing Corporation – Additional Named Insured #101/25	MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee recommend Council approve the Jasper Municipal Housing Corporation request to be an Additional Named Insured under the Municipality of Jasper insurance policy.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Economic Developers of Alberta Conference #102/25	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk that Committee recommend Council approve the attendance of Councillor Melnyk at the Economic Developers of Alberta Conference in April 2025.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Motion Action List #103/25	Administration reviewed the Motion Action List.		
	MOTION by Councillor Hall that Committee approve the updated Motion Action List with the removal of the following item:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Priorities Wildfire Recovery – first item • Council Remuneration Review 		
	And date changes for the following items:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moving Traffic Enforcement • In-Town Contractor Camps, Interim Residences & Laydown Requests 		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Councillor upcoming meetings	Councillor Melnyk and Councillor Damota will be attending a Community Futures West Yellowhead Board of Directors meeting this week.		
	Councillor Hall is participating in the “Pathfinders” Community Helpers program being facilitated by Ian Goodge with Community Outreach Services.		
Upcoming Events	Council reviewed a list of upcoming events.		
Adjournment #104/25	MOTION by Mayor Ireland that, there being no further business, the Committee of the Whole meeting of February 25, 2025 be adjourned at 11:37am.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED