

Municipality of Jasper
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 23, 2026 | 9:30am
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 Wendy Hall, Ralph Melnyk, Danny Frechette, and Laurie Rodger		
Absent	Councillor Kathleen Waxer		
Also present	Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer Christine Nadon, Director of Protective & Legislative Services Christopher Read, Director of Community Development Courtney Donaldson, Director of Operations & Utilities Doug Olthof, Director of Recovery Erin Toop, Transit Manager Leanne Pelletier, Housing Manager Michael Borland, Town Planner Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator Jamie Myers & Francois Grenier, Jasper Park Cycling Association Jason Paterson, Ski Marmot Basin Bob Covey, The Jasper Local 12 observers		
Call to Order	Deputy Mayor Kongsrud called the June 23, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 9:30am.		
Additions/ deletions to the agenda	none		
Approval of agenda #278/26	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk that Committee approve the agenda for the June 23, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillor	CARRIED
Business arising from minutes	none		
Delegations – Jasper Park Cycling Association #279/26	Committee received Jamie Myers & Francois Grenier of the Jasper Park Cycling Association as a delegation requesting funding consideration for the next building phase of the Jasper Bike Park located at the west end of the town. MOTION by Councillor Melnyk that Committee receive the presentation for information;		

and direct Administration to bring a report back with options for the Jasper Park Cycling Association to a future Committee of the Whole meeting before the end of August 2026.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillor	CARRIED

Delegations – Ski Marmot Basin	Committee received Jason Paterson, President & CEO of Ski Marmot Basin, as a delegation wishing to speak in support of agenda item 7.2 Jasper Transit Business Planning Update.
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#280/26	MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee receive the presentation from the Ski Marmot Basin delegation for information.
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FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillor	CARRIED

Correspondence	none
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Recess	Deputy Mayor Kongsrud called a recess from 10:24am to 10:31am.
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Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre Year 2 Progress Report	Director of Recovery Doug Olthof presented the Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre Year 2 Progress Report to Committee for consideration. The report contained information on debris management; interim housing; rebuilding; social recovery; economic recovery; park recovery; recovery funding; and more.
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#281/26	MOTION by Councillor Frechette that Committee direct Administration to make amendments to the Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre Year 2 Progress Report for presentation at a future meeting.
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FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillor	CARRIED

Jasper Transit Business Planning Update	Committee received an update on business planning for the Jasper Transit System. Director of Operations & Utilities Courtney Donaldson and Transit Manager Erin Toop reviewed recommendations and alternatives for consideration.
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#282/26	MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee direct Administration to implement a School Special Service delivery approach, starting the 2026 school year; and
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- That Committee direct Administration to incorporate the following expansion options into the 2026 - 2031 Transit business plan and return prior to budget:
 - Summer frequency increase;
 - Year-round townsite service by fixed route;
 - Winter service span increase; and
 - Marmot Basin winter service.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillor	CARRIED

Recess	Deputy Mayor Kongsrud called a recess from 12:24pm to 1:30pm.		
Streetscape Design Standards & Guidelines – Project Update	Ms. Donaldson introduced a report to Committee to provide an update on the status of three planning activities (Town Plan, Transportation Master Plan, Streetscaping Design Project) with a focus on the streetscape study, now called the Streetscape Design Standards and Guidelines project. Town Planner Michael Borland was also available online to assist with Committee questions.		
#283/26	MOTION by Councillor Hall that Committee receive the report for information.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillor	CARRIED
Encroachment Bylaw (2026)	Committee received a draft bylaw for consideration. Ms. Donaldson reviewed the background and purpose of the proposed bylaw. CAO Bill Given also assisted in answering Committee questions.		
#284/26	MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee recommend Council give first reading to the Encroachment Bylaw (2026) and direct Administration to return with revisions prior to second reading as discussed at today's Committee of the Whole meeting.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillor	CARRIED
Recess	Deputy Mayor Kongsrud called a recess from 2:20pm to 2:25pm.		
Meeting Extension #285/26	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk at 2:25pm that the June 23, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting be extended beyond four hours.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillor	CARRIED
Tennis Court Refurbishment Project Sponsorship Program	Committee received a request for decision from the Community Development department regarding a presentation made by the Jasper Racquet Club at last week's Regular Council meeting. Director of Community Development Christopher Read reviewed the associated policy and identified three sponsorship recognition opportunities for consideration.		
#286/26	MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee recommend Council approve the Tennis Court Refurbishment Project Sponsorship Program as amended:		
	• Strike article 5.1 d; and • Amend article 6.3 by elimination of the words "terminate a sponsorship agreement or".		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillor	CARRIED

Alberta Police Funding Model	Director of Protective & Legislative Services Christine Nadon presented a report to Committee providing details on changes to Alberta's Police Funding Model.		
#287/26	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk that Committee authorize the Mayor to write the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services requesting that: • The population density modifiers be applied to Jasper's policing costs; and • The Minister use their Ministerial authority to ensure Jasper's policing cost accounts for the municipality's unique circumstances.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillor	CARRIED
Records Retention & Disposition Bylaw	Committee received a draft bylaw for consideration regarding records retention and disposal. Ms. Nadon reviewed the legislative requirements for the bylaw and updates to privacy programs in the province.		
#288/26	MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee recommend Council give first and second reading to the Records Retention & Disposition Bylaw.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillor	CARRIED
Affordable Housing Property Tax Grant Program	Committee received a request for decision from Administration with Housing Manager Leanne Pelltier reviewing the report and Mr. Given assisting with questions.		
#289/26	MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee recommend Council approve the Affordable Housing Property Tax Program as presented; and direct administration to implement an Affordable Housing Property Tax Grant Program.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillor	CARRIED
Arnica Avenue Servicing Cost Recovery Policy	Mr. Given reviewed a request for decision regarding servicing costs for Arnica Avenue.		
#290/26	MOTION by Councillor Rodger that Committee direct Administration to develop an Arnica Avenue Servicing Cost Recovery Policy and return to a future meeting.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillor	CARRIED
Motion Action List	Administration reviewed the Motion Action List.		
#291/26	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk that Committee approve the updated Motion Action List with the removal of the following items: • 2025 Annual Transit Service Update • Alberta Police Funding Model • Jasper Racquet Club And date changes for:		

- Recovery Advisory Committee Terms of Reference
- Royal Canadian Legion Branch #31
- Lot HG (CH) Development
- Unsolicited Donations

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Councillor
upcoming
meetings

Councillor Melnyk will be in Grande Cache tomorrow for meetings with Community Futures West Yellowhead.

Councillor Frechette will be working with the Communities in Bloom Committee for Stewardship Day tomorrow.

Mayor Ireland will be speaking at the High School Graduation this week as well as attending the 2026 Annual Meeting of Provincial and Territorial Ministers Responsible for Local Government this evening.

Mayor Ireland will be meeting with the President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities tomorrow.

Mayor Ireland and Councillor Rodger both plan on attending a meeting this Friday, along with other Council members, with ATCO to discuss the rebuild of their facility.

Councillor Rodger will be at a meeting of the Jasper Municipal Housing Corporation on July 9th.

Council will be serving the community and visitors a pancake breakfast for Canada Day at Commemoration Park on July 1st.

Upcoming Events Council reviewed a list of upcoming events.

Adjournment
#292/26 MOTION by Councillor Hall that, there being no further business, the Committee of the Whole meeting of June 23, 2026 be adjourned at 3:39pm.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED