

Municipality of Jasper
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday, March 4, 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	Deputy Mayor Ralph Melnyk, Councillors Kathleen Waxer, Rico Damota, Scott Wilson, and Wendy Hall.		
Absent	Mayor Richard Ireland, Councillor Kelleher-Empey		
Also present	Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer Christine Nadon, Director of Protective & Legislative Services Michael Fark, Director of Recovery Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance & Administration Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator Peter Shokeir – The Fitzhugh Bob Covey – The Jasper Local 16 observers		
Call to order	Deputy Mayor Melnyk attended the meeting via Zoom and requested Acting Deputy Mayor Waxer chair the meeting in person. Acting Deputy Mayor Waxer called the March 4, 2025 Regular Council meeting to order at 1:30pm and began with a Traditional Land Acknowledgement .		
Additions or deletions to agenda	Councillor Melnyk requested that Council add the following item to the March 4, 2025 Regular Council meeting agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6.9 Prairies Economic Development Canada Update 		
Approval of agenda #105/25	MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the agenda for the March 4, 2025 Regular Council meeting as amended: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add 6.9 Prairies Economic Development Canada Update 		
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of Regular minutes #106/25	MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the February 18, 2025 Regular Council meeting as presented.		
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes #107/25	MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the February 25, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented.		
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Delegations	none		
Correspondence	none		
Director’s Report – Finance & Administration	Council received a report from Director of Finance & Administration Natasha Malenchak. Highlights included details on information technology; staffing updates; news on utilities and taxes; and work being undertaken as part of the response to last summer’s wildfire.		
#108/25	MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the report for information.		
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED

Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre Progress Update	Council received a Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre progress update from Director of Recovery Michael Fark. Mr. Fark reviewed information on transitional accommodations; demolition permits and debris management; development review and approval process; social and economic recovery; communications and more.		
#109/25	MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the progress update for information.		
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Fire Department Staffing – Captain of Prevention #110/25	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the conversion of the Captain of Prevention position to a continuous role, subject to Disaster Recovery Program eligibility.		
	FOR 4 Councillors	AGAINST 1 Councillor (Damota)	CARRIED
Fire Department Staffing – Term Firefighters #111/25	MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the extension of eight term Firefighters positions to continue through the fall of 2025.		
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Recess	Acting Deputy Mayor Waxer called a recess from 3:01pm to 3:10pm.		
Interim Space for Non-Public Facing Businesses #112/25	MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that Council discontinue the Storage Lots service to support recovery and rebuild related projects; and That Council read, for the first time, Bylaw #267, being a bylaw of the Specialized Municipality of Jasper in the province of Alberta to repeal a bylaw for the regulation and control of Municipal storage lots.		
	FOR 4 Councillors	AGAINST 1 Councillor (Wilson)	CARRIED
#113/25	MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read, for the second time, Bylaw #267, being a bylaw of the Specialized Municipality of Jasper in the province of Alberta to repeal a bylaw for the regulation and control of Municipal storage lots.		
	FOR 4 Councillors	AGAINST 1 Councillor (Wilson)	CARRIED
Council Remuneration – Post 2025 Election #114/25	MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve policy B-104 as presented.		
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Jasper Municipal Housing Corporation – Additional Named Insured #115/25	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the Jasper Municipal Housing Corporation request to be an Additional Named Insured under the Municipality of Jasper insurance policy.		
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED

Economic Developers of Alberta Conference #116/25	MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the attendance of any Councillor who wishes to attend the Economic Developers of Alberta Conference in April 2025.					
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Prairies Economic Development Canada Update	Councillor Melnyk thanked Community Futures West Yellowhead and Prairies Economic Development Canada, also known as PrairiesCan, for the work completed so far with the funding to support small business recovery in Jasper following the wildfire. A report detailing the support is expected in the future.					
Notices of Motion	none					
Councillor Reports	<p>Councillors Hall, Damota, Melnyk, and Waxer attended the Municipality of Jasper staff Impact Awards on February 28th.</p> <p>Councillor Damota shared congratulations as Councillor Kelleher-Empey was awarded the King Charles III Coronation medal on February 28th for her work assisting evacuees in Valemount during the 2024 Jasper Wildfire Complex and her continuing work supporting seniors.</p>					
Upcoming events	Council received a list of upcoming events for information.					
Adjournment #117/25	MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that, there being no further business, the Regular Council meeting of March 4, 2025 be adjourned at 3:29pm.					
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