

Municipality of Jasper
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday, January 14, 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-Empsey, Wendy Hall, Ralph Melnyk, Rico Damota and Scott Wilson		
Absent	none		
Also present	Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance & Administration Bernd Manz, Interim Director of Operations & Utilities Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator Ryan Verge & Lois-Ryan-Ottley, Recovery Alberta Peter Shokeir, The Fitzhugh Jacqui Sundquist, CBC Edmonton Bob Covey, The Jasper Local 11 observers		
Call to Order	Deputy Mayor Waxer called the January 14, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 9:30am and began with a Traditional Land Acknowledgement .		
Approval of agenda #14/25	MOTION by Councillor Damota that Committee approve the agenda for the January 14, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting as amended: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add 7.7 Verbal Update on Jasper Business Recovery Program • Add 11.2 In-camera - Third party confidence • Add 11.3 In-camera - Intergovernmental matter 		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Business arising from December 10, 2024 minutes	none		
Delegations – Recovery Alberta	Committee received a presentation from Ryan Verge and Lois-Ryan-Ottley of Recovery Alberta regarding the work of the organization following the 2024 Jasper Wildfire Complex. Mr. Verge brought two information handouts which are attached to the meeting minutes.		
#15/25	MOTION by Councillor Hall that Committee receive the presentation from Recovery Alberta for information.		
	FOR	AGAINST	

	7 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED
Correspondence	none		
Rewrite of B-109 Fiscal Controls and Financial Reporting Policy #16/25	<p>Committee received a draft rewrite of B-109 Fiscal Controls and Financial Reporting Policy. CAO Bill Given reviewed the changes proposed since the October 1, 2024 meeting and discussed potential edits.</p> <p>MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee recommend Council approve the rewrite of Policy B-109 – Fiscal Controls and Financial Reporting with amendments as discussed at the January 14, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting to articles 4.1 and 5.4.</p>		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Traffic Bylaw Safety Considerations: Wildfire Impacted Sidewalks #17/25	<p>Committee received a report from Interim Director of Operations & Utilities Bernd Manz regarding alternate service level approaches to address snow and ice removal on sidewalks in front of properties affected by the 2024 Jasper Wildfire Complex.</p> <p>MOTION by Councillor Melnyk that Committee receive the report for information.</p>		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Development of Recovery Strategic Priorities #18/25	<p>Mr. Given reviewed a request for decision regarding Council’s Strategic Priorities following the 2024 Jasper Wildfire Complex and subsequent recovery and rebuild.</p> <p>MOTION by Councillor Wilson that Committee recommend Council approve the addition of a new focus area, Wildfire Recovery, to the 2022-2026 Strategic Priorities; and</p> <p>That Committee direct Administration to develop draft Wildfire Recovery Strategic Priorities, leveraging existing guidance documents and previous public engagement processes, and return to a future Committee of the Whole meeting.</p>		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillor	CARRIED
Recess	Deputy Mayor Waxer called a recess from 10:49am to 11:00am.		
Property Tax Penalty Receivable Write-Off Request #19/25	<p>Committee received a request for decision from administration regarding potential write-offs which need to be addressed before the upcoming annual audit. Director of Finance & Administration Natasha Malenchak reviewed details and answered Committee questions.</p> <p>MOTION by Councillor Melnyk that Committee recommend Council approve the write off of Property Tax receivable Penalty for Roll 006841 (Café within Parks Canada Admin Building) for penalties incurred in 2022, 2023 and 2024 in the amount of \$2,866.40.</p>		
	FOR	AGAINST	

	7 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED
Property Tax Receivable Write- Off Request – Provincial Building #20/25	Committee discussed another property tax receivable write-off request for the Provincial Building which has been a reoccurring issue in the past few years. Mr. Given and Ms. Malenchak reviewed options with Committee.		
	MOTION by Councillor Wilson that Committee recommend Council approve the write-off of Property Tax receivable for Roll 500000 (Provincial Building) for half of the amount levied in the amount of \$35,136.62.		
	FOR 3 Councillors (Wilson, Damota, Kelleher-Empey)	AGAINST 4 Councillors	DEFEATED
#21/25	MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee recommend Council direct Administration to keep the amount set as a Property Tax receivable in the amount of \$35,136.62 and return the matter to a future Committee of the Whole meeting in early March 2025.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 1 Councillor (Wilson)	CARRIED
2024 Property Tax Penalty Posting	Ms. Malenchak and Mr. Given presented Committee with recommendations and alternatives for approaching tax penalties considering the challenges being experienced by residents and business owners affected by the 2024 Jasper Wildfire Complex.		
#22/25	MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee recommend Council direct Administration to adjust the property tax penalty to 15% (from 18%) for one year only, being the 2024 tax year.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
#23/25	MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee recommend Council direct Administration; in respect to tax payers who are in arrears for the 2024 tax year and who enroll in the preauthorization plan by Feb 15, 2025, to impose no penalties on such arrears so long as arrears and 2024 taxes are fully paid by December 31, 2025.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
#24/25	MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee recommend Council direct Administration to adjust the property tax penalty posting date to March 1st (from January 1st) for one year only, being the posting of penalties for the 2024 year.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED

Recess	Deputy Mayor Waxer called a recess from 12:20pm to 1:15pm.		
Verbal Update on Jasper Business Recovery Program	Councillor Melnyk gave a verbal update on the Jasper Business Recovery Program being administrated by Community Futures West Yellowhead (CFWY) with funds provided by partner PrairiesCan. Businesses are encouraged to go to CFWY's website as applications for the program are open until February 28, 2025.		
#25/25	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empy that Committee receive the verbal report for information.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Motion Action List	Administration reviewed the Motion Action List.		
#26/25	MOTION by Councillor Wilson that Committee approve the updated Motion Action List with the removal of the following item: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B-109 Fiscal Controls and Financial Reporting Policy • Traffic Safety Bylaw Considerations • 2025 Budget • Wildfire Recovery Community & Economic Development Policy <p style="margin-left: 40px;">And date changes for the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parcel CH Access Road & Spruce Avenue Development Tender Award • Council Remuneration Review 		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Councillor upcoming meetings	<p>Mayor Ireland will be speaking at Jasper Art Guild's Buzzfest this coming Friday at 6pm.</p> <p>Councillor Melnyk will be attending a Jasper Yellowhead Historical Society Board meeting tomorrow.</p> <p>Councillors Melnyk and Damota will be attending a Community Futures West Yellowhead meeting next week.</p> <p>Councillors Melnyk, Waxer and Hall attended a meeting of the Recovery Advisory Committee yesterday.</p> <p>Both Councillor Waxer and Councillor Hall attended Community Conversations this past week.</p> <p>Councillor Hall will be attending a Municipality of Jasper Library Board meeting this evening.</p>		
Upcoming Events	Council reviewed a list of upcoming events.		

Move In-camera
#27/25

MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey to move in-camera at 1:33pm to discuss agenda items:

- 11.1 Tax Arrears Update FOIP s.16(2), 17(1)
- 11.2 Third party confidence FOIP s.16(1)(b)
- 11.3 Intergovernmental matter FOIP s.21(1)(a)

FOR

AGAINST

7 Councillors

0 Councillors

CARRIED

Mr. Given and Ms. Malenchak also attended the in-camera session.
Councillor Melnyk left the meeting at 3:00pm.

Move out of
camera
#28/25

MOTION by Councillor Hall to move out of camera at 3:23pm.

FOR

AGAINST

6 Councillors

0 Councillors

CARRIED

Adjournment
#29/25

MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey that, there being no further business, the Committee of the Whole meeting of January 14, 2025 be adjourned at 3:23pm.

FOR

AGAINST

6 Councillors

0 Councillors

CARRIED

Mental Health & Addiction

Support and resources for you

Get the help you need, when you need it

<p>Jasper Mental Health & Addiction Clinic</p> <p>Phone: 780-852-6616 Jasper-Seton Healthcare Centre 518 Robson Street</p> <p>Access Addiction and Mental Health line - Call for information and appointments with local counsellors and therapists</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular Clinic hours Monday to Friday 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. • Walk-in hours for Mental Health and Addiction: Monday to Friday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. • 1-888-594-0211 Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
<p>Addiction Helpline</p>	<p>1-866-332-2322 toll-free available 24/7</p>
<p>Mental Health Helpline</p>	<p>1-877-303-2642 toll-free available 24/7</p>
<p>Health information</p>	<p>811 Health Link toll-free available 24/7</p>
<p>Suicide Crisis Helpline</p>	<p>988 (call or text) available 24/7</p>
<p>Brite Line (2SLGBTQIA+) Support</p>	<p>1-844-702-7483</p>
<p>Kids Help Phone</p>	<p>1-800-668-6868 or Text CONNECT to 686868</p>
<p>Community Supports</p>	<p>211</p>
<p>First Nations and Inuit Hope for Wellness</p>	<p>1-855-242-3310 Online chat: hopeforwellness.ca/</p>
<p>AHS Indigenous Support Line</p>	<p>1-844-944-4744 from noon to 8 p.m., Monday to Friday Indigenous Support Line Alberta Health Services www.albertahealthservices.ca/info/Page18213.aspx</p>
<p>Helpful online resources</p>	<p>Help in Tough Times (www.ahs.ca/helpintoughtimes) www.albertahealthservices.ca/amh/page17012.aspx Text HOPEAB to 393939 to subscribe www.ahs.ca/text4hope</p>

Tips and Online supports

<p>Digital Apps (free on any device)</p>	<p>Sinasprite (Anxiety, PTSD, Stress) Superbetter: Mental Health (Regulation Games 4yrs+) Hope by CAMH (Suicide Prevention Support & Resources) Calm Urge (Coping skills to resist urges to self-harm) Smiling Mind (Meditation 4yrs+)</p>
<p>Calming Activities</p>	<p>5 senses: In your current surroundings find 5 things you can see, 4 you can touch, 3 you can hear, 2 you can smell and 1 you can taste. Calm breathing: Breath in for 5 seconds, hold for 5 seconds, breath out for 10 seconds, hold for 5 seconds. Repeat 5 times or until calmer.</p>

If you are in crisis, please visit the Emergency Department or call 911


North Zone Mental Health and Addictions Programs and Services Overview

Recovery Alberta and community partners provide a wide variety of addiction and mental health services to residents throughout the North Zone.

It's important to know:

- One in five Canadians will experience an addiction or mental health issue each year. If you are struggling, remember you are not alone, there are supports in place to help you cope.
- You can access addiction and mental health services by connecting with your local RA community Addiction and Mental Health office, as well as through your family physician or through your Primary Care Network (PCN).
- You can also call Health Link at 811 to have an Information and Referral Specialist help find the service that's right for you. This service is available 24/7 to help.

» Recovery Alberta Mental Health and Addiction Services in Northern Alberta

- Qualified addiction counsellors and mental health therapists provide a range of services including assessments, individual and group counselling, education, and support for individuals and families concerned about use of substances and/or gambling problems and mental health.
 - One medical detox centre in Grande Prairie – Northern Addictions Centre (20 beds) to support individuals withdrawing from alcohol and other drugs in a safe, controlled setting.
 - Two residential treatment centres – Northern Addictions Centre in Grande Prairie (40 beds), Fort McMurray Recovery Centre (16 Beds) support recovery from substance and/or gambling addiction.
 - The Addiction Day Treatment Program in Fort McMurray is offered virtually to adult residents of the North Zone who are struggling with substance abuse or gambling and who could benefit from an intensive treatment program designed to support their recovery.
 - Four Opioid Dependency Clinics – Grande Prairie, Fort McMurray, High Prairie, Bonnyville provide both in person & virtual supports to those in the surrounding areas for recovering from opioid dependency.
 - The Narcotic Transition Services Program (NTS) in Grande Prairie treats individuals with severe opioid addiction who have not been able to successfully initiate or stabilize on conventional opioid agonist medications. The services provides high-potency opioid medications combined with comprehensive psychosocial supports and focuses on stabilizing and transitioning patients under expert medical supervision to conventional opioid agonist medications. The NTS Clinic is co-located with the Opioid Dependency Program in the Northern Addictions Centre.
 - One Protection of Children Abusing Drugs (PChAD) program with two involuntary detox and stabilization beds for youth in a secure facility near Grande Prairie. Two voluntary youth detox and stabilization beds are also available.
 - AHS collaborates with community partners to ensure continued co-ordination of supports for children, youth, families and other groups and individuals who work with youth.
 - Multidisciplinary Intensive Treatment Services (MITS) Teams located in Grande Prairie & Fort McMurray provide comprehensive in-reach and outreach services for children and youth with severe and persistent mental illness and substance use disorders. The team provides treatment, navigation, and transition care in acute, community-based, and virtual settings. Services include intensive individual and family therapy, in-home skill development, parent support, skill development, and case management.
 - Five Mental Health Travelling Teams that enhance access to services for clients who identify as Indigenous by providing culturally safe/appropriate care within rural and Indigenous communities within the North Zone. The teams are physically located in High Level, Fort McMurray, High Prairie, Cold Lake and Lac La Biche and support surrounding communities.
 - Specialized teams in various communities support people across our North Zone that enhance access to supportive services while reducing barriers to care within the community. Specialized teams include Police and Crisis Team, Crisis Response Team, Diversion Team, Assertive Outreach Team.
 - Three Acute Inpatient Psychiatry units – Grande Prairie Regional Hospital has a 22-bed Inpatient Psychiatry Unit which includes pods for Adult (14 beds), Geriatric (4 beds), and Youth aged 14 – 17yrs (4 beds). Northern Lights Regional Hospital in Fort McMurray (10 beds), St. Therese Healthcare Centre in St. Paul (14 Beds).
 - Outpatient psychiatry services are available in several communities throughout the North Zone for both adult and children and youth.
 - North Zone Child and Youth Virtual Psychiatry Team supports children, youth, and families by offering short term support including navigation, triage, assessment, and referral to and within AMH services, and access to one time psychiatry services with program psychiatrists.
 - Access Addiction and Mental Health is a virtual intake telephone help line providing non-urgent advice, information and assessments for addiction and mental health concerns, available Monday – Friday at 1- 888-594-0211.
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Need someone to talk to? 24/7

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Mental Health Helpline: Call **1-877-303-2642**. Translation services are available.

Access Addiction and Mental Health Helpline: Call **1-888-594-0211**

Athabasca MHA

Additions: 780-675-5841
Mental Health: 780-675-5404

Barrhead MHA

Additions: 780-674-8239
Mental Health: 780-674-8243

Beaverlodge Mental Health

780-538-5160 (Addiction and Mental Health Grande Prairie)

Bonnyville MHA

Additions: 780-826-8054
Mental Health: 780-826-2404

Cold Lake MHA

Additions: 780-594-7556
Mental Health: 780-639-4922

Edson MHA

Addition: 780-725-6132
Mental Health: 780-725-6110

Fairview Mental Health

780-835-6149

Fort McMurray Acute Inpatient Psychiatry

Crisis Services: 780-791-6091

Fort McMurray Recovery Centre & ODP Clinic

780-793-8300

Fort McMurray Community MHA

780-793-8360

Fort Vermilion MHA

780-841-3229

Fox Creek Mental Health

780-622-5106

Grande Cache MHA

780-827-4998

Grande Prairie Mountain Plains Youth Residential Treatment Program

780-538-5160

Grande Prairie Acute Inpatient Psychiatry

825-412-4280

Grande Prairie Adult MHA Outpatient

Addition: 780-538-6330
Mental Health: 780-830-2830

Grande Prairie Child and Youth MHA

780-538-5160

Grande Prairie Complex Needs, ICAT, Diversion/CTO

Access: 780-833-4323
ICAT 587-259-5513

High Level MHA

780-841-3229

High Prairie MHA

780-523-6490

Hinton MHA

Addition: 780-865-8263
Mental Health: 780-865-8247

Jasper MHA

780-852-6616

La Crete MHA

780 841 3229

Lac La Biche MHA

Addition: 780-623-5227
Mental Health: 780-623-5230

Mayerthorpe Mental Health

780-786-2279

Onoway Mental Health

780-967-9117

Peace River MHA

780-624-6151

Rainbow Lake Addition

780-841-3229

Slave Lake MHA

Addition: 780-849-7127
Mental Health: 780-805-3502

Spirit River Mental Health

780-538-5160 (Addiction and Mental Health Grande Prairie)

St. Paul MHA

Addition: 780-645-6346
Mental Health: 780-645-1850

Swan Hills MHA

780-333-4241 (All requests are called through Barrhead MH)

Valleyview Mental Health

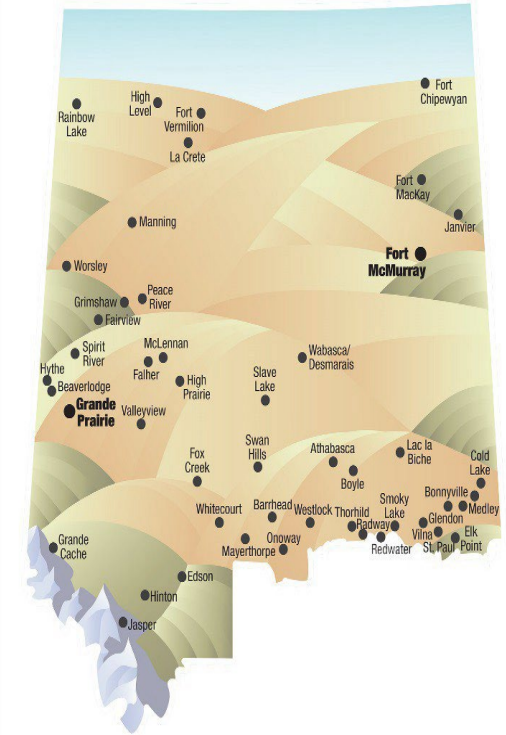
780-524-5096
780-524-3338

Westlock MHA

780-349-5246

Whitecourt MHA

Addition: 780-778-7123
Mental Health: 780-706-3281



Additional Services

Recovery Alberta Mental Health and Addiction works with approximately 33 contracted partners who provide both addiction and mental health supports in North Zone communities.

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