

Municipality of Jasper
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 7, 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 Laurie Rodger, Councillors Ralph Melnyk, Kable Kongsrud, and Danny Frechette.		
Absent	Councillors Wendy Hall and Kathleen Waxer		
Also present	Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer Beth Sanders, Director of Urban Design & Standards Christine Nadon, Director of Protective & Legislative Services Christopher Read, Director of Community Development Courtney Donaldson, Director of Operations & Utilities Doug Olthof, Director of Recovery Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance & Administration Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator Emily Goldney, Parks Canada Bob Covey, The Jasper Local 19 observers		
Call to order	Mayor Ireland called the July 7, 2026 Regular Council meeting to order at 1:30pm.		
Additions/ deletions to agenda #293/26	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council add the following item to the July 7, 2026 Regular Council meeting agenda: 6.1 Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre Progress Update		
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of agenda #294/26	MOTION by Councillor Frechette – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the agenda for the July 7, 2026 Regular Council meeting as amended.		
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of Regular minutes #295/26	MOTION by Councillor Rodger – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the June 16, 2026 Regular Council meeting as presented.		
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of Committee of the Whole minutes #296/26	MOTION by Councillor Kongsrud – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the June 23, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented.		
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Business arising from minutes	none		
Delegations	none		
Correspondence – Jasper Employment & Education Centre	Council received correspondence from Jenn Stolfa, Executive Director of the Jasper Employment & Education Centre, providing an update on the Rural Renewal Program. CAO Bill Given also shared more background information on the program.		

#297/26	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to return to a future Committee meeting with a report on the Rural Renewal Program; including recommendations, before the annual Organizational meeting.	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
#298/26	MOTION by Councillor Frechette – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the correspondence for information.	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Correspondence – ACFA	Council received correspondence from Lucile Dubreuil, Executive Director of the Jasper ACFA (L'Association Canadienne Française de l'Alberta). The letter was also cosigned by Marianne Garrah, Executive Development Director of Habitat for the Arts; and Alison Rudge, Library Board Member. The senders have formed a planning committee for the 10th anniversary of the Library and Cultural Centre and invited Council to participate and support the event.			
#299/26	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the correspondence for information; and That Council signify its intent to participate in the library anniversary event and refer the request for support to Administration to report back to Council.	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 Urban Design & Standards Beth Sanders and Parks Canada Rebuild Planning Manager Emily Goldney. Highlights included information on key recovery activities as well as a deeper dive into rebuilding information. Director of Recovery Doug Olthof was also present to assist with Council questions. The presentation slides are attached to these minutes.			
Recess	Mayor Ireland called a recess from 2:08pm to 2:20pm to resolve technical difficulties.			
Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre Progress Update #300/26	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre progress update for information.	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Director’s Report – Protective & Legislative Services	Council received a department update from Director of Protective & Legislative Services Christine Nadon. Highlights included information on major projects; the Wildfire Resiliency Strategy; staffing; service trends; communications; and more.			
#301/26	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the report for information.	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Tennis Court Refurbishment Project Sponsorship Program #302/26	Council discussed adding the word “Recognition” into the title of the program. Director of Community Development Christopher Read agreed with the update and thanked Council for their attention to detail. MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the Tennis Court Refurbishment Project Sponsorship Recognition Program as amended.	FOR	AGAINST	

	5 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED
Affordable Housing Property Tax Grant Program #303/26	MOTION by Councillor Rodger – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the Affordable Housing Property Tax Program as presented; and direct administration to implement an Affordable Housing Property Tax Grant Program.		
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Records Retention and Disposition Bylaw #304/26	Mr. Given and Ms. Nadon were present to answer Council questions regarding legislation.		
	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the first time, Bylaw #285, being a bylaw of the Specialized Municipality of Jasper in the province of Alberta to regulate the retention and disposition of records.		
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
	Mayor Ireland relinquished the Chair to Deputy Mayor Rodger in order to make the following motion.		
#305/26	MOTION by Mayor Ireland – BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to amend Bylaw #285 by adding a definition for a municipal record.		
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
	Deputy Mayor Rodger returned the Chair to Mayor Ireland.		
#306/26	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to review 7.2 in its entirety for appropriate verbiage.		
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Recess	Mayor Ireland called a recess from 3:42pm to 3:52pm.		
Jasper Encroachment Bylaw 2026	Director of Operations & Utilities Courtney Donaldson reviewed amendments made to the draft bylaw after it was first discussed at the June 23, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting.		
#307/26	MOTION by Councillor Rodger – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the first time, Bylaw #286, being a bylaw of the Specialized Municipality of Jasper in the province of Alberta to address encroachment on Municipal Lands in the Town of Jasper.		
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
#308/26	MOTION by Councillor Rodger – BE IT RESOLVED that Council add the word “authorized” in front of the word “encroachments” at the beginning of Section 3.2.		
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
#309/26	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the second time, Bylaw #286, as amended, being a bylaw of the Specialized Municipality of Jasper in the province of Alberta to address encroachment on Municipal Lands in the Town of Jasper.		
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED

Borrowing Bylaws #310/26	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the second time, Bylaw #281, being a bylaw of the Municipality of Jasper in the province of Alberta to authorize Council to incur indebtedness by the issuance of debenture in the amount of \$1,900,000 for the purpose of the Jasper Recreation Complex Renovation Phase 3.		
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
#311/26	MOTION by Councillor Frechette – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the second time, Bylaw #282, being a bylaw of the Municipality of Jasper in the province of Alberta to authorize Council to incur indebtedness by the issuance of debenture in the amount of \$3,200,000 for the purpose of wastewater treatment facilities renovations and upgrades.		
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
#312/26	MOTION by Councillor Rodger – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the second time, Bylaw #283, being a bylaw of the Municipality of Jasper in the province of Alberta to authorize Council to incur indebtedness by the issuance of debenture in the amount of \$776,705 for the purpose of servicing Arnica Avenue.		
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
#313/26	MOTION by Councillor Frechette – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the second time, Bylaw #284, being a bylaw of the Municipality of Jasper in the province of Alberta to authorize Council to incur indebtedness by the issuance of debenture in the amount of \$4,000,000 for the purpose of servicing wildfire affected water and wastewater infrastructure.		
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Notices of Motion	none		
Councillor Reports	Councillor Melnyk attended the Community Futures West Yellowhead annual general meeting in Grande Cache on June 24. Councillor Frechette worked alongside the Communities in Bloom Committee on June 24 as part of Stewardship Day activities. Mayor Ireland attended the following events: • 2026 Annual Meeting of Provincial & Territorial Ministers Responsible for Local Govt with Minister Dan Williams on June 23 • Along with Councillor Kongsrud, met with the President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities on June 24 • Spoke at Jasper Junior/Senior High School Graduation on June 25 • ATCO meeting to discuss rebuild on June 26 • Met the new Vice President of Operations for Parks Canada on June 26 • Present for funding announcements on June 30 with Minister of Finance François-Philippe Champagne and Minister of Emergency Management and Community Resilience Eleanor Olszewski • Canada Day pancake breakfast, flag raising, parade, and teepee raising on July 1		
Upcoming events	Council received a list of upcoming events for information.		

Adjournment
#314/26

MOTION by Councillor Frechette – BE IT RESOLVED that, there being no further business, the Regular Council meeting of July 7, 2026 be adjourned at 4:33pm.

FOR	AGAINST	
5 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

JASPER RECOVERY COORDINATION CENTRE (JRCC)

July 7, 2026

PROGRESS UPDATE



SUMMARY OF KEY RECOVERY ACTIVITIES



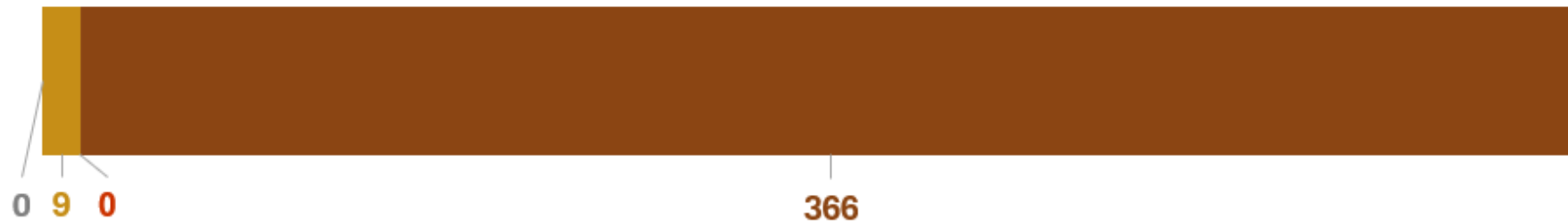
DEBRIS REMOVAL

- Total Number of properties with permits issued (in and out of town): 393
- Properties in-town cleared of debris: 369/369 - 100%
- **Certificates of Completion issued: 382 - 97.2%**
 - In Town non-commercial certificates: **338** (out of 341 properties with demolition permits)

This coordinated progress is enabling safe, timely debris removal; paving the way for rebuilding and protecting public health, safety, and the environment.

SITE PREPARATION

Site preparation status of properties impacted by the 2024 Jasper wildfire within the Municipality of Jasper only



■ Properties with debris remaining

■ Properties where soil sample reports (confirmatory sampling) need to be submitted to Parks Canada

■ Properties where soil sample reports (confirmatory sampling) are being reviewed by Parks Canada

■ Properties where the site is confirmed safe for human health and ready for rebuild

Updated: June 29, 2026 - Source: Parks Canada

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INTERIM HOUSING

- 420 households (765 individuals) are currently in the program
- All interim housing units are occupied or allocated
- Unmet needs, 231 households (350 individuals)
- Wabasso Campground will remain open for applications until October 12 (or until full). Currently, 15 sites are occupied, 10 are reserved with confirmed arrivals, 8 are reserved with no confirmed arrival date, and 18 sites remain available; most are only suitable for smaller units
- 34 sites are occupied by residents at Whistlers campground
- Landscaping and tree planting activities will take place on in-town interim housing sites in the coming months

These combined actions underscore our ongoing progress toward delivering scalable and adaptable interim housing.

SOCIAL RECOVERY

- Planning under way for the 2-Year Commemoration of the 2024 Jasper Wildfire
- Pathfinders training is on pause for the summer months. 113 Pathfinders and 23 Youth Navigators have completed training
- Community Spiritual Circles continue until November 2026
- Red Cross insurance and contracting navigation supports remain heavily subscribed
- Interim housing garden boxes have been delivered. Community Message Boards are in development.

ECONOMIC RECOVERY

- **Interim Industrial Park**

- The Interim Industrial Park has reached full occupancy and continues to support fire-impacted businesses operating in the community. The program is still accepting applications for the waitlist

- **Pop-Up Village**

- The 2026 operating season (May–October) is underway.
- Placemaking and activation activities to follow throughout the season

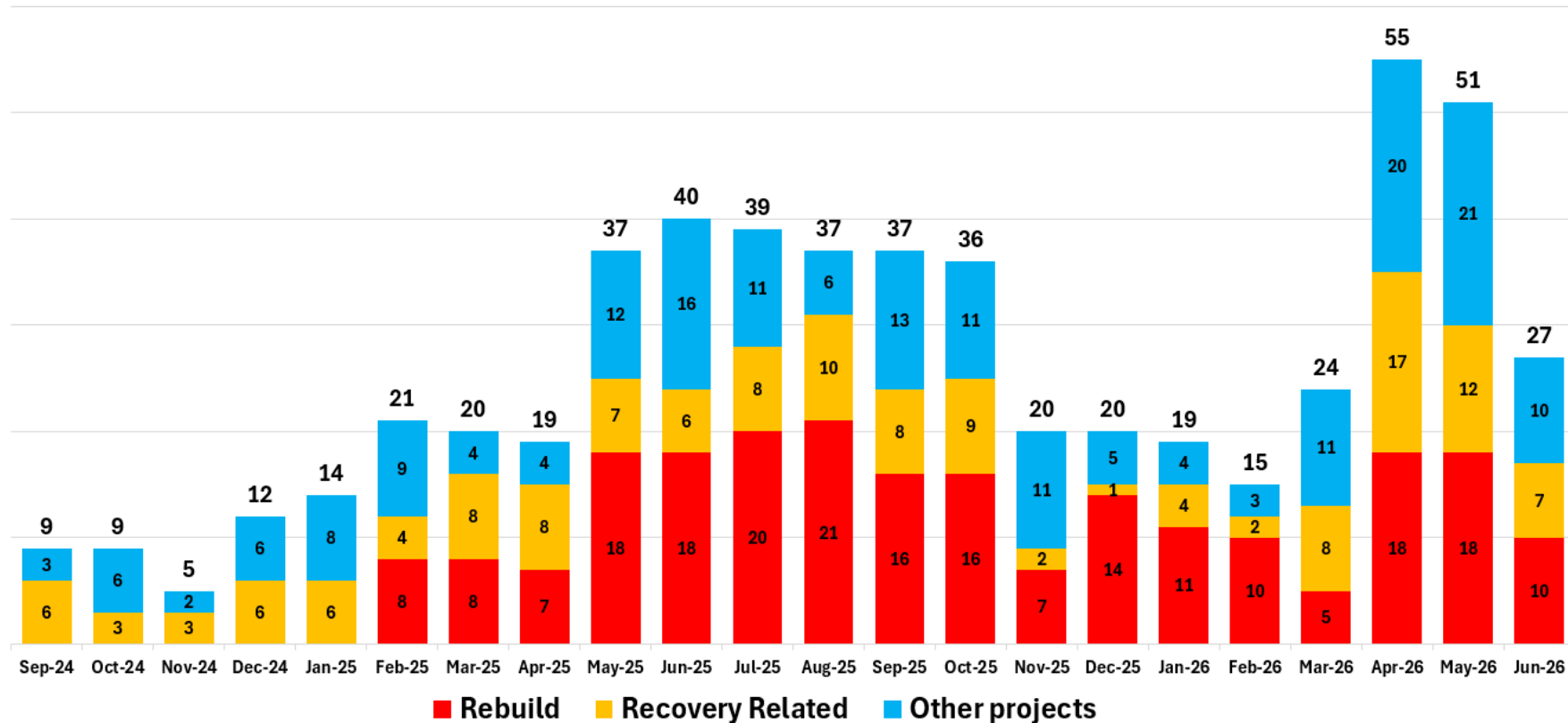


FOCUS ON REBUILD

RECOVERY PRIORITY #3

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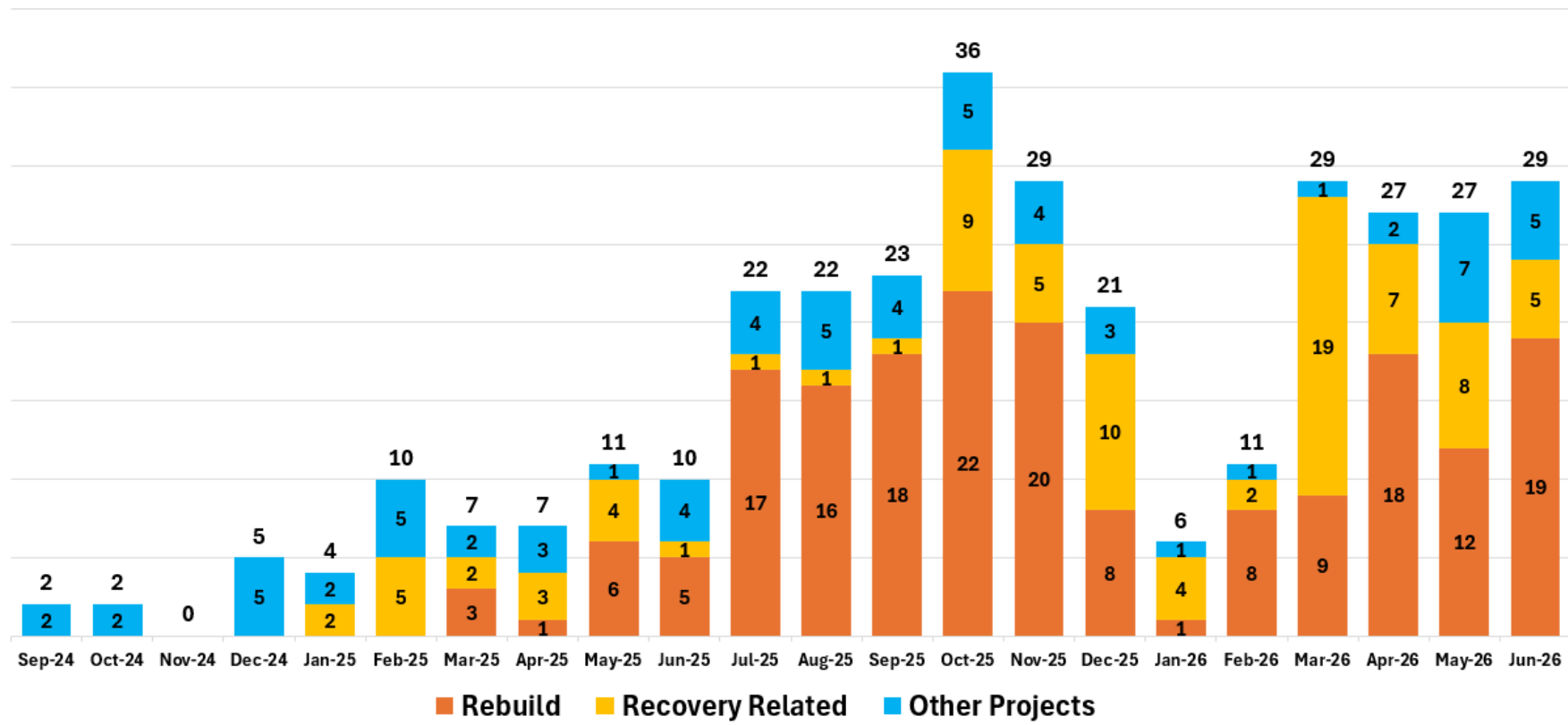
Development Permits Issued each month (as of June 29, 2026)



**566 Development Permits Issued since September 2024
(Excluding Demolition Permits)**

PERMITS ISSUED - BUILDING PERMITS

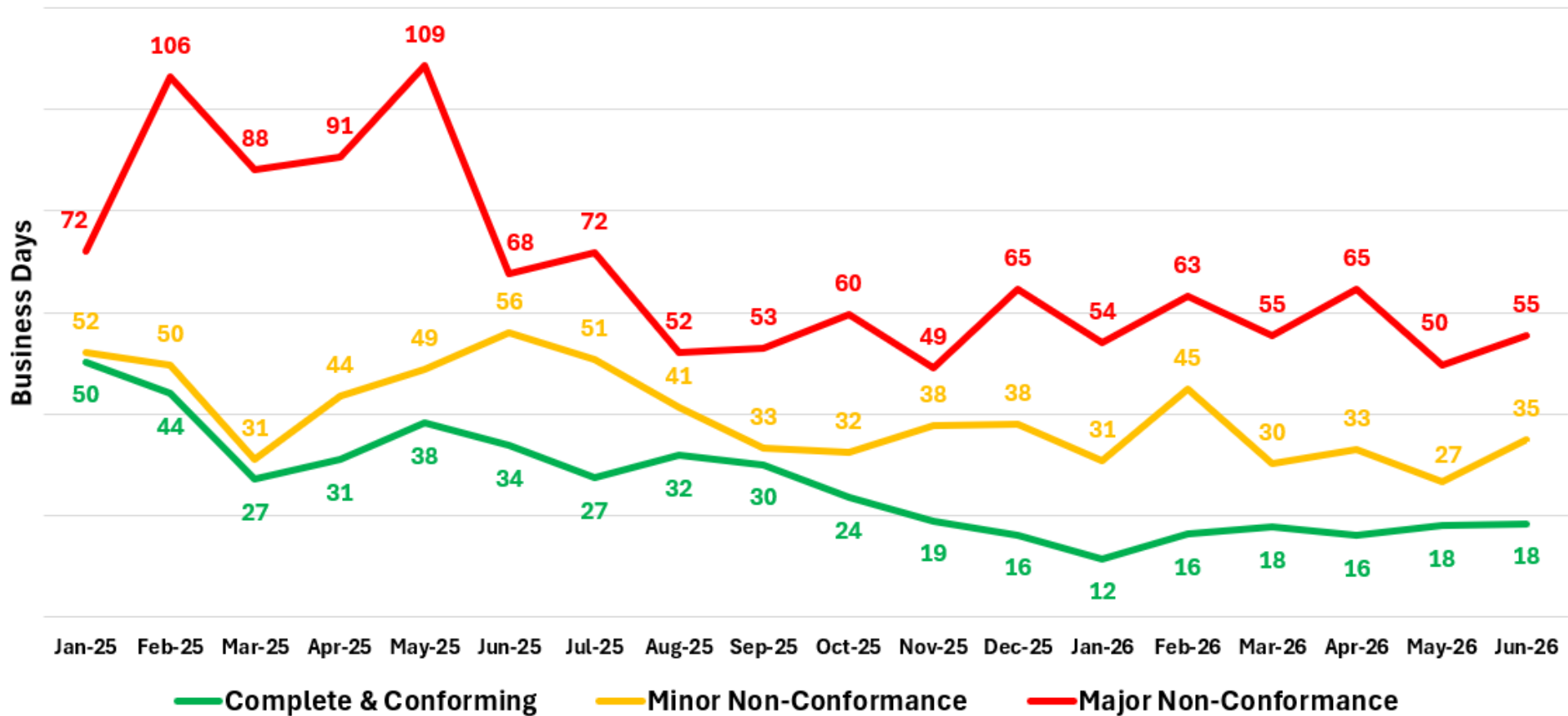
Building Permits Issued each month (as of June 29, 2026)



340 Building Permits Issued since September 2024

PERMIT TIMELINES – ALL PERMITS

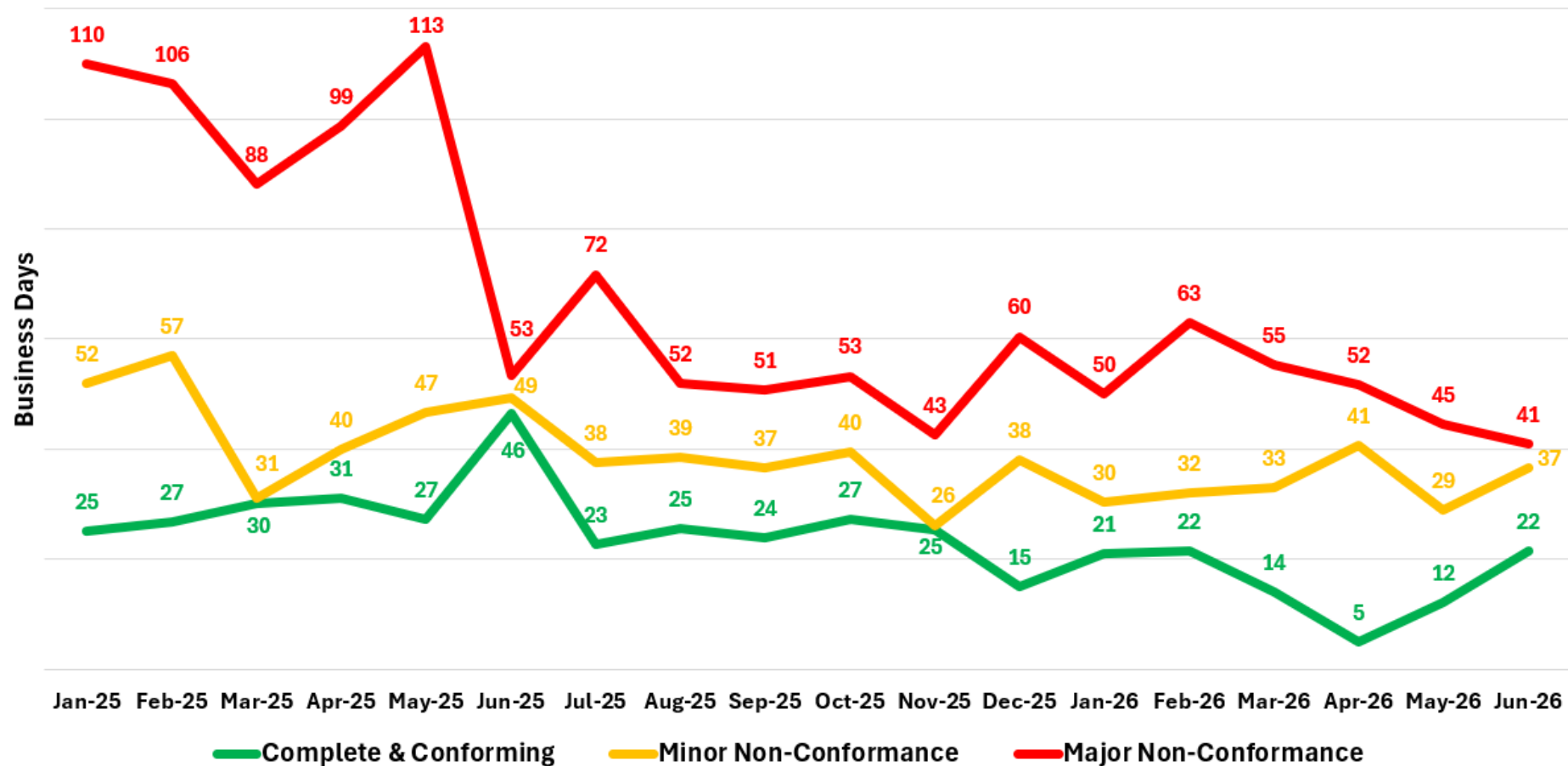
Average Monthly Development Permit Timelines - All Permits



Average permit timelines are measured in business days

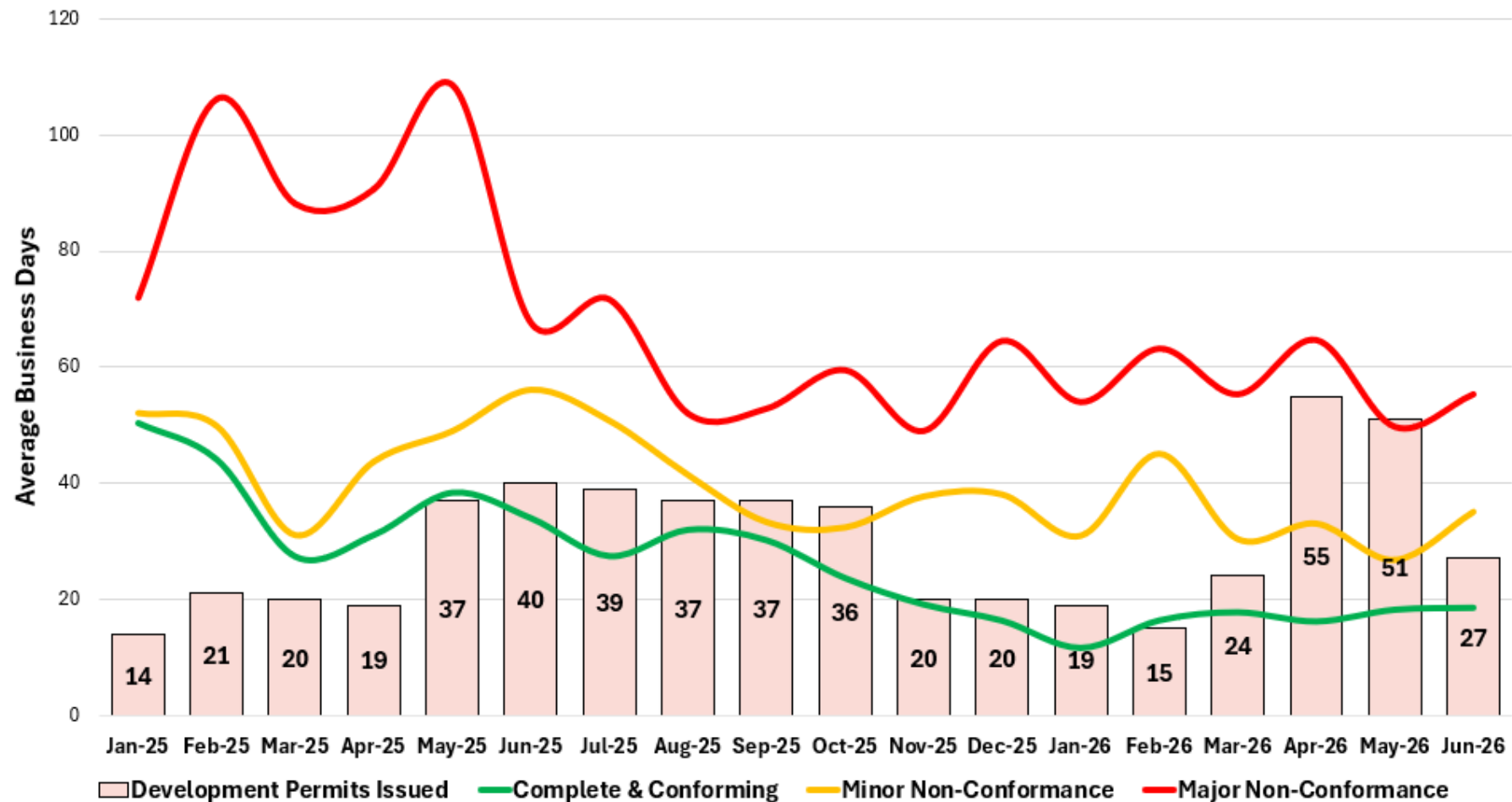
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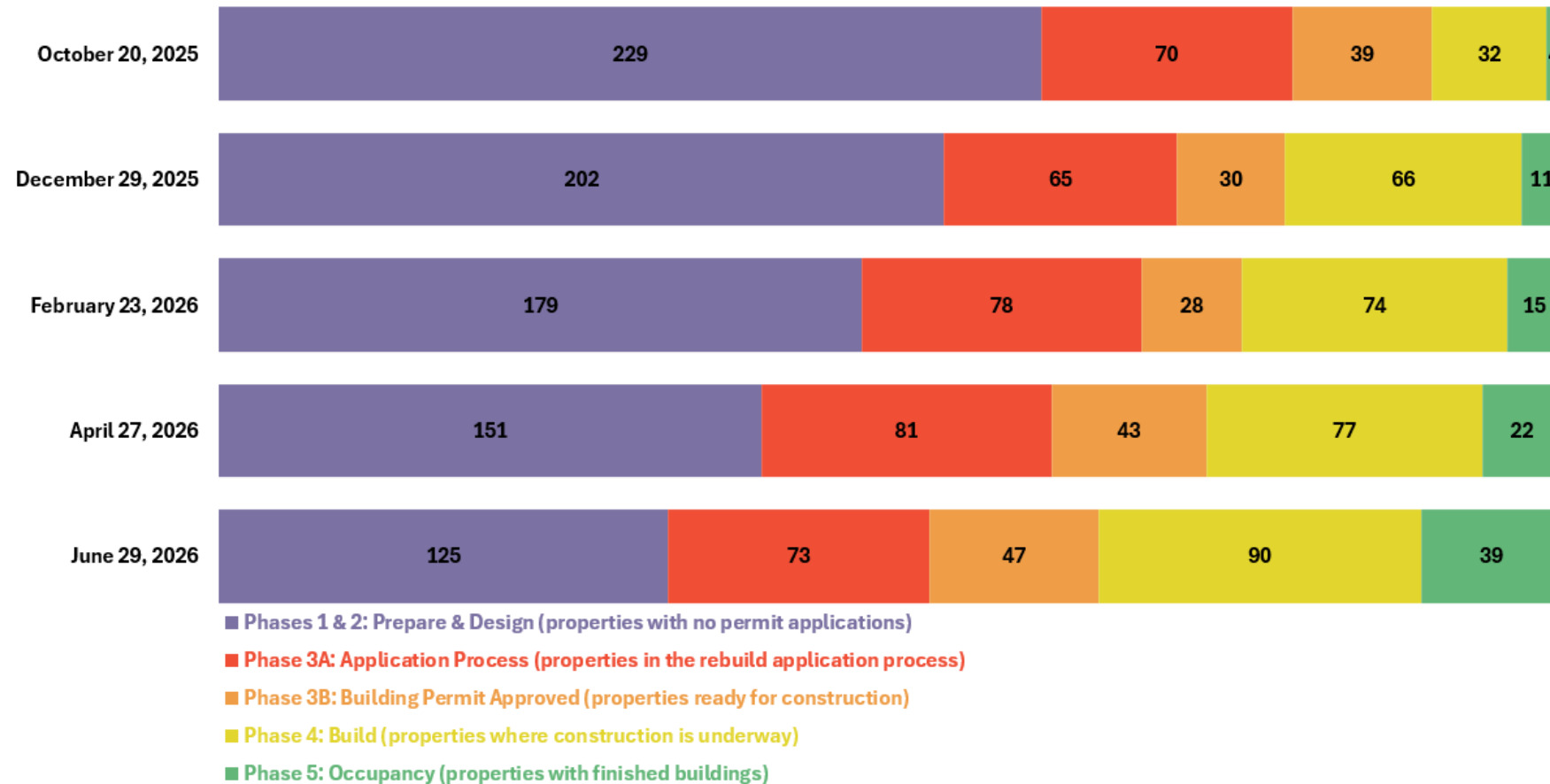
TIMELINES & DEVELOPMENT PERMIT VOLUME

