

Municipality of Jasper
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday, January 16, 2024 | 1:30 pm
 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 both Zoom livestreaming and in-person attendance.

Present Mayor Richard Ireland, Deputy Mayor Scott Wilson, Councillors Wendy Hall, Helen Kelleher-Empey, and Kathleen Waxer

Absent Councillors Ralph Melnyk and Rico Damota

Also present Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer
 Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance & Administration
 Christopher Read, Director of Community Development
 Mathew Conte, Jasper Fire Department, Fire Chief
 Amanda Stevens, Communications Manager
 Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator
 Jeff Wilson, The Men’s Shed
 Peter Shokeir, The Fitzhugh
 38 observers

Call to order Mayor Ireland called the January 16, 2024 Regular Council meeting to order at 1:30pm and began with a [Traditional Land Acknowledgement](#). He also welcomed teacher Heidi Konsgrud and her Grade Six class who attended the meeting to observe as part of their Social Studies curriculum.

Additions or Deletions #10/24 MOTION by Councillor Hall– BE IT RESOLVED that Council amend the agenda for the January 16, 2024 Regular Council meeting by adding the following items:

- 6.7 Transit Service Standards
- 6.8 Community Engagement
- 6.9 Conference attendance CMHC
- 5.1 Jeff Wilson - Men’s Shed

FOR	AGAINST	
5 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Approval of agenda #11/24 MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the agenda for the January 16, 2024 Regular Council meeting as amended:

- Add 6.7 Transit Service Standards
- Add 6.8 Community Engagement
- Add 6.9 Conference attendance CMHC
- Add 5.1 Jeff Wilson - Men’s Shed

FOR	AGAINST	
5 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Approval of Regular minutes #12/24 MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the December 19, 2023 Regular Council meeting as presented.

FOR	AGAINST	
5 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Approval of Committee of the Whole minutes #13/24 MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the January 9, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented.

FOR	AGAINST	
5 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Correspondence none

Delegations – Jeff Wilson	Resident Jeff Wilson; who presented at the November 7, 2023 Regular meeting, returned to provide an update to Council, and make a request for information regarding possible locations for a Men’s Shed.		
#14/24	MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to investigate the costs associated with providing municipal water and wastewater at the two proposed locations; and any ideas for alternative locations, for the Men’s Shed, and report back at a future Committee of the Whole meeting.		
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Supplementary Assessment of Improvements and Supplementary Tax Bylaws	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the first time, Bylaw #257, being a bylaw of the Specialized Municipality of Jasper in the province of Alberta to authorize the supplementary assessment of improvements for the taxation year 2024.		
#15/24	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
#16/24	MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the second time, Bylaw #257, being a bylaw of the Specialized Municipality of Jasper in the province of Alberta to authorize the supplementary assessment of improvements for the taxation year 2024.		
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
#17/24	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the first time, Bylaw #258, being a bylaw of the Specialized Municipality of Jasper in the province of Alberta to authorize the imposition of a supplementary tax for the taxation year 2024.		
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
#18/24	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the second time, Bylaw #258, being a bylaw of the Specialized Municipality of Jasper in the province of Alberta to authorize the imposition of a supplementary tax for the taxation year 2024.		
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Utilities Fees Levy and Collection Bylaw 2024	Mr. Given and Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance & Administration, reviewed the Utilities Fees Levy and Collection Bylaw and gave a recap of budget discussions held this past fall.		
#19/24	MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the first time, Bylaw #259, being a bylaw of the Specialized Municipality of Jasper in the province of Alberta to provide for the levying and collection of fees for the provision of water, sewer, solid waste and recycling services in 2024.		
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
#20/24	MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council read for the second time, Bylaw #259, being a bylaw of the Specialized Municipality of Jasper in the province of Alberta to provide for the levying and collection of fees for the provision of water, sewer, solid waste and recycling services in 2024.		
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED

Director's Report – Finance & Administration	Council received a report from Director of Finance & Administration, Natasha Malenchak, highlighting the recent work accomplished in major projects, staffing, and communications.			
#21/24	MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the report for information.			
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors		CARRIED
National Immigration Project, Local Immigration Project, and Settlement Services Renewals Support #22/24	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve submitting an application to continue the partnership with Immigration Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) to deliver existing and expanded national, regional, and local services for another 5-year term.			
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors		CARRIED
Jasper-Hakone Committee Recommendations	The Jasper-Hakone Committee met on January 9, 2024 to discuss the possibility of a delegation to Hakone in the fall of 2024; the terms of reference for the Committee; and the student exchange. They presented their recommendations to Council.			
#23/24	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empy – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the 2024 delegation to Hakone; and			
	That Council authorize the Mayor to write a letter to Tourism Jasper inviting them to formally participate the Hakone delegation, from November 1- November 4, 2024.			
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors		CARRIED
#24/24	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council discontinue the Jasper-Hakone student exchange program permanently.			
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors		CARRIED
#25/24	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empy – BE IT RESOLVED that Council appoint Councillor Waxer to act as the chair of the Jasper-Hakone Committee until the next Organizational Meeting.			
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors		CARRIED
Recess	Mayor Ireland called a recess from 2:48pm to 2:58pm.			
Alberta Tourism Advocacy Summit #26/24	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empy – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the attendance of the Mayor and Councillor Hall at the Alberta Tourism Advocacy Summit in Edmonton February 4-6, 2024.			
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors		CARRIED
#27/24	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empy – BE IT RESOLVED that Council cancel the February 6, 2024 Regular meeting due to an anticipated lack of Quorum; and			
	That Council call a Special meeting for January 23, 2023, following the Committee of the Whole meeting to address time sensitive bylaws.			
	FOR	AGAINST		

	5 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED
Transit Service Standards	Challenges for the transit system during the recent deep freeze led to questions about service standards. Administration did indicate there was a report already scheduled to come to the next Committee meeting with recommendations for the transit system and policy development.		
#28/24	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to add Transit Service Standards to the January 23, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting agenda.		
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Community Engagement	Council discussed the various opportunities for engagement opportunities with residents. Community dinners, Community Conversations, and other methods of reaching out were discussed.		
Conference attendance CMHC	Councillor Wilson; who acts as the Chair of the Jasper Municipal Housing Corporation as one of his Council board appointments, requested Council approval for his attendance at a related event.		
#29/24	MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the attendance of Councillor Wilson at the 2024 National Housing Conference hosted by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation in Ottawa March 18-19, 2024.		
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Notices of Motion	none		
Councillor Reports	Councillor Waxer has begun work on the Communities in Bloom Committee and has reached out to the provincial office on the program for more information.		
	Councillors Wilson and Waxer attended the Adults Community Conversation last Wednesday.		
	Mayor Ireland and Councillor Waxer attended the Seniors Community Conversation last Wednesday.		
	Councillor Waxer attended the Early Childhood Community Conversation last Wednesday.		
Upcoming events	Council received a list of upcoming events for information.		
Adjournment #30/24	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED that, there being no further business, the Regular Council meeting of January 16, 2024 be adjourned at 3:33pm.		
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer