

Municipality of Jasper
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday, March 26, 2024 | 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 Ralph Melnyk, Councillors Kathleen Waxer, Wendy Hall, and Rico Damota						
Absent	Councillors Scott Wilson and Helen Kelleher-Empey						
Also present	Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer Christine Nadon, Director of Protective & Legislative Services Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance & Administration John Greathead, Director of Operations & Utilities Amanda Stevens, Communications Manager Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator Justin Melnyk, Jasper Brewing Company Danny Frechette, Snape's Hill Happy Little Trees Bob Covey, The Jasper Local 12 observers						
Call to Order	Deputy Mayor Melnyk called the March 26, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 9:31am and began with a Traditional Land Acknowledgement .						
Additions/ deletions to the agenda	none						
Approval of agenda #146/24	MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee approve the agenda for the March 26, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented. <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: left;">FOR</td> <td style="text-align: left;">AGAINST</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: left;">5 Councillors</td> <td style="text-align: left;">0 Councillor</td> <td style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</td> </tr> </table>	FOR	AGAINST		5 Councillors	0 Councillor	CARRIED
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Business arising from March 12, 2024 minutes	none						
Delegations	Deputy Mayor Melnyk invited anyone in the gallery who wished to address Committee regarding an item on the agenda to use this section of the meeting to come forward.						
Justin Melnyk	Justin Melnyk of the Jasper Brewing Company addressed Committee to request having the dates for patio seating changed from the current May 1 st to October 28 th timeframe to April 22 nd to October 19 th .						

Administration shared details from the current legislative framework and indicated that jurisdictional authority to grant this request lies with Parks Canada. Director of Operations & Utilities, John Greathead, shared concerns for earlier road maintenance schedules including line painting, tree planting, and spring clean-up efforts.

Danny Frechette Danny Frechette, of the Snape's Hill Happy Little Trees Project, indicated his interest for a clean-up in the area as he saw it was listed as an item on today's agenda.

Correspondence none

Start Dates for Patio Seating 2024 Committee further discussed the start dates for patio seating and the request brought forward by Justin Melnyk of the Jasper Brewing Company.

#147/24 MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee direct Administration and the attending Council representative to raise the issue of adjusting the start and end dates for patio seating at the meeting of the Jasper Partnership Initiative on March 27; and

That Committee direct Administration to respond without delay to any request made by the Patio Seating Taskforce to reconvene to consider a recommendation to Council to request a change of permit conditions to adjust the start and end date of patio seating, not to exceed 180 days.

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Recess Deputy Mayor Melnyk called a recess from 10:43am to 10:54am.

Start Dates for Patio Seating 2024 continued MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee direct Administration to follow up with today's presenter to consider whether the Sidewalk Seating/Café section of the Commercial Use of Public Space bylaw might address the desired use.

#148/24

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5 Councillors	0 Councillor	CARRIED

Capital Projects Carry Forward to 2024 Director of Finance & Administration, Natasha Malenchak, reviewed the amounts recommended for carry forward and answered questions from Committee on individual items.

#149/24 MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee recommend Council approve the carry forward capital list of incomplete 2023 projects to the 2024 capital budget as presented.

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5 Councillors	0 Councillor	CARRIED

Happy Little Trees Committee received a report from John Greathead, Director of Operations & Utilities, on the Happy Little Trees project and progress since last fall.

MOTION by Councillor Hall that Committee accept this report for information.

#150/24

FOR	AGAINST	
5 Councillors	0 Councillor	CARRIED

Labour Market
Study Alignment
Review

Committee received a report from Administration with CAO Bill Given highlighting the differences Jasper faces in tourism sectors for labour demands compared to the rest of the province, and the opportunities available to the Municipality to work with the information gathered.

#151/24

MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee receive the Labour Market Study Alignment Review report for information; and

That Committee direct Administration to engage in study initiatives in the manner indicated in the alignment review report.

FOR	AGAINST	
5 Councillors	0 Councillor	CARRIED

Position Request:
Director of Urban
Design &
Standards

Committee received a report from Administration outlining the potential creation of a new full-time permanent Director of Urban Design and Standards position to spearhead the Municipality's involvement in the development of the new community plan, Transportation Master Plan, and a number of other current and ongoing projects.

#152/24

MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee recommend Council consider amending the 2024 budget to create a new full-time permanent Director of Urban Design and Standards position.

FOR	AGAINST	
5 Councillors	0 Councillor	CARRIED

Motion Action List

Administration reviewed the Motion Action List.

#153/24

MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee approve the updated Motion Action List with the removal of the following items:

- Snape's Hill Happy Little Trees
- Labour Market Study

And date changes for the following items:

- 2024 Mill Rate

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Councillor
upcoming
meetings

Councillor Melnyk will be attending the annual general meeting for the Jasper Yellowhead Historical Society this evening.

Councillor Waxer attended the first Communities in Bloom meeting last week and another is scheduled for the end of April.

Mayor Ireland received an invitation for April 8th when MLA Sarah Elmeligi will be reading a resolution at the Legislature Assembly of Alberta regarding tourism-based communities.

Mayor Ireland has also been invited to Banff on April 9th to attend a dialogue with Parks Canada CEO Ron Hallman. He asked his fellow Councillors for their support for both events. There was no objection for either meeting; only support expressed, and it was noted he would be missing the April 9th Committee of the Whole meeting.

Upcoming Events Council reviewed a list of upcoming events.

Adjournment #154/24 MOTION by Councillor Hall that, there being no further business, the Committee of the Whole meeting of March 26, 2024 be adjourned at 12:50pm.

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