

Municipality of Jasper  
**Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**  
 Tuesday, January 23, 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 Scott Wilson, Councillors Rico Damota, Helen Kelleher-Empey, Kathleen Waxer, Wendy Hall, and Ralph Melnyk		
Absent	none		
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 Lisa Daniel, Childcare Services Manager Leanne Pelletier, Municipal Housing Coordinator Amanda Stevens, Communications Manager Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator Pattie Pavlov & Sandra Coombe, Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce Peter Shokeir, The Fitzhugh Bob Covey, The Jasper Local 31 observers		
Call to Order	Deputy Mayor Wilson called the January 23, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 9:30am.		
Additions/ deletions to the agenda #31/24	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey that Committee add the following items to the January 23, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7.7 Crosswalks near School Zones</li> <li>• 7.8 Update on information request from Provincial Government</li> <li>• 10.1 In-camera item - Intergovernmental Matters FOIP s. 21(1)(a)(i)</li> </ul>		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillor	CARRIED
Approval of agenda #32/24	MOTION by Councillor Hall that Committee approve the agenda for the January 23, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting as amended.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillor	CARRIED
Business arising from January 9, 2024 minutes	none		

Delegations – Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce	Pattie Pavlov, Executive Director of Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce, shared concerns regarding the Public Transit Services and asked for any updates that could be shared with the public regarding future grants and projects. Ms. Pavlov did note that many concerns were addressed in the Transit Service Update report which is part of today’s agenda package.						
Correspondence	none						
Transit Service Standards	Councillor Waxer shared her concerns with Transit Service standards and vulnerable residents.						
Transit Service Update	Committee received an update from Administration regarding the Transit Service. CAO Bill Given shared information on major projects, grant funding, service statistics, and ongoing work with communications and engagement.						
Recess	Deputy Mayor Wilson called a recess from 10:53am to 11:36am to allow for the Special Council meeting which was called on January 16, 2024 at the Regular Council meeting.						
Transit Service Update continued	The meeting resumed with a discussion on policy development for transit service standards. Deputy Mayor Wilson offered attendees in the gallery a chance to speak to the Transit Service update. Sandra Coombe, of the Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce, took the opportunity to ask questions and share her concerns.						
#38/24	<p>MOTION by Councillor Hall that Committee receive the Transit Service Update (September to December 2023) for information; and</p> <p>That Committee direct Administration to develop a Transit Service Standards Policy and return to a future Committee of the Whole meeting.</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 35%;">FOR</td> <td style="width: 35%;">AGAINST</td> <td style="width: 30%;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td>7 Councillors</td> <td>0 Councillor</td> <td style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</td> </tr> </table>	FOR	AGAINST		7 Councillors	0 Councillor	CARRIED
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Recess	Deputy Mayor Wilson called a recess from 12:15pm to 1:15pm.						
Crisis Team Jasper Society (CTJS) Funding Agreements #39/24	<p>Committee received a report from Administration with draft funding agreements with CTJS for consideration. Director of Community Development, Christopher Read, reviewed the history of crisis intervention services in Jasper.</p> <p>MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee authorize Administration to enter into an F-104 Funding Agreement with the Crisis Team Jasper Society for After-Hours Crisis Response, substantially in the form presented and adjusted at the Committee of the Whole meeting on January 23, 2024.</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 35%;">FOR</td> <td style="width: 35%;">AGAINST</td> <td style="width: 30%;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td>3 Councillors (Ireland, Waxer, Melnyk)</td> <td>4 Councillors</td> <td style="text-align: right;">DEFEATED</td> </tr> </table>	FOR	AGAINST		3 Councillors (Ireland, Waxer, Melnyk)	4 Councillors	DEFEATED
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#40/24	MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee authorize Administration to enter into F-104 Funding Agreements with the Crisis Team Jasper Society for Development and Implementation of a Crisis Team Advocate Recruitment and Training Program, substantially in the form presented at the Committee of the Whole meeting January 23, 2024.	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 1 Councillor (Damota)	CARRIED
Meeting Extension #41/24	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk at 2:59pm that Committee extend the January 23, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting beyond four hours.	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Recess	Deputy Mayor Wilson called a recess from 2:59pm to 3:09pm.			
Child Care Advocacy	Director of Community Development, Christopher Read, and Childcare Services Manager, Lisa Daniel, presented a report to Committee on child care capacity and affordability in Jasper. Along with recommendations for moving forward, they also provided updates on the Government of Alberta announcing new affordability grant rates in December 2023 and the effects of these changes.			
#42/24	MOTION by Councillor Damota that Committee recommend Council approve the Early Learning and Child Care bilateral agreement advocacy approach as presented.	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillor	CARRIED
Affordable Housing Advocacy	Committee received recommendations from Administration regarding affordable housing advocacy for Jasper. Mr. Given and Municipal Housing Coordinator, Leanne Pelletier shared information on the Core Needs Income Threshold used by the Alberta Community Housing program to determine an applicant's eligibility for affordable housing.			
#43/24	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey that Committee recommend Council authorize the Mayor to write a letter to the Minister of Alberta Seniors, Community and Social Services requesting that the Government of Alberta affordable income thresholds for Jasper be increased to match those of Banff beginning in 2024.	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillor	CARRIED
Jasper Municipal Housing Corporation Shareholder Policy	Committee received a draft Jasper Municipal Housing Corporation Shareholder Policy from Administration for consideration.			
#44/24	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk that Committee recommend Council approve the Jasper Municipal Housing Corporation Shareholder Policy as presented.			



In-camera  
#47/24

MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey to move in-camera at 4:04pm to discuss added agenda item:

- 10.1 Intergovernmental Matter FOIP s. 21(1)(a)(i)

FOR	AGAINST	
7 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Move out of  
camera  
#48/24

Mr. Given and Ms. Acorn also attended the in-camera session.

MOTION by Councillor Melnyk to move out of camera at 4:33pm.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Councillor Damota was absent for the vote

Adjournment  
#49/24

MOTION by Councillor Hall that, there being no further business, the Committee of the Whole meeting of January 23, 2024 be adjourned at 4:33pm.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Councillor Damota was absent for the vote.