Development Permits & Average Timelines



REBUILD PROGRESS

Rebuild status over time of 374 fire-damaged properties within the Municipality of Jasper



REBUILD PROGRESS

Rebuild Status Map



- Phases 1 & 2: Prepare & Design (properties with no permit applications)
- Phase 3A: Application Process (properties in the rebuild application process)
- Phase 3B: Building Permit Approved (properties ready for construction)
- Phase 4: Build (properties where construction is underway)
- Phase 5: Occupancy (properties with finished buildings)

REBUILD – DWELLING UNITS

Updated June 29, 2026

Rebuilding properties in-town issued a building permit	# Dwelling units in rebuilding properties in-town issued a building permit		Rebuild dwelling units in-town complete for occupancy
176	382		63
	# Replacement Units	# Net New Units	
	266	116	

KEY HIGHLIGHTS IN 2026

- Builders Workshop (Feb) to prepare for 2026 construction season
- Updated Rebuild and Builders Guides
- Automatic Permitting launched for low-risk projects, 40 permits issued to date
- Public [Road Closure Map](#) launched to display active street and sidewalk closures in the townsite
- Streamlined SPSU process
- Policy & bylaw updates
 - Land Use Policy (PC)
 - Temporary Use Policy (PC)
 - Offsite Levy Bylaw (MOJ)
 - Parking Authority Bylaw (MOJ)
- Achieved 39 occupancies, representing 63 dwelling units
 - 5 of 78 Accessory Dwelling Unit Incentive Program applicants have finished their ADUs and received funding!



STILL TO COME IN 2026

- Builders' meeting on July 29, 2026 (mid-season check-in)
- Implementation of out-of-town fire resiliency requirements
- Continue to explore ways to streamline and expedite the permitting process
- Monitor the unique rebuilding challenges community members are experiencing

