

Committee of the Whole Meeting
 Tuesday, April 26, 2016
 Emergency Services Building Meeting Room

Present	Deputy Mayor Helen Kelleher-Empey, Councillors Brian Nesbitt, Gilbert Wall, Dwain Wacko, Helen Kelleher-Empey, Vonna Arsenault, Rico Damota (Chairman)
Absent	Mayor Richard Ireland
Also Present	Mark Fercho, Beryl Cahill, Martha Fleming, Christine Nadon, Bruce Thompson, Dave Osborne, Neil Jones, Randall Riddell, Paul Clarke (The Fitzhugh), Matt Staneland and Pattie Urie (Skateboard and bike parks)
Call to Order	Councillor Damota called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.
Additions	None
Approval of Agenda	Motion by Deputy Mayor Kelleher-Empey that the agenda for today's meeting be approved as presented. Carried
Approval of Minutes	Motion by Councillor Wall that the minutes of the April 12, 2016 committee of the whole meeting be approved as presented. Carried
Business arising from minutes	<p>With respect to a question from Chairman Damota regarding vehicle options, the CAO advised that this will form part of the budget package at the May 3rd regular meeting when the whole budget will be presented for adoption.</p> <p>In response to another question from Chairman Damota regarding the status of the library, the CAO advised that the Mayor will have the details when he gives the State of the Municipality report on May 10th at the Chamber meeting.</p> <p>A brief discussion took place on the Asset Management Plan. Efforts are being made to maintain a solid system and be on top of systems before they break down.</p>
Skateboard Park Location	<p>Council discussed the proposed location for the skateboard park with Pattie Urie who was presented at the meeting. A number of sites have been considered but have been narrowed to two, but with the current site appearing to be the most favoured one next to the tennis courts. This location is close to the schools, washrooms, etc. RCMP recommendations have been taken into consideration.</p> <p>The possibility of combined the skateboard park and the bike park together had been discussed but was found unfeasible because of the different terrain that is required for each park.</p> <p>Pattie Urie indicated that a letter is required designating the skate park's current location before they can begin to apply for matching grants.</p>

NB. A further letter from the high school principal, supporting this location, was requested.

NB. After this meeting, the CAO was later advised that the high school principal will not provide a further letter.

**Bike Park
Location**

Council discussed the proposed location of the Bike Park, being the area along the CN right-of-way at the west exit of town. This area is accessible from the trail network and is within easy access of parking on Connaught drive. Once this approval is in place, the bike association can start on fundraising and grant applications. It was noted, however, and understood by the bike association that housing could take precedence in the future at this proposed location. Parks Canada will be involved, possibly land use agreements will have to be entered into for both proposals. Proper signage, liability insurance, maintenance issues were briefly discussed.

Councillors were supportive of the Skateboard Park and Bike Park location proposals moving forward to the May 3rd regular meeting by way of Notice. RFD to be prepared by CAO.

**Four Way Stop
Proposal for
Geikie at Miette**

Operations Director Bruce Thompson advised Council that, at the May 3rd 2016 regular meeting, Council will receive, by way of notice, a request to designate the intersection at Geikie Street and Miette Avenue as a four-way stop. Mr. Thompson advised that many near misses have taken place at this intersection, together with a number of accidents. He stated that the configuration of the intersection has a lot to do with these incidents. Changes would be made to the sight lines are no longer causing problems, and so that pedestrians are able to cross the intersection in a shorter time frame. In response to a question from Councillor Wacko, Mr. Thompson stated that both he and the construction company are confident the proposed changes will slow the traffic down thereby constituting more safety to both pedestrians and vehicles at that intersection.

**Recess
Meeting
Reconvened**

Chairman Damota called for a short recess at 10:40 a.m.
Chairman Damota reconvened the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

**Speed Zone
Changes**

A brief discussion took place on the proposed speed zone changes, the school zones, and the Traffic Bylaw schedule respecting speed zones. Council will receive an RFD for approval, amendment or rejection regarding the speed zone changes, and a new bylaw with proposed revisions to the current Traffic Bylaw will be provided to Council at the May 24th committee meeting for discussion.

Some discussion also took place on the possibility of a transportation study, school zone speeds, possible changes to other areas of town, and perhaps a blanket plan for the whole community. The CAO advised that a transportation study would have to be another budget for next year, but the report could be modified if Council wishes, to reflect today's discussion.

Changes to the speed zones will be on the May 3rd, 2016 regular meeting agenda for approval, amendment or rejection.

Council Remuneration	Council discussed a review of compensation prior to the next election. An independent party to do this.
Full-time or Part-time Mayor position	CAO to do a scope of work prior to having further discussion on the position of full-time or part-time mayor.
Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association	<p>Deputy Mayor Kelleher-Empey proposed three verbal resolutions at the TCYHA AGM 2015 but was requested to enter them this year in writing:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Traffic control at the intersection of Moberly bridge intersection to JPL and Highway 16. 2. Encouragement of bike lanes on Highway 16 through the Park. 3. Encourage the widening of Highway 16 west into B.C. or more passing lanes to reduce accidents on that stretch of highway between Jasper and Mount Robson. 4. Pass through or express lane at East Gate. <p>Council discussed various topics including the possibility of working with B.C. regarding the widening of the West highway, either four lanes or put in some traffic passing lanes, a pass through gate or express lane at East Gate. Councillor Kelleher-Empey to submit resolutions to the TCYHA.</p>
Policy E-003 Respectful Workplaces	Council review proposed new policy on respectful workplaces and discussed various topics such as enhancing communications and coordination of the staff team, ensuring staff understand the policy. The policy will be placed on the May 3 rd regular meeting agenda by way of Notice.
Correspondence or Information items	Brief discussion on sidewalk seating, size of space, fire code, liquor licensing, etc.
Councillor reports	<p>Councillor Wacko reported that he had missed the most recent Community Action Team meeting, but will be back on track next month.</p> <p>Deputy Mayor Kelleher Empey will attend the TCYHA conference on May 13th in Edmonton. Will also attend the May 11th regional library meeting in Spruce Grove with Councillor Arsenault, as well as a WYWMA meeting with Councillor Wall.</p> <p>Councillor Damota will attend an upcoming Communities in Bloom meeting soon, as well as a JCHC meeting on April 27th.</p>
Upcoming events	<p>Apr 29 – Rugby Pedal Bike Decorating Contest</p> <p>Apr 30 – Sparkle Run</p> <p>May 3 – GPRC Culinary School meeting</p> <p>May 3 – Finance Minister Ceci to speak at Hinton Chamber – 6 pm</p>

May 6 – Jasper High School Cap & Gown Graduation – 1 pm Mayor to speak
May 10th – Chamber meeting – State of Municipality – Mayor Ireland – Jasper Inn
May 10 – Emergency exercise – Council and Management Team ESB

Nomination of Chair for next mtg Councillor Arsenault to chair the next Committee-of-the-Whole meeting on May 24th.

Adjournment Motion by Councillor Wacko that, there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 12:03 p.m.