

Municipality of Jasper
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday, February 17, 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 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 Kathleen Waxer, Councillors Ralph Melnyk, Kable Kongsrud, Danny Frechette, Laurie Rodger, and Wendy Hall.		
Absent	none		
Also present	Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer Christine Nadon, Director of Protective & Legislative Services Beth Sanders, Director of Urban Design & Standards Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance & Administration Doug Olthaf, Housing and Social Recovery Manager Gord Hutton, Municipal Buildings & Asset Manager Vidal Michaud, Utilities Manager Varvara Shmygalova-Murray, Asset Coordinator Marley Pollock, Town Planner Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator Jen Dillon, Protective Services Coordinator Bob Covey, The Jasper Local 16 observers		
Call to order	Mayor Ireland called the February 17, 2026 Regular Council meeting to order at 9:30am.		
Additions or deletions to agenda	none		
Approval of agenda #56/26	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the agenda for the February 17, 2026 Regular Council meeting as presented.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of Regular minutes #57/26	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the February 3, 2026 Regular Council meeting as presented.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of Committee of the Whole minutes #58/26	MOTION by Councillor Frechette – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the February 10, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Business arising from minutes	none		
Delegations	none		
Correspondence – RCMP Quarterly Report #59/26	Council received a quarterly report from Sergeant Rick Bidaisee, Detachment Commander of the Jasper RCMP. MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the correspondence for information.		

	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Correspondence – Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce #60/26	Council received correspondence from the Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce expressing concerns with Transit financing. Mayor Ireland will be sending a reply on behalf of Council. MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the correspondence for information.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre Progress Update #61/26	Council received a Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre progress update from Housing and Social Recovery Manager Doug Olthaf. Highlights include information on debris removal; site preparation; interim housing; construction coordination; social & economic recovery; and more. MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre progress update for information.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Director’s Report – Finance & Administration #62/26	Council received a department update from Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance & Administration. The report provided information on major projects taking place in information technology; budget and planning details; staffing; services; communications & engagement; and more. MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the report for information.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Asset Management Policy #63/26	Municipal Buildings & Asset Manager Gord Hutton and Asset Coordinator Varvara Shmygalova-Murray were present to answer any Council questions. MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council amend the Asset Management Policy by switching the order of the two introductory paragraphs.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
#64/26	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the Asset Management Policy as amended: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Switch the order of the two introductory paragraphs. 		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Recess	Mayor Ireland called a recess from 10:35am to 10:46am.		
Adoption of Jasper Off-Site Levies Bylaw (2026) #65/26	Director of Urban Design & Standards Beth Sanders and Town Planner Marley Pollock were in attendance to answer any Council questions regarding the adoption of the Jasper Off-Site Levies Bylaw. MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council give first reading to the Jasper Off-Site Levies Bylaw (2026) as presented.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED

#66/26 MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council set the date, time, and location of the public hearing for March 24, 2026, at 1:30pm in the Quorum Room.

FOR	AGAINST	
7 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Notices of Motion none

Councillor Reports Councillor Frechette attended a meeting of the Communities in Bloom Committee on February 9th.

Mayor Ireland, Councillor Hall, and Councillor Kongsrud were in Edmonton February 8th-10th for the Tourism Industry Association of Alberta conference.

Mayor Ireland, Councillors Rodger, Waxer, and Melnyk attended the Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce Speaker Series event on February 11th.

Councillor Melnyk participated in a Zoom meeting hosted by Alberta Municipalities focused on funding for infrastructure, preventative programs, policing, and more.

Councillor Waxer attended the Early Childhood/School Age Community Conversation last week as well as The Evergreens Foundation budget review meeting.

Mayor Ireland took part in the Economic Developers of Alberta workshop on February 5th and met with Executive Director of the Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce Paul Butler on February 12th.

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

Adjournment #67/26 MOTION by Councillor Frechette – BE IT RESOLVED that, there being no further business, the Regular Council meeting of February 17, 2026 be adjourned at 11:13am.

FOR	AGAINST	
7 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer