

Municipality of Jasper
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 13, 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 Wendy Hall, Councillors Kable Kongsrud, Ralph Melnyk, Danny Frechette, Kathleen Waxer, and Laurie Rodger		
Absent	none		
Also present	Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer Lisa Daniel, Executive Advisor Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator Bob Covey, The Jasper Local 9 observers		
Call to Order	Deputy Mayor Hall called the October 13, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 9:30am.		
Additions/deletions to the agenda	Both Councillor Laurie Rodger and CAO Bill Given made requests for in-camera items to be added to the agenda.		
Approval of agenda #435/26	MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee approve the agenda for the October 13, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting as amended: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Add 10.1 Personnel Matter – requested by Councillor Laurie Rodger• Add 10.2 Personnel Matter – requested by Administration		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillor	CARRIED
Business arising from minutes	Committee discussed the Transit Business Plan which was discussed at the September 29, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting and then formally approved at the October 6, 2026 Regular Council meeting.		
Delegations	none		
Correspondence	none		
Economic Development Capacity & Funding #436/26	Committee received a request for decision from Administration regarding Economic Development Capacity & Funding. CAO Bill Given reviewed the recommendations and alternatives for Committee's consideration. MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee refer consideration of an Economic		

Development Coordinator position, for a term of up to four years, to the 2027 budget process.

FOR	AGAINST	
5 Councillors	2 Councillors (Rodger, Kongsrud)	CARRIED

#437/26 MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee recommend Council request approval from PrairiesCan to redirect currently unallocated funding under the Community Economic Development & Diversification funding agreement to support an Economic Development function for Jasper.

FOR	AGAINST	
7 Councillors	0 Councillor	CARRIED

#438/26 MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee authorize Administration to seek additional funding to support an Economic Development function.

FOR	AGAINST	
7 Councillors	0 Councillor	CARRIED

Recess Deputy Mayor Hall called a recess from 10:30am to 10:35am.

Extension of Parks
Canada Land Rent
Relief Committee received a report with recommendations and alternatives regarding the Municipality of Jasper's land rent which is paid to the Government of Canada. Mr. Given reviewed the background information and answered Committee questions.

#439/26 MOTION by Councillor Frechette that Committee recommend Council authorize the Mayor to write to the Government of Canada requesting that the Municipality of Jasper's land rent remission provided under the Jasper National Park of Canada Rent and Fee Remission Order; and other Jasper National Park leaseholders as appropriate, be extended from March 31, 2027 to March 31, 2029.

FOR	AGAINST	
7 Councillors	0 Councillor	CARRIED

Rural Renewal
Stream Committee received a request for decision with an update on the Rural Renewal Stream. Executive Advisor Lisa Daniel reviewed the program; recent updates; recommendations; and alternatives.

#440/26 MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee recommend Council advocate to the Government of Alberta for an increased allocation under the Rural Renewal Stream for 2027 to better support Jasper's workforce and economic recovery needs; and

That Committee recommend Council consider appointing one member of Council to the Jasper Rural Renewal Steering Committee in accordance with Policy A-107, Council Representation on External Boards and Committees.

	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillor	CARRIED
Business Continuity Plan Development #441/26	<p>Ms. Daniel provided a brief update on the Business Continuity Plan Development which is included in the agenda package.</p> <p>MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee receive the Business Continuity Plan Project Update for information.</p>		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillor	CARRIED
Motion Action List #442/26	<p>Administration reviewed the Motion Action List.</p> <p>MOTION by Councillor Frechette that Committee approve the updated Motion Action List with the removal of the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jasper Economic Impact & Opportunity Assessment • Rural Renewal Program 		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Councillor upcoming meetings	Councillor Melnyk plans to attend a Community Futures West Yellowhead meeting of the board of directors on October 28th in Hinton.		
Upcoming Events	Council reviewed a list of upcoming events.		
Move In-camera #443/26	<p>MOTION by Mayor Ireland to move in-camera at 11:15am to discuss agenda item:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10.1 Personnel matter • 10.2 Personnel matter 		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
	Mr. Given also attended the in-camera session.		
Move out of camera #444/26	<p>MOTION by Councillor Waxer to move out of camera at 12:05pm.</p>		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Adjournment #445/26	<p>MOTION by Mayor Ireland that, there being no further business, the Committee of the Whole meeting of October 13, 2026 be adjourned at 12:06pm.</p>		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED

