

Municipality of Jasper  
**Regular Council Meeting Minutes**  
 Tuesday, May 5, 2026 | 1:30pm  
 Jasper Library & Cultural Centre, Quorum Room

Virtual viewing and participation	Council attendance is in Council chambers at the Jasper Library & Cultural Centre. This meeting was also conducted virtually and available for public livestreaming through Zoom. Public viewing during Council meetings is through both Zoom livestreaming and in-person attendance. Public participation is facilitated through in-person attendance.						
Present	Mayor Richard Ireland, Deputy Mayor Kable Kongsrud, Councillors Ralph Melnyk, Kathleen Waxer, Laurie Rodger, Danny Frechette, and Wendy Hall.						
Absent	none						
Also present	Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance & Administration Christopher Read, Director of Community Development Doug Olthof, Director of Recovery Beth Sanders, Director of Urban Design & Standards Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator Charlie Finley, Resident Bob Covey, The Jasper Local 8 observers						
Call to order	Mayor Ireland called the May 5, 2026 Regular Council meeting to order at 1:31pm began with a <a href="#">Traditional Land Acknowledgement</a> . He also encouraged everyone to visit the “Red Dress Day” installations along Patricia Street today, as May 5th is a Day of Awareness for Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, LGBTQ+ individuals & Two-Spirit People.						
Additions/ deletions to agenda	none						
Approval of agenda #188/26	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the agenda for the May 5, 2026 Regular Council meeting as presented.  <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: left;">FOR</td> <td style="text-align: left;">AGAINST</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: left;">6 Councillors</td> <td style="text-align: left;">0 Councillors</td> <td style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</td> </tr> </table>	FOR	AGAINST		6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED
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Approval of Regular minutes #189/26	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the April 21, 2026 Regular Council meeting as presented.  <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: left;">FOR</td> <td style="text-align: left;">AGAINST</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: left;">6 Councillors</td> <td style="text-align: left;">0 Councillors</td> <td style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</td> </tr> </table>	FOR	AGAINST		6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED
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Approval of Committee of the Whole minutes #190/26	MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the April 28, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented.  <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: left;">FOR</td> <td style="text-align: left;">AGAINST</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: left;">6 Councillors</td> <td style="text-align: left;">0 Councillors</td> <td style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</td> </tr> </table>	FOR	AGAINST		6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED
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Business arising from minutes	none						
Delegations	Resident Charlie Finley shared his concerns on the height of buildings being rebuilt in the townsite.						
Correspondence – President of Treasury Board & Minister of Finance Nate Horner	Mayor Ireland shared correspondence he received from President of Treasury Board & Minister of Finance Nate Horner regarding the approaching two-year statutory insurance claim deadline from the 2024 Jasper wildfire.						

#191/26	MOTION by Councillor Rodger that Committee receive the correspondence for information.	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillor	CARRIED
	Councillor Frechette joined the meeting at 1:54pm.			
Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre Progress Update #192/26	Council received a Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre Progress Update from Director of Recovery Doug Olthof. Highlights included a summary of key recovery activities as well as a deeper dive into economic recovery.  MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the report for information.	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Director's Report – Finance & Administration	Council received a department update from Director of Finance & Administration Natasha Malenchak. The report provided information on major projects in information technology; the annual audit; staffing; utilities and taxes; business licensing; payables; communications; engagement; and more.			
#193/26	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the report for information.	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Day of Awareness for Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, 2SLGBTQI+ individuals, & Two-Spirit People (MMIWG2S), also known as "Red Dress Day", Proclamation #194/26	Council received a proclamation request from the Community Development department.  MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council proclaim May 5, 2026 a local Day of Awareness for Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, 2SLGBTQI+ individuals & Two-Spirit People (MMIWG2S), also known as "Red Dress Day."	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Recess	Mayor Ireland called a recess from 2:48pm to 3:00pm.			
Jasper Municipal Housing Corporation Connaught Below Market Housing Loan Guarantee Bylaw #195/26	MOTION by Councillor Rodger – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the third time, Bylaw #278, being a bylaw of the Municipality of Jasper in the province of Alberta to authorize a loan guarantee for the Jasper Municipal Housing Corporation.	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Jasper Water Services Bylaw 2026 #196/26	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the first time, Bylaw #279, being a bylaw of the Municipality of Jasper in the province of Alberta to provide for the regulation of water services.	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED

#197/26 MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the second time, Bylaw #279, being a bylaw of the Municipality of Jasper in the province of Alberta to provide for the regulation of water services.

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Notices of Motion none

Councillor Reports Councillor Melnyk, Mayor Ireland, as well as Councillors Hall; Kongsrud; Waxer; and Frechette attended a session hosted by the Resiliency Institute on April 22nd titled “From Disaster to Possibility”.

Councillor Melnyk participated in a Community Futures West Yellowhead board meeting via Zoom on April 23rd.

Mayor Ireland, Councillor Melnyk, and Councillor Waxer met as the Emergency Advisory Committee meeting on April 23rd as part of an emergency management exercise.

Councillor Waxer attended a Family & Community Support Services Association of Alberta board meeting in Edmonton yesterday.

Mayor Ireland, Councillor Waxer, and Councillor Hall met as the Legislative Committee on April 27th.

Councillors Hall and Waxer attended a Recovery Advisory Committee yesterday.

Mayor Ireland and Councillors Waxer; Frechette; Kongsrud; and Melnyk participated in a leadership meeting with Goodstoney First Nation on Wednesday, April 29th.

Mayor Ireland attended the following events:

- Jasper Community Team Society meeting on April 16th;
- Joined MLA Janis Irwin and Councillor Hall during Pride Week on April 17th for a Coffee Chat;
- Spoke at the Jasper Canadian Rockies Half Marathon on April 25th;
- Wildfire Resiliency Information Session on April 29th;
- Hosted MLA Martin Long on April 30th;
- Opening ceremony for the UpLift! Mural Festival at the Jasper Art Gallery on May 1st;
- Spoke at an event for the “Jasper Ladies” Amazing Race on May 1st; and
- UpLift! Mural Festival event at Legion on Saturday night.

Mayor Ireland; along with Councillors Hall; Waxer; Melnyk; Kongsrud; and Rodger participated in an Intergovernmental meeting earlier today.

Upcoming events Council received a list of upcoming events for information.

Move In-camera #198/26 MOTION by Councillor Waxer to move in-camera at 3:13pm to discuss agenda items:

- 10.1 Intergovernmental Matters ATIA s. 26(1)(a)(i)

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Mr. Given, Ms. Sanders, and Ms. Acorn also attended the in-camera session.

Move out of camera #199/26 MOTION by Councillor Melnyk to move out of camera at 4:09pm.

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Adjournment  
#200/26

MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that, there being no further  
business, the Regular Council meeting of May 5, 2026 be adjourned at 4:10pm.

FOR  
7 Councillors

AGAINST  
0 Councillors

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer