

**Committee-of-the-Whole meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 14, 2017**  
**Council Chambers, Jasper Library & Cultural Centre**

Present	Deputy Mayor Rico Damota, Mayor Richard Ireland, Councillors Brian Nesbitt, Helen Kelleher-Empy, Dwain Wacko, Gilbert Wall
Absent	Councillor Vonna Arsenault
Also present	Mark Fercho, CAO; Beryl Cahill, Admin Officer; Christine Nadon, Mgr. Legislative Services; Yvonne McNabb, Director, Culture & Recreation, and members of the press Craig Gilbert, the Fitzhugh, Bob Covey, The Local, Marianne Garrah and David Baker, Habitat for the Arts; Monika Schaefer, presenting on the busking pilot project, 8 observers
Call to Order	Deputy Mayor Damota called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.
Approval of Agenda	Motion by Councillor Kelleher-Empy that the agenda for today's meeting be approved as presented. <span style="float:right">Carried</span>
Approval of Minutes	Motion by Councillor Nesbitt that the minutes of the January 24, 2017 meeting be approved as presented. <span style="float:right">Carried</span>
Presentation Habitat for the Arts on busking Pilot project	Marianne Garrah and David Baker presented Habitat's report on the busking pilot project which took place in 2016, and discussed with Council results of the survey which was undertaken, various locations, variety of entertainment, selection of artists, particular skill sets, administration of the programme, vetting committee who should at least demonstrate some degree of competency in music, the possibility of late evening playing, strolling artists, appeal process, if any. Marianne Garrah indicated that she already had a volunteer from the business community to be on the vetting committee. Others are needed.
Point of Order	Councillor Wall raised a point of order and asked that anyone recording today's meeting identify themselves at the beginning of meetings and indicate that they are recording the proceedings.
Busking Pilot Project cont/d... Monika Schaefer	Monika Schaefer indicated that she is very happy to be here to talk to Council. Ms. Schaefer indicated that she was prohibited from busking during the pilot project. Ms. Schaefer advised that she has read the entire busking report from Habitat for the Arts, but she noted that her comments, which were in the community survey, were not included, therefore, she feels that the legitimacy of the report is in question. Ms. Schaefer advised that she was happy to hear Marianne Garrah say that the only factor in issuing a busking licence should be talent or musical ability.  Ms. Schaefer ran through some of her involvements over the past thirty-five years in this community. She has volunteered to play her violin to seniors, and children in school, and has played in many fundraisers, as well as for Habitat for the Arts and

for other such groups. Ms. Schaefer believes that Habitat for the Arts chose to stop her from getting a licence based on her historical beliefs.

Mayor Ireland asked Ms. Schaefer if there are other changes that she thinks ought to be made as we move forward, and asked if she had a different process to suggest.

Ms. Schaefer thinks the process was a little bit vague and thinks the application process did not work for most of the performers. She also believes that this is about the subjective activity and she thinks she has passed that test.

Councillor Wall believes that Ms. Schaefer's musical ability stands on its own merits, but, that the same time, but political and historical views are misguided, and believes the questions she raises on free speech are valid. However, you can't pick and choose how you want to be judges. Councillor Wall doesn't think Ms. Schaefer can separate the two and thinks this is the elephant in the room.

Mayor Ireland called for a return to orders of the day, indicating that Council is not served in this venue to debate those issues.

Christine Nadon will provide Council with comments from the survey which concerned busking.

Deputy Mayor Damota thanked Ms. Schaefer for her comments, indicating that Council has a lot to consider and doesn't know what the outcome is going to be at this stage. Next step is to discuss this with Council. This should come back to Council at a regular meeting soon with a recommendation from Administration.

Recess

Deputy Mayor Damota called for a seven minute recess at 10:37 am.

Reconvened	Deputy Mayor Damota reconvened the meeting at 10:44 am.
Business arising	With regard to the current “business walks” being undertaken by the Chamber Business Walks and some council members, Councillor Wacko suggested that, on a recent walk s hat he undertook, it was apparent that only a small number of individuals take part at any given time. Councillor Wacko had recently joined two other people on a walk, and this opportunity had made it evident that a very small number of people should take part, mostly due to the size of any one business premises, and the number of customers present, etc.
Tour of Alberta	An announcement by the Tour of Alberta officials will be made at 11:30 am February 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2017 in Edmonton. Mayor Ireland is not able to attend. Councillor Wacko indicated that he may be able to fill in for the Mayor.
Busking Project	CAO Mark Fercho updated Council on the Busking Pilot Project, indicating that a request for decision will be coming to Council shortly. Mr. Fercho thinks he had enough information to run another pilot project. He feels that we need things to make the town more vibrant and lively. Councillor Kelleher-Empey suggested that the vetting committee be formed like the Municipality’s other boards and committees. Mayor Ireland suggested that we need clarity on whether the appeal process is final or not. Mr. Fercho agreed to look at other areas such as Banff.
Naming of Exchange Lands and other Facilities	A general discussion took place on naming of various facilities and the exchanged lands. It was noted that a draft policy on Naming had been prepared in 2004 but were never implemented. Discussion on whether naming should be an Administration or Council decision, or have public input. Further discussion at a future meeting.
Correspondence	None
Councillor Reports	Councillor Wall indicated that he will not be able to attend an upcoming WYWMC meeting. Councillor KELLEHER-Empey to attend.  Councillor Kelleher-Empey to attend a CFC meeting February 16; a Regional Library Board meeting in Spruce Grove; a meeting of the TCYHA April 6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> . Councillor Nesbitt will attend the February 15 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Community Team Society.  Councillor Wacko will attend the Culture and Recreation Board meeting on February 16, and then two CAT meetings on February 22 <sup>nd</sup> .
Upcoming events	Feb 14 <sup>th</sup> – Intergovernmental meeting in Rotary Room Feb 22 – Jasper Partnership Meeting 1 pm Parks Boardroom Feb 23 - Storytime – Councillor Nesbitt to attend

Nomination for  
Chairing next  
Cmtee meeting

Council nominated Councillor Kelleher-Empey to chair the February 24<sup>th</sup>  
Council committee meeting.

Adjournment

Motion by Councillor Wacko that, there being no further business, the meeting  
be adjourned at 11:32 a.m. Carried