

Municipality of Jasper  
**Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**  
Tuesday, January 13, 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	Mayor Richard Ireland, Deputy Mayor Kathleen Waxer, Councillors Ralph Melnyk, Kable Kongsrud, Wendy Hall, Laurie Rodger, and Danny Frechette								
Absent	none								
Also present	Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer Beth Sanders, Director of Urban Design & Standards Leanne Pelletier, Housing Manager Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator Bob Covey, The Jasper Local 8 observers								
Call to Order	Deputy Mayor Kathleen Waxer called the January 13, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 9:30am and began with a <a href="#">Traditional Land Acknowledgement</a> .								
Additions/ deletions to the agenda #12/26	<p>Councillor Rodger requested an item be added to the agenda list regarding the budget of the Urban Design &amp; Standards department.</p> <p>MOTION by Councillor Frechette that Committee add the following item to the agenda for the January 13, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>7.3 Urban Design &amp; Standards Budget</li></ul> <table><tr><td>FOR</td><td>AGAINST</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>7 Councillors</td><td>0 Councillor</td><td>CARRIED</td></tr></table>			FOR	AGAINST		7 Councillors	0 Councillor	CARRIED
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Approval of agenda #13/26	<p>MOTION by Councillor Hall that Committee approve the agenda for the January 13, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting as amended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Add 7.3 Urban Design &amp; Standards Budget</li></ul> <table><tr><td>FOR</td><td>AGAINST</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>7 Councillors</td><td>0 Councillor</td><td>CARRIED</td></tr></table>			FOR	AGAINST		7 Councillors	0 Councillor	CARRIED
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Business arising from minutes	none								
Delegations	none								
Correspondence – Parks Canada	Committee received correspondence from Jasper National Park Field Superintendent Genevieve Caron regarding amendments to the Land Use Policy.								

#14/26	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk that Committee receive the correspondence for information.			
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillor		CARRIED
Partnership Memorandum of Understanding to Redevelop Anglican & United Church Lands #15/26	<p>Director of Urban Design &amp; Standards Beth Sanders reviewed the background regarding the rebuild of the Anglican and United Churches. They have been working with a consultant together to plan a joint rebuild.</p> <p>MOTION by Councillor Kongsrud that Committee direct Administration to prepare a Memorandum of Understanding with the Anglican Church and United Church and return to a future meeting.</p>			
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillor		CARRIED
Connaught Below Market Housing Development-Project Update	Committee received an information report from Housing Manager Leanne Pelletier regarding the Connaught Below Market Housing Development Project which included details on the work completed so far; the estimated timeline for completion; eligibility requirements; and more. Cao Bill Given also assisted in answering Committee questions.			
#16/26	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk that Committee receive the Connaught Below Market Housing Development Project update for information.			
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillor		CARRIED
Urban Design & Standards Budget #17/26	<p>Councillor Rodger shared his concerns with the Urban Design &amp; Standards budget.</p> <p>MOTION by Councillor Rodger that Committee direct Administration to bring forward a review of the 2026-2030 Urban Design &amp; Standards budget including projected revenue and expenditure assumptions; and the historical basis for these assumptions, and bring a report back to the March 10, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting.</p>			
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillor		CARRIED
Motion Action List	Administration reviewed the Motion Action List.			
#18/26	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"> <li>Anglican &amp; United Church Properties Partnership</li> </ul>			
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors		CARRIED

Councillor upcoming meetings	Mayor Ireland and Councillor Melnyk will be attending a meeting of the West Yellowhead Regional Waste Management Authority this Thursday.		
	Councillor Frechette, along with other Councillors, will be attending the Community Futures West Yellowhead business walk in Jasper on April 2, 2026.		
	Councillor Waxer will be attending the first Community Conversations of 2026 tomorrow.		
Upcoming Events	Council reviewed a list of upcoming events.		
#19/26	MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee add the following item to the in-camera session of the January 13, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>11.2 Personnel matter</li></ul>		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Move In-camera #20/26	MOTION by Councillor to move in-camera at pm to discuss agenda item:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>11.1 Land Matter - ATIA s.26(1)(a), 29(1)</li><li>11.2 Personnel matter</li></ul>		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
	Mr. Given also attended the in-camera session.		
	Councillor Rodger left the meeting at 11:25am.		
Move out of camera #21/26	MOTION by Mayor Ireland to move out of camera at 11:26am.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Adjournment #22/26	MOTION by Councillor Hall that, there being no further business, the Committee of the Whole meeting of January 13, 2026 be adjourned at 11:26am.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED